



Outline – Friday Bible Study, March 23, 2018

Sermon Title: “The Structure of Scripture (Part III)” Page 1

The Bible is a Book (“Thus says the LORD”)

The Bible is one book and many books—one divine author/many human authors (2 Pet 1:21; Ps 45:1). The Bible is a coherent, legal document testifying one message about one person (the center: Lk 24:27).

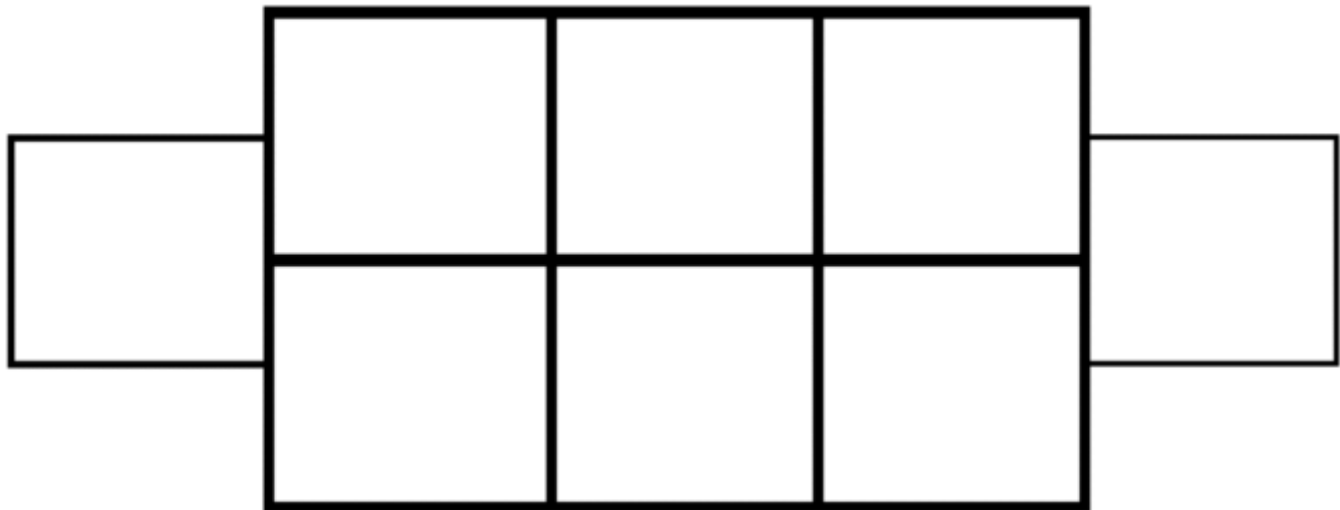
(Q.) What does Jesus’ Bible teach us in Luke 24: (a.) *Message*: _____ (b.) *Structure*: _____

KINGDOM —> COVENANT —> CHRIST

The Structure of the Old Testament

In general, the Old Testament is often simply called “the Law and the Prophets,” referring to both the covenant (Law) and all prophetic writings based on it (i.e., the rest of the OT; Acts 13:15; 24:14; 28:23).

In specific, *TaNak* = Law/Prophets/Writings: *Torah* (Law) *Nevi'im* (Prophets) *Kethu'vim* (Writings)



Doctrine

Reproof/Correction

Instruction

LAW	PROPHETS	WRITINGS
<p>The Terms of the Covenant:</p> <p>(a.) For: Covenant Blessing</p> <p>(b.) For: Covenant Curse</p> <p>Covenant Loyalty: 100% Blessed Covenant Disloyalty: 100% Cursed</p>	<p>Former: Covenant Witnesses (Collecting Legal Evidence)</p> <p>Latter: Covenant Lawyers (Enforcing Covenant Lawsuit)</p> <p>YHWH has been 100% Faithful Israel has been 100% Unfaithful</p>	<p>Former Writings: Covenant Life in the Land</p> <p>Latter Writings: Covenant Life in Exile</p> <p>Showing us 100% Faithful Living Warning vs. 100% Disloyal Living</p>

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I. The Super-Structure of the Old Covenant and New Covenant (Bookends: OT + NT)

Gen 1–3: A. Creation B. Human Marriage C. Serpent’s Victory
Rev 20–22: A’. New Creation B’. Divine Marriage C’. Serpent’s Defeat

Gen 3: Losing God’s Presence **Rev 20:** Securing God’s Presence
Gen 2: The Promised People **Rev 21:** The Promised People
Gen 1: The Promised Place **Rev 22:** The Promised Place

II. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence in Genesis

- A. From “Naked” and “Unashamed,” to _____ and _____.
- B. No return to “Eden” —No return to “Nakedness!” (Rev 7:14; Zech 3:5; Gal 3:27)
- C. The Crisis of the Divine Presence: Losing sight of God (Gen 3:10 “*I am*” —> Gen 4:14)
 Promised People *Exiled from* _____
- Promised People *Banished from* _____
- D. The short-range image of Covenant Mercy (Gen 3:21 cf. Gen 2:17)
- E. The long-range image of Covenant Mercy (Gen 3:15 cf. 1 John 3:8)

III. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence in Exodus

- A. The Exodus Engine [“Who is driving?”] (Exo 3:11–12 cf. 23:20–23, 27–30)
- B. The Meaning of the Burning Bush Theophany (Exo 3:1–4 cf. 33:20*) [Presence + Image]
- C. The Divine Name(s) reveal the Covenant Promise: God’s Presence (Exo 3:14–15)
 - a. “I AM” / “I will be” (Hebrew Name: “AHYH” = Covenant Promise)
 - b. “HE IS” / “He will be” (Hebrew Name: “YHWH” = Covenant Promise)
- D. The Burning Bush depicts “God’s Problem”; and certainly ours (Exo 32:7–13)
- E. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence (Exo 32:30–34; 33:1–4)
- F. Calling on the Promise of YHWH’s Name (Exo 33:12–19, 20)
- G. Major Focus on the Presence (Exo Ch. 25–31; 35–40): People + Place + Presence =

IV. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence in Leviticus

- A. “Grades” of Holiness: Holiness = Function of Covenant Consecration/Dedication = []
- B. The Priest must be perfect (Lev 21:23); The Sacrifice must be perfect (Lev 22:20–21)
- C. “Full Atonement—Can it be?” [*at • one • ment*] (Lev 16 cf. 20:7–8 cf. Ezek 36:27; Gal 2:20)

V. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence in Numbers

- A. The Process (Num 10:35–36)
- B. The Goal (Num 6:22–27 cf. Rev 22:4–5)

VI. The Crisis of YHWH’s Presence in Deuteronomy

Moses’ Song: The Curse of Exile and the Promise of Restoration (31:16–20; 32:15–22, 43*)

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Narrative Chiasm: 1 Kings 17
Confirming Elijah as God's Prophet

- 17:18**
(A1.) So she said to Elijah,
 “What do I have to do with you, O man of God?
 You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance
 and to put my son to death!”
- 17:19**
(B1.) He said to her, “Give me your son.” Then he took him from her
 bosom and **carried him up to the upper room** where he was living,
 and laid him on his own bed.
- 17:20**
(C1.) **He called to the LORD** and said, “O LORD my God,
 have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom
 I am staying, by causing her son to die?”
- 17:21**
(D.) Then he stretched himself upon the child three times,
 and called to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God,
 I pray You, let this child's life return to him.”
- 17:22**
(C2.) **The LORD heard** the voice of Elijah,
 and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.
- 17:23**
(B2.) Elijah took the child and **brought him down from the upper room**
 into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said,
 “See, your son is alive.”
- 17:24**
(A2.) Then the woman said to Elijah, **“Now I know that you are a man of God**
 and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

