

Old Testament History



Divisions of History

- What are the Old Testament and the New Testament? Why is the Bible typically divided into these two parts? What story does each of these two parts tell? What does this tell us about the Bible story? Why does this matter?
- What is the second reasonable way to divide the Bible? Why is this a reasonable division of the entire Bible? Why can the Bible be divided in this way? What does this tell us about the Bible story? How is this significant?
- Describe the possible division of the Bible from one paradise to another. Why is this a reasonable way to divide the Bible? What does this tell us about the overall Bible history and where it is going? What difference does this make?
- How can the Bible be divided in terms of the growth of the Kingdom? What are the divisions in this scheme and what does each represent? What does this scheme teach us about the overall Bible history and where it is going? Why does this matter?
- What does each of these schemes tell us about the Bible story? How do they all fit together? Which scheme stood out to you? Why? What did you learn about the unity of the Bible history from these division schemes? What difference does this make?

5 Epochs of Old Testament History

- What are the five main epochs of Old Testament history? What are the main events in each epoch? How do these epochs develop from and relate to one another?
- Why is the prehistory epoch labeled “prehistory”? What does this NOT imply? What did God do in this epoch? Why does this matter?
- What did God do in the “patriarchs” epoch? To what does the term “patriarchs” refer? What does this tell us about his epoch?
- What did God do in the “exodus-conquest” epoch? Why is this important?
- Why is the “monarchy” epoch given this label? To what does this refer? What was God doing in this epoch? How is this significant?
- What happened in the “exile-return” epoch? What was God doing during this time? How did this epoch end? Why does this matter?
- What do these divisions tell us about the overall story and purpose of the Old Testament?

Review

Review the five epochs of Old Testament history and work toward committing them to memory.