
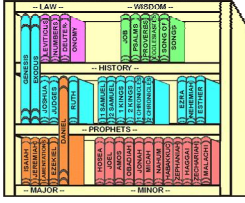


# Books of the Old Testament

## Class 1 – Introduction

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1.	Title	
2.	 <p>5% of the people think 15% of the people believe they think 80% of the people would rather die than think.</p>	<p>Which category do you fall into?</p> <p>In this class, I will expect you to think. Most of the homework I assign will be thinking assignments. You will be graded not on your ability to spout information back to me, but on your ability to think for yourself, and give reasons for what you state.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>The Books of the Old Testament</u></b></p> 	<p>Some books of the Bible fall into more than one category; specifically books that have history mixed with other information.</p> <p>Many people call the five books that I have mentioned as “Wisdom” the “Books of Poetry” the problem with this term is that it makes these books sound unimportant and unscriptural. Granted, they are written in a poetic style, but so is much of the prophets. For this reason, I refer to them as the “Books of Wisdom;” for they are full of wisdom.</p> <p>The artificial separation between the “major” and “minor” prophets is only based upon how much they wrote, not on the size, or impact of their ministry. Hosea, which is only 2 chapters long, and only has four prophetic words, was a book that made a great impact upon the people. Jonah, which is only 4 chapters long contains one main prophecy directed to the people of Niniveh, the capital of Assyria, the largest and most powerful nation of its day. This one prophecy changed the course of Assyrian history.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Value of the Old Testament</u></b></p> <p>Why do we need the Old Testament?</p> <p>What value does the Old Testament have to the believer of today?</p> <p>If we are New Testament believers, should we even bother with the Old?</p> <p>Isn't it enough to know what the Lord has done for us in the New Testament?</p> <p>I'm not interested. The Old Testament is too much to read. I don't understand all those genealogies, prophets, and laws.</p>	<p>Without the Old Testament the New Testament couldn't exist. The New Testament is a response to the events of the Old Testament, and a completion of God's promise to Abraham.</p> <p>The Old Testament gives us the foundation for all that we find in the New Testament.</p> <p>The Old Testament has all the examples of the principles we find mentioned in the New Testament.</p> <p>Much of the New Testament, specifically the Pauline epistles are commentary on the Law and the Prophets through the light of Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b><u>Value of the Old Testament</u></b></p> <p>All Scripture <i>is</i> given by inspiration of God, and <i>is</i> profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- 2 Tim 3:16</p>	<p>At the time this was written, what was defined as "scripture?" – the O.T.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Value of the Old Testament</u></b></p> <p>Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Matthew 5:17</p> <p>For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Matthew 5:18</p>	<p>Someone always wants to say; "Since He completed it, we don't have to." To which I say, "Where does it say this in scripture?"</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b><u>Value of the Old Testament</u></b></p> <p>Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed <i>is</i> every one that hangeth on a tree</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Galatians 3:13</p>	<p>Many read this (in their understanding) as "Christ has redeemed us from the law, which is a curse." This is a misinterpretation of scripture.</p>

8.	<p><b><u>Value of the Old Testament</u></b></p> <p>The whole of the Bible, from Genesis to the Maps talks about two things:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The coming of Jesus Christ</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">God's plan for our salvation and final reunion with Him</p> <p>Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit show up in the Old Testament in numerous places.</p>	Give examples of Jesus and the Holy Spirit – pgs 2-4 & 5-7
9.	<p><b><u>Where did the O.T. come from?</u></b></p> <p>Inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16)</p> <p>Written by godly men</p> <p>Who organized the Old Testament?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Organized by Ezra</p>	The same Ezra as in the book of Ezra Homework – Put yourself in Ezra's sandals, what are you going to include in the Tanakh (Old Testament)?
10.	<p><b><u>Covenant</u></b></p> <p>Our God is a God of covenant. Everything He does is through His covenants and in accordance with covenant law.</p> <p>To understand the Bible, we need to understand it as a covenant document.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The word “testament” literally means “testimony of a covenant.”</p> <p>The “Old Testament” refers to the old covenant, and the “New Testament” refers to the new covenant, which ratified and amplified the old covenant.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>God of Covenant</u></b></p> <p>Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he <i>is</i> God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Deuteronomy 7:9</p>	

<p>12.</p>	<p><b><u>The Covenant Ceremony</u></b></p> <p>Preparation for the ceremony</p> <p>The sacrifice</p> <p>Walk through the blood</p> <p>Repeating the terms of the covenant</p> <p>Interchange jackets</p> <p>Interchange belts</p> <p>Cutting and mixing of blood</p> <p>Changing names</p> <p>The covenant meal</p>	<p>Preparation – talk about terms, sacrifice, representatives, place</p> <p>Sacrifice – Gen 15:9-10 – Abraham</p> <p>Walk through blood – Gen 15:17 – smoking furnace &amp; burning lamp</p> <p>Terms – Gen 15:18-21</p> <p>Jackets &amp; belts – 1 Sam 18:1-4 – David &amp; Jonathan</p> <p>Name change – Gen 17:5 - Abraham</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b><u>Covenant Relationship</u></b></p> <p>What belongs to one, belongs to the other.</p> <p>The focus isn't on what one can get from the other, but on what one can give.</p> <p>'Haceed' love - An overwhelming desire to give of yourself to the other person, for their benefit, no matter what it costs you.</p> <p>Forms a stronger relationship than family.</p>	