

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

Store In My Heart

Ezekiel 1:1

Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Ezekiel received his messages from God while in the land of the Chaldeans with the exiled Jews. His message came before the fall of Jerusalem and was for both the exiles and those still in Judah. This was a very low period in the history of God's people, and his message of reassurance that God would renew his people would serve to lift their spirit. As we know, ultimately this renewal brought the Messiah and hope for all mankind through His death, burial and resurrection.

Even when it seems all hope is lost we can put our trust in God and know all is well. We would do well to let such hope guide us in our present day.



What Do We Do With The Old Testament

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It is often thought of those in the Church of Christ that they do not believe in the Old Testament. It is a fair question to ask and worthy of consideration. The Old Testament is so named by the collection of sixty-six books describing the history of early man, the creation of the nation of Israel with its laws and covenants and the history of the Israel from its glory to its downfall. The book of Genesis is a book of “beginnings” telling the story of man’s creation, his dispersion over the face of the earth and the early traces of Israel’s history through the lineage of Abram of Ur Chaldee.

Exodus unfolds the story of Israel’s leader, Moses, who would lead the people out of Egyptian bondage and then to the borders of the promised land. Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy would unfold the covenant of God with the people of Israel and beginning with the conquest of the land seen through the eyes of Joshua, the promised land would be conquered. Following the conquest the land would be settled, established with kings and destroyed in captivity because of rebellion against God.

The Old Testament is largely the telling of the Law of Moses to the people of Israel. The Law was not given to any other nation but only Israel (**Deuteronomy 5:1-3**). It is important to remember the Law of Moses (which included the Ten Commandments – **Deuteronomy 5:4-22**) was only given to one people – the nation of Israel. A man who lived

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For Our Information

John and Phyllis Jackson are both on oxygen at home as they deal with the covid variant. They are having a rough time with it.

Adene Gray is still feeling weak. She has an appointment with her heart doctor this week.

Joyce Venable has had stomach issues caused by a kidney infection.

Tonight we start in 1Samuel 17.

Wednesday at 7 pm in Galatians 4.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

in Europe during the time of David, King of Israel, was not accountable to the Law of Moses without being a proselyte of Israel. Often people read the Old Testament with the Law as if all men were accountable to the Law of Moses. They were not – only the nation of Israel.

When Christ came, He came to fulfill the law (**Matthew 5:17**) by living perfect to take away the curse of the Law (**Galatians 3:10-14**). The Law of Moses has been abolished with its commandments and regulations – including the Ten Commandments (**Ephesians 2:15; Colossians 2:14**). The **Hebrew (8:7)** writer describes the “*better covenant*” with “*better promises*” and “*if that first covenant (Law of Moses) had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second*” (Law of Christ). Paul declared we are “*delivered from the law*” in **Romans 7:6**.

As a body of law, the Law of Moses (including the Ten Commandments) is not binding today. Most people fail to see a distinction between the Old Testament as a body of law and the New Testament as a body of law. This does not suggest the Old Testament is not invaluable for the Christian because “*all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*” (**2Timothy 3:16-17**).

Romans 15:4 encapsulates the foundation of the Old Testament by reminding us of the lessons we learn from its writings (see also **1Corinthians 10:1-13**). The Old Testament tells us who God is, who we are and so many, many vital lessons for the Christians. The lessons are based on principles; not law. The law of the disciples of Christ comes from the New Testament and the New Testament alone. We serve Christ and seek authority for all we do from His law. The transfiguration clearly shows the law and the prophets are no longer binding as law (**Matthew 17:1-5**; see also **Hebrews 1:1-4**).

We cannot understand the New Testament without the Old. It is the word of God!

(I thought this a good supplement to our Galatians study. DLH)

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

