

**A Study in Biblical Eschatology**  
**Old Testament Promise**  
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**Introduction**

1. A Brief Personal History
2. A Warning for All

**I. The Bible is Eschatological in its Overall Framework**

- A. The heart of the Old Testament can be summed up with the word “promise”
- B. The heart of the New Testament can be summed up by the word “fulfillment”
- C. Conclusion: If we are to understand Biblical eschatology, then we must understand it in its biblical structure and contours, which means we must start with the Old Testament.

**II. The Elements of Old Testament Promise**

- A. The Promise of a Coming Redeemer
  1. The promised seed  
Gen. 3:15 - the seed of the woman  
Gen. 12:1-3 - the seed of Abraham,  
Gen. 49:10 - the tribe of Judah  
2 Sam. 7:12-17 - the seed of David
  2. The promised prophet, priest and king  
Deut. 18:15 - a Prophet greater than Moses  
Psa. 2 - a King who would rule the nations  
Psa. 110 - a King-Priest
  3. The promised Servant of the Lord  
Isa. 42:1-4; 52:13-53:12
  4. The promised Savior-God  
Isa. 7:14; 9:6; 40:3-5;
- B. The promise of the Kingdom of God
  1. God is the sovereign king over all the earth  
Psa 103:19

2. There would also be a coming Kingdom, associated with Messiah  
Dan. 2:44-45; 7:13-14
- C. The promise of the New Covenant
1. The theme of the covenant is at the heart of OT theology
  2. The OT covenants all contained promise, promise of salvation and redeeming relationship with God.
  3. However, it is the promise of the New Covenant which looks forward to a new age, a new era in God's relationship with man.  
Jer. 31:31-34
- D. The promise of the Restoration of Israel and the Inclusion and Salvation of the Gentiles  
Jer. 3:14-18; 23:1-6; Isa. 9:1; 11:10-16; 19:18-24; 56:6-8; Mal. 1:11; Psa. 67; 87
- E. The promise of the Outpouring of the Spirit
1. the outpouring of the Spirit is associated with restoration and the renewal of all things. The Spirit is life, it is the life of God among His people. Isa. 32:15-17; 44:3-5; Ezek. 47
  2. The outpouring is not just for the Jew, it is for all peoples.  
Joel 2:28-32
- F. The promise of the Day of the Lord
1. The day of the LORD is the day of judgment for God's enemies (Jew and Gentile!)  
Zeph. 1:7-18
  2. The day of the LORD is the day of salvation for God's remnant  
Joel 3:14-21
  3. The day of the LORD is foreshadowed with every acts of judgment and deliverance as a portent of THE DAY OF THE LORD.  
Isa. 13:6-16
- G. The promise of a New Heaven and a New Earth
1. This earth, cursed by sin, will also enter into redemption.  
Isa. 35:1-2, 7; 65:17; 66:22
  2. This re-creation will be the inheritance of God's people and the fulfillment of God's promise to

Abraham

**Summary on the Old Testament Promise**