

such strictly religious importance as this, He can be safely trusted about anything else.

"Yes, the trustworthiness of the Lord Jesus Christ is thus involved in this question. And if we believe that He is 'the true light of the world,' we shall resolutely close our ears against any suggestions of the falsehood of the Hebrew Scriptures which have received the stamp of His divine authority." ("The Divinity of Our Lord.")

2. Christ frequently taught that He was bringing about the fulfilment of "the law and the prophets." He evidently had clearly in mind the fact of a certain historical preparation for His coming, along which Israel had been divinely led, and on the basis of that history He avowedly stood. He spoke frequently of a necessity constraining Him to act in fulfilment of the prophecies:

"But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matt. xxvi. 54.)

"The Son of Man indeed goeth, as it is written of him." (Mark xiv. 21.)

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scripture, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." (Luke xxiv. 45, 46.)

We are certainly not to understand these passages in the sense of His playing a "role," but in the sense that the Old Testament had already laid the foundation on which He was to build.