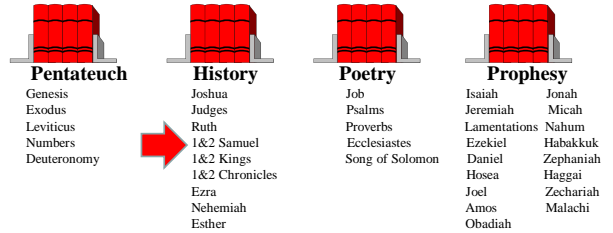


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Old Testament 39 Books



Executive Summary of Old Testament

In the 39 books of the Old Testament we see how God interacted with man to create a nation of people. Halley's summarizes this process as follows: "God created man, and placed him in the Garden of Eden, in southwest Asia. . . Man sinned, and fell from what God designed him to be. Then God inaugurated a plan for man's ultimate redemption and re-creation, by calling Abraham to found a nation through whom this would be accomplished. God led Abraham out of Babylonia into the land of Canaan. Abraham's descendants migrated to Egypt, and there grew to be a nation. After 400 years, they were led out of Egypt, under the direction of Moses, back into the Promised Land of Canaan. And there, in the course of some four or five hundred years, under the reigns of David and Solomon, the nation became a great and mighty kingdom. Then, at the close of Solomon's reign, the Kingdom divided. The North part, ten tribes, called "Israel," lasted about 200 years, and was taken captive by Assyria, 721 B.C. The South part, called "Judah," lasted a little over 100 years longer, and about 600 B.C., was carried away captive by Babylon. A Remnant of the captive nation, returned to their own land in 536 B.C., and reestablished their national life." 400 years later Christ was born.

Jesus is the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20



Old Testament Lessons Learned/Takeaways

1. A sovereign God created us, loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. (Genesis 1)
2. Man sinned and was separated from God. (Gen 3)
3. God established an agreement, a covenant, with man to restore the relationship with man. (Gen 15)
4. God uses imperfect men to accomplish His will in O.T. times and He does the same thing today
5. The importance of family. Compare to today
6. Trust God, just trust God
7. Where does God reside? How do we relate to Him?



Old Testament Lessons Learned/Takeaways

8. This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through – *Saving Life of Christ* Ian Thomas The Bible isn't about how to live your best life now
9. The Bible's influence on Western Civilization, especially on our legal system has been enormous.
10. The Old Covenant was, among other things, the law which specified a detailed list of things man had to do to be righteous. (Exodus 20)
11. Man could not keep the Law. 2 Chronicles 24:17-20



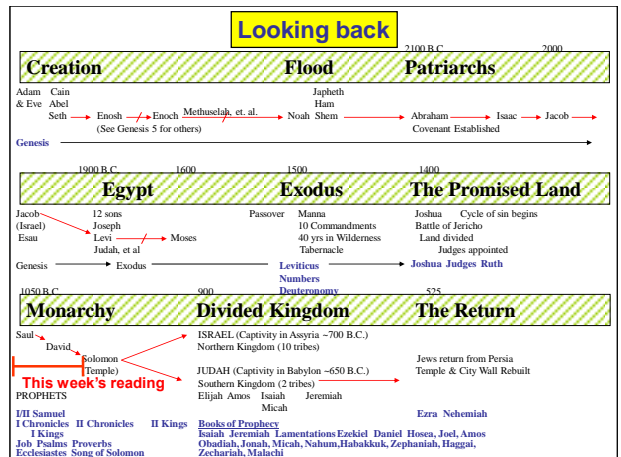
Old Testament Lessons Learned

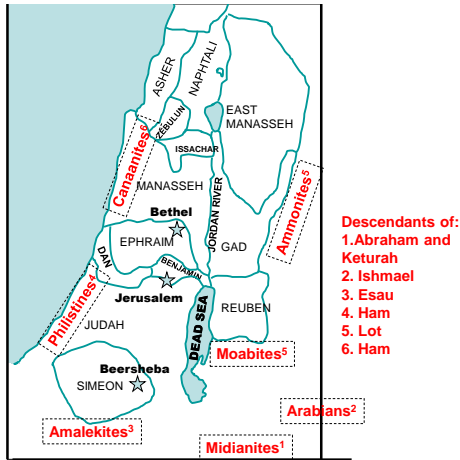
12. System of sacrifices was established to make amends for breaches of the Law. Leviticus 1-7
13. Festivals were established to remind man of obligations to God. Leviticus 23
14. Earthly kingdom established for God's chosen people. 1 Samuel 8
15. God resided in the tabernacle/temple in O.T.; resides in hearts of men in N.T. Hebrews 9
16. The O.T. creates the need for the Messiah, the Lamb of God who 1) shows us how to live and 2) died as a once and for all sacrifice for our sin. Rom 8:1-14; Heb 9:24-28



Old Testament Lessons Learned

17. Lord intercedes directly in O.T.; through us, primarily today
18. Jews living in the Kingdom before the Exile were immoral and corrupt. Similar in many respects to American culture today
19. Understanding the O.T. is essential to understanding the N.T.
20. Israelites cycle between periods of obedience and disobedience; righteousness and sinfulness

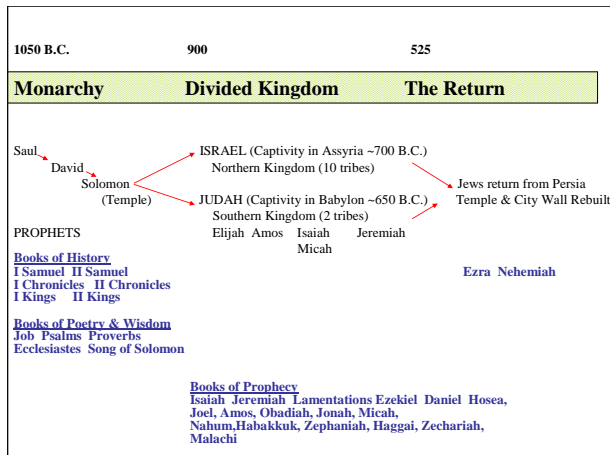




What happened In This Week's Reading

- The Reign of Saul
- David's Rise to Power
- David Becomes King
- Period of the Wars

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What does it mean?

- Where did Israel go wrong?

- **corrupted** by neighbors

- Didn't inquire of the Lord

- Didn't **trust** God "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God." Psalm 20:7

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**Similarity of Behavior
Between Christians and Non-Christians**

Behavior	Born-again	Non-Christian
Divorced	27%	23%
Volunteered	29	27
Bought lottery ticket	23	27
\$ to homeless person	24	34
Sought counseling	15	15
Filed lawsuit	3	4
Watched PG-13/R rated movie (last 6 months)	76	87
Watched X-rated movie	9	16
Donated \$ to non-profit	47	48

Source: *The Second Coming of the Church*, George Barna

What does it mean?

- b. The Christian and government
 - [Romans 13](#)
 - Non-profit status
 - Issues versus partisan politics
- c. Government benefits and liabilities
- d. Where does [personal appearance](#) figure in in our dealings with others? What's so attractive about being attractive?
- e. "To [obey](#) is better than sacrifice."



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