



Introducing the Old Testament

Week 4

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Overview of this week

- ❖ Deuteronomy and the structures of covenant life
- ❖ What do we make of the Old Testament law?
- ❖ Is the God of the OT the same as the God of the NT?
 - Developing revelation
- ❖ Continuing the story
 - 1 Samuel
 - 2 Samuel

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The Importance of Deuteronomy

- ❖ Quoted in 17 of the 27 NT books
- ❖ Over 80 references in the NT
- ❖ Jesus' temptation & Deuteronomy
 - Hungry? – Deut 8:3
 - Testing God? – Deut 6:16
 - Feel like being worshipped? – Deut 6:13
- ❖ Jesus and the lawyer
 - The first commandment is from Deut 6:5
 - The Shema



An outline of Deuteronomy (J. Motyer)

- ❖ Introducing the covenant (1:1 – 4:43)
- ❖ Expounding the covenant (4:44 – 11:32)
- ❖ Applying the covenant (12:1 – 26:19)
 - Elaborating on the 10 commandments
- ❖ Confirming the covenant (27:1 – 30:20)
 - Obey! => blessings and curses
- ❖ Sharing the covenant (31:1 – 34:12)



The Old Testament Law

- ❖ The Law (instruction!) was given to Israel so that they would know how they were to live in relationship with God.
 - Israel was called to obey God's law – God wants obedience, not sacrifice (see I Samuel 15:22)
 - Blessings and curses!
- ❖ The Law was also given so that the people of God would be set apart and marked out.
 - Badge of membership
- ❖ The Law also showed the impossibility of meeting God's standards on our own. There is a "dark side" to the law.
 - Romans 3:20 – "for through the law comes the knowledge of sin."



Christians & the Law (Stuart & Fee)

- ❖ The OT law is a covenant, but not our covenant.
 - Testament is another word for covenant.
 - We are called to obey the OT law only so far as it is restated or reinforced in the New Testament.
 - Remember though: The heart of the Law is loving God and loving neighbor.
- ❖ Some parts of the OT law (civil and ritual) have not been renewed – but part of it has (ethical)!
 - Much of Moses' sermon in Deuteronomy is an elaboration of the 10 commandments.
 - Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is an elaboration of the renewed covenant.
 - We are called to obey Jesus just as Israel was called to obey the Law of Moses.
- ❖ It is all still the Word of God!



The God of the OT and the NT

- ❖ God the Divine Warrior
 - YHWH is the King of Israel and kings lead their armies into battle!
 - YHWH is the Lord of Hosts (Lord of Armies)
 - YHWH never wanted to Israel to think that they were winning battles on their own!
 - God is on the side of his people. He has the power and will fight on their behalf!
 - Jesus is also King/Lord and will also do battle
 - Revelation 19:11-16
- ❖ All the portraits of God can be found in the OT and NT!



Developing Revelation -- forgiveness

- ❖ Unlimited vengeance
 - Genesis 4:23-24
- ❖ Precise retribution
 - Exodus 21:23-25
- ❖ Conditional forgiveness
 - Leviticus 19:17,18
 - Proverbs 20:22
- ❖ Absolute forgiveness
 - Matthew 5:38-48



Developing Revelation – life after death

- ❖ Sheol – a forbidding place of the dead
 - Psalm 6:5
 - Psalm 30:9
- ❖ The possibility of life after death
 - Job 14:14-15 & Job 19:25-27
 - Moving from a longing for life after death to see its reality
 - Justice must be done (Psalm 37:25)
 - The Books of the Maccabees (from between the Testaments)
– a hint of bodily resurrection!
- ❖ The certainty of life to come
 - John 14:2-3



1 & 2 Samuel

- ❖ The story of Israel's move to a kingdom
- ❖ Key characters
 - Samuel
 - The last judge and a great prophet
 - Saul
 - The first king
 - His disobedience led to his madness
 - David
 - Israel's great king
 - A man after God's heart – committed grievous sins

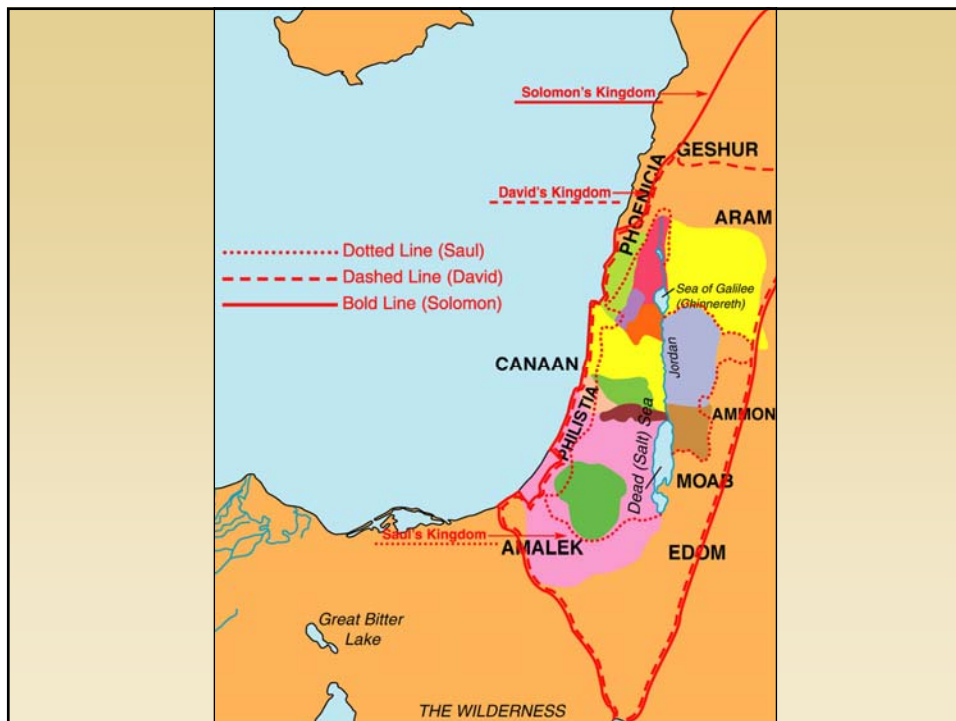


An Outline of Samuel

- ❖ The birth and rise of Samuel
- ❖ The Philistines and the ark
- ❖ The Monarchy is founded
- ❖ Saul's reign
- ❖ David arrives and rises to power
- ❖ David's successes
 - God makes a covenant with David
 - 2 Samuel 7:8-17
- ❖ David's failures

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Old Testament Timeline

