

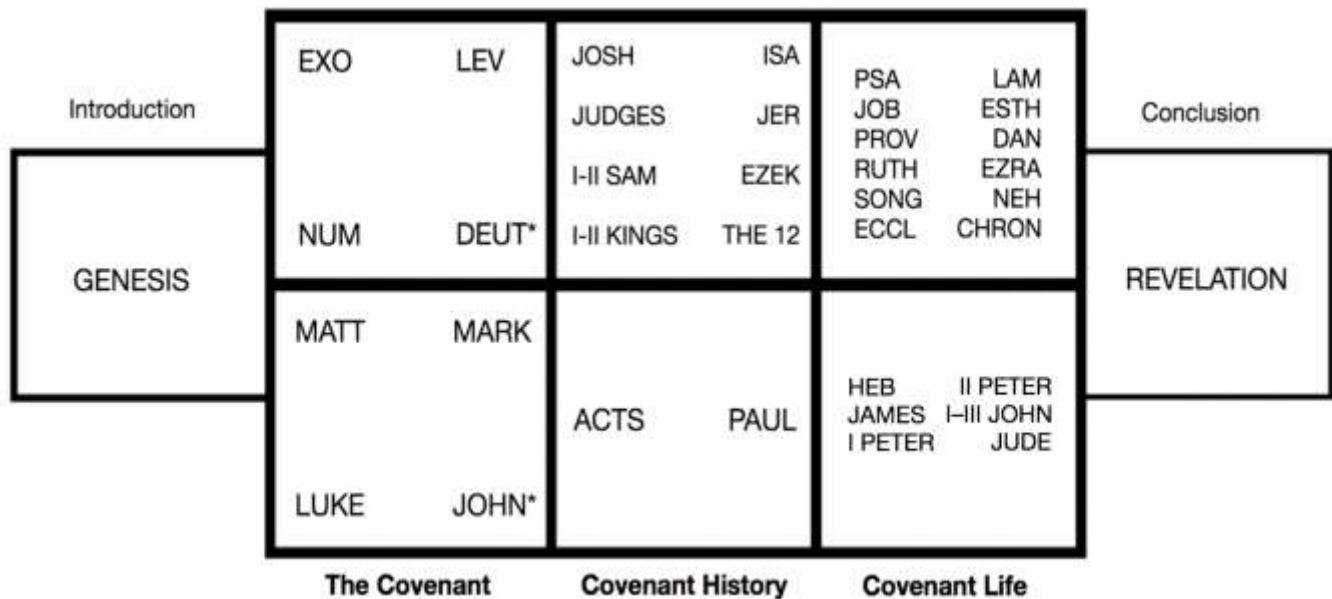
Friday Bible Study, April 20, 2018/Teacher: Tyler Milliken

The Structure of Scripture (Part VI)

The Bible is a Book: A coherent, legal, covenant document that testifies one message about one person:

KINGDOM ———> COVENANT ———> CHRIST

The Structure of Scripture: Jesus' Bible —> Luke 24:44 (cf. Acts 28:31): cf. [Joshua 1] + [Psalms 1]
 [Law/Prophets/Writings]: *Torah* (LAW) *Nevi'im* (PROPHETS) *Kethu'vim* (WRITINGS) = *TaNaK*



I. The Writings: Poetic Revelations of the Torah

A. Creation

- Crushing the serpent and conquering the sea (Psa 74:12–17 cf. Rev 20:10; 21:1; 22:5) (“*Saving the World*” before there was an Adam there to help. Cf. Deut 32:43)
- Job’s Lament: ‘*Am I a “Sea” or “Dragon”?!*’ (7:12 cf. 9:1–8)
- God’s OT proof that he is God: Conquered the “Sea”+“Dragon” (38:4–11 cf. 41:1–4)
- God’s NT proof that he is still God: Conquering Dragon and Sea (Matt/Luke Ch. 4+8)

B. The Exodus

- Crushing the serpent in the waters becomes the paradigm for salvation (Ps 106:7*–11)
- What was the main OT picture of the Gospel? (Ps 136:10–14 cf. 95:3–5, 7–11)

C. The Tabernacle

- David: Weakest in his Strength (Psalm 51:0–1 cf. 2 Sam 11:1–3)
- Filthy as a leper (51:7 cf. Lev 14:4–6) The irony of sinful uncleanness (2 Sam 11:4)
- No ordinary sacrifice—David has only one hope (Ps 51:7–13, 16* cf. Lev 16:10–13*)

II. The Writings: Poetic Revelations of the Prophets

A. The Former Prophets

- a. The Writings reveal deeper truths in the Torah: “YHWH our Rock” (Deut 32:15–37)
- b. David: Strongest in his Weakness (Ps 57:1 cf. 18:1–6, 10*, 16, 25–26, 30–31, 41–50)

B. The Latter Prophets

- a. The Writings reveal deeper truths in the Prophets: (Ps 74:12–17 Creation + Exodus)
 - i. See Ezekiel’s picture of Pharaoh as sea serpent (Ezek 29:1–5 cf. Rev 19:19–21)
 - ii. See John’s picture of the serpent in a “red sea” (Rev 20:10 cf. Rev 19:20)
 - iii. See Isaiah’s picture of the Davidic King (Isa 22:20–25 cf. Rev 3:7–8)

III. The Writings: Pictures of Life in Christ

A. Traditional Categories for interpreting the Psalms throughout Church History:

1. Fulfillment in the Messiah (Head)
2. Fulfillment in the Community believing in the Messiah (Body)
3. Fulfillment in the Individual Believer (Member)

B. Key to interpreting our life in Christ: We are simultaneously _____ and _____

C. Pictures of life and death for the believer

1. Psalm 1:5 — Are you a *sinner*, or are you *the blessed man*?
2. Psalm 2:12 — “The Way Out” for sinners: blessed are all who _____
3. Psalm 119:1–4 — God commands us perfect obedience!
4. Psalm 119:5–8 — If only I kept God’s commandments with perfect obedience!
5. Proverbs 28:13 — The vulnerability of salvation: sins must be exposed (Luke 5:32)

IV. The Writings: Pictures of Life and Death in Christ Himself

A. Pictures of life and death in Christ himself

1. Psalm 22:1 Dereliction and Restoration
2. Psalm 22:6 Revoking Adam-Privileges
3. Psalm 22:9–10 Intimate Pictures of Christ (Deep Revelations of Christ in the OT)
4. Psalm 22:8, 21 The justification (vindication) of Christ (Acts 2:23–31)
5. Psalm 22:31 They will declare: “He has done it.” (cf. *Tetelestai* – John 19:30)

V. Homecoming Part One: Israel waits for a New Exodus

A. Ezra-Nehemiah: Cleansing the Temple and Preparing the Temple (2 Chron 29:16; 35:20)

1. Exile: Transitioning toward Israel’s Greco-Roman House Arrest (New Covenant Era)
2. Restoration of Passover rites: Anticipating a new Exodus deliverance (2 Chron 35:18)
3. Review of Israelite history from Adam to Exile: No Messiah found
4. 2 Chronicles 36:23 closes the entire OT:
 - a. **Promised People** being returning from exile
 - b. **Promised Land** being restored to Israel
 - c. **Presence of God** being reconnected with Israel
5. An odd conclusion: OT ends with a question formula? (Judg 1:1) “Who will go up?”
 - a. OT Judges answer: “Judah will go up!” (Judg 1:2)
 - b. NT Gospels answer: Matthew 1:1 (cf. Rev 5:5–6)