

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS AND THEIR MAJOR THEMES

(With a focus on the centrality of Christ of which the whole Bible speaks)

Genesis	God created, Satan corrupted, man fell, and God promised to save
Exodus	Christ is the Redemption, Salvation, and Supply of God's people and the Means for them to Worship and Serve God so that in Him they may be built up with God together for them and God to Meet, Communicate, and Dwell Mutually
Leviticus	Christ is Everything in the Fellowship, Service, and Life of God's Redeemed
Numbers	Christ is the Meaning of Life, the Testimony, the Center of God's people, and the Leader, the Way, and the Goal of their Journey and Fighting
Deuteronomy	Christ is the Instructor and Leader of the People of God that they may be able to Enter into the Heavenly Territory and Participate in His Riches
Joshua	Israel's Occupying and Possessing the Good Land of Christ for the carrying out of God's Eternal Purpose.
Judges	Israel's forsaking God, suffering defeat by their enemies, and becoming rotten
Ruth	A complete Prefigure of the Gentile sinners' being brought, with Israel, God's Elect, into the Divine Inheritance through the Redemption of Christ in their Union with Him
1 & 2 Samuel	The Illustrations of the Way to Enjoy the God-given Good Land of Christ
1 & 2 Kings	God's Governmental Dealing in God's Economy, with the devastation and ruin of the Divine Kingship on Earth by the kings and the tragic issue of the just dealing of God
1 & 2 Chronicles	A full chronology of God's Move in Man's History from Adam through Samuel to Israel's Return from their Captivity, with a Presentation of some of the important details of God's Dealing with the kings of Judah
Ezra	The Return of the children of Israel from their Captivity and the Rebuilding of the House of God as the initiation of God's Recovery among His Elect for His Testimony on the Earth according to His Economy
Nehemiah	The Rebuilding of the Wall of the City of Jerusalem as a continual recovery among God's Elect for His Testimony for the Accomplishment of His Economy

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Esther	The very God Who Chose Israel as His Elect becoming a Hidden God to them to take care of them secretly and to save them openly but in secrecy during their captivity among the Gentile Nations
Job	The Purpose of God's Dealing with His Holy One
Psalms	The expressions of the Sentiments, Feelings, Impressions, and Experiences of Godly Men Seeking and Contacting God through Their Praises, Prayers, and Singing with Exultation
Proverbs	Words of Wisdom teaching people how to behave and how to build up their Character in the Human Life
Ecclesiastes	The teachings of Solomon, showing that the human life in the Corrupted World is Vanity, a chasing after the wind with no real substance
Song of Songs	The history of Love in an Excellent Marriage, Revealing the Progressive Experience of an Individual Believer's Loving Fellowship with Christ
Isaiah	The Salvation of the Lord through the Incarnated, Crucified, Resurrected, Ascended, and Coming Christ
Jeremiah	Christ Being Made the Righteousness of the Lord to God's Elect as Their Center and Circumference, in God's Dealing with Israel and the Nations
Lamentations	The Expression of Jeremiah's Sorrow and Love over the Holy City and the Holy People of God
Ezekiel	God's Appearing to man in Glory, His Judgment upon both His People and the Nations, and His Recovery of His Chosen People for the building up of a Dwelling Place as a Mutual Abode and Complete Expression for and of Himself
Daniel	Christ as the prophetic Destiny of Israel Apportioned out by God — The Contents of the Seventy Weeks
Hosea	Christ as the Salvation and Healer to the Adulterous and Apostate Israel in Receiving Her Back and Restoring Her
Joel	The Devastation of the Human Government on Israel in Four Stages and the Destruction of Christ over the Devastators and His Reign among Israel in the Restoration

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Amos	Christ as the Heavenly Husbandman bringing the Lord's Judgments on Israel and the Surrounding Nations, with the Issue of Restoration
Obadiah	Christ is Israel's Saviour in Dealing with Esau as a type of the flesh, and in securing Jacob's Victory for the Kingdom of God
Jonah	Christ is God's Salvation reaching even unto the Gentile City Nineveh
Micah	Christ as God's Reproof and Righteous Witness against Israel and is His Restoration of Israel
Nahum	Christ is God's Stronghold in the day of trouble and God's Judgment on Nineveh as the Capital of the Evil Assyria
Habakkuk	Christ is God's Righteous Salvation and brings the Judgment of God first on Israel by the Chaldeans and then on the Chaldeans by the Nations
Zephaniah	Christ is our Jealous Lord and is God's Judgment of Israel, of the Nations and is His Salvation to the Gentiles and to Israel
Haggai	Christ is the Desire of all Nations and through Him Deals with the Returned Captives for the Building of His House
Zechariah	Christ is the Righteous Branch, God's Hearty Consolation and Promise to His Chastised Chosen People through the Redemption of Christ, Who in His Humiliation Became Their Suffering Companion in Their Captivity
Malachi	Christ is the Sun of Righteousness God's Dealing with and Purifying of the Sons of Levi (the Priests among Israel) and with the Sons of Jacob (the People of Israel)