

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

THE PENTATEUCH

Lesson 5

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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

- God created man
- Man was made to be in fellowship with God
- Man fell from God

ULTIMATE FOCUS OF BIBLE

**GOD' S REDEMPTION
OF THE HUMAN
RACE**

REDEMPTION

- “Progressive Revelation”
 - As to the character of GOD
 - As to the REDEMPTIVE WORK of God
- Redemption = the Kingdom of God

REDEMPTION AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- The Kingdom of God:
- God and His people.
- The Kingdom of God in it's Old Testament form:
- Israel.

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A/K/A the “Torah” or “First Five Books of Moses”
(Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

2. The Prophets

- “Early” Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings)
- “Later” Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the “Twelve Minor Prophets”)

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Luke 24:44 – “He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the **Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.**”

OLD TESTAMENT DIVISIONS

- Sometimes just two:

The Law and The Prophets. In New Testament times the “Prophets” often included the “Writings”.

- Mt. 7:12 “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you , for this sums up **the Law and the Prophets.**

THEOLOGICAL TERM DU JOUR

The *Law* or *The Law of Moses*:

Pentateuch: The first five books
of the Old Testament

- A/K/A: The *Torah* (Dt 31:26; Josh 1:8, etc.)
- A/K/A: The *five books of Moses*

PENTATEUCH

- Covers the preparation and establishment of the kingdom of God in its Old Testament form through Moses.
- Time: creation through death of Moses
- Material covered in 5 books

5 BOOKS

1. **Genesis:** Preliminary history (Adam-Patriarchs)
2. **Exodus:** Inauguration of Kingdom of God at Mt. Sinai.
3. **Leviticus:** Spiritual organization of Kingdom of God.
4. **Numbers:** Political organization of Kingdom of God.
5. **Deuteronomy:** Recapitulation.

AUTHORSHIP AND DATE

- Moses (Ex 17:14; 24:3,1,4,7; 34:27; Num.33:2)
- Dt 31:9, 24ff - “So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests After Moses finished writing on a book the words of this law....”
- JEPD warning

POINTS TO TAKE HOME

- Learning weapon safety.
 - Divisions of Bible
 - Terms for Bible parts
 - Authorship of Pentateuch
- Learning context of God speaking to you.
 - A story of Redemption.
 - A story of the Kingdom of God.