

Old Testament Series

“Gleanings from the Pentateuch”

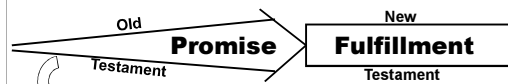
How not to read the Bible

- As a book of verses
- As a collection of stories
- As a dictionary of topics
- As a collection of books

How to approach the Bible

- As one book, with one author, that presents one, unfolding story.
- Jesus is the central figure of this unfolding story

“...all things that are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” (Luke 24:44)



- OT Revelation
 - Historical progression
 - Inter-connected
 - Forward-directed

Unifying Theme

- The Kingdom of God

➤ *“God’s people in God’s place under God’s rule and blessing.”*

(G. Goldsworthy)

Unifying Theme

KINGDOM THEME	PASSAGE
The Kingdom Modeled	Genesis 1-2
The Kingdom Lost	Genesis 3-11
The Kingdom Promised	Genesis 12-50
The Kingdom in Part	Exodus – Eccl.
The Kingdom Prophesied	Isaiah – Malachi
The Kingdom Inaugurated	Matt. – Rev. 20
The Kingdom Consummated	Rev. 20-21

“The Pentateuch” (Genesis – Deuteronomy)

- **Other Names:**
 - “The Book of Moses”
 - “Law of Moses”
 - “The Law” (torah)
- **Written as a single book**
 - A five-part book
 - An “unfinished” story

“The Pentateuch” (Genesis – Deuteronomy)

- **Background:**
 - *Author:* Moses (~1400 B.C.)
 - *Audience:* the nation of Israel before they enter Canaan
 - *Purpose:* to teach Israel about their God, their origin, and their future

Psalms 19:7-9

The law of the Lord is perfect,
restoring the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true,
they are righteous altogether.