

"Why Should We Study The Old Testament?"



There are many reasons to study the Old Testament. For one, the Old Testament lays the foundation for the teachings and events found in the New Testament. The Bible is a progressive revelation. If you skip the first half of any good book and try to finish it, you will have a hard time understanding the characters, the plot, and the ending. In the same way, the

New Testament is only completely understood when we see its foundation of the events, characters, laws, sacrificial system, covenants, and promises of the Old Testament. If we only had the New Testament, we would come to the Gospels and not know why the Jews were looking for a Messiah (a Savior King). We would not understand why this Messiah was coming (see Isaiah 53), and we would not have been able to identify Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah through the many detailed prophecies that were given concerning Him, His birth place (Micah 5:2) **"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."** His manner of death (Psalm 22, especially verses 1, 7-8, 14-18; 69:21), His resurrection (Psalm 16:10) **"For You will not abandon My soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay."** and many more details of His ministry (Isaiah 9:2) **"The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them;"**

**The Old Testament Gives Wisdom/Understanding of The New Testament"**

A study of the Old Testament is also important for understanding the Jewish customs mentioned in passing in the New Testament. We would not understand the way the Pharisees had perverted God's law by adding their own traditions to it, or why Jesus was so upset as He cleansed the temple courtyard, or where Jesus got the words He used in His many replies to adversaries. We should study the Old Testament because of the countless lessons it contains for us. By observing the lives of the characters of the Old Testament, we find guidance for our own lives. The Old Testament is the story of God's plan to bring about the redemption of man. A study of the Old Testament also helps us understand prophecy. The Old Testament contains many promises that God will yet fulfill for the Jewish nation. The Old Testament reveals such things as the length of the Tribulation, how Christ's future 1,000-year reign fulfills His promises to the Jews, and how the conclusion of the Bible ties up the loose ends that were unraveled in the beginning of time. **Jesus Is The Whole Word!**

"Jesus Christ Is The Same Yesterday, Today And Forever" (Hebrews 13:8).



The absolutely essential fact is Jesus was the same in past eternity; He changes not. The context of this great statement of faith is the conclusion of the book of Hebrews. He Who was yesterday did not fail to help Moses, Joshua, David, the prophets, the apostle Paul and the saints down through history. He was faithful to every one of them, and He has promised to be faithful to us today, and will continue to be a steadfast help to his people forever. We search for an absolute in an age of change; He changes not, and I therefore have

security. He came from the Father and He returned to the Father. It has been said that the only constant is change, that everything flows and nothing stands still. We look around us and that seems to be true. Seasons change. People age. Civilizations rise and fall. Is there anything truly consistent? Is there any firm Truth we can hold on to in a world that is always shifting? Yes! God Himself tells us that He does not change (Malachi 3:6) **"For I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."** and will always do what He says He will do (Numbers 23:19) **"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"** Time does not affect God. He is still the same Holy, amazing, kind God He was when He created the world. No matter how uncertain your life looks, you can trust in God's constant love and faithfulness (Psalm 100:5) **"For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations."** He has always been here and He always will be.

**"Jesus In The Old Testament Is The Jesus Of Nazareth In The New"**

The unchangeable One is the Messiah. Jesus Christ is the unchangeable Jehovah. Jesus never changes. He never changes His mind because that mind has been revealed through divine revelation. We have it recorded in His written Word, the Bible. Without the Old Testament we would not understand as well the original problem to which Jesus is the solution, that being our sin and rebellion against God (Genesis 3); we would miss out on reading about God's mighty acts of rescue through which we see his character on display in the book of Exodus. We would miss out on the predictions of Jesus death and resurrection which were 1000 years before they occurred exactly in Jesus. In short we would not understand Jesus as well as we do without the Old Testament. As we read and reread the Old Testament, what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf will become clearer and clearer still.

**"MISSING THE FORREST THROUGH THE TREES"** Some prophecy teachers focus on the micro details to the point that they miss the macro clues. God has told us the "Grand Timeline" ahead of time in the Old Testament. He hid the obvious in plain sight. No one could possibly know the future but God has revealed things thousands of years ahead of time. If there was no God human events would be completely random and virtually unpredictable.

**"I Am The Alpha And The Omega," Says The Lord God, "Who Is And Who Was And Who Is To Come, The Almighty."** (Revelation 1:8)

"FIRST 11 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE PRERECORD 7000 YEARS OF HUMAN HISTORY" FROM BEGINNING TILL THE END				THE PLAN OF GOD IS REVEALED IN THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS: <b>GENESIS</b> (The Book of Beginnings), <b>EXODUS</b> – (Redemption and Revelation) <b>LEVITICUS</b> - (The Book of Holiness), <b>NUMBERS</b> - (Wilderness Wanderings), <b>DEUTERONOMY</b> (Reiteration and Reviewing)
BOOKS OF THE BIBLE	LITERAL TIMELINE	PROPHETIC TIMELINE	YEARS	
<b>FIRST 5 BOOKS GENESIS – DEUTERONOMY</b>	THE LAW	<b>THE LAW DOES NOT SAVE JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW. "APART FROM JESUS THERE IS NO SALVATION."</b>	4000	First Five Books Are Called The Law Written By Moses. The Law Cannot Save You. The Law Could Not Save The Jews. The Law Is A Mirror To Show You What Needs To Be Fixed. Moses Represented The Law And The Law (Moses) Did Not Lead Them Into The Promise Land.
<b>JOSHUA</b>	JOSHUA IS SYMBOLIC OF JESUS	1 <sup>ST</sup> COMING OF JESUS	1 AD	Joshua means <b>God Saves</b> . Joshua name means Jesus. Joshua was the solution who could bring people into the promise land. Just as Jesus will usher us into the New Kingdom.
<b>JUDGES</b>	APOSTASY OF ISRAEL	ISRAEL REJECTS MESSIAH <b>"ISRAEL SUFFERED GREAT TRAGEDIES TILL THIS DAY"</b>	2000	<b>When Joshua Died The Jews Went Through A Time Of Judgement.</b> Their was not king the Word says, <b>"Everyone Did What Was Right In Their Own Eyes."</b> Worst Time. Consider that absolute bottom of morality. Many Judges.
<b>RUTH</b>	GENTILE BRIDE <b>(LOVE STORY)</b>	ACCEPTANCE OF THE GENTILES - GRAFTED INTO MESSIAH'S CHURCH AGE <b>"THE CHURCH BECOMES THE BRIDE"</b>	2000	Ruth is concurrent to the Book of Judges. This story is very confusing to the Jews. This is a story about a Gentile Bride. While Israel is in turmoil the Church appears on the earth. The book of Ruth represents the era of the church ( <b>The Bride of Christ</b> ) for 2000 years till now. We are now coming to the age of the closing of Grace.
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL</b>	FALSE KING ISRAEL'S CHOICE	ANTI – CHRIST <b>"THE JEWS WILL RECEIVE THE ANTI CHRIST AS THEIR MESSIAH"</b>	7	The people wanted to be like other nations and wanted a king. God said I Am their King and they have rejected Me. The priest Samuel Anointed Saul as king and he turned out to be a bad king. Then Saul dies. <b>"The Anti-Christ Will Create A Time Of Great Turmoil."</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL</b>	SECOND KING GREATEST KING <b>GOD'S CHOICE</b>	JESUS KNOWN AS THE SECOND ADAM 2 <sup>ND</sup> KING/ 2 <sup>ND</sup> COMING	2017 ?	Samuel now anoints the greatest king "King David" This is God's choice. <b>"A man after God's Own heart"</b> . David wanted to build the First temple but God said no, their was too much blood from war on his hands. <b>"JESUS REPRESENTS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> PERSON OF THE GOD HEAD"</b>
<b>1<sup>ST</sup> KING</b>	KING SOLOMON <b>PEACE , GLORY, THE TEMPLE</b>	THE MILLENIAL AGE <b>"GOD RULES"</b>	1000 YEARS	David's son Solomon becomes king and builds the Temple for God. Wisest King Ever. Jesus sits on the throne of King David. He will reign for a thousand years. <b>"God's Glory"</b>