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**“A CHRIST CENTERED..  
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## MODULE SIX "OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW"

**PART ONE: JESUS IS THE FOCUS OF GOD'S SALVATION FOR MANKIND AND HE IS REVEALED IN THIS WAY THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

### **GOD'S ON-GOING SALVATION HISTORY ("Heilsgeschichte")**

It was the German post-reformation Theologians who originally , and correctly promoted The Bible as "God's History of His Salvation". This Old Testament Overview shows that Jesus is the alpha and the omega of all Salvation, and the Old Testament points all the way through to Him!

#### Old Testament Introduction

***"For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?" John 5: 46-47***

Throughout the centuries many have written introductions, summaries, and commentaries for the Old Testament. **This Introduction differs from most others in that it takes it from the perspective of what the Lord said the Old Testament is about. John 5:39-41 states clearly, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."** The Scriptures testify of Christ, and point to Him in a marvellous way.

**This perspective on the Old Testament, is that the Old Testament is a Family Album of people prophetically looking forward to the arrival of the Head of their Family.. This is soundly reinforced by Jesus when He reveals Himself in the Emmaus Road Story, and how He convinces these two whose eyes are 'restrained' to see who He is...**

#### **Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)    On the Road to Emmaus**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had

happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> **Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?**" <sup>27</sup> **And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

**1. Jesus reveals Himself before the World existed as God who is Spirit, who created this world as a place for God to raise us up as His Family. He then created all of us with the purpose of becoming the Sons of God.**

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.. **the same was in the beginning with God.** All things were created by Him, and without Him, nothing that was made was made. In Him was **'Life'** and the **'Life'** was the **'Light'** for mankind.' (v.14) **And The Word (Jesus) was begotten** (*already existing in a 'higher' form, and changed into our human likeness...not created as with a new baby*) in

**human form, and lived among us, and we beheld His Glory as the only Begotten of the Father.. full of Grace and Truth’.**

The Greek word for ‘word’ is logos.. but here Jesus is called ‘The Word’.. Logos with a capital ‘L’.. and only one Being in the History of Eternity could be called ‘The Logos’.. Everything that was ever made was created by the spoken Word from Jesus’ mouth; who also created it by His Spirit.

In this brilliant passage John is promoting true Christian Apologetics to refute the Greek Philosophers whose power came through clever intellectual streams of philosophy using countless ‘words’.. ‘logoi’. What the Spirit of the Lord does through John, is to show that Jesus alone can carry the title of ‘The Logos’ or ‘The Word’.. which meant to the Greeks that He must be the paramount God; and also that His words qualified to be The Words.. making them the greatest words in the whole of the World.

**2. Jesus reveals Himself in the Old Testament as fully God who is Spirit, but opens the ‘eyes’ of certain people to reveal Himself..**

- a) **To Abraham pointing to the ‘Last Supper’..** Genesis 14:18..And Melchizedek, King of Salem (*‘Shalom’.. means Peace*) brought forth bread and wine, and He was the Priest of the Most High God.
- b) **To Israel. pointing to Jesus being the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit..**Numbers 20:2ff .. And there was no water for the congregation of Israel.. so they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron..(v7) ..”speak unto ‘the rock’ that is before their eyes, and i shall give forth **his water**, and you shall bring forth water to them out of the rock.. and they shall drink..” (*see John 6:47-49*)
- c) **To Joshua pointing to Jesus as the Lord of Hosts’ and total victory over Israel’s adversaries; and later total victory over the anti-Christ forces of Lucifer at Armageddon** (The Commander of God’s total Army)..Joshua 5:13.. And it came to pass that when Joshua was by Jericho that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold there stood a man, over against him with his sword drawn in his hand.. and Joshua went to him, and said..”Are you for us, or are you for our enemies?” and he replied..”No, but as the Captain of the Host of the Lord have I come”.. and Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshipped Him, and said..”What does my Lord say to His servant?”

**3. For 33 years Jesus left the ‘higher realm of the Spirit’ to be as us.**

**Jesus reveals Himself totally visible to everyone as “Emmanuel” (*‘God with us’..Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Matthew 1:23*) in our own human form so that everyone can see Him; and he can live fully like us, and be a totally human, perfect sacrifice for our sins, powerlessness and sicknesses.**

Jesus, born at Bethlehem of the virgin Mary, takes on a **‘lower human form’** which is our human form, by comparison with His **‘higher Spirit form’**.

**Hebrews 2:7-9..** But **we see Jesus made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death..** (*Spirits can't die! Only human life can*).. but now we see Jesus, crowned with Glory and Honour.. that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **Psalm 8:5** 'For You have made Him a little lower than the Angels'.

**Colossians 1:15..** But **He, Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature,** for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and the Earth.. things visible and invisible.. whether they be thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers.. all things were created by Him, for Him.

**'Higher' matter (Spirit) and 'lower matter' (Human being in the flesh and blood)**

**God is Spirit:** God is invisible to human beings in their 'lower form', and is made of material substance which is totally visible in the higher realm. These beings include Cherubim, Seraphim, Angels etc. All these are totally visible in their own realm, and are made of a 'higher substance' than the flesh and blood people like us. They can go through walls, and closed doors, and other material objects, as Scripture records. *Do we see the angel of the Lord encamping around us? No.. unless God chooses to 'open our eyes' to the Spirit realm.. but the Angel of the Lord is encamped around us right now!*

**Illustration:** One night when going to set a house free of spirits of death and murder, where a murder had occurred..was sitting with the occupants in prayer before the exorcism commenced.. and the Lord opened my eyes briefly to the higher realm, and I saw hundreds of Angels seated with me, on either side, in orderly rows stretching back up towards Heaven.. as though we were in a giant stadium.. and I saw the demons, below us waiting in terror to be dealt with by The Sword of the Spirit.. the mighty Word of God... and they were dealt with.

**RIGHT NOW..THE RESURRECTED BODY OF JESUS IS MATERIAL, SPIRITUAL AND IMMORTAL, AND IS OF REAL FLESH AND BONE.**

***Jesus had one mighty goal in mind in leaving behind His Throne in Heaven, and taking upon Himself our human flesh and blood, and that was to rescue us from Hell.. to die for our sins; forgive us, and join us to Father's eternal Family by giving us His own Spirit..***

**Hebrews 9:22..** For without the shedding of Blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**Isaiah 53:12..**'Therefore I (God) shall divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong: because He has poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the law-breakers; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercessions for transgressors.'

**Luke 23:44-46..**'And it was about 12 noon, and there was darkness over all the land until 3pm.. and the sun was darkened and the Veil in The Temple was ripped from top to bottom.. and when Jesus had cried with a loud voice.."Father, into your hands I

**commend my Spirit”.. He gave up the ghost.**

**Luke 23:53.**’After going to Pilate, Joseph of Arimathea begged for the body of Jesus, and he took it down from The Cross, and wrapped it in linen cloth, and laid it in a newly hewn stone tomb.

**This heralds the end of Jesus human form, and His totally triumphant victory over Satan, sin, sickness and death.**

**4. Results of His Victory: Jesus is raised from the Dead by the resurrection Power of God.**

Matthew 27:52..And the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who ‘slept’ (*were waiting in Paradise for Him to come and preach unto them, and wash them with His Blood*) arose, and ‘came out of the graves’, after His resurrection, and went out into the Holy City, and appeared unto many!

**HALLELUJAH! WOW! PRAISE GOD!**

**5. What form is Jesus with us now? Let’s return to the Emmaus event, and His appearances in His ‘higher’, now invisible, material substance form.. Several times..”He opened their eyes” to see Him, because normally our eyes, like the Emmaus travellers..’But their eyes were restrained so that they did not know Him’ (Luke 24:16)**

Our human eyes do not see the ‘ever-present’ Lord with us.

- i) Jesus firstly reveals Himself to Mary: John 20:16..Jesus said to her “Mary”.. and she turned and said to Him.”Rabboni” (*Master*)
- ii) Jesus then reveals Himself to Cleopas on the Emmaus Road, as a sign that He will always be present as the Head of our Communion Table: ‘But their eyes were restrained by the power of God that they should not know Him...(v.25)..”O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”.. and beginning at Moses, and all the Prophets, He expounded unto them from all the Scriptures those things concerning Him”.. (v.30)..and it came to pass as He sat at food with them, He took bread and Blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them.. and their eyes were opened and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight.’
- iii) Jesus reveals Himself to the ten disciples coming into their locked room... John 20:9.. “Peace be unto you”.. and He showed them His hands and His side. And, the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord!.. **“Even as the Father has sent Me, so I send you”..and He breathed on them the Holy Spirit, saying..”Receive the Holy Spirit”.**
- iv) Jesus reveals Himself to the previously absent, and doubting Thomas. John 20:26-28.. “Put your finger into the nail-holes in My hands. Thrust your hand into the spear-wound in My side!.. Stop being faithless! Believe!”

- v) Jesus reveals Himself to Peter and those returning to their natural livelihood of fishing. John 20:30-31..”It is The Lord!”
- vi) Acts 1:3.’He showed Himself alive to the apostles after His Passion with many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days!
- vii) **Acts 1:8.”You shall receive Power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you.. and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria.. and unto the uttermost parts of the Earth.**
- viii) Matthew 28:18-20

**GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR ME..  
LOOK I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU EVEN TO THE END OF THIS AGE.**

#### 6. Jesus ascends into Heaven

Acts 1:8ff..’And when He had spoken these things, while they were watching.. he was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight’

#### 7. What does He need to do to convince you He is with you right now?

A Dream.. The other night I had a most powerful dream.. It was of one of our Congregations.. and we were standing to worship The King.. and He spoke to me, and said.. “Tell the people to do this.. Pick up their newssheet, or sermon, and feel it in their grasp. Then tell them, that My invisible material Presence with you is more real than the paper you are holding!”

We are not unsimilar to the Emmaus travellers.. reassuring each other that indeed He is risen.. that He is alive with us, and that He is here with us..

#### **How often do we NOT recognise that He is with us!**

- Did you recognise Him, when that one who had offended you may a fumbling attempt to apologise, and ask forgiveness
- When you ran to one to whom you could pour out your pain, and the overwhelming sense of fear at what you were facing
- The person you keep bumping into who is looking for a friend, and in their straitened circumstances..real answers
- In yet another ‘coincidence’ where you heard those repeated words..”Everything is going to be alright”.. and your eyes became teary because of your griefs and pain..
- In that nagging sense of tightness in your stomach, and promptings in your mind where you got convicted of sin, and you needed to repent
- In the pictures of faces of people a long way away who desperately need your help.. and those we see on the street in our Region..
- In picking up that little plastic fish off the road that tells you yet once again that you are a ‘fisher of men’



- In the only low-price piece of beautiful meat left in the supermarket that was just what you were looking for
- In the 'throw-away line' your friend spoke, but you heard his voice, but they didn't realise how important the thing was they said
- In the sudden vanishing of that pain from your body.. and you've waited so long..
- And the Scripture that came into your head at just the right time
- That worship song that pops into your mind and won't go away
- That sense of 'His Presence' with you as though He was standing with you

8. Look, He is with you always to the close of the age.. never leaving you, never forsaking you. (Matthew 28:20)

**Mark 16:20..**'And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following'

**Prayer:** *"Precious Father, I have no desire to be slow of heart to believe You..The Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ is with me eternally. I will proclaim Your Word to my own soul, and the souls of others knowing that Your full counsel begins with Moses and the Prophets, runs to the Gospels.. and then the Apostles doctrine. I desire to show myself diligent in these essentials. In the Name of King Jesus, whom I serve, along with my brothers and sisters as a mighty Church together, Amen."*

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**PART TWO:** USING THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS TO SHOW HOW 'SHADOWS' AND 'PATTERNS' THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT POINT TO JESUS

**Relevant References:**

**Hebrews 8:5**.. 'The ministry of the earthly priests serve as an example and 'shadow' of Heavenly things, as Moses was admonished by God when he was about to make The Tabernacle.. "See that you make everything according to the 'pattern' I showed you on Mount Sinai'

**Hebrews 10:1**.. 'For The Law having a 'shadow' of good things to come, and not the very image of these things, can never with those sacrifices they offered year by year, can continually make them perfect'.

**Acts 7:38**.. 'This is he that was in the 'church in the wilderness'..

**The Tabernacle is a shadow Christ and His Church today!**



Tabernacle from above '(A Tabernacle is a 'Tent') Tabernacle with Bronze Laver  
 God is 'tenting' with His people Israel.

## **The Outer Court**

**(which in area measures  
 4000 square cubits)**

The bronze laver and bronze altar were located in the outer court. The altar was 7.5 feet (2.3m) square and 4.5 feet (1.37m) high, was made of acacia wood overlaid with bronze, and had a horn on each corner. The fire on the altar was to be kept burning at all times and the daily sacrifices were offered in the morning and afternoon.





## **The Holy Place**

( which in area 2000 square cubits)

This sacred area was occupied by the golden lampstand, incense altar and table of showbread. The lampstand (menorah) was beaten and fashioned out of a single block of gold and had three branches coming out of each side of the central shaft. The seven lamps on top of the branches were likely round saucers with pinched rims which held the wick and olive oil.

## **The Table of Showbread**

Opposite the menorah was the table of showbread. Built of acacia wood and overlaid with solid gold, the table had a surface of 3 x 1.5 feet (0.91m x 0.45m).

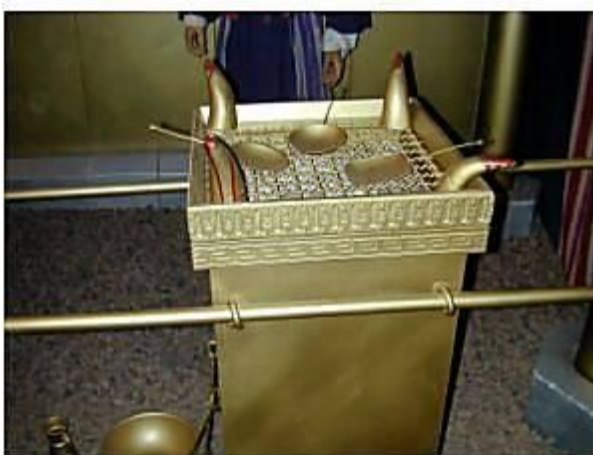
Twelve loaves of bread were placed on the table on Shabbat and were replaced by fresh bread the following Shabbat. The high priestly line would eat the replaced bread.



## Ark of the Covenant

**In the Holy of Holies**  
**which in area measures**  
**1000 square cubits**

The only object in the Holy of Holies, the sacred ark contained the two tablets with the Ten Commandments, the rod of Aaron that blossomed and the pot of manna. The ark was covered by the "mercy seat" on which the high priest sprinkled the blood of the goat seven times on the Day of Atonement. The ark represented the footstool of God's throne.



## Tabernacle altar of incense

Sometimes this was located outside the Veil of the Holy of Holies, and sometimes it was

Tabernacle altar of incense utensils

placed inside the Holy of Holies.

### **How each of these is a 'shadow' of Jesus:**

1. **The Three time sequences represented in the three separate "rooms" in the Tabernacle:** It is 4000 years from Adam to Jesus; it is 2000 years from Jesus to now; and it is 1000 years over which Jesus shall reign from Jerusalem. He is the "alpha and omega".. the Lord of time; through Him were all things created. (John 1:1-3)
  - a) 4000 years is the 'Outer Court' where sacrifice for sin was made for the whole of the people.
  - b) Here at the 'Brass Laver', the Priests 'washed' in preparation for going into the next section the Holy Place.. 2000 years.. and this is the age of the Royal Priesthood.. of whom we are. We are washed by the water of the Word, but firstly by the Blood.
  - c) The Holy of Holies is where Christ is found.. "the brightest Light", in the darkest place in the whole of the Tabernacle. Jesus shall reign with us over this Earth after Armageddon. We await His return at The Rapture; and then 'The Day of the Lord' when we return with Him from the New Jerusalem.
2. **The Three Gates and doors:**
  - a) The Gate to the Outer Court is finely woven with white and purple, and blue and scarlet.. and from the outside shines like a Jewel in the desert. Jesus is The Door (John 10) from the 'wilderness of sin' into the Outer Court where sacrifice of Blood and cleansing by The Word is found. This Gate is Beautiful!
  - b) The Door into the Holy Place.. Only the Priests could enter here. We are the Priests of Christ.. his Bride. There we rejoice in the Power of the Spirit (The Minorah); we Worship and Intercede (The Altar of Incense); and we eat of Christ continually (The Table of Shewbread)
  - c) The Veil into the Holy of Holies.. Under Moses Covenant only the High Priest could go in once per year to offer a Blood Sacrifice at the mercy seat in the middle of the Golden Altar. Now, Jesus, our Great High Priest has made His Sacrifice once forever on Calvary.. and as the Veil in the Temple in Jerusalem was torn from top to bottom when He died, to show that He is the Great High Priest, and we become the Holy Place of Christ.. for we are The Temple of the Holy Spirit.. and it is there for all the world to see that there is now a whole new dispensation, a whole new way God now operates under this New Covenant through Jesus' Blood by comparison with Moses Covenant on Sinai by which no man was saved. Now under this new and 'better' Covenant we are commanded to go and bring Salvation to all the lost, and make them disciples.
3. **The meaning of each of the Colours God uses:**
  - a) Red.. Blood of Jesus
  - b) White: Righteousness.. the fine white linen of the Saints.. the Walls of the

Tabernacle were white, giving a vision to everyone outside of darkness fleeing from their lives, and being able to be holy and pure.

- c) Blue.. Heaven
- d) Gold... Divine.. the Minorah, the Table of Shewbread, the Itar of Incense and the Ark of the Covenant were all of Gold.
- e) Brass.. Judgement.. the Altar of Sacrifice, and the Brass Laver.. speak of the Blood and the Word bringing judgement on sin and unrighteousness. Jesus 'burnished brass' feet in Revelations 1 are the instruments of 'trampling' down all the works of Satan; and exercising perfect Justice as the Judge of all the Earth.

#### **4. The Furniture:**

- a) The Brass Altar of Sacrifice just inside the Gate.. "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin"
- b) The Brass Washstand (Laver).. only The Word is the Wisdom of God, and we must wash our life with it.
- c) The Minorah.. with seven lamps full of oil.. The Holy Spirit Anointing will bring Christ's Light through us.
- d) The Altar of Incense.. "when you pray".. "you shall worship the Lord your God"
- e) The Table of Shewbread.. Jesus says.."I am the true Bread of Life (Mannah..miracle food) who is come down from heaven".
- f) The Ark of theCovenant.. Christ is the mercy seat.. the propitiation for our sin..(Romans 3:25)

#### **5. God's numerics: each number in the Hebrew has a Divine significance.**

- a) One.. unity
- b) Two.. division.. the Table of Shewbread has two columns of six unleavened loaves.. "man is the cause of sin which brings division, but Christ the Bread of Life can heal all that".
- c) Three.. the Godhead
- d) Four.. the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. On the corners of the Brass Altar were four 'horns'.. and if a man had committed a murder, he could run for the horns of the Altar and hang onto them, and so receive mercy and justice. There are four 'rings' in the Golden Altar to carry it.. the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the Earth.
- e) Five.. the number of Grace.. The Walls are held with five poles.. Inside this place you will find the Grace of God. The walls are held by five rods which represent the Five-fold ministry Giftings of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher who provide a 'covering' for the saints being equipped within.
- f) Six.. the number of man
- g) Seven.. the Seal of God..
- h) Eight.. the number of "new beginnings"
- i) Ten.. the number of God's Order
- j) Twelve.. the number of God's Government

k) Forty.. a 'season in God'.

**NOTE:** *It would do the student well to study both this and the Covenant with David at great length, for in it shall you find the revelation of Christ our Lord. The Book of Hebrews is also of great assistance in this study of 'shadows' and 'types'.*

### **PART THREE: THE FOUR NATURAL 'DIVISIONS' IN THE OLD TESTAMENT LIBRARY.**

The Old Testament is like a family album which God gave to Israel to reveal His son. As we go through the Scriptures we see Christ in all His aspects revealed. God's purpose in developing the Old Testament was to prepare a people to recognize His son when He came. We have the account that some recognized Him and embraced who He was. We also have others that saw that it was Him and plotted to murder Him and take His inheritance. There were also some who didn't have a clue who Jesus was because of their own wrong ideas about the Messiah. **Acts 13:27-28** states, *"For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him".*

**NOTE:** If we use our Study of the Old Testament as Jesus did.. to go from Moses to the Prophets.. and this pattern was also faithfully followed in the Gospels by the disciples; and later by the Apostles in their Holy Spirit inspired letters and prophecy.. we will share the full counsel of God. We cannot do better than this!

**The Chief Divisions in the Old Testament can be identified as:**

**1. The Books of Moses consisting of The 'Pentateuch' of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus,**



## Numbers and Deuteronomy

### 2. The Prophets.. Both Major and Minor

### 3. The Psalms.. of Moses and David

### 4. The Wisdom Literature.. of Solomon and others like Ruth and Job

## 1. The Books of Moses

**In the Beginning:** At this time in the development of God's eternal plan the Old Testament was the only true Scripture. Genesis chapter 1 starts out with Jesus, and then continues to unveil the person and work of Jesus Christ in elaborate detail, which truly amazes the human mind. A foundational statement regarding Jesus' own viewpoint of the Old Testament is contained in **Luke 24:44-45**, Now He said to them, ***"These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."*** Again the Lord is confirming that the three major parts of the Old Testament are about Him. Jesus Christ is the centre of the Old Testament.

In this introduction to the Old Testament we will highlight some of the places in Scripture where we will be able to recognize Jesus Christ our Lord and **get a glimpse into the way the Apostles used and applied the Old Testament**. Their view of the Old Testament is a key to unlocking an accurate and Biblical understanding of the New Testament in our day.

**For example: Let's take the apostle Paul's reference to 'Light' as an example of God's "Pattern".**

Paul takes **Genesis 1:3**, and uses it in **2 Corinthians 4:6**, ***For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***

**Genesis 1:3, Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.** Paul's Holy Spirit breathed and inspired; but masterful way of handling the beginning of the Bible is foundational to how we should handle the Scriptures ourselves. The beginning is talking about a creation and Paul applies this idea of light shining into the darkness as the reality of a new creation shining into our hearts, not my heart alone, but corporately creating a new creation. *Taking this basic principle of looking at the word of God will enable us to correctly handle the rest of the Holy Scriptures!*

The 'light' comes in and then the separations are very significant in our relationship with Him until we see that God is all about making a man in His image and according to His likeness. We do not see the reality of that until we get to the New Testament where our Saviour, who is the image of the invisible God, is called the Bridegroom. He is looking throughout creation for a help mate for Him. Then He dies on The Cross, ***"... no man takes***

**my life, but I give it freely, that I may take it again.**" When He is awakened, and resurrected, God brings His lovely Bride to His side which is the Church, His visible Body, the female image of God. **The first century Church** is when the fulfilment of Genesis 1:26-28 began. The blessing of Pentecost empowers her and together they become fruitful bear the fruit of the Gospel, and multiply and fill the land. The goal is to propagate by spiritual reproduction this glorious life with Christ and subdue the enemy and bring Satan under their feet.

The first couple are a shadow of fleshly and lost mankind: So the first couple are naked and open with God. However, they fail miserably and never do attain to God's best intention. Please consider this statement that Adam and Eve never attain to spiritual life, to a real spiritual relationship, because they are the 'natural' couple or natural man. They cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God because they are foolishness to them and cannot understand, because the things of God are spiritually discerned. Adam and Eve never had this with their 'stony heart'. They could only miss the mark.

***The Garden of Eden and the Fall of Man, followed by God's incredible gracious, loving and merciful response to seek to save and restore mankind to Himself is paralleled directly in the New Testament stories of The Good Samaritan; and The Prodigal Son.***

**A second 'shadow' which begins with Adam at the start and ends with Joseph as Prime Minister in Egypt, is a bridging theme, and shows us that God's King hasn't yet arrived..**

Adam starts off reigning. He sins and dies and never attains to God's goal. Joseph is clothed with a many coloured robe from his father and comes to the throne over the entire known world. Then he dies and someone comes into power who does not know Joseph. In both instances physical death interrupted God's purpose and prediction. God's man is not yet on the throne.

God's purpose is to have One man in His image who will be blessed, (Spirit filled), fruitful, (Soul winners), multiply and fill the earth, (in every place), and subdue everything on the earth (exercise God's authority). God's promise is to bring forth **'the seed of the woman to crush the head of the serpent'**. This prophecy is fulfilled in Christ, and includes those who are His "Visible Body" His own Bride who are in the image of God, because they are new creations whom God indwells. God's prediction is, **He who called us is faithful and He will do it.** Christ has been given the title **"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"** from His Father and is on the Throne over all the kings of the earth and will never die, since death has no power over Him.

*Now as we move on to Exodus and those in power did not know Joseph, just like those in the days of Jesus, they didn't know Him and the people were in bondage.* In Revelation 11:8 the place where our Lord was crucified, Jerusalem is called 'spiritual Egypt'. The Jews were in bondage in Egypt and they called on the Lord and He heard their cry and sent a deliverer to bring them out of bondage. Jesus is yet to return to this Earth to do the same for them.

**Moses (the most humble man in all the Earth) is a type of Christ** as the prophet to speak the word of the Lord, ***“Let my people go.”*** The good news is that God wants us to be free, is totally New Covenant. How does the Lord set the Jews free in Egypt? He sets them free from death by the blood of the Lamb, and the death passes over them. Now according to Paul in 1 Corinthians 5, Christ is our Passover. The Hebrew people eat the Lamb and the Christ in type comes into those under the blood of the Lamb. The lamb is inside them, and then God’s word guides them out of Egypt. Remember what Egypt is, “where our Lord was crucified.” Out of Egypt to the Red Sea and Paul says in **1 Corinthians 10:1-3** ***“our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea”***. Israel moves from getting the Lamb inside them to now being baptized in the Red Sea (water baptism), and in the cloud (Spirit baptism), and into Moses (into Christ). As **1 Cor 12:12-13** states, ***“For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ...”*** We then have the testing period of forty years (a generation) according to **1 Corinthians 10:11-12**, ***“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”*** These passages show us how to understand the Scriptures the same way the apostle Paul understood them. Exodus was an example to Paul in his day, ***‘written for their instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages had come’ (1 Corinthians 10:11).*** The end of the ages came on Paul and his contemporaries in the first Century, and continues right now until The Rapture; and The Second Coming.

Ultimately Exodus shows God’s desire to have a **Kingdom of Priests...** The priests are a type of us as New Covenant Priests.

**The Priests are a type of today’s saints.. and the High priest.. a type of Christ who is our one true High Priest under the New Covenant.**

**God’s Priests are a people that would come into His Presence** as it states in Exodus 19:6, a kingdom of priests. This is the picture in Exodus; God says, build a place for Me to dwell and for us to meet. So they work together to build a tabernacle, (*means*) a ‘tent of meeting’ for man and God to fellowship. This again is the overview of the whole book of Exodus. We see God’s purpose to bring man out of bondage, and get the Lamb inside him. To baptize him in water, and in the Spirit, so as to place him in the Deliverer. It is from this location that God wants those who are delivered to build a dwelling place for man to participate in his priesthood by staying in the Presence of God.. and for God to speak and reveal Himself and build that relationship with man. Therefore man begins in utter slavery; is gloriously redeemed; and is then brought out to dwell in the tabernacle of God among men. Where God fills that edifice with His Holy Presence and glory, and then the book of Exodus ends.

**Leviticus picks up where God is now speaking out from His dwelling place ..**

**The operations of the Priests in the natural; is a type of us in our role today:**

...among men to instruct and train those who desire to be priests of God. They will be those who will both bring men to God, and who will bring God to men. **The meticulous details of**

all the offerings are types and shadows of what is acceptable to God, which according to the New Testament revelation, demonstrates that only Christ is acceptable to God when offered by faith. That is why **Christ is called the better sacrifice** in Hebrews 9:23! Those sacrifices also indicate great detail on how those offerings affect our being when ministering unto the Lord and to one another. It is when God is speaking from the tent of meeting that light comes forth to those who are the called to minister to Him, creating a separation, in order to bring God to men and vice-versa.

Leviticus is truly a book of separations and a setting-apart of His people from the people of the nations. This is the way God distinguished His people from the people of the world. It is here that He makes His people holy and they become light and are separated from the nations who are darkness. **For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8)**.

Leviticus defines specific separations that give a distinctive character to His people that define His people as a heavenly people. **"Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners. And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined ..."** **Numbers 15:38-40**. This blue tassel is to remind the children of Israel that they are separate from the nations, unique, and set apart unto the true and living God. Blue signifies the heavenly aspect of their calling as a heavenly people, even though their propensity was to stay earthly and carnal.

His leaders (*heads of families, captains, chiefs, those in authority*), are the 'firmament in the midst of the waters' (people) the '**expanse**' that separates the waters from the waters. This firmament above is called Heaven, those who govern or who are in authority in God's Kingdom, these typify those who are full of light. The 'waters below ('the sea of humanity').. firmament' indicating nations that are subdued, submitted, and conquered, and need to be saved.

**Numbers describes the formation of Israel as God's instrument against ungodliness.. Just as we are The Army of God, and Christ is our Captain.**

.. in the land. His **military** is for subduing the earth for God's glory and Kingdom. This is the pattern for the New Covenant call to war against the works and powers of darkness..

There are **giants** in the land, and the name of each group of Giants.. is a 'type' of the spiritual giants that New Testament saints have to deal with.. i.e. The original giants ('*anakim*') were descended from the sons of Heth ('*terrible*').. and so these 'challenges' are especially intimidating. Here are some of the 'giants' and their New Testament spiritual counterparts, against which the saints must fight a good fight..

- Ammonite ('*fellow-countrymen*').. dealing with one's fear of man mainly in the form

of one's own fellow-countrymen

- Hittite.. inhabited the mountainous country of Judah.. the 'high' places of the local people.. idolatry.. the ungodly things that people worshipped in one's own area.
- Jebusite..occupied around Jerusalem...attacks from those things of Satan which rob a person of their peace
- Canaanite.. sexual immorality and spirits of uncleanness
- Perrizite.. that which detracts from the worship of God
- Amorite..(*mountaineer*).. massive issues which can only be moved by faith in God.

It is hard for us in the west to see *warring* as a means of *evangelism*, let alone *conquering lands* as a form of evangelism. In the Old Testament *putting to death the enemies of the land* had a two-fold meaning, termination in judgment; and termination for redemption. Those who stayed enemies were destroyed, and those who submitted to death to their way of life were resurrected typically and brought into the covenant community as those chosen by God. They were proselytised, and became Jews.

A little tangent for clarification will help us to see why Crusaders and many in church history confused the warfare we fight under the New Covenant, as they resorted to fleshly or carnal weapons. Under the New Covenant the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds and casting down imaginations (image of the nations) and bringing every thought captive to the obedience of the Christ. *The fighting in the Old Testament is a type and shadow of our spiritual warfare* because we do not struggle against flesh and blood.

The Type of 'fishers of men' **Jeremiah 16:16**, states, ***"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."*** Jeremiah's prophetic example will help us see the usage of fishing and hunting as a means of judgment on a land or people. Fishing is the way to take dominion, to secure the fish, and to process them for good Kingdom use. Hunting is the way to discern where the potential is, and identify and then act in the Spirit accordingly. *'Test every spirit to see that it be of God'*.

Here are some New Testament examples to validate such thinking. When our Lord called Peter and Andrew, He said, ***"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."*** Winning souls is catching fish! Likewise, when Peter was praying on the roof of Simon the tanner's house, in his vision, ***"The sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" Acts 10:11-14.*** The Lord told Peter to go hunting. In this case it meant evangelizing and winning souls, thus Cornelius and his whole household came to living faith in Christ and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. When Peter led Cornelius' household to Christ.. they became one in Christ, and one with each other (John 17:21)

So, in Numbers ***we see an army raised up to secure the land for God's kingdom***, for the building and establishing of God's house, for a holy priesthood to offer up to God sacrifices acceptable to Him. These things are to be maintained in order not to lose those things that God had entrusted to Israel. They were to stay in the light and maintain the separations and distinctions and keep emerging in the midst of the nations to shine as light to those on the earth. **Israel was to exercise dominion under the blessing** and to be fruitful and multiply so they could rule over the birds of the air, fish of the sea, over all the beasts of the field, and over every creeping thing. If they were faithful they would not be cursed, but blessed above all nations on the earth. They, like us now are to be The Head and not The Tail.

<b>Deuteronomy is about blessings and curses.</b>
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**Concept:** Through obedience to The Word.. Israel lived in The Blessing of God.. In the New Covenant Jesus comes to us as The Word (John1:1), and we live in Him, and He lives in us, and through the Cross He has exchanged all our curses for Blessings, and now we as saints are the most Blessed people on the face of the Earth!

It is God's "refresher" .. a continuing reminder to Israel to keep His Word. Israel must obey to keep everything entrusted to her. Now we come full circle from Genesis to Deuteronomy. Adam is placed in the garden land and given everything to eat from all the trees of the field, except the Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil. Also in the midst of the garden is the Tree of Life. Two trees, one Life and one Death, one blesses and one curses. This is Deuteronomy! Israel is now Adam in corporate form and placed in the pleasant land, good land, the enlarged garden. Israel is set before two trees that have become mountains. The mountain of blessings and the mountain of curses are set before Israel. If they disobey they will be thrust out of the garden, the garden-land will vomit them out, and they will be destroyed. These five books are quite wonderful when you see the five main themes that the Lord was doing to bring forth His plan and purpose on the earth.

The five themes to grasp are:

- The revelation of the Son,
- God makes His home with His people
- The saints become the Priesthood of Believers
- Warfare in the Spirit is required to win in the human and the spiritual to build the Kingdom of God
- Christ has become the curse for us, that we might live in the mighty favour of our God.. and reign seated in Heavenly places with Him.

These five themes are revealed throughout the Old Testament in type and shadow.

These five themes are fulfilled in the 'seed of the woman', the prophesied seed of Abraham, and the seed of David, which is predicted Christ and His body. The Body is the serpent crusher, which crushes the schemes and plans of the devil. This was part of the purpose; the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. The Son of Abraham the father

is to inherit the land and according to Paul in Romans 4:13, the son inherits the world (cosmos). Then the son of David inherits the throne. These three promise-predictions lead us to the main points of the Bible and these are interwoven in all Scripture in which we see redemption, victory, and the gaining of the ground; which is the realm of the Spirit to build a habitation of God in the Spirit. It is from the habitation of God that the boundaries are set for the emerging of the city of God. That is where the throne of God is, as Mount Zion is the joy of the whole earth. God reigns over all the earth from this established house and city of God during the Millennial Reign, and then through the New Jerusalem coming down onto a refurbished and renovated Earth.

### **3. The Psalms reveal these same five themes in all its five books.**

They start right from Psalm 1. ***Blessed is the man*** can only mean one man, and that man is Christ. He is the tree planted by the waters of the Spirit and everything He puts His hand to will prosper. He is the man who does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the Father. He is the only mediator between God and man, the MAN Christ Jesus! On the Cross it is stated, “Behold the MAN.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “***Behold the man!***” **John 19:5**.

It continues in Psalm Two and the warning is, “***Kiss the son, unless He be angry, and you perish from the way, when suddenly His wrath blazes. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him. Ps 2:12***.” The first book of the Psalms is a revelation of the SON which is Christ and His perfect work. The first division is **Psalm 1 – 41 is Book I**. All throughout Book 1 we see Jesus, and even in Psalm 23, the Father and the Son as Shepherd and sheep, and ultimately led to dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Book I is the beginning or Genesis of the revelation of the Son and leading to the exodus into the dwelling place of God, the tabernacle of God, the house of God. These themes build on one another over and over again. We see the house of God, and then the city of God, and the mountain of God strategically placed in different Psalms reminding us to love what God loves and be committed to what He is persistently committed to with all His heart.

**Starting at Psalm 42 unto Psalm 72 we see in Book II** The first Psalm pictures the distress of David where relationship issues make him feel as though he is like ..“***a deer panting for the water brooks so my soul longs for the living God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before my God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say unto me ‘Where is your God?’ but, These I remember, and pour out my soul in me. For I had gone with the multitude. I went with them to the House of God, with the voice of singing and confession, with the multitude that kept the Holy day.***” **Ps 42:1-4**. In spite of all this, God is his rock, who never forgets him; and he learns to speak to his own soul, and trust in the Lord.

**Book III starts in Psalm 73 and reaches to Psalm 89**. In this first Psalm it is **from the sanctuary that God’s wisdom is imparted** to see life regarding the things of human success and suffering, as well as the destiny of the evil and the righteous. **Out from the sanctuary we**

go to the City which is a paramount theme all the way to the end of the Bible. ***“Glorious things are spoken of you, Oh city of God. Selah. “I shall mention Rahab and Babylon among those who know Me; Behold, Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia: ‘This one was born there.’” But of Zion it shall be said, “This one and that one were born in her”; And the Most High Himself will establish her. The LORD will count when He registers the peoples, “This one was born there.” Selah. Psalm 87:3-6.*** This Psalm is wonderful as it predicts the birth of Christ as the Son of God. It also predicts us being born in Zion, home of us all.

Zion is God’s city, and it is the mountain of the Lord, the City on the sides of the North, the City of the Great King... in contrast to Mount Sinai. It represents two covenants; one being the Old Covenant in Mount Sinai and the picture of the New Covenant in Mount Zion, as stated in Hebrews.

**Book IV of the Psalms is focused on the City of God as Zion, the mountain of God, which towers over the nations.** The first crowning point in Earth’s history of this when the most is achieved, is in the time of Solomon, the son of David, King over all Israel and “influence” of the nations. Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River Euphrates to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt. Multitudes tracked to his door bringing tribute and many served Solomon all the days of his life. (1Kings 4:21). He already reigns in Heaven, for the LORD is great in Zion, and He shall rule over all the Earth with a rod of iron. He is exalted above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy. (*‘Mountains’ as used here are symbolic of ‘Kingdoms’*)

**Book V of the Psalms is about the throne of God ruling over the whole earth.** This is a supreme goal of God’s eternal purpose. He will have a MAN on the throne who is the image of the invisible God, and that image will be both male and female. Christ and His Church fulfill this goal and complete the promises and predictions. ***‘The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: “I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body’ Ps 132:11.*** This is truly a reference to the true son of David, our Lord Jesus. Then it talks about our reign with Jesus over the Earth.. ***If thy children keep my covenant, and my testimonies which I will teach them, their children also for evermore shall sit upon thy throne. For Jehovah hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his dwelling: This is my rest for ever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy ones with bread; and I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. Ps 132:12-16.*** In this Psalm we see the capstone of all five items mentioned in all their glory. We see the true Son in verse 11, and in verses 12-15 we see God’s dwelling place, His city, and His mountain in Zion. Lastly, we see in verse 12 His throne. At the end of this Psalm we see the mission accomplished, all His enemies are put to shame, confusion, and humiliation. This is a great victory! Some have called the Psalms the Pentateuch of David. The prophetic books seem to have these same themes.

### 3. The Prophets

This last section of the Old Testament is comparable to the first two sections. As the



Pentateuch of Moses and the commonly called Pentateuch of David, this last section is like the Pentateuch of the Prophets. This section will include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Book of the Twelve or Book of the Prophets.

The so-called minor-prophets were historically considered one book or scroll that has the underlying foundational message. Acts 7:42. Stephen testifies of the so-called minor-prophets being one book with one message that if Israel didn't heed the Lord's voice (prophets) they would lose everything that was given to them by God.

The prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah with Lamentations, in collaboration with the other prophets begin to predict the doom of Israel because they have a heart to break the covenant, and no heart for the nations to be a true light to them. Israel has no desire to rule them i.e. to literally shepherd them and feed them with the words of God.

**Isaiah starts with saying the creation is sick from head to toe.** This type of language is saying that the heaven above the earth and the earth; its leadership of every kind, is sick, and even Israel is sick. He compares them to Sodom and Gomorrah. According to J.B. Jackson in his Dictionary of Proper Names he says, Sodom means 'fettered' and Gomorrah means 'bondage.' It is also graphic that homosexuality is a picture of only building a relationship with your own kind that can't reproduce. Israel's mindset was.. *we are clean and the nations are unclean*. This attitude eventually exposed them as being unclean as well. The phrase in Isaiah 1 where he is describing the sores of Israel's sickness uses the word for 'putrefying' in the same way as the writer of the Judges described the jawbone of an ass that Samson used to defeat the Philistines. This portrays Israel as a stubborn ass. In order for her to be accepted she must be redeemed with a lamb. If not, her neck must be broken. He says the faithful city has become a harlot. But the firstborn of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem him, then you shall break his neck.

**There are two things happening in the last five books of the Prophets.** The prophets are predicting the loss of a MAN on the throne, and the destruction of the Temple by the Babylonians, along with the destruction of the City of God, Jerusalem, so that it would be like the earthly Mount Zion would be ploughed and levelled. As prophesied, the Throne is taken away and instead of being the head, Israel becomes the tail. She becomes a slave, instead of a master in the land. ***'Thus says the LORD OF hosts: "Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, And the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest"' Jer. 26:18.*** Micah is a contemporary of Jeremiah and says the exact same thing in Micah 3:12.

- Restoration of Israel to Jerusalem and it's rebuilding is recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah and the prophets Zechariah and Haggai. God does it by raising up Nehemiah, whose strong intercessory burden to bring Peace in Jerusalem touches the heart of Cyrus the King of Persia during the Medo-Persian Empire This was predicted 150 years before Cyrus or the Medo-Persian Empire emerged on the scene of history. ***It is I who says of a Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform***

***all My desire. And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the Temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.' "Thus says the LORD to a Cyrus His anointed, whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him ... Isa 44:28-45:1.***

These things were done under the oversight of Ezra the priest, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel, and Joshua the High priest, by The Spirit of the Lord working on behalf of Israel. ***"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" Moreover the word of the LORD CAME to me, saying: "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? Zechariah. 4:6-10.***

Zerubbabel is a type of Christ; who is the true Zerubbabel, by removing the Old Covenant made on the mountain of Sinai. Additional essential themes are:

- bringing in the gospel of grace,
- building the new temple, which temple we are.

The Old Testament closes with the theme that under self-effort, law-works, and self-righteousness, that God's eternal purpose cannot be fulfilled. It can only be fulfilled in Christ and by Christ. This is why Malachi rebukes the priests and predicts that God will send a messenger who will prepare the way of the Lord. Through his preaching he will purify those who are separated unto God, so that when God's judgement comes He will leave no root or branch of the wicked. These will consist of those in Israel and the Gentile Christian world who are not given to Him with all their hearts. The prophecy of Christ bringing the regenerative 'new birth' is in stark contrast to the total removal and desolation of the land under the Old Covenant laws. ***"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in His wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. "You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the LORD of Hosts. Mal 4:2-3.*** Those who are healed and born anew will be like calves skipping from the stall, and they will tread down the wicked and subdue all things. Power to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing by any means shall harm them!

#### **4. The Books of Wisdom**

The 'Bride of Christ' is a major theme running through these. Ruth and Esther are excellent living parables of how the Church today is brought into the place of relating to God's purpose. Ruth is brought from the Gentile world or nations and wonderfully redeemed by Boaz and richly listed in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. This extraordinary 'parable' relates to the Lord including the Gentiles into the covenant community.

Esther illustrates how the Church is to "become the head" in our day and change history by

exercising God's authority in the Kingdom through Jesus' Name, in the same way that the Jews through God's Providence become victorious over their enemies and prosper in the place where they are planted.. All things work after the counsel of His **Sovereign** will.

The Gospels demonstrate that God's eternal purpose is continually being unfolded, not in type or shadow, but in the reality and total fulfillment of His heart's longing.

The Gospels reveal the SON as God with us, as the Son of MAN, the Son of David, and the Son of Abraham, and uniquely as the seed of the woman ***"I will build MY church". He says, "The gates of Hades will not prevail against it!"***

The Book of Revelation. *We shall rule or shepherd the nations* with a rod of iron and sharp two-edged sword that comes out of Christ's mouth until the end of the Millennial Reign. Then the Great White Throne Judgement takes place and the spiritually dead will be damned forever in the Lake of Fire along with Satan their lord.

Finally there is a new Heaven and a new Earth.. City of God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife comes down from the third Heaven onto Earth. In the midst of the City is the Throne of God and the Lamb, and the nations are walking in the light of the City. Praise the Lord! We anticipate the fulfilment of this physically spiritual reality!

... We can only experience this corporately, so we pray for the unity of the faith, in the unity of the Spirit to walk together as saints that the Lord Jesus has established. May He be glorified in all that we say and do! The Word of God is the absolute Truth..

***2 Peter 1:20-21..Above all you must understand that no prophecy or Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."***

Amen.

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**PART FOUR: Books, Dates of Authorship; and a Chronology of the OT.**

**When was the Old Testament written  
and who wrote it?**

**Old Testament**

<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Written</b>
<b>Genesis</b>	Moses	? - 1445 B.C.
<b>Exodus</b>	Moses	1445 - 1405 B.C.
<b>Leviticus</b>	Moses	1405 B.C.
<b>Numbers</b>	Moses	1444 - 1405 B.C.
<b>Deuteronomy</b>	Moses	1405 B.C.
<b>Joshua</b>	Joshua	1404-1390 B.C.
<b>Judges</b>	Samuel	1374-1129 B.C.
<b>Ruth</b>	Samuel	1150? B.C.
<b>First Samuel</b>	Samuel	1043-1011 B.C.
<b>Second Samuel</b>	Ezra?	1011-1004 B.C.
<b>First Kings</b>	Jeremiah?	971-852 B.C.
<b>Second Kings</b>	Jeremiah?	852-587 B.C.
<b>First Chronicles</b>	Ezra?	450 - 425 B.C.
<b>Second Chronicles</b>	Ezra?	450 - 425 B.C.
<b>Ezra</b>	Ezra	538-520 B.C.
<b>Nehemiah</b>	Nehemiah	445 - 425 B.C.
<b>Esther</b>	Mordecai?	465 B.C.
<b>Job</b>	Job?	??
<b>Psalms</b>	David	1000? B.C.

	Sons of Korah wrote Psalms 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87; Asaph wrote Psalms 50, 73-83; Heman wrote <a href="#">Psalm 88</a> ; Ethan wrote Psalm 89; Hezekiah wrote <a href="#">Psalms 120-123</a> , <a href="#">128-130</a> , <a href="#">132</a> , <a href="#">134-136</a> ; Solomon wrote Psalms 72, 127.	
<b>Proverbs</b>	Solomon wrote 1-29 Agur wrote 30 Lemuel wrote 31	950 - 700 B.C.
<b>Ecclesiastes</b>	Solomon	935 B.C.
<b>Song of Solomon</b>	Solomon	965 B.C.
<b>Isaiah</b>	Isaiah	740 - 680 B.C.
<b>Jeremiah</b>	Jeremiah	627 - 585 B.C.
<b>Lamentations</b>	Jeremiah	586 B.C.
<b>Ezekiel</b>	Ezekiel	593-560 B.C.
<b>Daniel</b>	Daniel	605-536 B.C.
<b>Hosea</b>	Hosea	710 B.C.
<b>Joel</b>	Joel	835 B.C.
<b>Amos</b>	Amos	755 B.C.
<b>Obadiah</b>	Obadiah	840 or 586 B.C.
<b>Jonah</b>	Jonah	760 B.C.
<b>Micah</b>	Micah	700 B.C.
<b>Nahum</b>	Nahum	663 - 612 B.C.
<b>Habakkuk</b>	Habakkuk	607 B.C.
<b>Zephaniah</b>	Zephaniah	625 B.C.
<b>Haggai</b>	Haggai	520 B.C.
<b>Zechariah</b>	Zechariah	520 - 518 B.C.
<b>Malachi</b>	Malachi	450 - 600 B.C.

## Bible Chronology of the Old Testament

The following chronological list is adapted from *The Chronological Bible*. Its purpose is to help you develop an overall understanding of the order of the major people and events of the **Bible**. The dates are disputed here and there; but overall, they can give you a reference in time and order.

The Pre-existent Christ	John 1	<b>From the Creation to the Flood</b>
Creation	<a href="#">Gen. 1:1</a>	
Satan cast out of heaven	<a href="#">Isaiah 14:12-17</a>	
Six days of creation	<a href="#">Gen. 1:3-26</a>	
Garden of Eden	<a href="#">Gen. 2:8-17</a>	
Fall of Adam and Eve	<a href="#">Gen. 3:1-7</a>	
Expulsion from Eden	<a href="#">Gen. 3:21-24</a>	
Cain kills Abel	<a href="#">Gen. 4</a>	
Noah is born	<a href="#">Gen. 5:28-29</a>	
The Flood	<a href="#">Gen. 7:10-24</a>	
The Tower of Babel	<a href="#">Gen. 11</a>	<b>The Flood to the Patriarchs</b>
Abram (Abraham) is born	<a href="#">Gen. 11:27</a>	
Job	Job 1	
Abram becomes Abraham	Genesis 17	
Birth of Isaac, then Jacob, then Joseph	Genesis 21-30	
The 10 plagues against Egypt		<b>The Exodus to Entering Canaan 1462 - 1422 B.C.</b>
The Hebrews are freed then pursued	Exodus 7 - 11	
Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 12	
Receiving the 10 Commandments	Exodus 13 - 15	
Israel wanders in the desert for 40 years	Exodus 20	
	Numbers 14	
The conquest and division of	Joshua 6 - 12	<b>Canaan to the Reign of King Saul</b>

Canaan Israel becomes a world power Samson is born Saul becomes first King	1200 - 750 B. C. Judges 13 1 Samuel 9	<b>1422 - 1065 B. C.</b>
David and Goliath David becomes King David with Bathsheba Absalom's rebellion David prepares temple materials	1 Samuel 17 2 Samuel 5 2 Samuel 11 2 Samuel 15-18 1 Chronicles 22	<b>The Reign of King David 1025 - 985 B. C.</b>
Solomon becomes King Solomon asks God for wisdom The building of the Temple Solomon's downfall	1 Kings 1 1 Kings 3 1 Kings 6 1 Kings 11	<b>The Reign of King Solomon 985 - 945 B. C.</b>
The nation of Israel divided into two: Israel to the north and Judah to the south. This period was full of kings, who ruled each realm. Many of the kings were evil. Other gods were worshiped occasionally. During this time Elijah has his ministry. Hosea preached. Jonah dealt with Nineveh. Rome was founded. The temple was restored.		<b>The Divided Kingdom (Israel and Judah) From Solomon to the Fall of Israel 945 - 586 B. C.</b>
Both Israel and Judah fall to foreign powers. Micah prophesies. Isaiah is martyred. Jeremiah is born. Daniel is born. Zephaniah prophesies. Ezekiel is born. Jeremiah preaches.		<b>The Fall of Israel to the Fall of Judah 721 - 586 B. C.</b>
Ezekiel prophesies as Jerusalem falls Nebuchadnezzar's image Daniel's vision of the four beasts Daniel's vision of the 70 weeks Fall of Babylon to Persians	Ezekiel 33 Daniel 3 Daniel 7 Daniel 9 Isaiah 13, <a href="#">Jer. 25</a>	<b>Israel is taken into Captivity 586 - 516 B.C.</b>
Dedication of the Temple Deliverance of the Jews Ezra prepares to return to Jerusalem Building of the wall of Jerusalem Malachi's Prophecies	Ezra 6 Esther 8 Ezra 7 Nehemiah 2 Malachi	<b>The Restoration from Captivity 516 -400 B. C.</b>
Greece is the world power from Rome is the world power from God does not speak for about 400 years	331 - 168 B. C. 168 B. C. - 476 A.D.	<b>Time Between the Testaments 400 B. C. - 5. A.D</b>

