

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Ron Austin
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jonathan Anderson

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: J. Anderson

Closing Prayer: Rob Sparks

Pantry Item

Peas

Sermon Notes *Miracles of the Exodus*

I. Miracles with _____

II. The _____ Plagues

III. _____ for the New Nation

IV. _____ at Mount Sinai

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Welcome!

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

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"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

Studying the Old Testament

As we continue reading our Bibles daily, a thought might have occurred to you that reading this material can be a serious challenge. Especially if reading an older version such as the King James, ESV, or ASV. It might even be just a little intimidating. But hang in there! The study is worth it. The Old Testament is full of history about cultures, messages, signs, wonders, and people who were involved in God's saving plan. When Jesus was put on the cross for the sins of the world, the old law was on the cross with Him and it died simultaneously.

Even though we are no longer under the Law of Moses, (or any law of the Old Testament) it shows us the sinfulness of mankind. God created man in His own image. Initially man was a perfect being. But along came the Devil and tempted Adam and Eve to sin. It did not take very long for man to leave God's way. From this event, man would face the consequences of sin until the end of time and the physical realm. At one point in history, man would become so wicked that He determined to destroy everyone except for eight faithful souls. Even after starting all over with Noah and his righteous family, it was not long until mankind was overcome with evil. Sodom and Gomorrah are a testament to this fact.

The Old Testament establishes the standard of holiness. The word, or law, is the authority. It seeks to direct man to holiness and righteousness. It provides the boundaries established by God for our good. God called the children of Israel out of Egypt and made a covenant with them. He said that He would bless them and cause them to be a great nation if they would keep His word, His statutes, and His commands. If they

did not remain His holy people, He would forsake them and other nations would rule over them and make their lives difficult. He gave them ten cardinal commands to follow on stone tablets. Obeying these and all other commands given in the wilderness would have ensured God's continual blessings. However, they repeatedly chose to forsake the God that brought them out of Egyptian bondage. They broke those commands given on the tablets and every other one God established with the Children of Israel. This made their national lives very difficult.

The Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah. The first prophecy of the Christ is found in Genesis 3:15. Interestingly the prophecy was given directly to Satan in the form of a punishment. From there, Moses and the prophets all spoke of one who was of old and He would be the ruler whom Israel was seeking. Isaiah is considered the Messianic prophet. He did write more prophecies about Jesus than any other prophet, but they all did. These writings were all fulfilled in the death of Jesus. His last words on the cross were, "It is finished." His fulfilling all that the law and the prophets had to say about Him was what He meant by that statement.

The Old Testament reminds us that God will always win and the devil will always lose. Satan is a clever being, but not always the most intelligent. Satan did all he could to prevent God from fulfilling His mission, to no avail. He tried to end the seed line - failed. He tried to turn the land over to other nations permanently - failed. He tried multiple times to destroy the nation - failed every time. God always saved an heir or a remnant of the people to fulfill His promise made to Abraham, "In thee will all families of the earth be blessed."

the Old Testament is worth reading and studying. There is so much power and wisdom contained in those books, we cannot afford not to study them. I have not determined to examine every benefit of studying the Old Testament, but it is my prayer that this will entice you to start if you have not, or continue to read if you have gotten a little discouraged. God inspired the Old Testament just as assuredly as He inspired the New Testament. As such, studying them will give us insight into who God is and what He expects of His creation.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 1/21/24 Daily Bible Readers: 17 Chapters Read: 370
B.C.: 36 A.M.: Worship: 61 Wed.: 44

Family News and Notes

Margaret Langston is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** is continuing her chemotherapy. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley's** dad continues to battle his health issues, and her mother is improving from her surgery. **Linda Jenkins'** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins'** father is doing a little better. **John Williams** is having trouble with inflammation in his neck. Wade Hedgepeth's brother, **Dwight**, has some health challenges. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo for her cancer. **Linda Hernandez** is shut in at home.

Pray for our world leaders at this time. Active military: Pray for all active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment's notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. We have 6 active duty members here at Cape Fear.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3
Ex 31-33	Ex 34-36	Ex 37-40	Lev 1-3	Lev 4-5	Lev 6-7	Lev 8-9

Events

Teachers' Meeting: immediately after worship Feb 4th.

Mens' Lunch: Friday at 11:00am @ Golden Corral.

