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TEACHING OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES TO NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS

WE CAN'T IGNORE THE OLD TESTAMENT

- ▶ It's way easier to stay in the New Testament for our teaching
- ▶ This the Bible that Jesus and the disciples grew up on
- ▶ This is roughly 75% of God's revealed Word

WE HAVE TO CORRECT MISCONCEPTIONS

- ▶ The God of the Old Testament is just filled with WRATH
 - ▶ Psalm 136 - 26x's "his steadfast love endures forever"
 - ▶ Psalm 86:15 "But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."
- ▶ The New Testament is about LOVE
 - ▶ Hebrews 12:29 "our God is a consuming fire"
 - ▶ 2 Thess 1:6-8 "since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. "
- ▶ God's Love and Justice are compatible

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS, BUT NOT IN THE SAME WAY

- ▶ Not like VeggieTales
- ▶ David and Goliath is not about “little guys can do big things too”
- ▶ New Testament - Gospel lens

GENRE MATTERS

- ▶ Narrative
- ▶ Prophecy
- ▶ Discourse
- ▶ Wisdom

BUILD THE BRIDGE

- ▶ What did it mean to the original audience and how do we apply that to today?
- ▶ The original context (both historical and literary) are important for understanding what the original audience was supposed to get out of God's Word.

NARRATIVE

- ▶ Overarching plan of redemption
- ▶ Creation, Fall, Redemption
- ▶ God with us
 - ▶ Garden, Tabernacle, Temple, Incarnation, Church, New Jerusalem
- ▶ What do we learn about God? Sin? Man?
- ▶ God is good, He is in control, we can trust Him

PROPHECY

- ▶ For God's People, For God's Enemies
- ▶ Prophetic Foreshortening - Mountain Ranges
- ▶ Double Prophecies
 - ▶ Maher-shalal-hash-baz
- ▶ Keep the main point of the Old Testament in mind with every passage

DISCOURSE

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6
- ▶ If => Then
- ▶ When God's messengers are teaching His people we should listen. But then we interpret through the Gospel.

WISDOM

- ▶ General principles, eternal wisdom
- ▶ Figurative language

LEARNING FROM JESUS ABOUT JESUS

- ▶ Luke 24:25-27
- ▶ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

WE LIVE IN THE SEASON OF FULFILLMENT

- ▶ 1 Peter 1:10-12
- ▶ “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”

CHERISH EVERY BIT OF GOD'S WORD

- ▶ 2 Tim 3:14-17
- ▶ "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with **the sacred writings**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All **Scripture** is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

FINAL WORDS

- ▶ If we love the Old Testament we can cultivate a love for the Old Testament in our students
- ▶ God still speaks to us today through the Old Testament "Hebrews 3:7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice,"
- ▶ We need to do the work to understand what God was saying to the original audience so that we know what he's saying to us today.
- ▶ Don't neglect God's Word