

Theological Survey of the Old Testament

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Introduction:

1. God developed and worked through certain key structures in Judaism to prepare the Jews for Christ.
2. By studying these structures we can develop a deeper appreciation for Jesus and His fulfillment of all these foundation structures.

I. The King and His Kingdom

- A. An early promise (Gen. 49:10).
- B. The peoples choice (I Sam. 8:1-9; 9:1-2, 15-21).
- C. God's choice (I Sam. 16:1-13).
- D. An eternal dynasty (II Sam. 7:12-17; I Chron. 17:1-27; 28:1-8; I Kings 2:1-4; 5:1-6; Psa. 89).
- E. A temporary interruption (Jere. 22:30; Ezek. 21:25-27).
- F. A future fulfillment (Amos 9:11-12; Isa. 9:6-7; 11:1-5).
- G. The King of kings (Acts 2:29-33; Lk. 1:30-33; Rev. 19:16).

II. The Temple

- A. God had promised to dwell with His people (Num. 9:15-23; Ex. 40:34-38; Lev. 26:12; Ex. 29:45; Ezek. 37:27; Jere. 31:1; Ex. 25:8).
- B. Solomon explained the significance of the temple (I Kings 8:1-66).
- C. The fulfillment in Christ and in the church (Jn. 2:18-22; Col. 2:9; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16-18).
- D. The indwelling of Christ (Jn. 14:15-24; 15:4-7; Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Eph. 2:19-22; 3:16-17; Col. 1:24-29).

III. The Priesthood

- A. Those who ministered to God on behalf of the people (Lev. 10:8-11; Lev. 1-9).
- B. Man has always needed someone to stand between himself and God (Job 9:30-35).
- C. Yet, the earthly priests suffered from the same weaknesses as those they assisted (Heb. 4:15; 5:1; 7:11).

- D. Jesus perfectly fulfills the role of the priest (Heb. 4:14-5:10; 7:11-8:6; 9:1-10:18).
- E. All Christians serve as priests under the High Priest, Jesus (1 Pet. 2:5,9; Rev. 1:6).

IV. The Sacrificial System

- A. Blood sacrifice was required to atone for sin; life had to be given for life (Lev. 1:1-17; 4:1-35; 5:1-19; 6:1-30; 17:1-16; 16:1-34).
- B. Christ alone could offer the perfect substitute as God's sinless lamb (Jn. 1:29, 36; Acts 8:32; 1 Pet. 1:19).
- C. We are to respond with a sacrifice of ourselves (Rom. 12:1-2).
- D. We, too, have a cross to bear (Lk. 9:23; Rom. 6:4-6; Gal. 2:20; 5:24).

V. Rest

- A. The Sabbath was a symbol of rest (Ex. 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15).
- B. The Promised Land was to provide rest (Josh. 22:4).
- C. Only Christ can offer true rest (Heb. 3:7-4:11; Matt. 11:28-30).
- D. Today is the day to enter the rest of Christ and every day following is an opportunity to enjoy it.