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 **Introduction to the Old Testament**

The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed, just as the Old Testament is the New Testament revealed. The Old Testament is the implicit of the New Testament, just as the New Testament is the explicit of the Old Testament. The Old Testament in-folds the New Testament, just as the New Testament unfolds the Old Testament. In this teaching, we will gain a comprehensive walkthrough of the entire Old Testament. The Old Testament contains the Law, books of Wisdom, History and Poetry, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament contains both Writing Prophets & Oral Prophets, Major Prophets & Minor Prophets. This simply means that some books are larger than others, called major prophets while maintaining that each prophetical book is just as important and inspired as its counterpart. Further, we must always remember that the Scriptures are not just history…but ‘His-story’, and as a result, Jesus Christ is found in every Book of the Bible, in every chapter and in every verse. Jesus stated, in Luke 24:44-45, “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me”. Moreover, it is important to always remember that both Testaments are necessary for accurate doctrinal interpretation. A Biblical principle is doctrinally sound as it is substantiated by both Testaments and undergirded with co-Testament Scriptures.

**IMPORTANCE AND VALIDITY OF THE SCRIPTURES: Luke 24:44-47, II Timothy 3:16-17, II Pet 1:20-21**

**NUMBER OF OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: 39**

***Book Primary Author/Compiler Themes:***

**Genesis -** Moses - Mankind ruined, book of beginnings, origins, patriarchs, people of God established, family of the messiah established. Creation, Noah’s flood, rise of Abraham.

**Key Verse(s):** Gen 1:27, Gen 12:2-3

**Exodus –** Moses – Mankind redeemed, departure/exodus from Egypt; establishment of priesthood; giving of the law; blueprints to the building of the tabernacle. Moses’ 40 years in palace before serving the Lord, 40 years in desert in personal preparation and 40 years in wilderness as leader of Israel.

**Key Verse(s):** Ex 3:7-10

**Leviticus –** Moses - Mankind worships, detailed walk, worship, and service to the Lord; holiness taught, religious laws, civil laws.

**Key Verse(s):** Lev 11:44

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**Numbers –** Moses – Numberings, Census, Organizing, Preparing and purging them for the promise land. Rebellions, failures, judgments and events of the wanderings.

**Key Verse(s):** Num 36:13

**Deuteronomy –** Moses – Review of Journeys, rebellions, judgments, future blessings, “Second” law; repeat of the law in Covenant form; reveals love/faithfulness of God, requiem for Moses.

**Key Verse(s):** Deut 7:9

**Joshua –** Joshua – Victory, conquest of Canaan; land inheritances, dividing the land, death of

**Key Verse(s):** Joshua. Josh 1:10-11

**Judges –** Samuel – Not judicial judges but political, religious and military. Israel’s time in Canaan under Joshua and the judges. Compromise, apostasy…sin, servitude, supplication, saviors, silence.

**Key Verse(s):** Judges 21:25

**Ruth –** Samuel - History of David’s great-grandmother. God’s guidance of providence of a Gentile that trusted in the Lord and was redeemed to be a part of the nation of Israel.

**Key Verse(s):** Ruth 1:16

**1 Samuel –** Samuel - History of Samuel and rise of David (God’s man); Fall and failures under Saul (Satan’s man).

**Key Verse(s):** I Sam 8:7-9

**2 Samuel –** Samuel - History and coup, family troubles (ch 12-24) triumphs, wars (ch 1-11) of David and restoration under David.

**Key Verse(s):** II Sam 5:12 – II Sam 11:27

**1 Kings** (from man’s vantage point **–** Isaiah - History of the kings from the time of Solomon, united kingdom (ch 1-11) versus divided kingdom (ch 12-22).

**Key Verse(s):** I Kings 9:4-5 – I Kings 11:4

**2 Kings** (from man’s vantage point) **–** Isaiah - History of the kings from the time of Elisha, points to man’s inability to rule himself without God. Rise and fall of the good and evil Kings, two captivities of Israel, ch 17 under Assyria and ch 24 under Babylon.

**Key Verse(s):** II Kings 17:13-14

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**1 Chronicles** (from God’s vantage point) **–** Isaiah/Ezra – Annals of the days, genealogies (proves God not only archives importance of nation’s heritage but also love for each individual); history of David, armies, wars, ark, temple preparation, brief account of King Saul.

**Key Verse(s):** I Chron 14:2

**2 Chronicles** (from God’s vantage point) **–** Isaiah/Ezra - Divine history of the kings (ch 10-36) from the time of Solomon (ch 1-9).

**Key Verse(s):** II Chron 7:14

**Ezra –** Ezra the Scribe – History of 70 years after Chronicles, return of Jews from the Babylonian exile; rebuilding of the temple under Zerubbabel (ch 1-6), led by Ezra in (ch 7-10).

**Key Verse(s):** Ezra 6:21-22

**Nehemiah –** Nehemiah - Rebuilding of the walls (ch 1-7); Jerusalem after exile captivity, revivals and reforms after the great Ezra Bible readings (ch 8-13).

**Key Verse(s):** Nehemiah 6:15-16

**Esther –** Ezra - Deliverance of the Jews from Haman’s extermination during their captivity, loving favor and Divine sovereignty from extinction.

**Key Verse(s):** Esther 4:14

**Job –** Moses - Patience in human suffering, how and why the righteous suffer, restoration by God.

**Key Verse(s):** Job 2:3

**Psalms –** David - Song/prayer book declaring omnipotence, omniscience, providence,

provision, sovereignty and relationship of God, our personal devotional book. Outlined as Genesis book (man in view) = Ps 1-41, Exodus book (Israel in emphasis) = Ps 42-72,

Leviticus book (sanctuary in emphasis) = 73-89, Numbers book (earth in emphasis) = Ps 90-106

Deuteronomy book (word/praise of God in emphasis) = Ps 107-150.

**Key Verse(s):** Psalms 118:8.

**Proverbs –** Solomon - Divine wise sayings in proverbial form, practical living, wisdom for the young (ch 1-9), wisdom for all (ch 10-24), wisdom for leaders (ch 25-31).

**Key Verse(s):** Proverbs 3:5-6

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**Ecclesiastes –** Solomon - Vanities; worldly pursuits; vexations, mankind can have all and still be empty with God.

**Key Verse(s):** Eccl 12:13

**Song of Solomon –** Solomon - Story of Love between: Solomon and Shulamite woman;

Christ and Church; God and Israel.

**Key Verse(s):** Song of Solomon 6:3

**Isaiah -** Isaiah – Judgments (ch 1-39); comforts; salvation; restorations (ch 40-66), emphasis on monotheistic teachings and away from idol worship.

**Key Verse(s):** Isaiah 53:5

**Jeremiah –** Jeremiah - Rebukes; judgments on Judah (ch 1-45), judgments on nations (ch 46-52), backslidings; apostasy.

**Key Verse (s):** Jer 2:19

**Lamentations –** Jeremiah - Suffering for Israel declared by Jeremiah, consequences of sin, ch 1 = voice of the city, ch 2 = voice of the Lord, ch 3 = voice of the prophet, ch 4 = voice of the possessions.

**Key Verse(s):** Lam 2:11

**Ezekiel –** Ezekiel the priest – Rebukes to the Jews in captivity in Babylon, end of time prophecies; restorations, ch 1-7 = commission of Ezekiel, ch 8-24 = captivity of Israel, ch 25-32 = judgements of the nations, ch 33-48 = restoration of Israel and the coming kingdom on earth.

**Key Verse(s):** Ezek 36:24-26

**Daniel –** Daniel – Prophecies, ministries to Kings; interpretations; end of time visions of empires that rise and fall, the Anti-Christ and the Messiah, captive as a teen, lived through multiple empires in order to witness to and bring salvation to the nations.

**Key Verse(s):** Daniel 2:22

**Hosea –** Hosea - Repentance; redeeming love of God for backsliders, especially from sexual sins, parallel of the prophet marrying an unfaithful harlot and God forgiveness with Israel’s unfaithfulness and God forgiveness.

**Key Verse(s):** Hosea 3:1

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**Joel –** Joel - The day of the Lord; the Great Tribulation, destruction due to sin, restoration due to repentance and grace, end of time visions.

**Key Verse(s):** Joel 2:12-13

**Amos –** Amos - Judgments; end of time restorations, God rules over the nations, ch 1-2 = announcement of judgement, ch 3-6 = reasons for judgement, ch 7-9 = visions of judgment.

**Key Verse(s):** Amos 5:24

**Obadiah –** Obadiah - Judgments on Edom (first half of ch 1); end of time restorations and the promise of land (last half of ch 1). Parallel of wicked treatment of Esau against Jacob same as Edom (Esau) against Israel (Jacob).

**Key Verse(s):** Obadiah 1

**Jonah –** Jonah - Preacher who attempts to avoid calling and mission due to treatment of Assyrian Empire; Preacher who is guilty of bigotry, gentiles can be saved, God will change response from judgment to mercy if there is repentance.

**Key Verse(s):** Jonah 3:9-10

**Micah –** Micah - Judgments; captivity and restoration of Israel.

**Key Verse(s):** Micah 6:8

**Nahum –** Nahum - Judgment on Nineveh one generation after Jonah’s preaching and their repentance, which they did not maintain; holy vindications, teaches judgment upon the nations.

**Key Verse(s):** Nahum 1:7-9

**Habakkuk –** Habakkuk - Vindication of God’s holiness, answers question…where is God’s justice?

**Key Verse(s):** Hab 3:2

**Zephaniah –** Zephaniah – Judgments against Judah and Gentile nations; the day of the Lord; restorations.

**Key Verse(s):** Zeph 2:3

**Haggai –** Haggai - Rebuilding the temple after exile, establishing worship, joy and celebration.

**Key Verse(s):** Hag 1:4

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**Zechariah –** Zechariah – Sermons, visions and messages during the building of the Temple (ch 1-8) and sermons visions and messages after the building of the Temple (ch 9-14). End of time restorations; judgments and the coming Messiah.

**Key Verse(s):** Zech 9:9

**Malachi –** Malachi – Accusations (ch 1-2 corrupt leaders) (ch 2-3 corrupt people) (ch 3-4 faithful remnant), end of time judgments.

**Key Verse(s):** Mal 4:1-2

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