

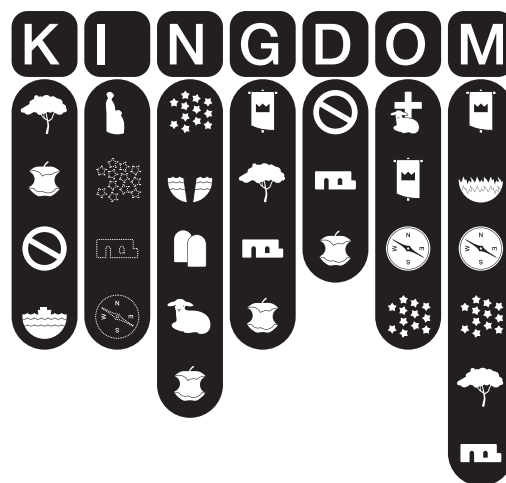
AN INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT: An Overview of Jesus' Bible

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1. Jesus' KINGDOM mission:

- a. Jesus and his early followers were convinced that Moses and the rest of the prophets wrote about Christ and should be believed.
- b. Jesus was fulfilling all that the Old Testament anticipated.
- c. Jesus' mission of fulfillment was about God's *kingdom*.
- d. Jesus' kingdom message focused on his work as *Messiah* and the global *mission* springing from it.
- e. Like Jesus, Paul's preaching was about the kingdom of God climaxing in Christ.
- f. Like Jesus, Paul's kingdom message focused on the Messiah's death and resurrection and the global mission that would grow from it.

2. God's KINGDOM plan in Scripture



3. The Old Testament as foundation; the New Testament as fulfillment

- a. Foundation (Rom 1:1–4; John 5:39; 1 Pet 1:10–12; Matt 13:17; John 8:56)

5. Why do we call it the *Old Testament*?

a. Introduction

b. 10 Reasons Why *Old* Must Not Mean Unimportant

- The OT was Jesus' only Scripture and makes up three-fourths (75%) of our Bible.
- The OT substantially influences our understanding of key biblical teachings.
- We meet the same God in both Testaments.
- The OT announces the very "good news/gospel" we enjoy.
- Both the old and new covenants call for love, and we can learn much about love from the OT.
- Jesus came not to destroy the Law and the Prophets but to fulfill them.
- Jesus said that all the OT points to him.
- Failing to declare "the whole counsel of God" can put us in danger before the Lord.
- The NT authors stressed that God gave the OT for Christians.
- Paul commands church leaders to preach the OT.