

WHY STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

A. WHY SHOULD YOU STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

1. Because it is necessary to understand the Old Testament in order to correctly interpret the _____ in its _____. {Matthew 1:1; The mention of numerous OT characters in the NT such as ... _____. And remember the truth of progressive revelation {Hebrews 1:1-2}:

2. Because apart from the OT, you will not understand the biblical narrative of _____ from beginning to end and connect the dots of God's _____ to glorify Himself. {Consider OT predictions & NT fulfillments, with more to come! The correlation between the OT & NT is not only seen in God's plan of salvation for undeserving mankind, but in the future salvation of the planet.}

Genesis & Revelation

How does the bible all tie together? What began in Genesis is now ending in Revelation. Look at Genesis 1-3 and compare it with Rev 20-22

- **Genesis 1-3**
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (1:1)
- **Revelation 20-22**
"I saw a new heaven and a new earth" (21:1)
- **Genesis 1-3**
"The darkness He called Night" (1:5)
- **Revelation 20-22**
"There shall be no night there" (21:25)
- **Genesis 1-3**
"God made two great lights" (sun and moon; 1:16)
- **Revelation 20-22**
"The city had no need of the sun or of the moon" (21:23)
- **Genesis 1-3**
"In the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (2:17)
- **Revelation 20-22**
"There shall be no more death" (21:4)



3. Because the OT, like the NT, is given by the _____ and is _____ for us as church age believers to study and know. (2 Timothy 3:16-17. 2:15)

4. Because the OT has _____ that God has not changed over time.

5. Because the OT provides many negative & positive _____ for _____ to hear & heed as church-age believers in Christ. (Romans 15:4; 1 Cor. 1:1-14; James 5:11, 16-17)

6. Because the OT points you to _____ by way of prediction, analogy, and type. (John 5:39, 45-46; Luke 24:24-27, 44-46)

7. Because the OT forms the context and logic for NT _____ for both Gentiles & Jews. (Rom. 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 15:30-34; Acts 17:1-4, 22-34)

8. Because the OT is needed to understand future biblical _____ . (Matt. 24:15; Daniel - Revelation; Hebrews)

B. WHAT IS THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE STORY OF 'JOSEPH'?

The book of Genesis centers around ...

1) THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE _____ and 4 _____S (Gen. 1-11) which are

- _____ (Genesis 1 & 3)
- _____ (Genesis 3-5)
- _____ (Genesis 6-9)
- _____ (Genesis 10-11)

How long a period of time does Genesis 1-11 cover?

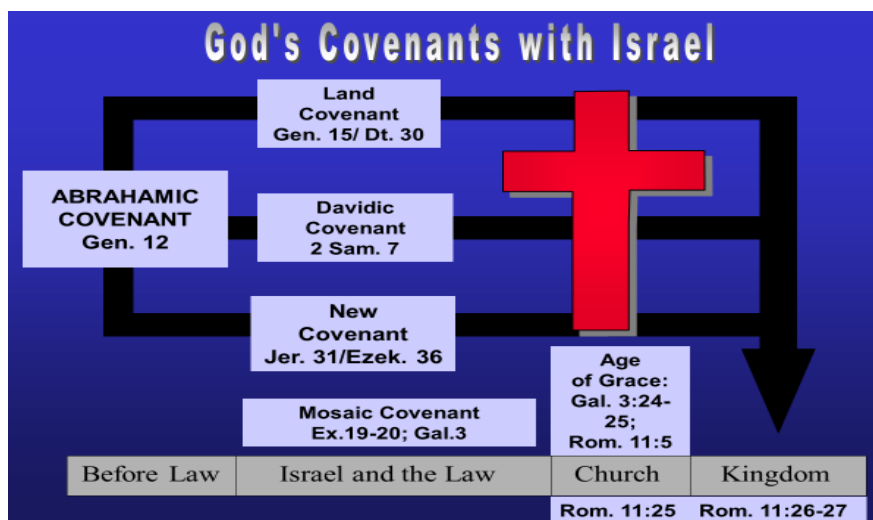
2) THE EARLY HISTORY of the FAMILY OF _____ (Genesis 12-50) and 4 _____ who are ...

- _____ (Genesi 12-20)
- _____ (Genesis 21-26)
- _____ (Genesis 27-36)
- _____ (GENESIS 37-50)

How long a period of time does Genesis 12-50 cover?

3) Why is the lineage of Abraham emphasized and explained?

- Because _____ would come through his lineage! (Matthew 1:1)
 - Because the rest of human history would be affected by the _____.
- What do you need to remember about the Bible?



4) Why is so much space in Genesis devoted to Joseph?

- Because it helps provide HISTORICALLY an explanation of how _____ His earthly people and lineage of the Messiah!
- Because this story highlights the sovereignty, grace, mercy, and faithfulness of _____ to His plan, promises, and people which would also serve as a real encouragement to _____ and _____ - like you & me!