

Introduction to the Old Testament

The Old Testament should be viewed from three different perspectives:

The _____

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The OT is a collection of _____ books.

The Old Testament is divided into five sections:

1. The _____ or the _____ (*Genesis through Deuteronomy*)
2. The _____ Books (*Joshua through Esther*)
3. The _____ Books or the _____ Books (*Job through Song of Solomon*)
4. The _____ Prophets (*Isaiah through Daniel*)
5. The _____ Prophets (*Hosea through Malachi*)

Old Testament is the rich study of God's _____, God's _____, and God's _____.

- > In the beginning there was _____, and then there was _____!
- > God made Man and Woman made in His own image!
- > The Garden of Eden is _____, but quickly becomes the location of the _____ of man!
- > Humankind begins to become more corrupt and sinful over time.
- > God judges the world with a flood, but spares one righteous man — _____ — and his family!
- > Nations grew from the descendants of Noah, but ultimately rebels again.
- > After the rebellion at the _____ of _____, the Lord scatters mankind all over the world.
- > The call of _____ to go. A new beginning for God's people!
- > Abraham's prosperity turns into Israel's slavery in Egypt for 400 years.
- > The _____ - After 430 years of exile, Moses leads Israel out of Egypt.
- > God gives Israel the Law on Mount Sinai.
- > Spies sent into promise land. Because of a lack of faith, 40 years of wandering in the desert.
- > Joshua invades Canaan. People enter promised land where they are ruled by _____.
- > Eventually kingdom is established, epitomized by king _____ and his son _____.
- > Solomon builds temple which becomes the center of people's worship.
- > After Solomon's death, the kingdom divides into N. Kingdom (_____) and S. Kingdom (_____)
- > Idolatry grows among the people.
- > The N. Kingdom (Israel) is captured by Assyria in 722 BC. Captives never returned.
- > The S. Kingdom (Judah) is captured by Babylonians in 586 BC
- > After 70 years in captivity, Israelites returned from Babylon under Ezra and Nehemiah.
- > They return to Jerusalem and rebuilds the temple and longs for the glory they once knew.
- > Malachi is the last book written. People live in anticipation for Messiah.