

John 5:45-47 - Is the Old Testament Obsolete?

Intro - What is your view of the O.T.? Because it is older is it less important? Maybe a museum piece that can be admired but just archaic and should stay on shelf. Is the OT obsolete? Andy Stanley says the church should “unhitch itself from the OT”. He says the OT is the culprit for many people’s problem with God and a barrier to belief. He says the problem with the modern church is “our incessant habit of reaching back into the old covenant concepts, teachings, sayings and narratives.”

Not going to take his advise – we are going to hitch ourselves to OT for foreseeable future (2 Tim 3:16-7) Going to begin by looking at Jesus’ view of the OT and how He used it in His teaching. Jesus verified the historicity and importance of OT. If it is good enough for Him then it is good enough, and good for, us

INSPIRATION of the OT

- We believe in the inspiration of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - o Written words are God breathed . Spirit inspired – 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Jesus taught the Spirit inspired OT - “David, speaking by the Spirit” Matt. 22:43 Mk. 12:35-37
 - o What Moses wrote was God’s command Mark 7:9-10
- Jesus taught that Gods word was written (30+ x’s) “it is written” inscripturated
 - o Moses, Isaiah, Daniel wrote – Matt. 8:4; 19:8; John 5:46-47, Luke 4:17; Matt. 24:15
 - o Scholars debate whether Moses, Isaiah, Daniel wrote their books...Jesus declared it so
- Jesus taught the inerrant word - even hard passages “cannot be broken” John 10:34-35
- Jesus taught the fulfilled word Matt. 5:17
 - o Belief, unbelief, betrayal – Jesus’ life, death and resurrection all fulfill writings of OT

VERIFICATION of the OT

The historical & historical-miracle were confirmed by Jesus’ teaching. Bible not myth or religious fiction

1. Jesus confirmed the creation account (big miracle) Matt. 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9
 - a. Made them male and female marriage and 2 genders from Genesis account
2. Able being murdered Matt. 23:35 Luke 11:51
3. Noah/Ark/ flood Luke 17:26-27 Matt. 24:37-39
 - a. Jesus linked the days of Noah and the days before the 2nd Coming
4. Abraham is mentioned many times and even seen comforting a departed saint after death-Lk.16
 - a. “Abraham saw My day and was glad” John 8:56-59
5. Sodom (6x’s)and Gomorrah(2x’s) destroyed by fire Luke 17:29
6. Lot Luke 17:28
7. Lot’s wife turned into salt short verse – Luke 17:32 - Remember Lot’s wife!

8. Isaac and Jacob allusion to Jacobs ladder- John 1:51 Kingdom feast – Matt. 8:11-12
9. Moses at the Burning Bush Luke 20:37-38
10. Manna John 6:32-36
11. Giving of the Law to Moses. The 10 Commandments Matt. 15:4
 - a. If you wont believe what Moses wrote you wont believe what Jesus says – John 5:46-47
12. Moses lifting up serpent in the wilderness John 3:14
13. Balaam and Balack Rev. 2:14 (2 Peter 2::16 – rebuked by donkey)
14. David was the king and David’s Son was LORD of David Matt. 22:41-45
 - a. David’s writings were Spirit inspired Mark 12:36
 - b. David ate the consecrated bread Matt. 12:3-4 Mark 2:25-26 Luke 6:3-4
15. Solomon Matt. 6:29 – not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these
16. Queen of Sheba visited Solomon Matt. 12:42
 - a. Long journey to hear Solomon’s wisdom – she will rise at judgment to condemn others
17. Elijah 3 ½ years with no rain Luke 4:25-26
 - a. Widow of Zerephath - Jar of flour and jug of oil not used up until rains came (1Kings 17)
18. Elisha healing Naaman the Syrian Luke 4:27
19. Isaiah’s was real prophet and his message was for the present day
 - a. It explains unbelief – Matt. 13:14-15 John 12:37-40
 - b. exposes our heart - Matt. 15:7-9 Mark 7:6-7 Luke 19:45-46
 - c. Isaiah foretold of Christ- Luke 4:17ff Luke 22:37 John 12:41
20. Other prophets - Jeremiah, Hosea, Zechariah Matt. 9:13 Mark 11:17 Luke 23:30
21. Jonah Jesus affirmed one of the most “unbelievable “ stories in Bible
 - a. in the fishes belly for 3 days and nights Matt. 12:40 (Matt. 16:4)
 - b. the city of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah Matt. 12:41
 - c. what is the bigger miracle- a man in a fish for 3 days or an entire city repenting?
 - d. If you don’t believe Jonah& fish you wont believe Jesus & resurrection (Luke 16:31)
22. Daniel wrote the book of Daniel and it speaks of the last days
 - a. Matt. 24:15 Jesus accepted that Daniel wrote Daniel and it prophesied future events

The historical, miracle, supernatural and natural were all confirmed by Jesus’ use of Biblical narratives. We can have confidence in the OT accounts – Jesus confirmed it! If it is good enough for Jesus then it should be good enough for us...and it is good for us (contrary to A.Stanley)

EDIFICATION from the OT

- Profitable for doctrine , reproof, correction, training in righteousness
 - o 1 Cor. 10:6 Romans 15:4
- Keep you from error - you do err not knowing the scripture Mark 12:24-27
- Faith come from hearing Word of God Rom. 10:17
 - o Law is our schoolmaster to lead us to Christ Gal. 3:24
 - o The OT is about Jesus- Luke 24:25-27 Luke 24:44-46 John 5:39-40