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Purpose

This is a survey course of the Old Testament. Being a survey, it does not pretend to cover every incident that occurs in the Old Testament. It will attempt to give the student a good working knowledge of Old Testament history.

Everything in this course is predicated on the belief that the Bible is the inspired word of God 2 Timothy 3:16 17 . We will strive to show God's hand in the history of Israel.

Why Study The Old Testament?

The Old Testament is the background for the New Testament. From the Old Testament historical books alone there are over 450 quotations or allusions in the New Testament. Imagine the difficulties involved in trying to understand the book of Hebrews without some knowledge of the Old Testament. A good knowledge of the Old Testament greatly aids our understanding of the New Testament.

Many feel a study of the Old Testament is of little value, that time could be better spent in studying the New Testament. This is seen in a lack of understanding the unity of God's revelation.

We can learn much from the examples of men from the Old Testament like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Elijah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah to name a few. The nation of Israel can be an example to the church as well as to individuals. Notice 1 Corinthians 10:6, 11; Romans 15:4. Hebrews 11 gives a list of many Old Testament faithful.

The Old Testament contains prophecies and other writings that predict and point toward Christ. Notice John 5:39 with Luke 24:27. Beginning all the way back to Genesis 3:15 the Old Testament is filled with references to the coming of the Messiah. Again notice these references Genesis 12:3; 17:19; 18:18; 22:18; Deuteronomy 18:15, 18, 19; Isaiah 7:14; 8:14; 9:6, 7; 11:1 5, 10; 28:16; 52:13; 53:12; Malachi 3:1. Notice in the New Testament Acts 8:32 35 in light of the fore mentioned passages.

The Old Testament reveals the providence of God in both the Patriarchal and Mosiac dispensations. The Old Testament shows how God guided and preserved the like of Abraham through bondage, wars, famine and all sorts of problems until ultimately all families of the earth would be blessed through the promised seed of woman Christ Jesus. One only has to study the book of Daniel to see God's hand in the events to come, Daniel 2 also read Genesis 45:5 8; 50:20.

The Old Testament was "a schoolmaster to lead to Christ." There is much historic value to the Old Testament. Thus it is for these reasons we begin a Survey of the Old Testament.

Bible Dispensations

Patriarchal
2500 Years

Mosaic
1500 Years

Christian
1900 Years - 2nd Coming of Christ

No Nation
God deals with the Fathers

God's People under the Law of Moses

The church age Jews and Gentiles are reconciled in one body. Christ is the head of the church. A new covenant is given

Periods

1. Anedeluvian Creation to the Flood
2. Postdeluvian Flood to call of Abraham
3. Patriarchal From the call of Abraham to the migration to Egypt.
Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
4. Egyptian Bondage The 400 year period of the Jews in Egypt.

Sinai Law Given

Periods

1. Wilderness wandering Exodus to the crossing of Jordan 40 years .
2. Conquest of Canaan taking and settling the land under Joshua's leadership.
3. Judges period after Joshua's leadership.
4. United Kingdom people desire a king the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon.
5. Divided Kingdom After Solomon's death, kingdom split into Northern Israel and Southern Judah , with each having its own king. Israel fell to Assyria 722 BC while Judah fell to Babylon 586 BC Both carried into captivity.

Calvary-Law Taken Away

6. Exile Babylon Captivity. A period of 70 years from frist captivity to return.
7. Post exile King Cyprus of Persia allows Jews to return returns led by Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah. Temple and walls of Jerusalem rebuilt. Haggai, Zechar4iah, and Malachi .
8. Between the Testaments Malachi closed out the O.T. about 400 BC
Scriptures silent until John the Baptist.

Today

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