

WE NEED THE OLD TESTAMENT **(Romans 15:4)**

It is quite clear in the scriptures that we are no longer living under Law. One important reason is that the Law was a covenant between God and Israel and not with the Gentile world. Another reason is that Christ fulfilled the Law and brought a New Covenant to the world that includes Jews and Gentiles.

I Corinthians 10:6, 11 The benefit of the O.T. Is given to us in these scriptures and it is important to note that the Holy Spirit wanted the O.T. To be written so that believers could learn lessons from it.

THE O.T. RECORDS HISTORY

Hebrews 13:3 The N.T. Refers to the teachings of the O.T. And reminds us that it was not a Big Bang that caused the earth, the stars and the planets but it was all created by the Lord God Almighty.

Acts 17:28 This verse refers to **Gen. 1:27** and **Ps. 100:3** reminding the world where we came from.

Hebrews 11 The chapter of faith lists many examples of O.T. People of faith that pleased God. What would these references mean to us without their lives being recorded for us in the O.T.?

Acts 7 This great chapter showing the faith and example of Stephen would mean very little without the ability to refer to the O.T. And have to conclude that Stephen was telling the truth.

THE O.T. SUPPORTS OUR FAITH

Isaiah 41:8-20 Over and over again the O.T. Tells us that God will protect Israel and fight against them that will try and harm them. Our faith is strengthened when we can point to Israel, God's people.

Daniel 9:24-27 Along with Daniel, many other O.T. Prophets accurately predicted things and people that would come about hundreds of years in advance. These scriptures give evidence and increase our faith in God that the bible is truly the word of God.

John 5:39 This N.T. Verse refers to the hundreds of O.T. Prophecies that predicted pin point accurate things pertaining to Jesus Christ. These O.T. truths about Christ help strengthen our faith in God.

THE O.T. PRINCIPLES DON'T CHANGE

Hebrews 13:8; Malachi 3:6 The nature of God has never changed. God has always been good, merciful, holy, just, hating evil and rewarding good. He has always saved by grace through faith.

I Corinthians 10:1-12 These verses give examples of the O.T. People that departed from the way God wanted them to follow. These are written to us because the basic nature of man has not changed.

Galatians 6:7; Genesis 16:3-12 Truly one of the most significant spiritual laws in the bible started in the O.T. In the book of Genesis. The principle of sowing and reaping has never changed and never will.

THE O.T. GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO THE N.T.

Acts 8:35 Philip uses one the the most beautiful and powerful passages ever written (**Isaiah 53**) to explain the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ for our sins.

Acts 15:13-18 As the Apostles consider whether or not the Gentiles can be saved without obeying the Law James quotes the O.T. prophecy (**Isaiah 54:1-5**) and concludes God's will that they can be saved.

James 2:10-12 James teaches that the O.T. principle of sin is the same for the N.T. A single violation of the Law deserved punishment, so a single sin in the N.T. finds us guilty and in need of forgiveness.

Hebrews 11 In both O.T. and N.T. God rewards men of faith. These examples show that obedience is an essential part of saving faith. In every example people received blessings after obedience.

