

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION 1

A. The Old Testament as Part of the Word of God

1. Apostles made a clean break with the worship system of the Old Testament.
2. The same men retained the Old Testament as a revelation of God.
3. About 80% of what we call the God's Word. His communication to us, is Old Testament. We do well to take the time to listen to what He says.

B. What is our study plan?

Great danger of disappointment:

1. Old Testament is vast.
2. Favorite parts will be left out.

Four words to help us see where we are going:

1. SURVEY- *This is only a survey.*
 - The Bible speaks to us on every level of study.
 - This is the broadest study. We want to understand the "lay of the land."
 - If we do this well you will be able to go back and fill in the

extensive gaps.

2. CONTENT- We are asking "What does the text say?"

- This is not a study of apologetics- not a defense of the Word.
- I will assume the text is true.
- This is not an Old Testament Introduction
- Clarity- The message of the Word can be understood by taking the text at face value.

3. DEVOTIONAL

- 2 Tim. 3:14 -
 - The Old Testament gives wisdom that leads to knowledge of Christ.
 - Profitable for
 - Teaching
 - Reproof
 - Correction
 - Instruction in Righteousness
 - For Timothy first and then for those to whom he ministered.
- We are looking for God's Word to our lives.

4. SYNTHESIS

- Bring the Old Testament together,
- See how God has created a comprehensible revelation of

Himself and His plan for us.

C. How should you participate?

- This is designed to be a guided tour, not a travelogue.
- This is not an exploratory trip.

D. The Old Testament was written with you in mind.

- You need to know what it says.
- In the Old Testament, God is communicating with you.

