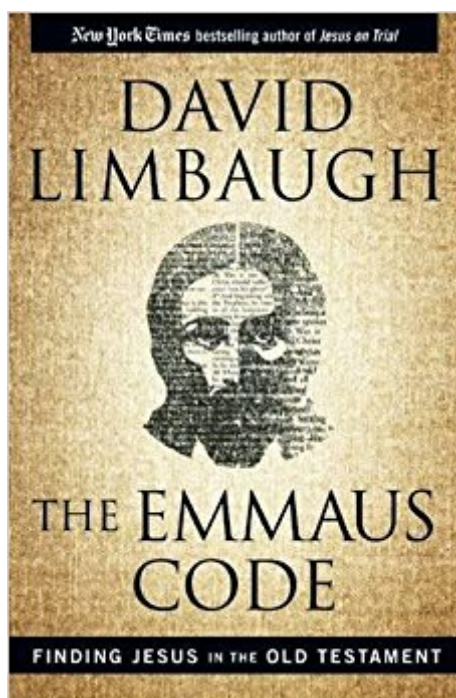


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# The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus In The Old Testament



## Synopsis

A New York Times Bestseller! In the 2014 New York Times bestseller *Jesus on Trial*, David Limbaugh made a case for the Gospels as hard evidence of the existence of God, drawing on his own spiritual journey from skeptic to believer. Now, in *The Emmaus Code*, Limbaugh unlocks the mysteries of the Old Testament and reveals hints of Jesus Christ's arrival through all thirty-nine Old Testament books. The key to the secrets of the Old Testament, Limbaugh argues, is the crucial New Testament encounter between the risen Jesus and two travelers on the road to Emmaus. With that key, and with Limbaugh as a deft guide, readers of *The Emmaus Code* will come to a startling new understanding of the Old Testament as a clear and powerful heralding of Jesus Christ's arrival. Limbaugh takes readers on a revealing journey from Genesis through Malachi, demonstrating that a consistent message courses through every one of the Old Testament's thirty-nine books: the power, wonder, and everlasting love of Jesus Christ.

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## Customer Reviews

"David has written *The Emmaus Code* not only as an accomplished author, commentator, and attorney, but with vitality that conveys his love for the Lord and His inspired Word. Well-studied, he brings to light that Christ is not hidden in the early books of the Bible but is seen as the bearer of God's loving and redemptive plan of salvation from the beginning of time itself.... Don't miss following the road map found in *The Emmaus Code*."#151;Franklin Graham, president and CEO of

Samaritan&#151;Purse and of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association "Wow, what a book! My good friend David Limbaugh has outdone himself with The Emmaus Code. If you've ever been intimidated by the Old Testament, if you've ever wondered what ties the Old Testament and the New Testament together, then this is the book for you. It's the best Christian layman's guide to the Old Testament I've ever read. Fascinating&#151;and highly recommended!"&#151;Sean Hannity, host of The Sean Hannity Show and Fox News Channel's Hannity "In his exciting new book The Emmaus Code, David Limbaugh takes the encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus to show how the Old Testament affirms the truth claims of the New. It's a masterful performance, and, to coin a phrase, evidence that demands a verdict."&#151;Josh D. McDowell, author and speaker "David Limbaugh uses an ingenious approach to helping people understand God's Word in The Emmaus Code. The title refers to the resurrected Jesus appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and explaining to them how the entire Old Testament focuses on Him and His redemptive ministry. Anyone wanting to better understand Holy Scripture will greatly benefit from reading The Emmaus Code, regardless of their previous level of understanding, beginning or advanced. This is truly a Christ-honoring book."&#151;Dr. Richard Land, president of Southern Evangelical Seminary "If you've ever struggled to understand the unifying theme of the Old Testament and its relevance to your life today, The Emmaus Code will enlighten you. It's like seeing the box top to a jigsaw puzzle. David Limbaugh has written another gem filled with ah-ha moments that will leave you marveling at the Savior woven through every page of the Bible!"&#151;Frank Turek, founder and president of CrossExamined.org

Finding Jesus&#151;in the Old Testament To many Christians, the Old Testament is daunting. The stories are familiar enough, the poetry is beautiful, but the size, scope, and sometimes seemingly bewildering collection of archaic laws, history, and genealogies of the Old Testament can make it seem outdated and to a large degree irrelevant. But according to #1 New York Times bestselling author David Limbaugh, the Old Testament is brimming with stunning insights into the life, deeds, and message of Jesus Christ. The encounter between the risen Jesus and two travelers on the road to Emmaus, Limbaugh argues, is the key that unlocks the mysteries of the Old Testament, showing that its entire purpose is to herald the coming of our Savior. In The Emmaus Code, Limbaugh reveals:How hints of Christ permeate the Old Testament's account of creationHow the Old Testament prophets repeatedly foretold Jesus' arrivalHow the numerous covenants between God and the Israelites culminate in Jesus ChristHow the exodus story is loaded with Christian imageryWhy the Old Testament is an indispensable guide for understanding all the events of the

New TestamentThe Old Testament is not daunting when you have the right guide. In The Emmaus Code, Limbaugh takes readers on a journey from Genesis through Malachi, explaining the principal events and lessons of each book in a way that is open to beginning Bible readers while offering rich insights to more advanced students as well. As Limbaugh demonstrates, the Old Testament's literary beauty, enduring moral lessons, and historical record make it one of the most extraordinary sets of books ever compiled. And yet, these works contain something more&#151;something even many of their most avid readers fail to grasp. While it is often wrapped in allusions or foreshadowed in symbols, a consistent message courses through every one of the Old Testament's thirty-nine books: the power, wonder, and everlasting love of our Lord Jesus Christ and His redemptive plan for our lives.

Over the past two decades I've read few books which have better summarized the Bible's underlying redemptive theme than David Limbaugh's, The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament. Frankly, to me, the book reads more like the ultimate treasure hunt than a comprehensive summary of the Old Testament's Messianic message. Every page of this book offered new insights and wonderful reminders of our Creator's love for us and his plan to reconcile all mankind through the promised Messiah. I really like how Mr. Limbaugh first lays out the big picture of Old Testament history so that his readers can then overlay individual books of the Bible and then finally the specific messianic prophecies in a manner which really brought out their context. This big picture approach allowed me to see how each part of YHWH's redemptive plan worked its way through the Biblical ages and found its ultimate fulfillment at Calvary. One aspect of this book which really stood out to me was Mr. Limbaugh's explanation of the Bible's covenantal promise of the messianic "seed." As part of the exploration of that covenantal theme Mr. Limbaugh takes you back to Eden and the first allusion to the promised Messiah. He then follows that promise to Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and finally to the fulfillment of that promised seed in Yeshua. Through each and every chapter of this book Mr. Limbaugh adds color and texture which shows YHWH's unfailing love for his fallen creation. In the final chapter, when Mr. Limbaugh explored the book of Daniel, I was reminded of just how congruently YHWH's covenantal theme is woven into the Bible record. In Daniel 9:4, Daniel pleads with YHWH to remember His "covenant and mercy." Tracing this covenant and mercy back in time we find it is a quote from Moses in Deut. 7 in reference to the covenant and mercy promised to the "fathers" Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob. The ultimate root of this promise as it turns out was the covenant made with Abraham in Genesis 22 which as Mr. Limbaugh so well explained was ultimately a promise of the Messiah by whom all nations of the earth would be blessed. It was there in Gen. 22 that the Bible records the first time YHWH swore a covenant with any man. Appropriately, swore is the Hebrew word shaba from which is derived the Hebrew word sheba (seven) and shabuwa (sevens) as in the 70 shabuwa of Daniel 9. So we've come full circle, in Gen. 22:16-18 YHWH swore (shaba) with Abraham what one might call an oath of sevens, that in his "seed" all nations of the earth would be blessed. That promise was the very "covenant and mercy" mentioned in Daniel 9:4 and prophesied in Daniel 9:24-27. How awesome! In summary, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. If there is one extra Biblical book you read this year on the Messianic promises of the Bible, then let it be The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament. This book will strengthen your faith and comfort your heart in the knowledge that YHWH loves you and that from the very beginning of time He has had a plan to redeem all mankind through the promised Messiah Yeshua.

Bravo. A book about Jesus that convinces the reader that His story is rooted and predicted in the Old Testament. I am a big fan of David Limbaugh and appreciate how easily he explains complex issues. I plan to give "The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament" to many of my friends at Christmas. No better gift.

The Bible? How can you believe in an ancient collection of fanciful myths written by a small group of Hebrews thousands of years ago? And why would you think such a collection of ancient writings should have any bearing on our lives today? New York Times best-selling author David Limbaugh has answered those two questions adeptly in his latest two books. In last year's Jesus on Trial, Limbaugh artfully tells of his journey from skepticism about the Bible to his realization that the Bible is actually true. It's not a collection of fanciful myths as Limbaugh's case amply demonstrates, but God's written revelation to the very creatures He created and then came to save. Now Limbaugh is making the more difficult case. In this new book, David shows the surprising relevance of the Old Testament. What? How could the Old Testament, even if it is part of God's Word, have much bearing on our lives today? After all, the Old Testament is called "old" not primarily because of its age, but because it describes the history of the old covenant that God had with ancient Israel, much of which contains rules and

regulations that do not apply to believers today. Not only that, there is a puzzling array of characters and events that, devoid of any historical context, make the storyline very difficult to understand and, at times, morally questionable.

“If you are confused about the historical events recorded in the Old Testament,” writes Limbaugh, “you will likely find yourself distracted and frustrated as you struggle with its theological messages while failing to perceive Christ’s pervasive presence. But once you grasp the flow of Old Testament history, you’ll be better prepared to delve more deeply into the theological concepts.”

The Emmaus Code helps you grasp the flow of Old Testament history, and highlights that Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible, from Genesis 1:1 to maps. The book is cleverly titled because that’s exactly what Jesus declared during his famous post-resurrection walk with two unwitting men on the road to Emmaus. As Limbaugh puts it, “Jesus illuminated Scripture for the two men on the Emmaus Road and did the same for His disciples. The New Testament is strikingly clear that He affirmed the Old Testament is all about Him. Therefore, if we believe in Him and that all Scripture is God-breathed, as it professes to be, we too must accept that its singular focus is on our Savior. Once you acknowledge that, your understanding and reverence for the Bible will greatly increase.”

Dr. Norman Geisler (a man who has written more than eighty books) has said that “in the Old Testament Christ is concealed; in the New Testament Christ is revealed.” Limbaugh amplifies that truth and points out that, “With the benefit of [the New Testament], we can see truths in Scriptures that weren’t evident to people in Old Testament times. Based on these revelations we understand those Scriptures in an entirely new light—we can see Christ on every page of the Old Testament as well as the New.”

This approach to discover the overarching theme of the Bible reminds me of an approach Corrie ten Boom took after hiding and saving many Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. In her public speeches after the war, Corrie ten Boom, who was a Christian, would address the question of evil by holding up the backside of a needlepoint project she had been working on. If you look at the backside, it looks like a mess. That’s our perspective when we can’t make sense out of the evil we see all around us. But if you turn the needlepoint over and look at the frontside, you can see how the messy, tangled threads come together to create a beautiful tapestry. That’s God’s perspective. When properly understood, the Bible is indeed a beautiful tapestry. So if you’ve ever struggled to understand the unifying theme of the Old Testament and its relevance to your life today, The Emmaus Code will enlighten

you. It starts with a defense and overview of the Old Testament, and then shows how Christ is woven through every book of the Old Testament. It's like discovering the front of the needlepoint when you've only known its jumbled underside. David Limbaugh has written another gem filled with ah-ha moments that will leave you marveling at the Savior woven through every page of the Bible. And it's just in time to remind us what Isaiah foretold Christmas would be all about: "God with us" (Isaiah 9:6).

AFTER reading through several dozen pages I'm impressed with this book. The Emmaus Road encounter is familiar to me because of a group study through my church in 1998 on the subject. Recently I have been making my own study through the Old Testament seeking new insight by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Emmaus Road encounter. Looking forward to finishing it and comparing my own notes to what Limbaugh has written.

On the first Easter Sunday evening two downhearted disciples were walking to the Emmaus village located only seven miles from Jerusalem. They thought the crucifixion of Jesus was the end of the gospel story. How wrong they were! The duo were joined on their walk by the risen Jesus Christ who explained to them the Messianic prophecies contained in the Old Testament. That is what David Limbaugh, the lawyer brother of radio conservative guru Rush Limbaugh, does in this fascinating and informative guide to finding Jesus in the Old Testament. It follows the success of his recent bestseller "Jesus On Trial." Limbaugh provides a succinct summary of Old Testament history and explores books in the Old Testament that use symbolism, foreshadowing and typology to provide a guide to those who will meet Jesus in the pages of the New Testament. As a longtime Presbyterian pastor I would recommend this evangelic and conservative guide as a good starting part for anyone wanting to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. Recommended.

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