

# Toward the New Testament



## Unity of the Bible

- Based on the unity of the Bible, what are the ways we should read the Old Testament? Why? How should we read the New Testament? Why? How will this help us understand both the Old and New Testaments better?
- How has your understanding of the Old Testament, which you have gained in this course, helped you to understand Jesus and the New Testament better? How should you respond?

## The Books in History

- How do the Old Testament books fit in the history described by the Old Testament? How does this help us understand the Old Testament better?
- What does it mean that the Old Testament story is unfinished? What does the unfinished story look forward to? What are the promises that will be fulfilled? How will they be fulfilled? Why is this significant?

## 5 Epochs of OT History

- Describe the five epochs of Old Testament history and the major events contained in each epoch?
- How has your understanding of Old Testament history grown as a result of this course? What difference does this make?
- What two additional epochs are added in the New Testament? How does your life fit into this history? How does this apply?

## Deuteronomistic Theology

- Explain the idea of Deuteronomistic Theology and how it has been demonstrated in the Old Testament. Is this still true in the New Testament? Is this still true in our current lives? Why? What difference does this make?
- How does the Old Testament prove that we cannot rely on Deuteronomic Theology? What is the reason it always fails? How should we respond?
- Is Deuteronomic Theology the only concept functioning in our relationship with God? If not, what other dynamic is involved? Why is this good news?
- What is “Crucifixion Theology”? How is it related to Deuteronomistic Theology? What are the results of Crucifixion Theology? What are the reasons these results happen? How does this answer the tension of how God can be both just and forgiving? What is the Biblical evidence for all this? How should we respond?

## Key Themes in God’s Design

- Review the four themes of SCRuB. How were these seen in the Old Testament? How were these promises left (at least partly) unfulfilled at the end of the Old Testament? How was each theme fulfilled in the New Testament? How will each be fulfilled in eternity? How should all this change our lives?
- Review God’s overarching purpose for the entire universe. How was this (at least partly) fulfilled in the Old Testament?
- How is the revelation of God’s Name advanced in the New Testament? What new Names do we learn for God in the New Testament? What is the significance of each? What does each tell us about God and our relationship with Him?

- What do the cross and resurrection reveal about God and His character? How is this related to Deuteronomistic Theology? Why is this important? How should we respond?

## The New Covenant

- What was the problem with the Old Covenant? How does the New Covenant solve this problem?
- How does Christ fulfill humanity's part of the New Covenant? Why is each of these significant? What are the results of each of these for our relationship with God? How do we experience the benefits of each?
- How does Christ fulfill God's part of the New Covenant? Why is each of these significant? What are the results of each of these for our relationship with God? How do we experience the benefits of each?
- What reason do we have to believe that the New Covenant will not fail like the Old Covenant did? Why is this important? How should we respond?

## Major Themes

- Describe each of the major promises left unfulfilled at the end of the Old Testament? How was each not completely fulfilled in the Old Testament? What were they looking forward to, which had not yet been attained?
- How is each of these themes/promises ultimately fulfilled? How did Jesus fulfill all of these themes/promises? How is He described in the New Testament to point to the fact that He fulfills them? How is He the fulfillment of all of the Old Testament and the climax of all history? How does He perfectly reveal God the Father to all humanity? What is the significance of all this? How should we respond?