



HOMEWORK FOR November 7

Temple: Messianic Promises

Genesis 3:15; 15:1-6; Exodus 12:1-13; 19:1-6; 34:11-17; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 2 Samuel 7; Jeremiah 25:1-14; Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 24:13-35; Acts 2:16-39; 3:12-26, 4:8-12; Luke 4:16-22; Isaiah 53;

1) For each theme of our overview of the Old Testament, read through each of these passages and describe 1) how the Old Covenant points us ahead to Jesus and the Gospel and 2) how Jesus fulfilled each of these Old Testament passages.

- CREATION: Read Genesis 3:15 (then look at Colossians 2:9-15 and Revelation 20:7-12)

- ABRAHAM: Read Genesis 15:1-6 (then look at Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 and Galatians 3:2-9)

- SINAI (1): Read Exodus 12:1-13 (then look at John 1:29, Luke 22:19-20)

- SINAI (2): Read Exodus 19:1-6, 34:11-17 (then look at Matthew 5:17-19, 1 Peter 2:21-25, John 8:46, Romans 10:1-4, and 2 Corinthians 5:21)

- KINGS: Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20 and 2 Samuel 7 (then look at Matthew 21:1-11, 20:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11)

- EXILE: Read Jeremiah 25:1-14 (then look at Romans 3:9-28, 6:23; 8:1-4, Galatians 3:18-29)

- TEMPLE: Read Haggai 2:1-9 (then look at John 2:18-22, Colossians 2:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:9-17)

2) Reflect on each of these phases of the overall big picture story of the Bible that we have studied so far in this series. What themes do you see running throughout every phase? What connections do you see between them? What connections do you see with the New Testament? How does this framework help you to understand the big picture story of the Bible? How does it help you understand covenant? How do each of these different phases of the story point to Jesus?

3) Read Luke 24:13-35. What did Jesus's disciples misunderstand about Him? Why should they have known better?

4) Read Peter's early sermons in Acts 2-4 – 2:16-39; 3:12-26, 4:8-12. How do these passages connect Jesus to the Old Testament? What is Peter's view of Jesus's connection to the Old Testament? _____

5) Read Luke 4:16-22 and reflect on how you would react if you were in the congregation at the synagogue that day. What would you think Jesus was saying? What thoughts, questions, feelings, or other reactions would you have to what He said? _____

6) Read Isaiah 53 and reflect on that description of the Messiah. Which specific parts of this passage do you remember Jesus fulfilling during His life and ministry in the Gospels? What does this passage tell us about who Jesus is and why He came? _____

7) Read Psalm 22 and 16 and reflect on what they say about Jesus – who He is and why He came. Which specific parts of each passage do you remember Jesus fulfilling during His life and ministry in the Gospels? _____

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Throughout all our study of the Old Testament, we have seen how every step of the biblical story points ahead to Jesus. Studying Scripture is like peeling an onion – each time we dig deeper we discover more and more layers of meaning. The more we study the Old Testament, the more we will see just how much the promise of Jesus was woven into every little detail. All of it points to Jesus because He is the culmination of the Law (Romans 10:4).

Take some time to reflect on all that you have learned about the Old Testament story from this study. How would you explain what you learned to a young teenager or child?

Why does it matter that the whole story of the Bible is connected? What does that tell us about God and His plan? His relationship with human beings?

Reflect again on the big-picture imagery of God as Israel's faithful husband and Israel as God's unfaithful wife. What does this tell us about humanity? About God? How does it point ahead to the New Covenant?