

A close-up photograph of a dark, textured book cover, likely leather or faux leather. The words "Holy Bible" are embossed in a gold, gothic-style font. The cover has a pebbled texture. In the bottom right corner, a portion of a wooden object with circular holes is visible, possibly a chair or a decorative element. The lighting is warm and focused on the text.

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- There are four levels of understanding and use for the Old Testament:
  - Direct messages to immediate audiences
  - Prophetic messages for future Israelites
  - Prophetic messages regarding the Messiah and Kingdom
  - Counsel, admonition, and applications for Christians

# Direct Messages To Immediate Audiences

- Ex. 20 - The immediate audience of the Ten Commandments are the Israelites in the wilderness
- Isaiah wrote directly to Israelites of the 8th to 6th centuries
- Judah and Tamar - Gen. 38
  - We cannot hold Judah accountable to the Law of Moses or the Law of Christ
  - They lived under the Noahide Law during the Patriarchal dispensation

# Prophetic Messages For Future Israelites

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- The Sabbath

- In Genesis 2:2-3, God rested from His creation on the seventh day
- In Exodus 20:9-11, this is applied to the Israelites, establishing the seventh day rest
- Hebrews 4:1-11 shows that the Sabbath rest of the Israelites was the shadow of the true Sabbath rest of Heaven

# Prophetic Messages Regarding The Messiah And Kingdom

- Luke 24:27 - "And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself"
- Acts 17:2-3 - "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

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- Acts 18:28 - "For he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ."
- Rom. 1:2-5 - "...which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name"
- Acts 8:27-35

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- Types
  - Col. 2:17 - “Which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.”
  - 1Cor. 10:4 - “And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.”

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- Moses was a type of Christ
  - Deut. 18:15-19 - “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, 16 according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' 17 And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. 18 'I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.”

# Prophetic Messages Regarding The Messiah And Kingdom

- Prophecies represent a prophet's foretelling the circumstances of Jesus' life
  - Born of a virgin - Isa. 7:14
  - Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2
  - To suffer and die - Isa. 53; Psalm 22
  - To rise on the third day - Jonah 1:17; Hosea 6:2
- Gal. 3:19-25

# Counsel, Admonition, And Applications For Christians

- The Old Testament is not a source of covenantal doctrine for the Christian dispensation
  - Eph. 2:11-16
  - Col. 2:14-17

# Counsel, Admonition, And Applications For Christians

- There are many uses for the Old Testament
- The Old Testament is designed to give us instruction
  - Rom. 15:4 - “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”
  - 1Cor. 10:1-11

# Counsel, Admonition, And Applications For Christians

- The Old Testament is full of instruction about the nature of God, serves to illustrate many of the commands in the New Testament, and teaches volumes of wisdom
  - Warning about making small changes to God's will? Consider Jeroboam the son of Nebat - 1Kings 12
  - Warning about not fully reforming? Consider Jehu - 2Kings 9-11
  - Hebrews 11 offers examples of faith that can build us up and move us

# Counsel, Admonition, And Applications For Christians

- The Old Testament is profitable to reinforce New Testament doctrine
  - 2Tim. 3:15-17
  - 1Cor. 9:6-9 - Paul uses the OT to reinforce his right to be paid to preach the Gospel
  - 1Cor. 14:34 - Refers to the Law to teach that women are to be silent in the church
  - 1Tim. 2:11-15 - Paul refers to Noahide Law to teach about women's subjection
- The OT is essential to our understanding and teaching. For this reason, it is imperative that we read and study it