

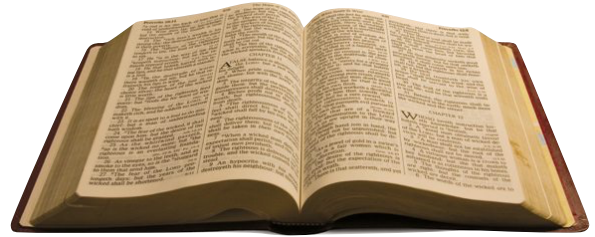
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ACTS 17:11

Hebrews 1:1-2
Lesson #4
His Story
12/27/2019

How to read the Old Testament



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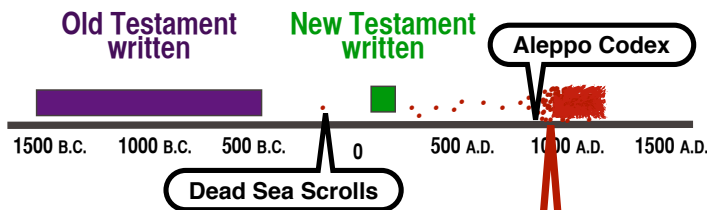
- All the O.T. books are present save Esther.
- They are dated to about 200BC.
- They are significant in that its O.T. texts are virtually identical to the Hebrew texts that we have from the 9th cent. A.D.

- In 1950 a portion of the MSS were offered to Duke University but turned down as not important enough.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

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There are a large number of extant Biblical manuscripts.



93% of all extant Biblical manuscripts are dated after 900 A.D.

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In this lesson we will look at:

The distinctiveness of the O.T. and its relationship to the Gospel story

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Hebrews 1

“1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”

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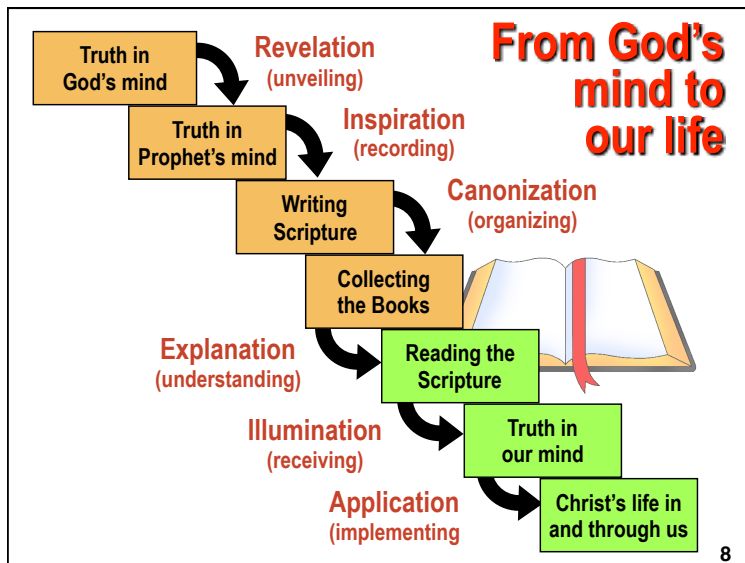
NOTE: God reveals Himself in different ways:

Natural revelation (**Conscience, Nature**),

Special revelation (**Prophets, Scripture**).

1. The Jewish people recognized that **God's prophetic revelation stopped** with Malachi.
2. Before that time, God “spoke” through the “**prophets**” to the “**fathers**” (patriarchs, kings, and priests) in **many ways**.

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The O.T. is the Word of God through human authors.

- The human authors though speaking from different cultural contexts are shaped by these common elements - **monotheism, promise to Abraham, exodus from Egypt, & Law of Moses**.
- Understanding how the Bible **came into being** may help us understand its message.
- We should read the Scripture with **hard minds and soft hearts**.
- We should read the Bible with **the big picture in mind**.

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The Bible is:

- **Unified and diverse** - a simple story told through different cultures, periods of time, and authors.
- **Simple and complex** - informing the novice and challenging the most learned.

The Bible is like:

- **An historical novel** - Revealing an unfolding drama or revelation / redemption.
Concerned more about bringing the true message than about the precision of every detail.
- **A school system** - Progressively educating students from the beginner on to the advanced.
Concerned more about bringing the student along from one level to the next than assuming that all are at the same level.

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The Hebrew Bible bore witness to Jesus as the Christ

Luke 24:44

“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.””

The Hebrew Bible consisted of three parts.

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The Hebrew Bible

Prophets

Joshua - Malachi

Law

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Writings

Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi

Law

Genesis - Deuteronomy

Talmud (Official theology)
Mishnah (Oral tradition) 200 A.D.
Gamara (Commentaries) 500 A.D.

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The Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

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The foundation of the Jewish religion is the **Promise to Abraham**, the **Exodus** and the **Law of Moses**.

The Prophets

Former	Latter
Joshua	Isaiah
Judges	Jeremiah
1 Samuel	Ezekiel
2 Samuel	<i>The Twelve</i>
1 Kings	Hosea
2 Kings	Joel
	Amos
	Obadiah
	Jonah
	Micah
	Nahum
	Habakkuk
	Zephaniah
	Haggai
	Zechariah
	Malachi

Writings

Psalms

Pre Exile

Job

Proverbs

Ruth

Song of S.

Ecclesiastes

Post Exile

Lamentations

Esther

Daniel

Ezra

Daniel

Ezra - Nehemiah

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

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History (17)

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Pentateuch (5)

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Historical (12)

Poetry (5)

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

The Old Testament

Prophetic (12)

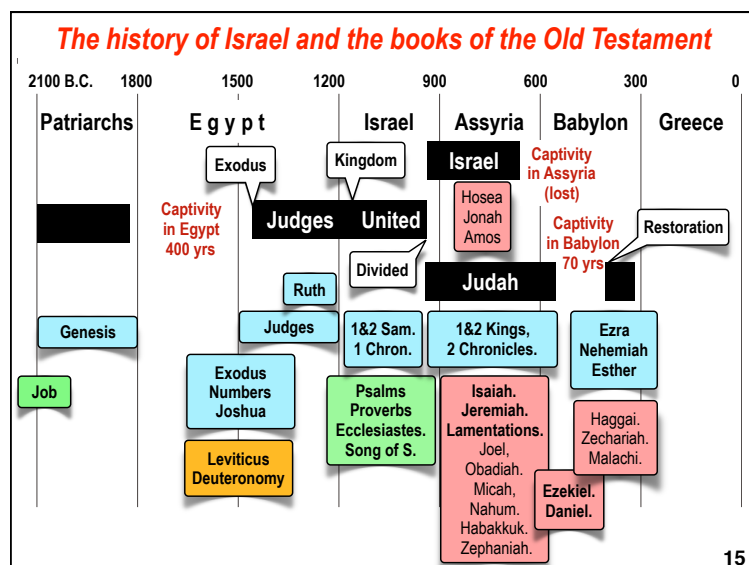
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Major (5)

Hosea
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Minor (12)

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Hebrews 1:1-2

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"2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."

- Jesus is "**last days**" **final word** in God's unfolding drama of redemption / revelation.

Revelation 22:13

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

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God's Unique Story

- The Bible is a **narrative / drama** addressing life's biggest issues - (**mortality, meaning, morality, management**).
- The story is about a **family from which came a Redeemer King**.
- It is a message of **grace, hope, & eternal life**, not an ethical code, political system, or a temporal paradise.
- The story is **linear** with a beginning and ending with **Christ** at the center.

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Contrasting worlds

Old Testament	New Testament
HOPE centered in this life	HOPE centered in next life
<i>Isaiah 61</i> “ ⁶ But you will be called the priests of the Lord; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. ⁷ Instead of your shame <i>you will have a double portion,</i> ”	
Deuteronomy 28:1-14 is typical of the O.T. positive correlation between obedience and material / temporal prosperity and power.	

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Contrasting worlds

Old Testament	New Testament
HOPE centered in this life	HOPE centered in next life
ORTHOPRAXY (behavior centered)	ORTHODOXY (belief centered)
LAW emphasis	GRACE emphasis
UNION WITH GOD through Israel	UNION WITH GOD through the Body of Christ
STORIES & LAWS	DIDACTIC teaching

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Contrasting languages

Old Testament	New Testament
Hebrew PICTORAL (stories, word pictures, metaphors) few adjectives PERSONAL (feeling, experiential, provincial, subjective)	Greek INTELLECTUAL (propositional, ideas, technical, precise) COMMON (cosmopolitan, objective)

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John 5:39

“You search the **Scriptures**, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is these that bear witness of Me.**”

HiStory



Luke 24:27

“And beginning with **Moses** and with all the **prophets**, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the **Scriptures.**”

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The Old Testament

The Cry of Man

The Historical Type

The New Testament

The Answer of God

Someone to
Reveal

Moses
the prophet

Christ

Someone to
Redeem

Melchizedek
the priest

Christ

Someone to
Rule

David
the king

Christ

Unexplained **Ceremonies**

Fulfillment

Unachieved **Purposes**

Fulfillment

Unmet **Longings**

Fulfillment

Unrealized **Prophecies**

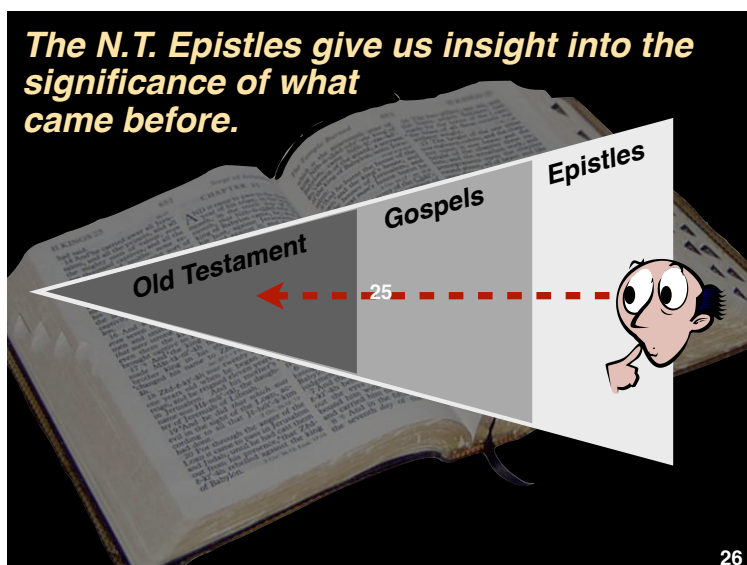
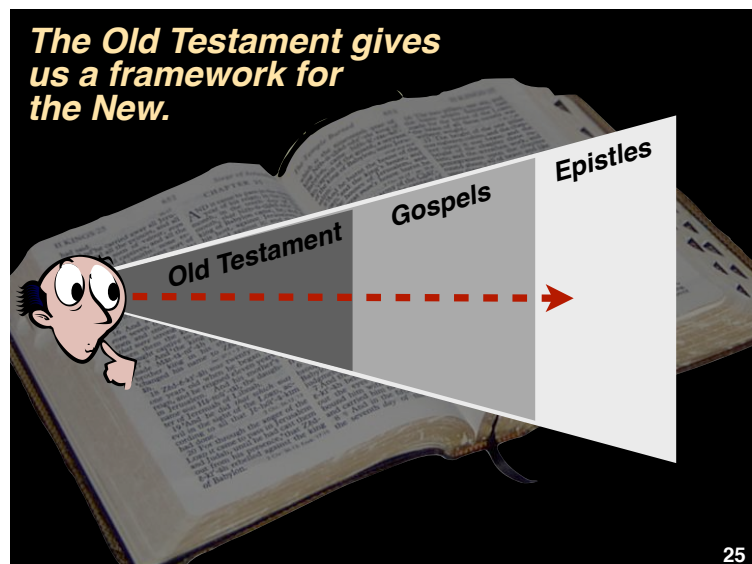
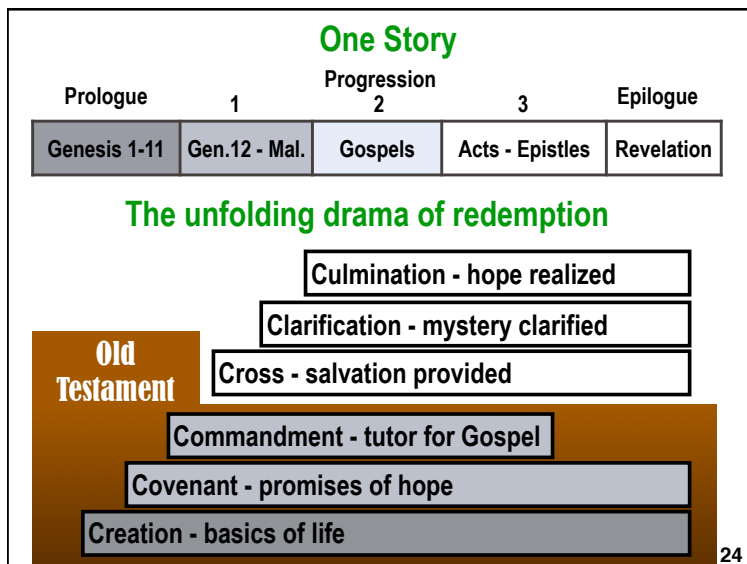
Fulfillment

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THE GOSPEL STORY



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O.T. Types (of Christ)

	Joseph	Jesus
Loved by father	Gen.37:3	John 3:35
A shepherd	Gen.37:2	John 10:11-14
Sent by father to brethren	Gen.37:13-14	John 1:11
Hated by his brethren	Gen.37:4,5,8	John 15:25
Betrayed by brothers	Gen.37:18-24	John 11:53
Stripped of his coat	Gen.37:23	John 19:23-24
Cast into a pit	Gen.37:24	Luke 23:50-55
Sold for the price of a slave	Gen.37:28	Matthew 26:15
Suffered because of brethren	Gen.39:1-40:13	Matthew 27:33-35
Tempted	Gen.39:7	Matthew 4:1-11
Offered no defense	Gen.39:20	John 18:19-38
Given glory after suffering	Gen.41:14,41	Luke 24:13-27

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References to YHWH ascribed to Jesus

Old Testament	New Testament
Ps. 45:6	Heb. 1:8 "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever."
Isa. 40:3	Matt. 3:3 "Make ready the way of the Lord."
Joel 2:32	Acts 2:21 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Isa. 8:13-14	1 Pet. 2:6-8; Rom. 9:33 "The Lord of hosts is "a rock to stumble over"
Isa. 44:6, 48:12	Rev. 1:17-18, 22:12-13 "the first and the last"
Ps. 97:9	Jn. 3:31 "He is above all"
Ps. 24:7, 29:3	Jas. 2:1; 1 Cor. 2:8 "Lord of glory"
Isa. 8:13	1 Pet. 3:15 The Lord of hosts is sacred.
Deut. 10:17	1 Tim. 6:15-16 "the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of Kings ..."
Isa. 45:22-23	Phil. 2:10-11 "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow."
2 Chron. 7:14	Mk. 2:5-7 forgiving sins as only God can.
Isa. 49:26	Jn. 4:24 Jehovah is Savior and Redeemer
Isa. 45:18	Rev. 4:11; Jn. 1:3 Creator

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Prophecy

Genesis 3:15
 Genesis 12:2-3
 Genesis 17:19
 Numbers 24:17
 Genesis 49:10
 Isaiah 9:7
 Daniel 9:25
 Isaiah 7:14
 Micah 5:2
 Jeremiah 31:15
 Hosea 11:1
 Isa.40:3-5; Mal.3:1
 Psalm 2:7
 Isaiah 9:1-2
 Deut.18:15
 Isaiah 61:1-2
 Isaiah 53:3
 Psalm 110:4
 Zechariah 9:9

Subject of Prophecy

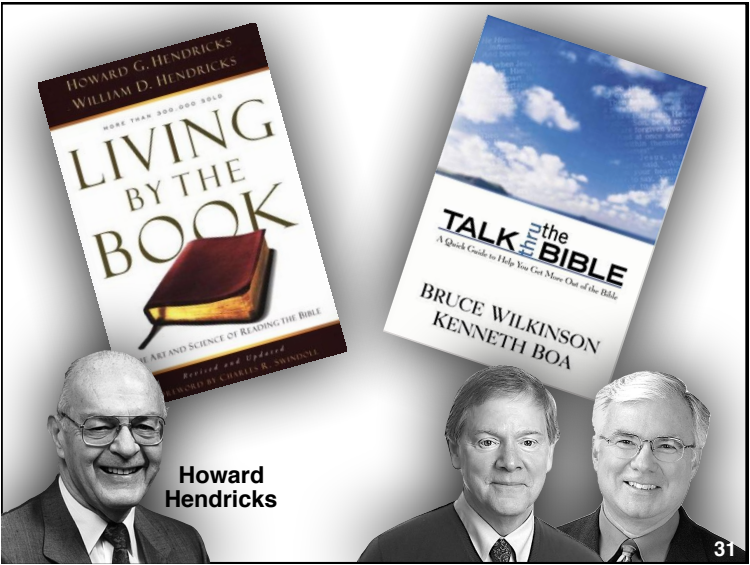
Of the seed of a woman
 Of the seed of Abraham
 Of the seed of Isaac
 Of the seed of Jacob
 Descended from Judah
 Heir to throne of David
 Time for Jesus' birth
 Born of a virgin
 Born in Bethlehem
 Slaughter of the innocents
 Flight to Egypt
 Preceded by a forerunner
 Declared the Son of God
 Galilean ministry
 The prophet to come
 Heal the brokenhearted
 Rejected by the Jews
 A priest after Melchizedek
 Triumphal entry

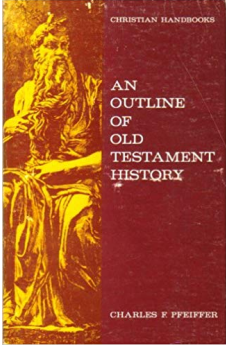
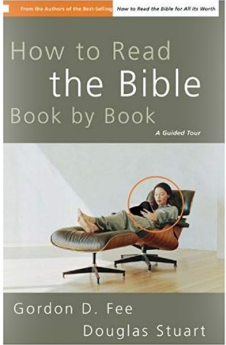
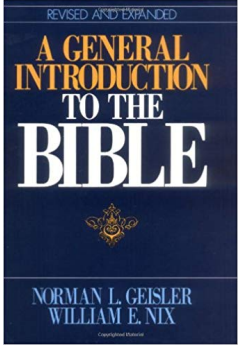
Fulfillment

Galatians 4:4
 Matthew 1:1
 Matthew 1:2
 Matthew 1:2
 Luke 3:33
 Luke 1:32-33
 Luke 2:1-2
 Luke 1:26-27, 30-31
 Luke 2:4-7
 Matthew 2:16-18
 Matthew 2:14-15
 Luke 7:24, 27
 Matthew 3:16-17
 Matthew 4:13-17
 Acts 3:20, 22
 Luke 4:18-19
 John 1:11
 Hebrews 5:5-6
 Mark 11:7, 9, 11

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Psalm 41:9	Betrayed by a friend	Luke 22:47, 48
Zech.11:12-13	Sold for thirty pieces of silver	Matt. 26:15 27:5-7
Psalm 35:11	Accused by false witnesses	Mark 14:57-58
Isaiah 53:7	Silent to accusations	Mark 15:4, 5
Isaiah 50:6	Spat upon & smitten	Matthew 26:67
Psalm 35:19	Hated without reason	John 15:24, 25
Isaiah 53:5	Vicarious sacrifice	Romans 5:6, 8
Isaiah 53:12	Crucified with transgressors	Mark 15:27, 28
Zech.12:10	Hands pierced	John 20:27
Psalm 22:7-8	Scorned and mocked	Luke 23:35
Psalm 69:21	Given vinegar & gall	Matthew 27:34
Psalm 109:4	Prayer for his enemies	Luke 23:34
Psalm 22:18	Soldiers gambled for his coat	Matthew 27:35
Psalm 34:20	No bones broken	John 19:32-33 36
Zech.12:10	Side pierced	John 19:34
Isaiah 53:9	Buried with the rich	Matt.27:57-60 27:57-60
Psalm 16:10 49:15	Would rise from the dead	Mark 16:6-7
Psalm 68:18	Would ascend to God	Mark 16:19



		
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