

The Big Picture

The Beginning and the Consummation

Genesis 1—3
Created for
Relationship

The Tabernacle



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John 1:14

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt (**tabernacled**) among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NASB95)

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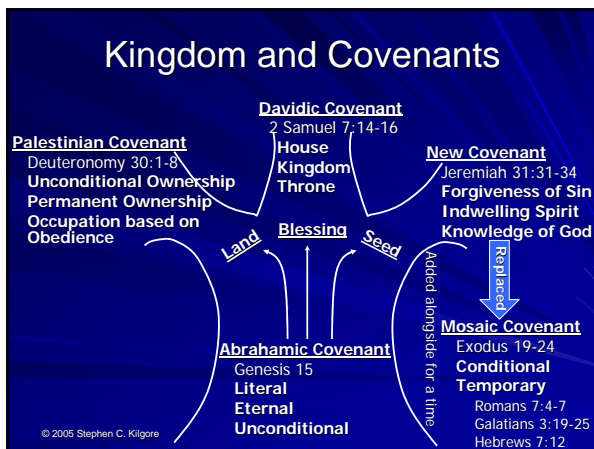
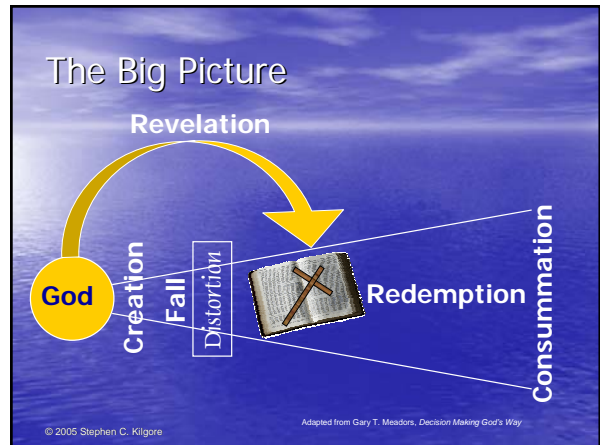
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Revelation 21
Communion with
the Creator

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; . . . 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." (NASB95)

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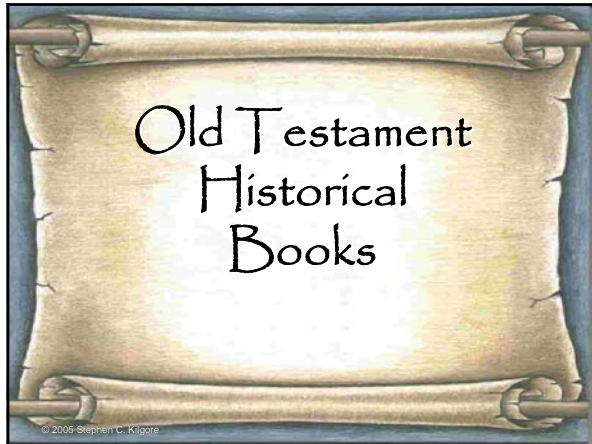


Observation

- Even in the midst of man's failure, God demonstrates mercy.

Genesis 3:21-24 The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. 22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"— 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life. (NASB95)

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Structure of the Old Testament

What do you know?

- How many books in the Old Testament?
- What are the major divisions?

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Jeremiah 18:18

The divisions of the Old Testament

Then they said, "Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah. Surely the **law** is not going to be lost to the priest, nor the counsel to the **sage**, nor the divine word to the **prophets!** Come on and let us strike at him with our tongue, and let us give no heed to any of his words." NASB

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- How many historical books?

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The Structure of the O.T.

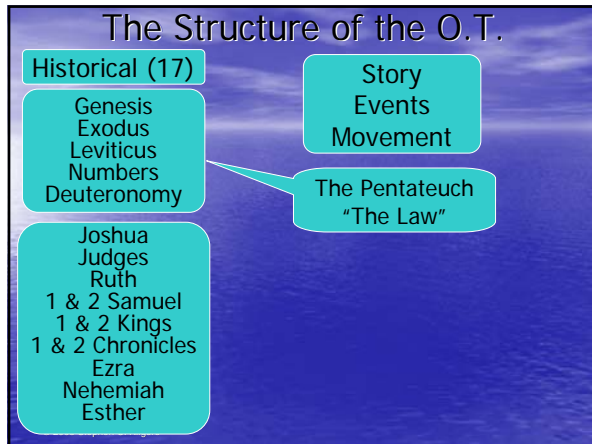
History (17)	Poetry (5)	Prophets (17)
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 & 2 Samuel 1 & 2 Kings 1 & 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Old Testament 39 Books New Testament 27 Books Bible 66 Books	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi
Story Events Movement	Songs Expressions of Emotion Mood	Sermons Expectations Messages

10 Major OT Periods

1. Creation
2. Fall and Flood
3. Patriarchal
4. Bondage and Wandering
5. Conquest
6. Judges
7. United Kingdom
8. Divided Kingdom
9. Exile
10. Return

Silence

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The Pentateuch

Development of Thought

- **Genesis 1–11**
Rebellion of creation & plan to bring blessing
- **Genesis 12–50**
Development of blessing through the choosing of one family
- **Exodus 1–18**
God reveals His power and sovereignty over nature and history

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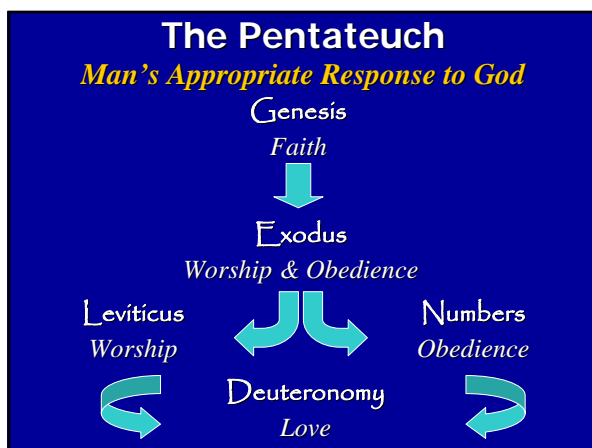
- **Exodus 19-Numbers 10**
God's covenant with Israel: how to live and how to worship
- **Numbers 11-Deuteronomy 34**
Movement from the desert to the promised land with instruction on the way

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Brief Summary of the Pentateuch

Book	Key Word	In Relation to Israel
Genesis	Beginnings	Election of the nation
Exodus	Redemption	Redemption of the nation
Leviticus	Holiness	Sanctification of the nation
Numbers	Wanderings	Direction of the nation
Deuteronomy	Review	Instruction of the nation

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Genesis

What do we learn about God?

- * **God's Character—Powerful & Sovereign**
- * **God's Role—Creator**
- * **Man's Appropriate Response—Faith**

Covenant Blessings and Curses

- Exodus 19:4-6, 8

God offers a unique relationship

Exodus 19:4-6 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. 5 'Now then, *if* you will indeed **obey** My voice and keep My covenant, *then* you shall be **My own possession** among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to **Me** a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." (NASB95)

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Covenant Blessings and Curses

- Exodus 19:4-6, 8

God offers a unique relationship

- The People's Response

- Deuteronomy 28-29**

▶ Blessing for obedience

▶ Consequences for disobedience

Exodus 19:8 All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord. (NASB95)

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Historical (17)

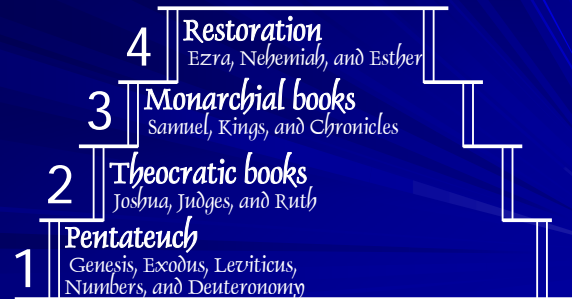
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings
1 & 2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Story
Events
Movement

"Other Historical
Book"

Division of the Old Testament Historical Books



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The book of "Maps"

- * Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel
- * In the midst of drought, where did all the water come from?



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Old Testament Poetical Books

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Poetical (5)

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

Songs
Expression of Emotion
Mood

Heart response to
"The Law"

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Poetical Books

•Types of Books

- ▶ Wisdom Literature
 - Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and some Psalms
- ▶ Poetry
 - ▶ Psalms and Song of Solomon

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Wisdom Literature

•Features

- ▶ Advice given from a wise man based on experience and observation
- ▶ Vertical Wisdom for Horizontal Living

•When reading Proverbs

- ▶ Don't Rush—Ponder the truth

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Poetry

•Features

- ▶ Touch the emotions
- ▶ To assist retention

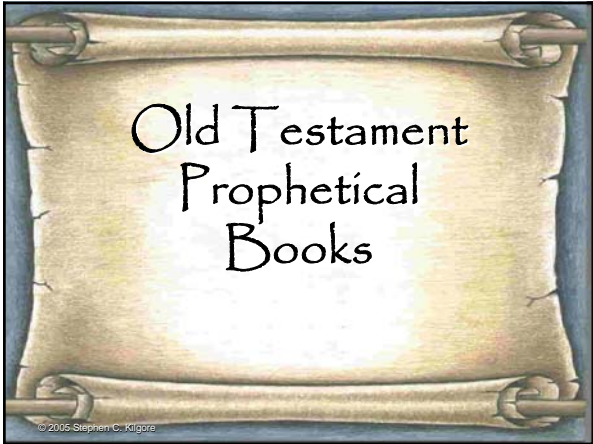
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Poetry

•When reading Psalms

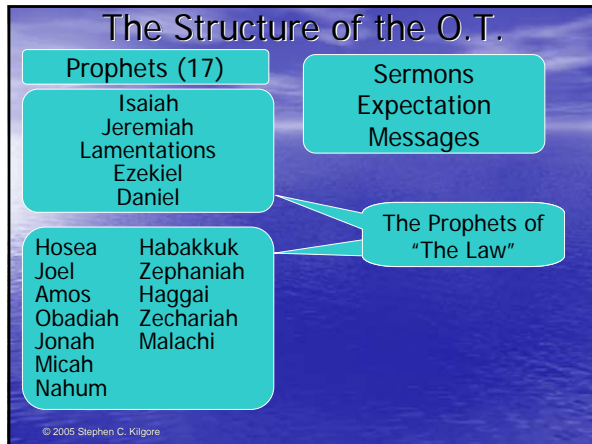
- ▶ Don't Rush—See the beauty
- ▶ Each Psalm accents one attribute of God
 - Try to determine the central theme
 - What questions and answers does it give or seek?
 - What does the poem say about man and God?
 - What emotions and imagery does the poet use?

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Old Testament
Prophetical
Books

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Prophetical Books

- What is a Prophet
 - ▶ A Spokesman for God

Deuteronomy 18:18 'I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you, and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. (NASB95)

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4 Things to Remember

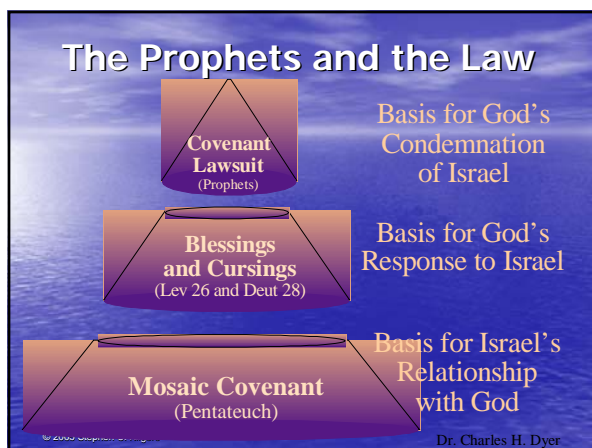
1. Difference between a priest and a prophet
 - ▶ Priests were people's representatives to God, while prophets were God's representatives to people
2. Prophets' ministry was both forth-telling and foretelling
 - ▶ Preaching
 - ▶ Predicting

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4 Things to Remember

3. The Prophets' primary message concerned human sin and God's righteousness
4. The Prophets' ministry fits into three major sections of Jewish History
 - ▶ The preexilic period
 - ▶ The exilic period
 - ▶ The postexilic period

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5 Themes of the Prophets

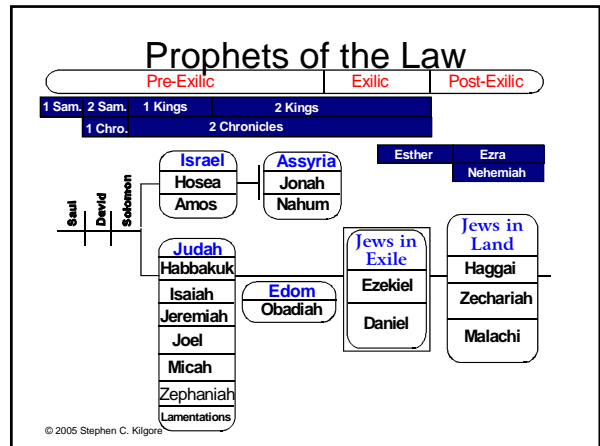
- Warning of sin
- Call for repentance
- Warning of judgment if there is no repentance
- Encouragement for the righteous remnant
- Assurance of the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, David, and others.

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Division

- Why do we have *Major* and *Minor* Prophets?
 - ▶ Relative size
 - ▶ Extent of messianic prophecies
- The major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah [Lamentations], Ezekiel, Daniel) are longer and speak more about the coming of Christ than the minor prophets

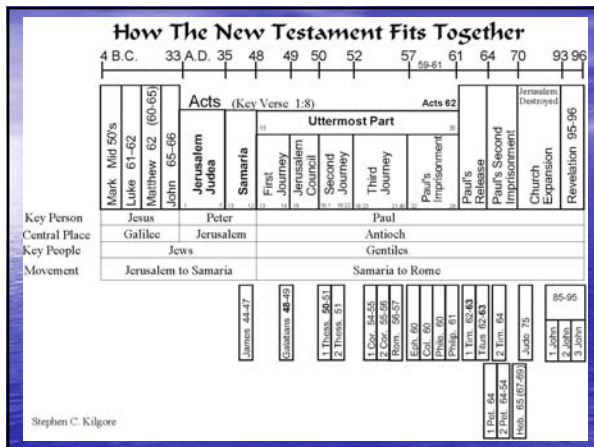
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Brief Summary of the New Testament

Type	Books	Geography	Key Individual
History	Gospels	Palestine	Jesus Predicted Messiah
	Acts	Jerusalem to the World	Peter Early Church Leader
Instruction	Pauline Epistles	Roman Empire	Paul Apostle to the Gentiles
	General Epistles		Peter Apostle to the Jews
Future Things	Revelation	World to Heaven	John Last Apostle

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The New Testament

Hebrews 8:13 When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear. (NASB95)

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Life of Christ

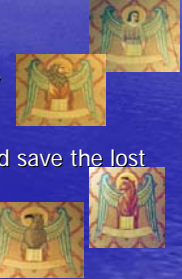
Four Gospels, One Jesus

Matthew: Promised King and Redeemer
Fulfilling prophecy

Mark: Obedient **Servant**
"gave His life a ransom for many"

Luke: Perfect Man
The Son of Man—sent to seek and save the lost

John: The **Son of God**
The "I Am"



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New Testament
The Church

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Expansion of the Church

Acts

Church
Established

Church
Expanded

Church
Extended

The Book of Acts at a glance

Chapter 1-7	Chapter 8-12	Chapter 13-28
The Church Established at Jerusalem	The Church Scattered to Judea and Samaria	The Church Extended to "Remotest parts" of Earth
Peter		Paul
Mainly Jews	Jews & Gentiles	Mainly Gentiles
2 years	13 years	15 years
City Evangelism	Home Missions	Foreign Missions

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Church Life

Epistles

Paul's Epistles

To Churches
To Individuals

General Epistles

To Churches



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General Themes and Subject Matter

- Christian Doctrine
 - Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians
 - Hebrews, 2 Peter, 1 John, Jude
- Practical Advice
 - 1 Corinthians, Philippians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 - James, 1 Peter, 2 John
- Pastoral Matters (Church Council)
 - 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
- Personal Matters
 - 2 Corinthians, Philemon
 - 3 John, (Jude)

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ABCs of Revelation

- Assurance—Victory is Sure
- Blessing—Promised to Readers
- Completeness—Prophetic Picture
- Disclosure—Major elements of end-times system
- Emphasis—Jesus Christ: Savior & King
- Forewarning—A Challenge to Transformation
 - Picture of Spiritual Warfare
 - Call to Obedience and Vigilance
- Glory—Clearest Picture of our Home

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Purpose of Prophecy

- Prophecy should Encourage and Challenge
 - Motivation for continued godliness
- Prophecy should Exhort and Condemn
 - Call to repentance and return to walking purely
- Exhortation and hope
 - Therefore we could summarize the key aspects of prophecy as
 - hope
 - based in God's faithfulness

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Book of Revelation

- Overview
 - Positive—Reflecting Blessing 1—3
 - Negative—Reflecting Judgment with God's ultimate triumph 4—22
- Revelation 1:19
 - Past: Things Seen 1
 - Present: Things Which Are 2—3
 - Future: Things to Come 4—22

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