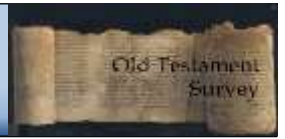




Pentateuch Intro - Study Guide



Textbook Reading

(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 3

- ☐ What is the Pentateuch?
- ☐ What is the Pentateuch about?
- ☐ What are the Overarching themes?

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 3

What is the Pentateuch?

- What is the meaning of the term “Pentateuch”? What other terms are used to refer to the same thing?
- What does the Pentateuch cover? Why is this content important?
- What is the meaning of the term “Torah”? What does this tell us about these books? Why is this significant?

What is the Pentateuch about?

- What is the Pentateuch a story about? How is it more than just history?
- What is the purpose why the Pentateuch was originally written? What difference should this make for the way we read it?
- How does the Pentateuch story start? Why?
- What does Genesis 1-11 present? Why is this significant?
- What does Genesis 12-50 tell about? How is this related to the prior part of Genesis? How does Genesis end? What difference does this make?
- What does the book of Exodus relate? How does the textbook define the word “covenant”?
- What does the book of Leviticus focus on? Why? Why is this important?
- What does the book of Numbers describe? What did God’s people primarily do in this book?
- How does the Textbook describe Deuteronomy? What did Moses communicate in this book? Why?
- How does the Textbook summarize the Pentateuch?

What Are the Overarching Themes of the Pentateuch?

Sovereignty of God

- How is the Biblical creation story different from the myths of other near eastern cultures? What does Genesis assume? Why is this significant?
- What is unique about the way God created?
- What is the meaning of the terms “creatio ex nihilo” and “fiat”? What do these terms tell us about creation? What do they tell us about God and His relation to His creation? Why does this matter?

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- How is God's sovereignty demonstrated in the rest of the Pentateuch? How does this show Him to be different from the (false) deities?

History

- What is the point the textbook makes about the Old Testament being history? How is this different from myth? Why is this important?
- How is history connected to God's working and theological truth? What does this teach us about how God is involved in our history? How should we respond?

Fallen Condition of Humanity

- What is the meaning of the term "shalom"? What does this tell us about the life Adam and Eve experienced in the garden?
- How did sin change the world? How did it change humanity and our experiences?
- What does the textbook mean when it describes humanity as "fallen"? How does this help us understand ourselves and all of humanity and its history? How does this help us understand the Bible and what God was doing throughout the Bible story? How should we respond?

Salvation

- How does the Pentateuch relate the salvation of God?
- Why did God save His people, according to the textbook? What does this tell us about God? How is this related to the other themes? How should we respond?

Holiness

- How does the textbook define and describe "holiness"? Why is this important?
- According to this section, how is grace related to law? What does this tell us about the purpose of law?
- How does the story of the Pentateuch also serve as our story? How should we respond?
- According to the textbook, how is the story of salvation in the Pentateuch similar to a Christian's personal experience of salvation? What difference does this make?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter