

Bible Themes

The Bible's Coherency: One Voice and One Main Message

Despite 40 different authors ...

Despite 2000 some years of time between them ...

Despite cultural differences as alien to each other as to us today ...

Despite the rise and fall of empires and the march of the ages ...

The Bible speaks to us in One Voice! The Voice of God!

The Bible speaks to us of One Main Continual Theme:

An open Bible with glowing pages, set against a dark background with a soft purple and blue light behind the book. The pages are filled with text, and the book is open to a central page.

The Scheme of Redemption

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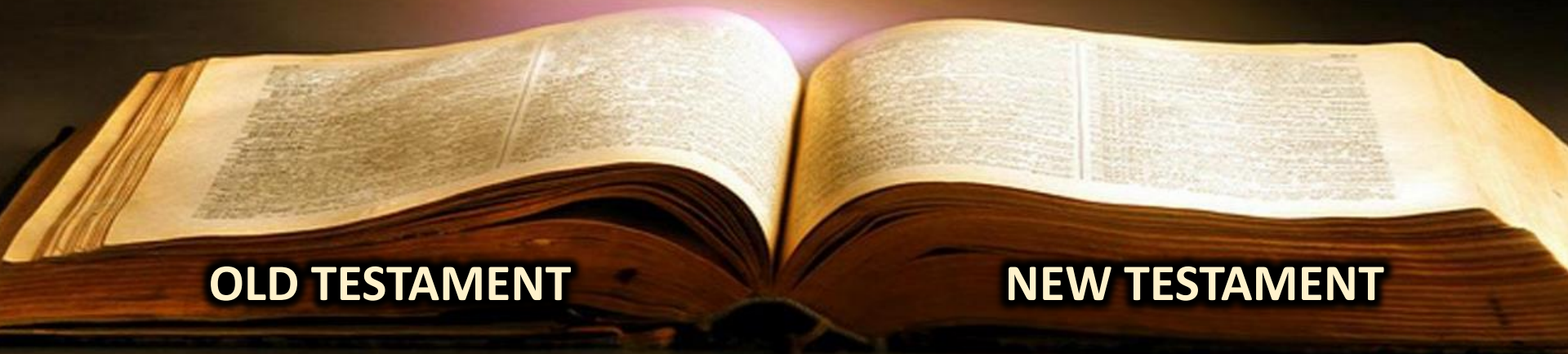
We will study several themes of the Bible in this class.

Much of this will be comparison and contrast of the two testaments.

All of the themes relate back to the Scheme of Redemption.

**Generally speaking, how would you describe the differences
between the Old and New Testaments?**

Generally speaking, how would you describe the similarities?



OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

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OLD TESTAMENT

Physical Emphasis

NEW TESTAMENT

Spiritual Emphasis

Example: Physical Blessings

Deut 29:9 "So keep the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. (NAS)

Example: Spiritual Blessings

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (NAS)

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OLD TESTAMENT

God Deals Mainly With
A Chosen People

NEW TESTAMENT

God Deals Mainly With
The Church

Deu 7:6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. (NAS)

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (NAS)

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The Law is Given

NEW TESTAMENT

The Law is Fulfilled

Psa 19:7-8 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. (NAS)

17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. (Mat 5:17 NAS)

READ: Rom 3:19 -31



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Predicts a Messiah

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (NAS)

Isa 9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (NAS)

Luke 1:32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end." (NAS)

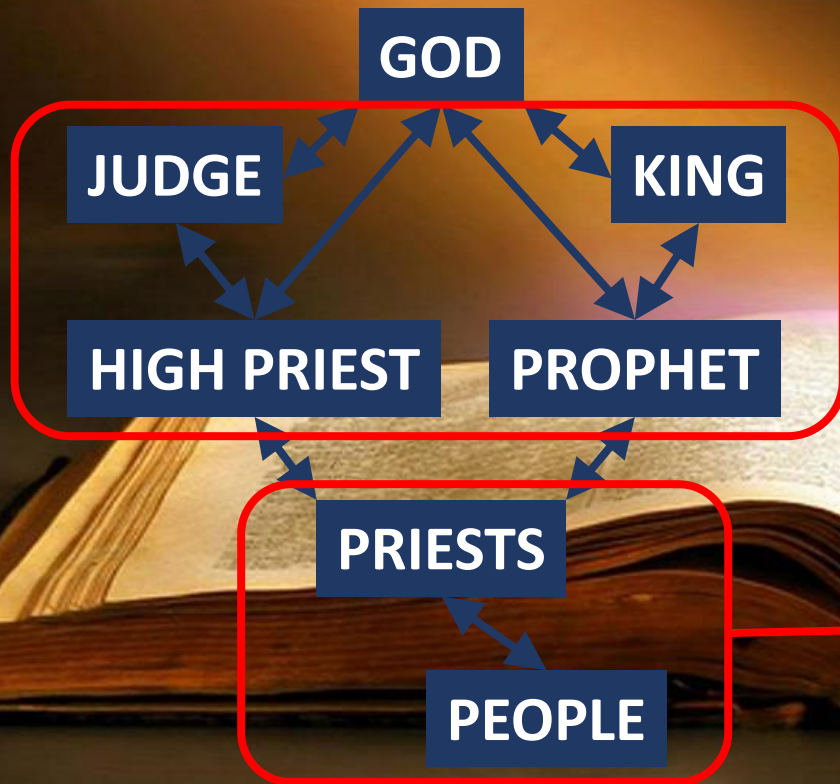


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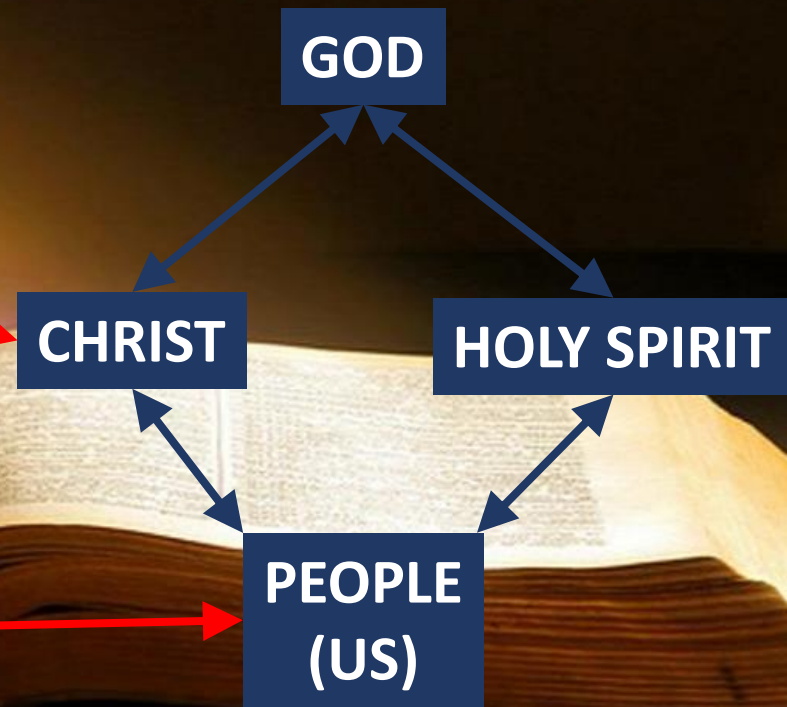
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A Primarily Hierarchical Relationship With God



NEW TESTAMENT

A More Direct, Personal Relationship With God



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We Now Have a Perfect, Sympathetic High Priest:

Heb 4:14 Since we have a great **high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a **high priest** who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. (NAS)

We Are Now The Chosen, The Priesthood, The Nation:

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The Holy Spirit Intercedes For Us:

Rom 8:26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He *intercedes* for the saints according to the will of God. (NAS)

Christ Intercedes For Us:

Rom 8:34 Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also *intercedes* for us. (NAS)