

DFI School of Ministry

Motto: Thrive in Life Through the Word of Life

Intro to the Bible: OT and NT Relationship

Introduction: Devotional

Hosea 4:6 – My people perish for lack of knowledge.

Daniel – Those who know their God shall do exploits.

Bible Facts

The Bible is made up of 66 different books that were written over 1,600 years (from approximately 1500 B.C. to A.D. 100) by more than 40 kings, prophets, leaders, and followers of Jesus.

- Reflect: 66 books written by over 40 different people over a period of 1500 years, leaving in different continents and countries in different contexts (Kings, doctors (Luke), scholars (Ezra), prophets, priests, apostles, some in prison, in the desert, in palaces, etc.
- Most of the people obviously didn't know each other (Except the apostles) but they don't contradict each other, they build on one theme – God's salvation of man with Jesus as the climax...
- If you take 2 or 3 people who don't know each other living in different times and cultures, to write on one subject...what is the probability they would agree?
- How could this possible?
2Peter 1:21 – “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.”
- Scripture refers itself as the word of God - 2Tim. 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in

righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

- Apostles refer their writings as the word of God: 2Peter 3:16 – “He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.”
- Jesus refers to the Bible as the word of God – many times...Luke 24:25-27.
 - You see why DFI doctrinal statement holds the word of God (The Bible) as the authority in all matters of life and faith,
- The Bible is about Jesus – Luke 24:25-27 – “*He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!” ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”*
- Why Jesus? His name (given before he was born) means Savior. Why? Because what the world needs the most is not more education, transformation, but salvation – restoration to Eden.

Where did the word “Bible” come from? The etymology of the word “Bible”

Derived from the Greek word “Ta Biblia”, which means “the books” or “the scrolls”, the term “Bible” was used by Christians since c.223 CE. Hellenistic Jews often used the term “Ta Biblia” to refer to their sacred books. Whilst the term “Holy Bible” came from the medieval Latin word “Biblia sacra” which directly translates as “holy book”.

NT and OT – Relationship

- The Bible has 66 books – OT – 39 and NT 27.
- OT written in Hebrew and Aramaic, NT written in Greek
 - Those were the main religions then

- Greek was the academic language...Greek empire's influence, philosophers...
- Latin was the political language coz of Roman empire – law uses latin a lot...even politics like Senate.
- Aramaic and Hebrew were religious language coz of Jewish religion.
- When Jesus died, Pilate ordered a sign written in Latin, Hebrew, and Greek: “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews” Jn. 19:10.

What is the Relationship Between OT and NT?

Matt. 5:17 – “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”

What does fulfill mean? How did Jesus fulfill the law?

Law 1. Thou shall not murder? How did Jesus fulfill that?

Law 2: Thou shall not commit adultery? How did Jesus fulfill that?

Law 3: Thou shall not covet? How did Jesus fulfill that?

Law 4: What about honor your father and mother? How did Jesus fulfill that?

Reflect: Jesus did not come to uproot the law but to get to the root of the law.

- What is the root of murder, covet, adultery?
- You have heard it was said...Do not commit adultery, murder, tooth for a tooth...

Matt 5:17 – 22

¹⁷ Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to **fulfil**. ¹⁸ For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, ***till all things be accomplished.*** ¹⁹ Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall **exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees**, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: ²² but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment; and

whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger ^lof the hell of fire.”

Matt. 15:19 – “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”

- This is getting to the root of the law. The root of every sin is an unconverted heart. That’s why Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again (Receive a new heart and spirit) to enter the kingdom of God.
- Romans 3:19 – *“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.”*

That’s the purpose of the law, to prove everyone guilty before God, to silence them and show them the need of a Savior.

Romans 3:23 – “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- Read full chapter
- Moses The Law and the Tabernacle (Temple) – Jesus.
 - Heb. 8:5 – “They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”
 - Ex. 25:40 – “And see to it that you make *them* according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.”
- Jesus: Jn. 2:19-21

Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

²⁰ Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²² Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

- **But it’s more than that...**

Romans 8:1-4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, (Not by us but in us) who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- They are fulfilled in us...righteous requirements of the law.
- In a believer, there is OT (The Law of God) and NT (Christ).
- 1 Cor. 6:19 – “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you and which ye have from God, and that ye are not your own?”

2 Cor. 6:14-19

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? ¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you^[c] are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will dwell in them
And walk among *them*.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”

¹⁷ Therefore

“Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”

¹⁸ “I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty.”

Homework for week 1

1. Name all the books of the Bible in order from Genesis to Revelation
2. Memorize 2Tim. 3:16-17