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**BIBLE SURVEY, PT 1—The OT (THE  
PENTATEUCH & HISTORICAL BOOKS)**

>>>>U knw—in 1971—I met a street preacher  
named Bob Eckhart in Chapel Hill, NC

>>After our 1<sup>st</sup> conversation...he gave me a B  
\*& he made me promise hm tht I'd read it

\*It was the 1<sup>st</sup> B I'd ever owned/read

ILLUST: **STILL HAVE IT—HOLD IT UP**

>>>>**BUT SEE—HERE WAS THE PROBLEM:**

\*I knew nothing abt the Bible

\*I didn't know if it was an anthology

\*Or a collection of short stories

\*Or a novel tht goes introduction/  
main body/conclusion/anticlimax

>>>So when I opened it to begin reading...I  
felt totally lost... & overwhelmed...

\*I had no idea where to start

\*I had no idea how all this stuff fit tgther

\*& thre were all these really strange wrds  
in it tht I'd nvr heard before—LIKE:

*Ecclesiastes*  
\*Romans/1 Thess/Leviticus/1 Corinthians

>>U knw—I think thre're a lot of ple like me

\*Maybe they go to church on weekends

\*& hear sermons & readings frm the B

>>>>But they really don't understand HOW B  
all fits together on a global/macro level

\*& this hinders thm from getting the  
most out of the Bible

\*\*Both in the sermons they hear

**\*\*AND** in their own pers'l B Study  
 >>**SO**—as we begin 2014—I wanta take 4 wks

**\*Two in the OT-- & two in the NT...**

**\*&** give us an overview of the books of B

**\*\*WHAT** each one is about

**\*\*WHEN** each one was written

**\*\*& HOW** they're all interconnected

title \* >>>> This kinda study is called a **B SURVEY**

>>> Tdy—gonna start in OT with **PART 1**

I-But bfore we dig into OT--let's make sure

\* we under WHY B's divided into OT & NT

\* A. "Testamnt" is just a fancy wrd fr "covnant"

\* B. Jer 31:31—"Behold, the days are coming,"  
 says the Lrd, 'whn I will mke a [say] **NEW COVENANT** with the house of Israel &  
 Judah, not like the covenant I made with  
 their fathers when I brot thm out of Egypt

\* 1.V. 33—"& this is the covnant I will make  
 with them: (1) I will put my law within  
 thm & write it on their hrt; (2) I will be  
 their Gd & they shall be My pple; (3)  
 they shall all know Me personally; (4)  
 for I shall forgive their iniquities &  
 their sins I will remember no more."

\* C. LJ est'd this **NEW COV** by his wrk on cross

✓ D. & purpose of NEW Testamnt is to explain  
to us ..the details of this New Covenant

\* E. & **SO**--the dividing line betw OT & NT= LJC

F. & we'll talk more abt **N.Cov** whn get to **NT**

G. **REM:** wht B mns whn it talks ab "Old Cov"

- \* 1. Jer 31:31—"I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel & Judah, not like the covenant I made with their fathers when I brot thm out of Egypt
- \* 2. **IOW**—the "OLD Cov"="Mosaic Cvnant"  
\*Tht Gd gave to Mo & Is's at Mt. Sinai  
\*"When He brought thm out of Egypt"
- \* 3. This is the Cov tht includes anmal sac's operation of the Tabernacle & later Tem/various othr offrings/Sabbath/feasts & fstivals/dietary (Kosher) laws
- 4. & whn the NEW Cov came--the Old Cov became supreredced/obsolete

H. **In fct**--this is the central theme of Bkof Heb

- \* 1. Heb 8:6="He (J)is the mediator of a btrr covenant which has been enacted on better promises
- \* 2. V. 7-"For if there had been nothing wrong with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cov (Sinai), there wld' ve been no need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> one."
- \* 3. V. 8-"But Gd said (Jer 31), 'Behold, the days are coming when I will make a NEW Cov with the house of Israel & Judah, ~~not like the one I made with their fathrs when I brot thm out of Eg~~
- \* 4. V. 13-"By calling this covnant 'new,' Gd has declared the 1<sup>st</sup> one obsolete"

\* J. **SUMARZE:** The "Old(Mosaic/Mt. Sinai) Cov"

may or may  
not say  
this part.

was <sup>decommissioned</sup> laid aside when J inaugurated the "New Cov" on the cross

- \* 1. **BUT**—very impt—the 39 bks of OT deal w/far more thn jst "Mosaic Cov"
- \* 2. They're all divinely-inspird Scriptures
- \* 3. Tht hve enormous value fr our lives tdy
- \* 4. Rom 15:4—"Fr wht was written in earlier times(OT)was writtn fr our learning, tht, thru the encouragmnt of the [OT] Scriptures, we might have hope."

L. & this is why we as F's still study OT tdy!

## H- SO LET'S TALK NOW ABT THE OT

A. As U can see frm the chart we gave U...OT is divided into 3 broad sections

- \* 1. The **HISTORICAL** books of OT
- \* 2. The **PROPHETIC** books of OT
- \* 3. The **POETICAL** books of OT

B. Tdy—we wanta deal with **HISTORICAL** bks  
[NXT WK—D.V.—WE'LL DEAL W/OTHERS]

\* C. The Hstrical Bks fall into 4 major categries

### \* D. Category #1- The PENTATEUCH

- \* 1. The Pntateuch consists of 1<sup>st</sup> 5 bks of B  
\* Gen/Exodus/Levit/Numbrs/Deuton'y  
\* ALL OF WHICH were writtn by Moses

2. IN FCT--this is wht "PENTATEUCH" mns

\* "PENTA" = "FIVE"

\* "TEUCHOS" = "BOOK"

✓ 3. Jwsh ple call it "the Torah"(lit: "Law")

\* 4. The PENTA begins wth Creation & ends

(References insert)

with the solidly est'd nation of Is on the verge of conquering the PL--1400BC  
ILLST: SO--PENTA is sorta like a "big funnel"

\*It begins by telling us ab ALL of mankind  
\*& it ends by focusing our att'n onto one specific pple grp of pple: JWSH PPLE

APPL: & THIS IS SO IMPT FOR US TO UNDER

\*Tht B is not meant to be a cmprehensive history of the univ/or of all mankind

\*It's meant to be the history of Gd's

"plan of salv" for hmn race

\*Frm the Fall of A&E in Garden—which caused us to NEED a "pln of salv"

\*To the finished wrk of Chst on cross—which consumated Gd's "plan of slv"

\*& thrfre—this is WHY—B is basically a history of the Jwsh pple ONLY

\*Bec it was thru thm tht Gd prmised to send the Messiah...

\*Who wld establish His plan of salv

ILLUST: ONE OTHER IMPT THING TO NOTE

\*It's also here in PENTA—tht we find the details of "Old(Mo/Sinai) Cov" laid out

\*The animal sac's/Tabernacle/Sabbath/dietary laws(kosher)/feasts & festivals

\*Espcially in the Bks of Lviticus & Num

\*E. Category #2--Pre-Monarchial HIST'L BKS

\*1. "Pre-monarchy" is just a fancy wrd fr the time bfore Is had a monarch(king)



\* 2. These are Bks of Joshua/Judges/Ruth

3. Covering the yrs 1400BC-1050BC

[LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT EACH BK]

#### 4. BOOK OF JOSHUA

\*Records the conquest of PL (Canaan) by the Is's after Exodus + 40 yrs

\*Covrs roughly 50yrs(1400-1350 BC)

\*By the end of Bk of Joshua, Is's have basically taken control of Canaan

#### \* 5. BOOK OF JUDGES

\*Records 300 yr period(1350-1050BC)

(1) after the death of Joshua; (2) until Saul became Is's 1<sup>st</sup> king

\*Jdg 17:6-"At tht time, thre was no king in Israel; & every man did what was right in his own eyes"

\*It was a x of TERRIBLE instability in Is

\*Jdg 2:12-"They forsook the Lrd...& in His anger, the Lrd handed them over to raiders who plundered thm..."

\*V 18-"Thn the Lrd raised up judges to deliver thm...for the Lrd felt compass fr thm as they groaned under those who oppressed & afflicted them"

\*V. 19-"But as soon as the jdge died, the ple wld turn bck to their corrupt ways

\*& this "SEE-SAWING" went on fr 300yrs

#### 6. BOOK OF RUTH

\*Bright little light in all this sp darkness

\*Stry of gdly man(Boaz)& gdly wn (Ruth)

\*The book has two purposes:

\*\*1<sup>st</sup>-to shw us tht in spite of Is's awful sp cond during the period of the judges—ple who lvd Lrd still arnd

\*\*2<sup>nd</sup>-to tell us ab the lineage of very impt man in Gd's plan: David (great-grndsn of gdly Bo/Rth)

\*F. Category #3—MONARCHIAL HIST'L BKS

\*1. "Monarchial"=whn Is had mnrchs(kngs)

\*2. These are Bks of 1&2 Sam/1&2 Kings/1&2 Chronicles

3. & they cover the yrs 1050BC-586BC

[LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT EACH BK]

4. BOOKS OF 1 & 2 SAMUEL/1 CHRON

\*Records the 80 yrs frm 1050-970BC

\*Basically the reigns of K Saul & K Dvd

\*Also rcrds massively impt Dvidic Cov

\*\*Where Gd promised Dvd tht the Mess wld be Dvd's direct desc't

\*\*As indeed the LJC was!

\*2 Sm 7:2 (to Dvd) - "Whn yur days are over & U rest with yur fathrs, I will raise up yur descendant, who will come from your own line, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever"

\*5. BOOKS OF 1 & 2 KINGS/2 CHRON

\*Record the 385 ys frm 970-586BC

\*Begin w/reign of Dvd's son Solomon  
over ALL of the 12 tribes of Israel

\*Thn tell hw nation split in 2(930BC)

\*\*NK (10 tribes)—called "Israel"

\*\*SK(Judah&Benj)—called "Judah"

\*Thn record the hist of both nations

\*ISRAEL—(930BC-721BC) whn the

map \* Assyrian Emp cnqured(Sargon II)

\*\*Ass'ns exported almost all Jews

\*\*Imported pple frm rest of empire

\*\*Intermarriage = "Samaritans"

\* JUDAH—(930BC-586BC) whn the

Baby'n Emp (Nebu) conquered

\*\*Destroyed Jerusalem & its walls

\*\*Burned dwn Solomon's (1<sup>st</sup>)Tem

\*\*Carried Jews captive to Babylon

[LEADS US TO FINAL GRP OF HIST BKS]

G. Category #4—POST-EXILIC HIST'L BKS

\* 1. "Post-exilic" is just a fancy wrd fr time  
after the Babylonian Exile (586BC)

\* 2. These are Bks of Ezra/Nehemiah/Esthr

1. They cover the yrs 538BC-c. 400BC

map \* The Bablon'n Empire has collapsed

\* The Persian Empire now rules MEast

[LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT EACH BK]

4. BOOKS OF EZRA & NEHEMIAH

\* Record the return of Jwsh pple frm  
Baby'n bck to Jeru in "3 WAVES"

\* "WAVE #1"-538BC—(42,360 pple)



led by a man named "Zerubbabel"

\*\*It's recounted fr us in Ezra 1-6

\*\*Succeeded in re-bldg Tem(2<sup>nd</sup>)

\*\*But much smaller & less glorious

\*"WAVE #2"-458 BC (80 yrs later)—whn  
Ezra the Priest led a 2<sup>nd</sup> grp of Jews bck

\*\*Ezra led a great sp revival among all  
the Jewish returnees in Jerusalem

\*\*It's recounted for us in Ezra 7-10

\*"WAVE #3"—445 BC—Nehemiah was  
made gov of Judah by Persian K Artax

\*\*Allowed to rebuild the walls of Jeru

\*\*Recounted fr us in Neh 1-13

\*5. FINALLY—BK OF ESTHER (c. 475BC)

\*Whch rcrds Gd's wndrful delivrance  
of Jwsh ple in Prs'n Em frmHaman

\*Bec of the courage of Esthr/Mordecai

\*H. & HERE—OT GOES SILENT FOR 400 YRS

\*1. We enter the "Inter-Testamental" period

\*2. Bec it's "inter" (between) the OT & NT

3. Lots hppnd during this x—secular rcrds

4. But no more "divine revelation" until LJ

\*III- SO WHAT? \*blank

\*A. As Rm 15:4--all we've seen frm OT tdy is full  
of "instruction&encouragmnt & hope fr us"

B. But let's pick jst one such exmple, shall we?

\*C. & tht is the faithfulness Gd showed to His  
ple Israel (throughout OT) in spite of their  
repeated unfaithfulness to Him

## D. LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE

E. Deut 7:6—"For the Lrd yur Gd has chosen U

\* out of all the pples on the earth to be a pple fr His own possession."

1. V 7—"The Lrd did not set His love on U or choose U bec U were more in number thn any of the pples on earth, for U are the fewest of all pples.

\* 2. V. 8—"But bec the Lrd loved U & was [SAY]faithful to the oath tht He swore to yur forefathers (Ab/Is/Jcb)."

\* 3.V. 9—"Know, thrfore, tht the Lrd yur Gd is the[SAY]faithful Gd--who keeps His cvenant & lvgkndness to 1000<sup>th</sup> gener

F. & even aftr the Jwsh pple provoked Gd to anger x after x after x in OT...

\* 1.Resulting in His discipline by Bab's/Neb

2. He still remained faithful to them

\* 3.Ps 137:1—"By the rivers of Babylon, we sat dwn & wept, whn we remem'd Zion

\* V. 3—"Fr there our captors demanded tht we sing songs of joy fr them; thy said, 'Sing us the sngs of Zion'

\* V. 4—"Hw can we sing the Lrd's songs while in a foreign land?"

4.Ahhh—but rem—it didn't end there

\* 5.Ps 126:1—"Whn the Lrd brot back the captives to Zion (undr Zb/Ez/Neh), we were like those who dream"

\*V 2-“Our mouths were filled w/laughter  
& our tongues with songs of joy”

\*V. 3-“The Lrd has done great things  
for us, for which we are glad”

6. & even when Jews rejected their Mess

\*& Gd again disciplin'd & dispers'd them

\*Once again--He still remain'd faithful

\*& here we are today—with the Jewish people  
back in the land Gd promised them

\*H. As Rm 15:4 says: “These things were written  
for our learning...encouragement...hope”--AS F's

J. & what are we supposed to “learn” from this

\*1. Supposed to learn what 2 T 2:13 says (as F's)

“Even if we are faithless, Gd remains  
faithful; He cannot deny who He is”

✓ 2. & who is He? =(Deut 7:9)“He is the  
faithful Gd who keeps His covenant &  
lovingkindness to the 1000<sup>th</sup> generation”

\*3. He's the Gd who's kept on forgiving &  
restoring Is to this very day—in spite of

4. WHY? Bc this=part of His innate charac  
which B says He can never deny/violate

K. I don't know about U—but this is the kind of  
Gd that I desperately need!

1. Bec I'm always--doing unfaithful things/  
saying unfaithful things/thinking unfaithful

2. AND SO ARE YOU!

\*L. How great is it to have a Gd who “remains  
faithful”??!!

**CONCLUSION...AS F'SO.IC...NVR FORGET:**

>>>>Rsn U/I going to hvn = bec we have a  
 Gd who "remains faithful"  
 >>>Rsn our prys get ans wrd = bec we hve...  
 >>>Rsn our needs on earth get met = bec we...

\* >>>Rsn "Surely goodness & mercy will flw me  
all the days of my life, & I will dwell in the  
house of the Lrd forver"=bec[**SAY**] we hve  
 a Gd who "remains faithful"

>>>& as F's--if this great truth doesn't bring  
 hope & enrgmnt to our lives tdy—don't  
 knw wht will!