

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION:

1. Though the Old Testament is not binding on Christians today, it contains invaluable resources that help us “*understand the will of the Lord*” (Eph. 5.17)
2. New Testament Christians were familiar with the Old Testament scriptures and searched them daily in their pursuit of the truth. (Acts 17.11)
3. In our study of the Old Testament, we will be spending time with significant events and important characters and apply the principles through New Testament teachings.

I. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Books of Creation
 1. The Bible begins with the creation of the universe. The first eleven chapters of the Bible tell us how the world as we know it came into existence.
 2. The Bible shifts into the creation of a nation. (Gen. 12)
- B. Books of Adoration.
 1. Books that address the purpose of life. (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)
 2. Books that give praise to God. (Psalms)
 3. We adore Him in the way we live and the way we praise Him.
- C. Books of Declaration.
 1. Prophets which addressed the nation of Israel. (ex. Isaiah)
 2. Prophets which addressed the nation of Judah. (ex. Jeremiah)

II. THE BINDING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Is the Old Testament binding on us today?
 1. **COLOSSIANS 2.14:** “*He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross*”
 2. **EPHESIANS 2.15:** “*having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances.*”
 3. **HEBREWS 8.7-13:** “*In that He says, ‘A new covenant,’ He has made the first one obsolete...growing old and ready to vanish away.*”
- B. What about the gospels? Are they part of the Old Testament?
 1. Jesus was “*born under the law*” (Gal. 4.4)
 2. While Jesus taught during a time when the Law of Moses was still binding, His teachings were included as part of the New Testament law. (Matt. 28.19; Gal. 6.2)

III. THE BENEFITS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. The Old Testament helps us to resist sin.
 1. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.6:** “*Now these things became our examples to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted*”
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.10:** “*They were written for our admonition*”
- B. The Old Testament gives us hope through learning.
 1. **ROMANS 15.4:** “*whatever things were written before were written for our learning.*”
 2. **ROMANS 15.4:** “*through patience of the scriptures might have hope.*”
- C. The Old Testament teaches us about salvation.
 1. **2 TIMOTHY 3.15:** “*Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation*”
 2. **JOHN 5.39:** “*these are they which testify of Me.*”
- D. The Old Testament strengthens our faith. (Heb. 11; 12.1)