

C.A.S.K.E.T. REVIEW

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OLD TESTAMENT THEMES:

1. The LORD'S promise that seed/offspring of the woman will come to crush the serpent's head.
2. The Abrahamic covenant (land, seed, blessing to nations, presence).
3. The Davidic covenant (the son of David leading an eternal kingdom in righteousness).
4. Continuous enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.
5. Babylon as the rebellious serpent-kingdom opposed to God's rule (Tower of Babel, Destruction of Jerusalem by Babylon...).
6. *Everyone* fails the test and is undeserving (the fall, inability to choose good over evil, individuals and nations falling into idolatry again and again in almost every story).
7. The consequence of sin is chaos and death (Cain and Abel, the flood, destruction of the Northern Kingdom, the destruction of Jerusalem and exile to Babylon...).
8. Creation and de-creation are all in the hands of God (master of the abyss/flood waters and the dry land, light and dark, life and death, nature, the affairs of mankind...).
9. The temple where heaven and earth meet (Eden, tabernacle, 1st Temple, 2nd Temple...).
10. The LORD meets with and speaks to his people from mountains (Eden, Moses on Sinai, Elijah on Carmel and Sinai...)
11. The descriptions of God's emotions regarding man, sin, creation (grief at sin, "repenting" of judgment when evil people repent,...)
12. God's loving and fear-inspiring character (merciful, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquities...but he will in no way clear the guilty)
13. Israel as God's chosen people (God's faithfulness, his love for his unfaithful bride)
14. The nations will be blessed through Israel (Jonah/Nineveh...)
15. God's sovereignty over all nations to achieve his purposes (Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus...)
16. The servant of the LORD will come to save his people (Isaiah)
17. "Barren" women and miraculous births of promise (Sarah→ Isaac, Manoah's wife→ Sampson, the Shunammite woman→ her son raised from death by Elisha, Hannah→ Samuel...)
18. A remnant of LORD'S people are always saved (Noah, the return from exile...)
19. Salvation is always and only the work of the LORD, not man [the sent servant of the LORD, Cyrus moved by the Spirit]
20. The LORD works through the morally unqualified to bring about his Messiah
21. The Day of the LORD is coming, when evil will be judged with finality and all of God's peoples, nations, and tongues will be gathered into his eternal kingdom

SCRIPTURE THEMES:

1. The Bible is a unified story leading to the person of Jesus Christ. It is not a compilation of stories about moral behavior or self-improvement.
2. The work of the Holy Spirit permeates the story of creation and redemption, i.e., hearts are moved, visions are given, and a new covenant is coming.
3. There are purposeful and repeated patterns in Scripture. These patterns require our attention as we seek to understand how God is using them to reveal His Word.



Discussion Questions for Groups

1. Which of these themes or patterns leading to Christ did you find surprising or new?
2. How are themes and patterns fulfilled in or pointing to Jesus Christ?
3. How does it feel to be diving into the New Testament after a full semester in the Old Testament? Does it feel more comfortable to you? If so, why is that?
4. How might your reading of the New Testament and the stories of Jesus be impacted by what we've learned from the Old? And vice versa?