

When you know a pretty story don't you let it go unsaid You tell it to your children as you tuck them into bed When you know a wonderful secret you can tell it to your friends you tell them that a lifetime filled with Jesus is like a street that never ends

So sing that, sweet song of salvation let your laughter fill the air sing that, sweet song of salvation let the people know that Jesus cares sing that, sweet song of salvation to every man and every nation sing that, sweet song of salvation and let the people know that Jesus cares

A Look around you, as you sing it there are people everywhere and each time they stop to listen each song, becomes a prayer When you know a wonderful secret you can tell it to your friends you tell them that a lifetime filled with Jesus is like a street that never ends

Chorus

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Study to show yourself approved unto God.

2 Timothy 2:15; "Work hard so God can say to you, "Well done." Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what His Word says and means." Living Bible

Just as Prayer is man speaking to God, So Bible Study is God speaking to man. The Bible contains the full and complete revelation of God to man.

If we would know God & know His will for us, we must know our Bible.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION.

Like most things, Bible study involves understanding basic principles before we can move on to detailed application.

It is no use trying to study Revelation, if we do not know the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Many mistakes are made in understanding the Bible because we 'rush' into a deep study without first 'laying the foundation'.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION.

If we are to read the Bible with understanding we must know what we are reading.

This involves knowing something about the Bible as a whole before we can understand it's different parts.

Where do we begin? What is in the Bible? It is as easy as "one, two, three..."

ONE major theme:(Jesus the Saviour of All Mankind.)

TWO major divisions:(Old Testament and New Testament.)

THREE major periods:(Patriarchal, Mosaical, Christian.)

God's Library: - Sixty-Six Books in Two Major Divisions

Old Testament:-39 Books 5 books of..... Law 12 books of..... History 5 books of..... Poetry 17 books of Prophecy (5 Major and 12 Minor)

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New Testament:- 27 Books
4 Books ...... The Gospels
1 Book of..... History
21 books ...... Letters
(13-Paul, 8-General)
1 Book of ..... Prophecy
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The word "testament," as used in "Old Testament" and "New Testament," means "covenant." (solemn agreement or contract.)
It contains God's "Will and Testament." GODS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE.



Two Major Divisions, But Still One Theme: "Jesus the Saviour of All Mankind."

- "31 The day will come, says the Lord, when I will make a new contract (covenant) with the people of Israel and Judah.
 32 It won't be like the one I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt -- a contract (covenant) they broke, forcing me to reject them, says the Lord."
- "33 But this is the new contract I will make with them: I will inscribe my laws upon their hearts, so that they shall want to honour me; then they shall truly be my people and I will be their God.
- 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their evil doing, and remember their sin no more."

- 7. "The old agreement (Covenant) didn't even work. If it had, there would have been no need for another to replace it.
- 13.God speaks of these new promises, of this new agreement, (covenant) as taking the place of the old one; for the old one is out of date now and has been put aside forever."

Old Covenant Passed Eph. 2:13-14; Col. 2:14;

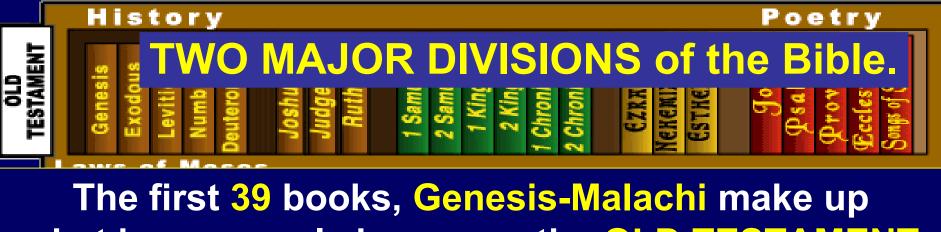
- 13. "But now you belong to Christ Jesus, and though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought very near to Him because of what Jesus Christ has done for you with His blood."
- 14. "For Christ himself is our way of peace. He has made peace between us Jews and you Gentiles by making us all one family, breaking down the wall of contempt that used to separate us."

Two Major Divisions, But Still One Theme: "Jesus the Saviour of All Mankind."

Old Covenant Passed Eph 2:14; Col 2:13-14;

- 13. "You were dead because of your sins, and your sinful desires were not yet cut away. Then He gave you a share in the very life of Christ, for He forgave all your sins,
- 14. and blotted out the charges proved against you, the list of his commandments which you had not obeyed. He took this list of sins and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

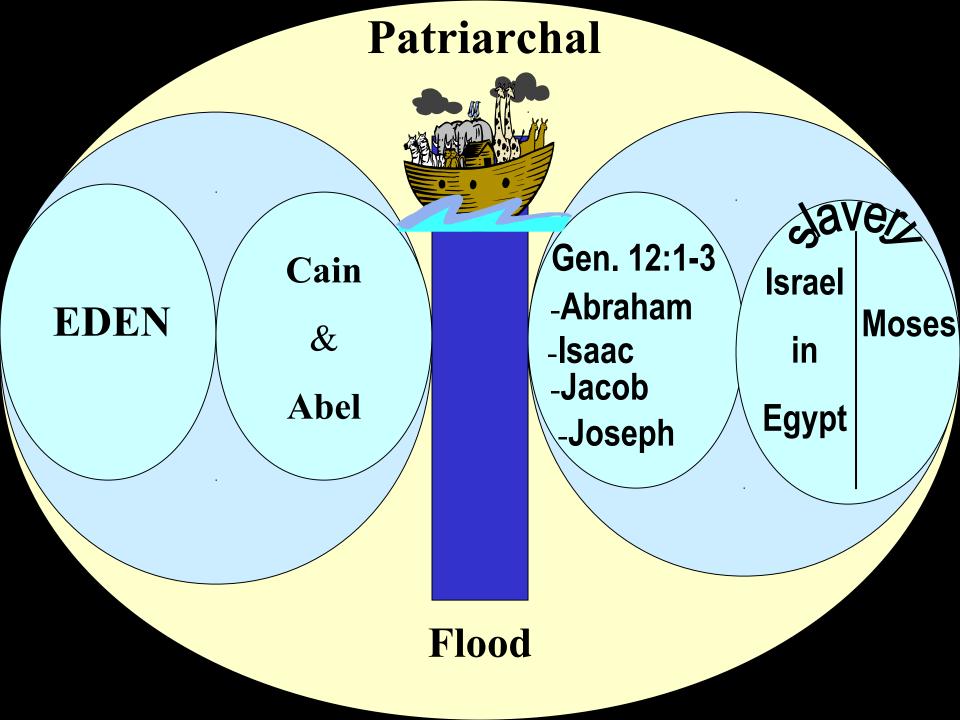
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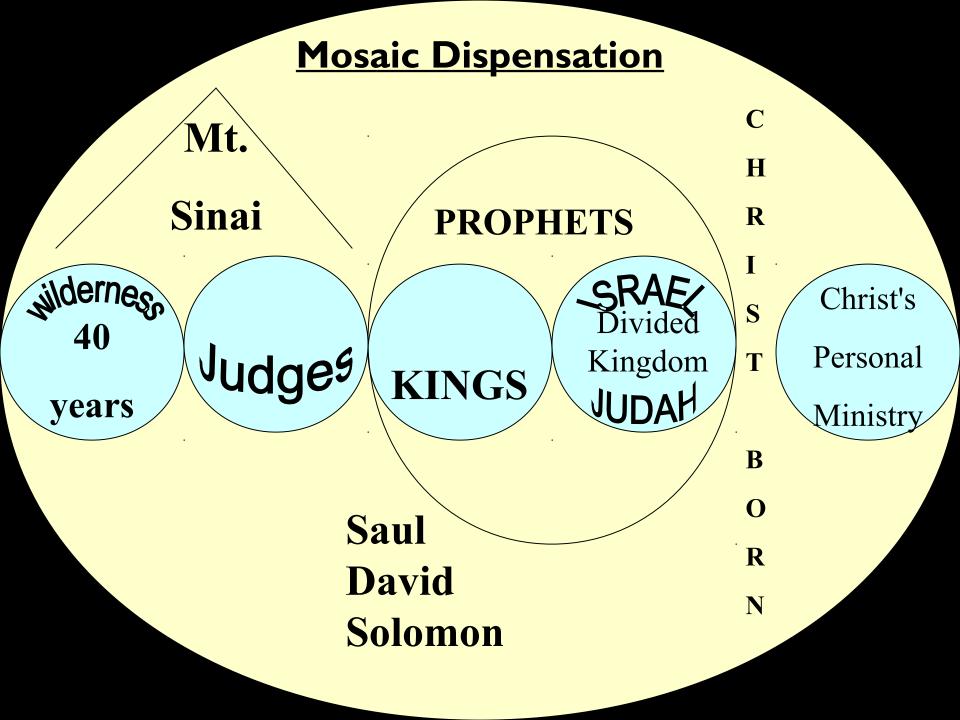


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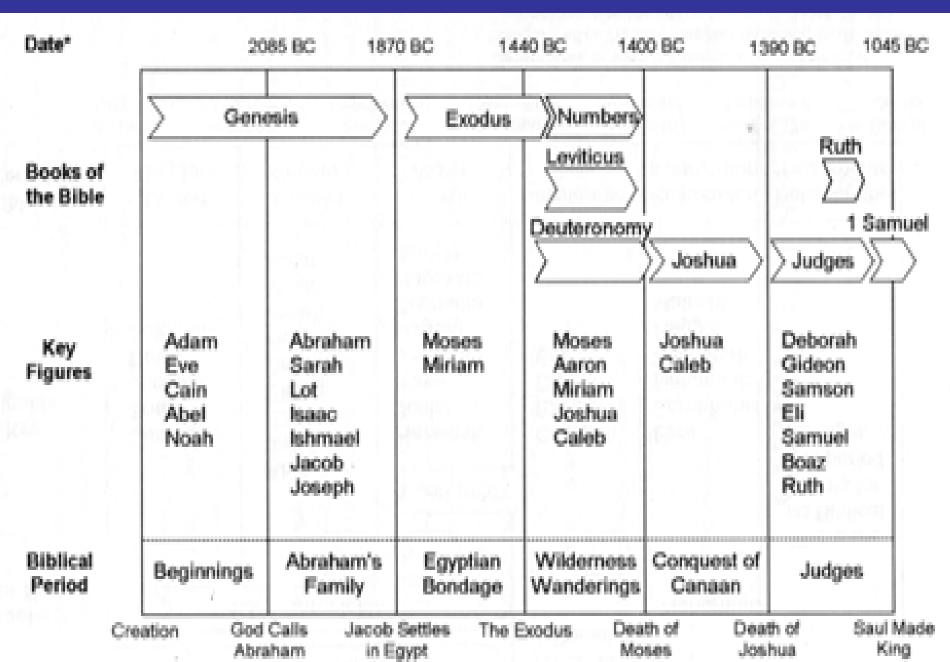
The last 27 books, Matthew-Revelation make up what is commonly known as the NEW TESTAMENT.



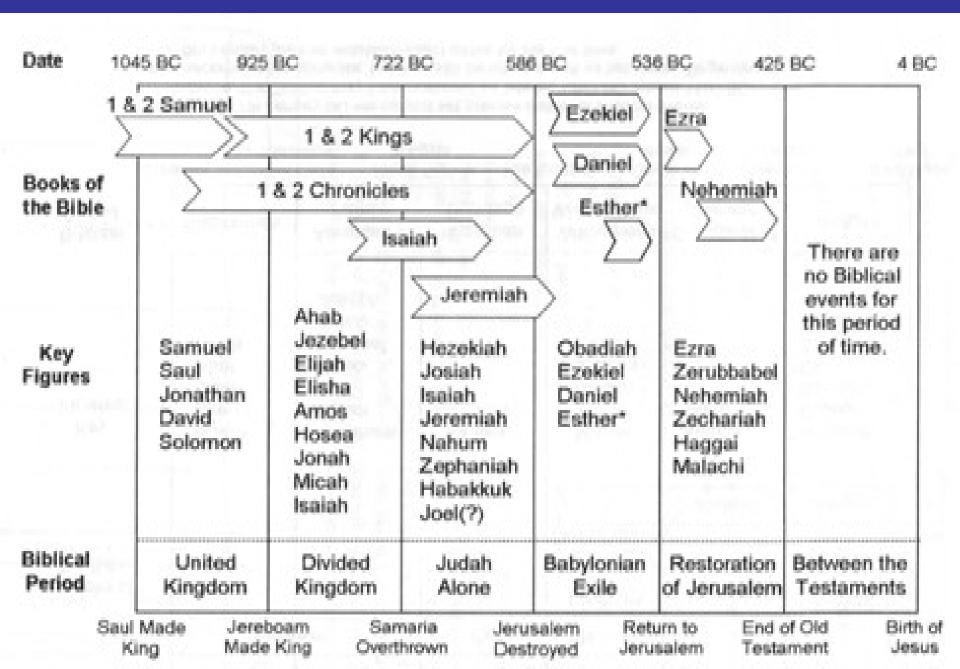


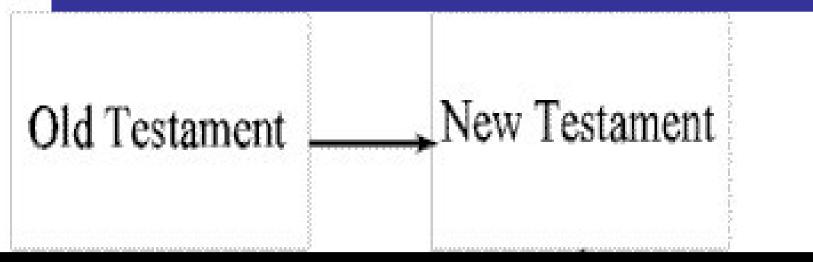


14 PERIODS OF BIBLE HISTORY



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So if I were to ask you where the OLD COVENANT ENDS And the NEW COVENANT BEGINS?

Israel

The NT Church

TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS of the Bible. WHAT WOULD YOUR ANSWER BE?

You could give AT LEAST three answers.

1) The book of Malachi.2) The CROSS.3) Acts chapter 2.

God's Library Sixty-Six Books in Two Major Divisions

39 Books of the "Old Covenant."
(Old Testament.)
Genesis to Malachi.
(2 Cor. 3:14; Heb. 9:16;)

27 Books of the "New Covenant."
(New Testament.)
Matthew to Revelation.
(Lk. 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6;)

We will try to clarify and avoid confusion!!

If you said MALACHI you would be CORRECT as far as our modern Bible division is concerned.

But INCORRECT as far as Gods Real Covenant and Will are concerned.

God's Library
Sixty-Six Books in Two Major Divisions.

When the Scriptures were made into the Bible we have today. The distinction was made between the Jewish writings and the Christian writings.

The O.T. being the Jewish the NT the Christian.

This means as far as the Jewish writings are concerned with God's Covenant (Will-Agreement.)

Malachi IS the LAST book in the Hebrew scriptures.

But this is not Where
The Real Old Covenant / New Covenant
change takes place!

IF YOU SAID THE CROSS:- You would be RIGHT for AS FAR AS GOD IS CONCERNED

The Old Covenant ended and the New Covenant began at the Cross when the Blood was shed as the acceptable sacrifice for mans sin and Gods forgiveness.

15 "For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that Those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. {The Greek word used here means both [covenant] and [will]} 16 Where a will [covenant] is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established."

"17. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

18. Hence not even the first covenant was INAUGURATED without blood."

Heb 9:15-18;

As far as God is concerned everything
He has revealed and accomplished
has been leading up to this point.
His Sons SACRIFICE. – The CROSS.
The DEATH. The BLOOD BEING SHED.

And as we have seen from Hebrews 9 it is the blood that brings us the opportunity for forgiveness. The same passage says even the First covenant could not be inaugurated without blood. Implying the Second Covenant was inaugurated by the shedding of blood.

Heb 9:17; "The New Testament Covenant strictly and formally began on that day of inauguration."

James Fausset Brown

Inaugurate Means " Admit (a person) to office, begin (an undertaking) initiate public use (building etc) with ceremony, begin, introduce.

The Oxford dictionary

John 18:30; "Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"
And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."
When Jesus said, It is finished, the Greek words mean, "It is accomplished! I have done the job that I came to do. Yes, it is accomplished.
God's will has been accomplished in my life."

Jesus was the lamb of God who came to be slain for the sins of the world and through that sacrifice when His blood was shed, gave the opportunity of salvation for all those who want to respond to the gospel message.

On the day Jesus died on the cross nobody knew the significance of the death. Also death had to be seen to be conquered, Jesus had to rise from the grave because that to was part of God plan and purpose.

Paul says in 1 Cor 15:3-4; "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4. and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

The gospel message is not just about the death of Jesus it includes the resurrection. Paul continues in 14. "and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."

The Old covenant relationship with the Jewish people could not end until they had the opportunity of a New covenant relationship.

That could not begin until the purpose of the cross and the resurrection had been accomplished and established and proclaimed.

We are familiar with the law of probate in this country.

When someone dies leaving assets over £5,000, the bank accounts are frozen and a formal 'grant' must be obtained from a court to enable their estate to be collected in and divided between their beneficiaries.

So it is with the New Covenant as far as God is concerned salvation through the blood of Christ is now available But the apostles had to wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Holy Spirit to enable them and guide them into all the truth about the death burial and resurrection.

But it could not be accessed until the apostles were given the go ahead in Acts two to proclaim the new covenant relationship that can now be offered the salvation opportunity can now be accepted.

So As far as God is concerned

The New Covenant
begins with His Son's blood on the Cross.

BUT AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED

our answer CAN be ACTS 2

Because if Jesus had ONLY been one of three men

who died on a Cross that day.

We would be no better off than before.

The Hebrew writer then goes on to say Heb 9:16; "Where a will [covenant] is involved, the death of the one who made it must be ESTABLISHED." TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS of the Bible.
The new Covenant is not based on the death of just any man but on the death of Jesus.

"Therefore let the entire house of Israel KNOW WITH CERTAINTY that God has made HIM both Lord and Messiah, (The Christ) this JESUS whom YOU crucified." Acts 2:36;

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a NEW BIRTH into a living hope THROUGH the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1Pet 1:3;

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Acts 2:34;

"The gospel concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was DECLARED to be SON OF GOD with POWER according to the Spirit of holiness BY RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, Jesus Christ our Lord."

"5. through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of His name." Rom 1:3-5;

It is NOT just the DEATH but
Also HIS RESURRECTION.
That PROVES that Jesus is the Acceptable Sacrifice.
The BASIS for our sins to be forgiven.

Jesus lived and died under the OLD TESTAMENT.

BEFORE:-

The understanding of the Resurrection begins. Matt 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1; John 20:1;

Therefore the majority of the FOUR GOSPEL Writings are STILL under the Old Testament (covenant).

	Patriarchal Age No written Law		Mosaic Age Law of Moses		Christian Age Gospel of Christ	
	Noah Abraham Jacob	OOD I	David Isaiah John the Baptist		Apostles	
Adam		Moses		Christ		Second Coming
Eden		Sinai		Calvary		Judgment

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, or (the Christ) the Son of the living God." 17. And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18. And I tell you, you are Reter, {Gk [Petros "a rock"]} and on this rock {Gk [Petra "mass of Rock]} I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Mat 16 16-18;

"And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until THEY SEE that the kingdom of God HAS COME with, or [in] power." Mark 9:1;

WHEN was the church built? WHEN did Peter use the Keys and establish the kingdom?

WHEN and WHERE did the Witnesses first gather and proclaim the gospel.?

WHEN was the POWER Demonstrated that God's Kingdom might be established?

When for the first time as well as receiving forgiveness of sins Was Forgiveness Available IN THE NAME OF JESUS?

When for the first time
Was Forgiveness Available
THROUGH THE BLOOD
THAT HAD BEEN SHED?

When for the first time
As well as Forgiveness, could Christians
receive the GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Acts 2:38; "Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:41; "Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church- about three thousand in all."

WHAT were people who were saved being added to?

The church /the family /the kingdom, /the New Covenant Relationship.

After Jesus DEATH and RESURRECTION
Christ blood had been shed
and Salvation was now available.
/ Had now been made known.
/ Had now become a reality.

Peter stood up and read the new will of God the first gospel message, and 3000 became disciples. (Christians.) Under the NEW Testament / Covenant / Will / God's New Agreement.

So if someone were to ask you where the OLD TESTAMENT ENDS And the NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS?

We would NOT say MALACHI.

That would be the answer from a JEWISH PERSPECTIVE.

We MIGHT say the CROSS but that would be from GOD'S PERSPECTIVE?

WE ought to be able to say the New Covenant Begins In Acts chapter 2.

Because that was WHEN we begin to understand the SIGNIFICANCE of Christ's DEATH on the Cross and the SIGNIFICANCE of the BLOOD being shed.

It was WHEN the church was established.
WHEN Peter used the Keys
by preaching the NEW gospel and
the NEW Kingdom of God was established.

It was WHEN and WHERE the Witnesses To the Resurrection first gathered & proclaimed the gospel.

It was WHEN people could have their sins forgiven IN and THROUGH THE NAME OF JESUS.

It was WHEN the POWER was Demonstrated.
It was WHEN the Holy Spirit came for the first time to indwell those who obeyed the gospel.

God's Library Sixty-Six Books = One Theme.

"Jesus the Saviour of All Mankind."

The Unfolding of God's Plan to Save Mankind.

39 Old Testament Books
"Jesus Is Coming."
Genesis (3:15;)
to
Malachi (3:1; 4-5;)
Note
Lk. 24:44; Jn. 5:39;

27 New Testament Books "Jesus Has Come." **Matthew (1:23;)** John (20:30-31; 21:25;) "Jesus is Coming Again." Acts (1:9-11;) Revelation. (22:12,22;)

The Old Testament is the New Testament Concealed. The New Testament is the Old Testament Revealed.

RIGHTA DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH

(2 Tim. 2:15)

The Old Testament

Thirty different writers

Thirty-nine books

- Over 1400 years in writing
- Covering over 4,000 years of history

Five Divisions

Law (5)

History (12)

Poetry (5) Major Prophets (5)

Minor Prophets (12)

The New Testament

Heb. 9:15-17

- Twenty-seven books
- At least 8 different writers
- Less than 100 years in writing

Four Divisions

Biography (4)

History (1)

Letters (21)

Prophecy (1)

PATRIARCHAL

MOSAICAL

MOSES Sinai Divided Christ's Judges 355 yrs, Wilderness 40 yrs. Kingdom Kingdom VProtectes Personal (Noah 400 yrs. Jacob 345 yrs. 120 yrs 857 yrs. 1654 yrs Saul Acts 13:21 David 1 Kings 2:11 Solomon 1 Kings 11:42 2511 yrs 1481 yrs.

CHRISTIAN

CHRIST

The Promised Kingdom

The Church Of The Lord

Col. 1:13

Acts 2:47

Until He Returns



The New Testament developed from the promises and actions of God in Old Testament times.

The Old Testament was intended to be a temporary arrangement to be replaced by a New Testament when the time was right. It was given ONLY to a special nation, the Jews. (Deuteronomy 5:1-3;)

As the New Testament has replaced the Old, so a new Nation, a spiritual one, the Church, the Kingdom, God's new family, One NEW BODY, (Eph 2:10ff;) has taken the place of the Jews, as God's Chosen People and Holy Nation. (1 Peter 2:9-10;)

Just because we say the New Covenant Begins In Acts chapter 2.

We need to remember the Apostles were to be guided into all truth and part of that truth was the fact that it would be brought to their remembrance all that Jesus had taught them.

This would include some of the teaching that Jesus taught earlier in the gospel accounts We need to be careful with the context to see what is now to be included in the New Covenant.

We are not saying we can ignore Jesus teaching in the gospels we are identifying WHEN the New Covenant BEGAN Acts chapter 2.

We are building a foundation.

God and His Word are the tools that WE USE,
to dig the foundation.

It is the steel bar that WE sink into OUR life to give added strength.

It is the concrete that WE and God WORKING TOGETHER pour into our soul.

It's worth the effort.

Once the foundation is set,
the building goes up FASTER!



Wonderful Grace of Jesus greater than all my sin HOW shall my tongue describe it How shall my praise begin

Taking away my burden setting my spirit free and the wonderful GRACE of JESUS reaches me

Wonderful the MATCHLESS Grace of Jesus
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea
Higher than a mountain
Sparkling like a fountain
all sufficient grace for even me

(for even Me)

broader than the scope of my transgression (sing it) deeper far than all my sin and shame /my sin and shame

O! magnify the precious name of Jesus Praise His name

NEW COVENANT BEGINS!

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