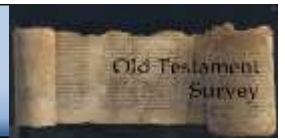




Why Study – Study Guide



Bible Reading (Other chapters may be read for extra credit/benefit)	Textbook Reading (Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)
Bible Reading	Course Handout
☐ Luke 24:13-48 ☐ 1 Cor. 10:1-11	☐ A Brief Introduction to the Old Testament - (posted on the course website)

Study Guide for Bible Reading

Luke 24:13-48

- What were the two people speaking about on the road? What did Jesus ask them? How did they reply?
- How did they describe what had recently happened? How did they describe their hopes and expectations? How did they describe the news they had received?
- What did Jesus say to them? How did He describe what they should have known? What did He use to explain these things to them? What does this tell us about the meaning of the Old Testament?
- After Jesus had revealed His identity to them, how did they describe their reaction when He was teaching them the Scriptures? What can we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How did the disciples respond when Jesus appeared to them? How did Jesus assure them?
- What did Jesus say He had told them while He was with them earlier? What did He teach them about the content and significance of the Old Testament? What did He say was the consequence of all of these things?
- Based on these two episodes, what did Jesus think about the Old Testament and its relationship to Himself? Why is that significant for the reasons we should study the Old Testament? How should we respond?

1 Corinthians 10:1-11

- What did Paul want his readers to know concerning how the Old Testament stories applied to Christ and His New Testament people?
- How did Paul say the prior history served as examples? What is the purpose for this?
- Why did Paul say these things were written down? How does this apply to us? How should we respond?

Study Guide for Brief Introduction to the OT Handout

What is the Old Testament?

- What do the books of the Old Testament reveal? What do they cover and relate? How is this relevant and important for us today?
- What does the Old Testament describe? How is this relevant and important for us today?

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The Writings of the Old Testament

- Describe each of the two ways the revelation of the Old Testament is given? How do we have access to each of these?
- How did the ancient Hebrews divide the Old Testament? What does this tell about these books and how they communicate?
- Describe the character and content of each of the groups of the Old Testament books? What does each group cover in general? What can we learn from this?
- What is the difference between the "former prophets" and the "latter prophets"?

Keys to Understanding the Old Testament

- What kinds of questions should we ask when reading the historical books? What will this help us to focus upon? What will we learn from this? How is that helpful?
- What are the questions we should ask to understand the Law portions of the Old Testament? Why do you think these questions are helpful for our understanding and application of what we are learning?
- What kinds of things should we examine when reading the prophets? How will the historical situation aid in our understanding of what the prophets were saying?
- What kinds of messages did the prophets give? Why did they need to speak that kind of message? What kind of situations were they responding to?
- Describe the "keys to understanding" the poetic passages in your own words. How do these things help us better understand and respond to these writings?
- How should we read and understand figurative language? What kinds of questions should we ask?
- What is parallelism and how does that help us understand the poetic writings? How should we read parallelism responsibly?
- What does this handout suggest we can read to help us understand the big picture of an Old Testament book?
- What are the three general questions we should keep in mind when reading the Old Testament? Why? How should we respond to what we learn from the Old Testament?

Key Concepts of the Old Testament

Relationship and Presence

- Describe what the handout means by "relationship and presence." What examples were given for this? What does this tell us about the purpose for our studying the Old Testament? How should we respond?

Covenant

- How does this handout define the idea of a covenant? Why do you think this concept is important in the Old Testament?
- How did covenants happen in the Old Testament? What was their purpose? How did they function in the lives of the people of that day? What was God's responsibility in these covenants? What was the human responsibility in these covenants? What is the significance of this?
- What are the examples of covenants in the Old Testament? What does each promise? What does each require? What does each tell us about the character and plan of God? How does this apply to us today?

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Kingship

- How did kingship function in the Old Testament? What was its purpose? How is this related to God? What do we learn from the kingship in the Old Testament? Why is this significant?

The Conclusion of the Old Testament

- What point does the handout make about the Old Testament? What does this tell us about the nature of the Old Testament and how we should read it?
- What caution does the handout give about what we should not do? Do you agree? Why or why not? Why do you think that this would be a mistake (or not)?
- What was the Old Testament pointing forward to? What does this teach us about the nature and purpose of the Old Testament? How does this help us understand the Old Testament? How does this help us understand the New Testament? How should we respond?