

CALL TO PRAYER - Pray for those absent today....and present today. "Model Prayer/Lord's Prayer"

## Psalm 147: 19-20 - Old Testament Overview

INTRO – Today we begin a new short series on Ruth (I think) and going to do so by given an OT overview. The OT is not obsolete, in fact it is vital to understanding the "Bible" (70% of Bible is OT & 30% NT – just like 70% of earth covered in water - we live on land but need and need to understand the water.) Today look at the CHRONOLOGY of the OT; the HISTORY of the OT and the CHRISTOLOGY of the OT

- Chronology- put some of the big events in order and on a general timeline to give perspective
- History - Why the emphasis on the Jews? Why is Bible history Jewish history?
  - The history of the Jews is the history of God's communication with humanity
- Christology- there are 66 books in the Bible but there is one common theme - JESUS CHRIST
  - The Bible is about Jesus beginning to end. If we don't see HIM we miss the whole point

### CHRONOLOGY

The Bible records about 4000 yrs of human history from Creation (Gen) to Christ (the person of history)

All of human history could be separated into 3 major periods of 2000 years each

- 2000 years from Creation to Abraham Genesis 1-11
- 2000 years from Abraham to Christ Genesis 12 to the end of the OT and start of NT
- 2000 years from Christ's first coming to now (6000 years total)
  - Evolutionary humanism says millions/billions of years - Bible says thousands
- You can divide most of OT into 4 epochs of time-500 years each (approx. and rounding numbers) like roughly dividing our timeline- Christ – end of Rome/Islam – Crusades – Renaiss./Ref. - us
  - Abraham to the Exodus from Egypt (Gen. 15:13; Ex. 12:40-41) approx 500 years
  - From the Exodus to the time of the Kings approx 500 years
    - 1 Kings 6:1 – (480 yrs from the Exodus to Solomon building Temple)
  - From the Kings to the Exiles approx 500 years
  - From the return from Exile to Christ approx 500 years
- Secular talk show host talking about Bible and asserting that Daniel and Solomon were contemporaries. (be like saying G. Washington and Pres. Biden had a confab.....+ 200 years)
  - It is helpful to know where people and events fit in the timeline (Ruth and Boaz)
- Have you ever wanted a chronological Bible? The OT is chronological....in sections
  - Genesis to Esther Job to Song of Solomon (different kind of lit.)
  - Isaiah to Daniel Hosea to Malachi
  - Sometimes the way we read our bibles(skipping around) hinders its connection and flow

### HISTORY

- Why is Bible history so full of Jewish history? Why is Israel so important?
- Israel is God's conduit of communication with the human race. Psalm 147:19-20

- God gave His words to Jacob and His statutes to Israel Deut. 4:7-8
  - We have God's holy word and righteous law from the Jews (basis for justice)
- God did not deal with any other nation in this way Psalm 147:20
  - No other nation was called to be God's spokesman (Amos 3:2)
- God has spoken to the nations through the nation of Israel
  - Rom. 3:1-2
  - God did not chose them because they were special - Deut 7:6-7; 9:6
  - They are special because God chose them and has spoken to us through them
  - All the writers of scripture are Jews (except for Luke)
    - God will once again speak to the world through the Jews (Rev. 7)
- The history of the Jews is the history of Gods communication with humanity
  - God has spoken to us in real time - in the timeline (real people/real events)
    - Our faith is not a fairy tale - it is rooted in history (not myth or legend)
  - God has worked with in history. Through Jewish history I can see and hear God
  - We are indebted to the Jews for this (though enemies of Gospel - Rom. 11:28-29)
- Romans 9:3-5
  - From the Jew came Gods word and God's Son (WORD). The Jews gave us the WORD
    - Heb. 1:1-2

## CHRISTOLOGY

- There are 66 books in the Bible but there is one theme - Jesus Christ – Son of the living God
  - John 5:39 Luke 24:25-27
  - If we miss Jesus in the OT we miss the main point. It is all about Jesus
    - He is the point of Bible history and all of history. He is the Person of history
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- Gen – Creator/Seed of the woman/Jacobs ladder
- Ex. - Deliverer. God of Passover/Lamb/Lawgiver
- Lev. – High Priest & sweet smelling sacrifice
- Numb. - lifted up on a pole to look to for healing
- Deut - Prophet greater than Moses
- Josh – Captain of Lord's armies
- Ruth – Kinsmen redeemer and light for gentiles
- Kings - King of kings
- Ezra – promise Keeper- moves hearts of kings
- Neh. Restorer of the broken
- Esther – Providential Protector
- Job - Daysman who breaches God and man and the Redeemer who lives
- Ps. Son of God and Lord of David
- Prov/Eccles - He is wisdom

- S of S - lover of our souls - Banner over us
- Isaiah - virgin born/ Son and mighty God /Suffering Servant and substitute for sinners
- Jer. Lord our Righteousness
- Ezek - Man on the Throne
- Dan. Son of Man coming in clouds
- Hosea – Faithful God who loves and redeems unfaithful people
- Joel - promises and sends the Spirit
- Jonah - 3 days and 3 nights
- Micah – Born in Bethlehem
- Haggai – One who shakes heaven and earth
- Zech - coming again – split Mt of Olives
- Mal. Suddenly comes to Temple and the Sun of righteousness who rises with healing on wings

Do you know this PERSON of history?

You can

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good year to know the God of time/history/spoken by His WORD