

“IS THE OT FOR TODAY?”
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Have you ever wondered about some of commands in the OT? Why do we observe some and not others? What about the laws regarding food, clothing, Sabbath, etc? What about the 10 commandments? Murder, Adultery, Lying, Stealing? We are not the 1st to ask this question. When Jesus came, people began to wonder was He doing away with the OT and creating a new way of living or what?

II. WHAT IS THE OT? (v17a)

- a. Law and the Prophets
 - i. Law 1st Five Books of the OT, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
 - ii. Prophetic books and the historical books of the OT basically tell the story of the struggle of the Jews to keep the Law. Their wanderings from obedience to the Law and their occasional return to the Law.
- b. The Law
 - i. *“We can divide the law of God into three parts: the moral law, the judicial law, and the ceremonial law.*
 - 1. *The moral law was for all men,*
 - 2. *the judicial law was just for Israel*
 - 3. *the ceremonial law was for Israel's worship of God.*
 - ii. *the moral law encompasses all men, it is narrowed down to Israel in the judicial law, and to the worship of Israel toward God in the ceremonial law.*
 - iii. *The moral law is based in the Ten Commandments, the great moral principles laid down once and forever. The rest of the moral law is built upon that.*

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- iv. *The judicial law was the legislative law given for the functioning of Israel as a nation, and that's very important. In other words, God said to Israel, "I want to set you apart from the rest of the world to be different and unique, so you'll have judicial laws. That means you will live with each other and the nations around you in a different way." This law was to govern their behavior.*
- v. *Thirdly, the ceremonial law dealt with the temple ritual and the worship of God.” – John MacArthur*

c. The Prophets:

- i. All throughout the prophetic books of the OT there is the recurrent theme of the coming Messiah. Over 300 prophecies about the coming of the Messiah.

III. THE OT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS “Did not come to Destroy but to Fulfill” (v.17b)

a. The NT tells us that the OT is all about Jesus:

- i. Road to Emmaus Jesus said
 - 1. *Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*
- ii. Then:
 - 1. *Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.’”*
 - 2. *John 5:39 (NKJV) You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

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3. *Matthew 5:17 (NKJV) “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*
 4. *Luke 24:44 (NKJV) Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.”*
- b. In Genesis, He is the seed of the woman. In Exodus, He is the passover lamb. In Leviticus, He is the high priest. In Numbers, He is the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night. In Deuteronomy, He is the prophet like unto Moses. In Joshua, He is the captain of our salvation. In Judges, He is the judge and lawgiver. In Ruth, He is the kinsman redeemer. In I & II Samuel, He is the trusted prophet. In Kings and Chronicles, He is the reigning king. In Ezra, He is the faithful scribe. In Nehemiah, He is the rebuilders of the broken wall. In Esther, He is the Mordecai. In Job, He is the ever-living redeemer. In Psalms, He is the Lord our shepherd. In Proverbs & Ecclesiastes, He is true wisdom. In Song of Solomon, He is the true lover and bridegroom. In Isaiah, He is the prince of peace. In Jeremiah and Lamentations, He is the weeping prophet. In Ezekiel, He is the wonderful four-faced man. In Daniel, He is the fourth man in the fiery furnace. In Hosea, He is the eternal husband, forever married to the backslider. In Joel, He is the baptizer with the Holy Spirit. In Amos, He is the burden-bearer. In Obadiah, He is the Savior. In Jonah, He is the great foreign missionary. In Micah, He is the messenger with beautiful feet. In Nahum, He is the avenger. In

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Habakkuk, He is God's evangelist pleading for revival. In Zephaniah, He is the Lord mighty to save. In Haggai, He is the restorer of the lost heritage. In Zechariah, He is the fountain opened in the house of David for sin and for cleansing. In Malachi, He is the sun of righteousness arising with healing in His wings.

IV. CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OT

- a. Galatians 3:21-29
 - i. Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ
 - 1. Example of Word Problem. The characters in the Word Problem are not the focus but the Mathematical Truth taught by the word problem.
- b. Moral Law – Prophet- By His Life He did what none could do He lived out the Moral Law. Romans 10:4-13
- c. Ceremonial Law – Priest- By His Death – Hebrews 10:19
- d. Judicial Law – King – Israel rejected the Rightful King. He is now the King of a Spiritual Kingdom, remember His words to Pilate. My Kingdom is not of this world.
- e. The Prophets – He is the fulfillment of every OT Prophet. His is the focus of all their messages.