

# Daniel Institute

## Children Bible School

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

#### INTRODUCTION

The Bible has two main divisions. The first division is called the Old Testament. The second division is called the New Testament. The Old Testament includes the first 39 books of the Bible. It begins with Genesis and ends with the book of Malachi. The Old Testament tells the story of God's dealings (working) with mankind from the beginning of the world until the birth of Jesus. Although we are not governed by the Old Testament today, it still has relevance and must be studied. (Romans 15:4) and (I Corinthians 10:11)

#### THE WRITINGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament was first written in the Hebrew language. The 39 books of the Old Testament were written by several different men. These men received the message which they wrote from God. In the New Testament, we learn how these writers received the message they wrote:

"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21).

#### THE DIVISIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

We have learned that the Bible has two major divisions, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament can be further divided into four main sections. These sections are: **Law**, **History**, **Poetry**, and **Prophecy**.

#### The books of the Law

The first 5 books of the Old Testament make up the first section of Law. The books in this section are **Genesis**, **Exodus**, **Leviticus**, **Numbers**, and **Deuteronomy**. These books were written by Moses, the great servant of God.

Genesis is the story of the beginning of all things. In Genesis we learn about the beginning of man and woman, marriage, sin, death, different languages, the nation of Israel, and God's plan to save man from his sins.

Genesis also tells about men such as Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. These men are often called Patriarchs. The word "patriarch" means "a father," or a "head of a family." The book of Genesis tells us about the Patriarchal Age (from Adam and Eve to Moses' receiving the

Ten Commandment Law on Mount Sinai). In the Patriarchal Age the people did not have God's commandments written down in the Bible. Instead, God spoke directly to the patriarchs and revealed His commandments and teachings to them.

Exodus tells about the nation of Israel. God had chosen Israel to be His special people. From Israel God planned later to bring Jesus to be the Savior of the world. The people of Israel had gone to live in Egypt during a time of famine (no food). The Egyptians made slaves of them. Exodus tells the story of how God sent Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Leviticus and Deuteronomy contain the first written law which God gave to mankind. This law was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. It contains the Ten Commandments and many other laws. This law of Moses was given ONLY to the nation of Israel (Exodus 19:3; Deuteronomy 5:1). It was to last until the death of Christ on the cross. Christ fulfilled the law of Moses and took it out of the way. Read Matthew 5:17, 18; Galatians 3:23-28; Colossians 2:13, 14. Numbers is a book of history and also contains some of the laws which God gave to Israel. It tells about Israel's wanderings in the desert for forty years before they entered the land of Canaan.

### **The books of history**

The second section of the Old Testament is called History. This section contains twelve books. They are: **Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.**

These twelve books tell the history of the nation of Israel. They tell about the wars in which God helped Israel destroy the wicked people of Canaan. They tell about the building of God's temple in Jerusalem. They tell how Israel became a rich, powerful nation but later divided into two separate kingdoms called Judah and Israel.

These books also tell how the people of Israel forgot about their God and worshipped idols (false gods). God punished them for their sins by permitting other nations to make slaves of them. But whenever Israel repented (decided to stop doing wrong things and turn back to God, doing things God's way), God permitted them to return to their home.

### **The books of poetry**

There are five books in this section. They are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

Job is the story of a man who suffered much. Even though he had many troubles, he still remained faithful to God. Psalms are poems and songs written by King David and others. These poems praise God for His goodness, power, and glory. Proverbs is a book of wise sayings. It was written by King Solomon and others.

Ecclesiastes was written by King Solomon. It tells about a man who tried to find happiness in riches, love, power, fame, and learning. He found that none of these could bring true happiness. He learned that true happiness can only come from fearing God and keeping His commandments.

The Song of Solomon is a love song.

### **The books of prophecy**

The last section of the Old Testament is Prophecy. It contains seventeen books. These books were written by the great prophets of God whose names they bear. They are: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

These prophets were men who spoke for God. The prophets had big jobs to do. First: They rebuked the people of their own time for their sins. Second: They were permitted by God to see into the future. God gave them the power to foretell things which would happen many years later. For example, the prophet Isaiah lived 700 years before Christ came to the earth. Yet, he (Isaiah) foretold many things about Christ and His kingdom. Read Isaiah, Chapter 53, which tells of Christ's death for our sins.

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**COURSE NAME: THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**ABOUT YOU**

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**Questions on THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Fill in the blank spaces (In your own handwriting)**

1. The Old Testament contains the first \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Bible.
2. The last section of the Old Testament is \_\_\_\_\_
3. The law of Moses was given only to the nation of \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ tells us about Israel's wanderings in the desert for 40 years.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the story of a man who suffered much.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is a book of wise sayings.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ is the story of the beginning of all things.
8. The Old Testament begins with the book of \_\_\_\_\_ and ends with the book of \_\_\_\_\_
9. The word "patriarch" means \_\_\_\_\_ or "head of a family."
10. The Old Testament can be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ main sections.
11. There are \_\_\_\_\_ books of prophecy in the Old Testament.
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14. The prophets were men who \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ contain the first written law which God gave to mankind.
16. God chose Israel to be His special people \_\_\_\_\_
17. The Ten Commandments were given only to the nation of Israel \_\_\_\_\_
18. God \_\_\_\_\_ Israel when they worshiped idols
19. Ecclesiastes is a love song. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_
20. The law of Moses should be obeyed by all people today. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_
21. The prophets had the power to foretell. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_
22. We do not need to study the Old Testament today. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_
23. In the Patriarchal Age, the people did not have God's commandments written down in the Bible. True or False? \_\_\_\_\_