

Biblical Theology – OT Overview

1. Introduction

a. Types of Introductions to the OT

- i. Thematic
- ii. Content Driven – Can be achieved by reading your Bible.
- iii. Hermeneutical – Properly interpreting the OT and its place in the bible

b. Presuppositions concerning the Word of God

i. The Bible is inspired

- 1. Inspiration of the Word 2 Tim 3:16
- 2. Tie with the Inspiration of Humanity Gen 1-2
- 3. Key link “breath of God”
- 4. The Bible is the only Book that is “God Breathed”
- 5. Therefore is the only book that is “Alive and Active”.

ii. The Bible is Inherent

iii. The Bible is Authoritative

- 1. We must submit to the text
- 2. We are not authoritative over the text

c. Presuppositions Concerning the Old Testament

- i. The Old Testament is only half of the Bible**
 - 1. Should be concerned with the entire canon
- ii. The Old Testament is just as Christian as the NT**
 - 1. The Gospel is contained in the OT
- iii. The Primary Author of the OT is God**
 - 1. God inspired man
 - 2. Questions are about the “level” of inspiration
 - 3. At a bare minimum God is the Majority Shareholder

2. Methodology

a. How will we approach this course?

- i. Narrowing focus to understand Context Like a picture and edge of a Jigsaw puzzle**
 - 1. The whole bible (big picture)
 - 2. The Old Testament
 - 3. The divisions within the Old Testament
 - 4. Individual books
- a. Remembering where you are will affect**

interpretation

**b. Primary Descriptive of What Exists in the
Final Form of Scripture**

- i. On what is contained in the text
- ii. No interest in extra textual discussion

**3. Basic Epistemology – Gods’ work
in understanding**

a. We need Gods help every step of the way

- i. You cannot understand the Bible without Divine Help
- ii. You Cannot believe in or obey the bible without Divine help
- iii. You cannot appropriate the bible for preaching and teaching without divine help

b. Scriptural references

- i. John 3:3 the Kingdom of God is a controlling framework
- ii. Luke 24:45 Divine illumination

**c. Goldsworth – a quantum shift in the
dynamics of our understanding – from
unbelief to faith**

d. Faith precedes proper understanding

4. Goals

- a. Outline the basic history of Israel**
 - i. Content issue
 - ii. Only dateable aspects from Abraham (2000 BC) to Nehemiah (400 BC)
- b. Describe the basic structure of the OT**
 - i. In relation to the Kannon
 - ii. In relation to the Covenant Model
- c. Summarize the basic content and message of each book in the OT**
- d. Proclaim the Christological significance of the OT message in the person of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God**