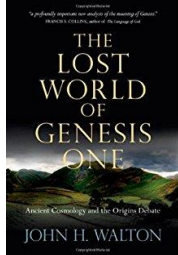


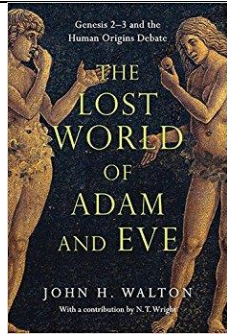
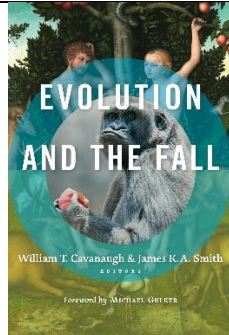
THE OLD TESTAMENT


Question: why should a Christian care about the Old Testament?

Genesis 1-3: Adam & Eve & Evolution (condensed)

Model	Young-Earth Creationism	Old-Earth Creationism	Directed Evolution	Planned Evolution
Interpretation of Genesis Account	Scripture concords with science; days literal	Scripture concords with science; “days” represent vast ages	The Bible is not a scientific textbook (nonconcordist)	The Bible is not a scientific textbook (nonconcordist)
Creation	Recent	Old Universe	Old Universe, God continued to intervene	Old Universe, God did not intervene after Big Bang
Adam & Eve	Historical Individuals, first parents of all humans, specially created by God	Historical Individuals, specially created by God	Adam and Eve are historic individuals	Adam & Eve are <u>not</u> historical individuals
World before the fall	Perfect, no sin or death in Genesis 1	Animal death	Death of animals and human descendants	Death of animals and human descendants
Big Bang Theory	reject	affirm	affirm	affirm
Age of the Earth	Approx. 6,000 years old	4.5 billion years old (universe 13.8 billion years old)	4.5 billion years old (universe 13.8 billion years old)	4.5 billion years old (universe 13.8 billion years old)
Theory of Evolution	Reject	Reject	Yes, non-Darwinian (additional mechanisms)	Yes, Darwinian (natural selection primary mechanism)
Human Genealogy	Special Creation	Special Creation	Common Descent	Common Descent
Some key Organizations / Representatives	<i>Answersingenesis.org, Institute for Creation Research, Ken Ham</i>	<i>Reasons to Believe (Reason.org), Hugh Ross</i>	<i>John Walton</i>	<i>Biologos.org; Book: Evolution & The Fall by Smith & Cavanaugh</i>

Alternative Interpretation for Genesis 1	
	<p>-Hebrew word for “create” Hebrew had nothing to do with material origins, but referred to giving something function and purpose</p> <p>-Genesis 1 describes God making a home (a “cosmic temple” for relationship with humanity) rather than building a house</p>

Alternative Interpretations for Genesis 2-3			
Directed Evolution		Planned Evolution	
	<p>-Adam & Eve chosen by God as representatives of the whole human race; priests, if you will, to bring humanity into relationship with God.</p> <p>-Adam & Eve’s failed mission brought disorder into the world, requiring Jesus to come and bring redemption.</p>		<p>- humanity was originally created originally “good”, but still in need of ethical maturing</p> <p>-The Fall = humans are incapable of not-sinning apart from the power of God</p> <p>-Fall doesn’t have to be a single punctiliar event</p> <p>-Genesis 3 could be represent the inner deliberation of temptation that many humans collectively succumbed to over a period of time + a process of temptation that is now universal to humans</p>

	<p>Class 1 History of the Relationship between the Church & Science (Early Church through 1900) [2:30]</p> <p>Class 2 History of the Rise of Creationism in America (1900 to the Present) [1:00] Introduction of Six Models for Interpreting the Scientific Findings on Origins [43:15] Examining the differences between Scientific Terms: Hypothesis, Theory, Law, & Model [1:00:55] Scientific Findings on the Origin of the Universe [1:08:10]</p> <p>Class 3 Scientific Findings on the Origin of Life [2:40] Interpreting Genesis 1 [33:55] Barrick (Young-Earth Creationism) [45:10] Collins (Old-Earth Creationism) [53:07] Lameroux (Planned Evolution) [1:00:42] Walton (Directed Evolution) [1:08:21]</p>	<p>Class 4 Scientific Findings on the Origin of Species [1:20] Interpreting Genesis 2-3 [32:09] Barrick (Young-Earth Creationism) [42:33] Collins (Old-Earth Creationism) [47:56] Lameroux (Planned Evolution) [52:35] Walton (Directed Evolution) [1:00:03]</p> <p>Class 5 Scientific Findings on the Origin of Humans [1:02] Why what we believe about Human Origins matters [34:55] A Fifth Perspective on Genesis 2-3 Beyond Galileo to Chalcedon – Smith & Cavanaugh [39:39] What stands on the Fall? – Smith [47:42] Reading Genesis 3 Attentive to Evolution – Middleton [1:03:26] “Adam, what have you done?” – Green [1:32:19] Conclusion [1:41:00]</p>
	<p>The video for class 1 of the five class course “Adam & Eve & Evolution” is available at saintmatthiasoakdale.com/aee</p> <p>Videos for classes 2-5 are available upon request.</p>	

THE HISTORY

<u>Period</u>	<u>O.T. Books</u>	<u>History</u>		<u>Years</u>
The Prologue	Genesis Chapters 1-11	Creation, (Adam & Eve), the Fall, Cain & Abel, Noah & Flood, Tower of Babel		
The Patriarchs	Genesis chapters 12-50	God chooses a people... He begins by establishing a covenant with Abraham. Then, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph follow and the Israelites end up in Egypt	<i>The Lord said to (Abraham), "...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing...and in you all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."</i> -Genesis 12:2-3	2000-1700 B.C.
The Enslavement	Exodus	In Egypt, the Israelites eventually become enslaved by the Egyptians.		1700-1300 B.C.
The Wilderness	Exodus, Leviticus, & Numbers	God raises up Moses to lead Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, and take them to Mount Sinai where God makes a covenant with the Israelites: giving them Ten Commandments and establishing the priestly system. Over a period of 40 years, Moses leads the Israelites from Egypt up to the border of the Promised Land of Canaan.	(Old) Covenant established through Moses: 1) Israelites keep God's law 2) then Israelites will enjoy the blessings of relationship with God.	1300-1200 B.C.
Conquest of Canaan	(Book of) Joshua	Led by Joshua, the twelve tribes of Israel conquer and inhabit the majority of the Promised Land.	<i>God said, "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then those whom you let remain shall be as barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides; they shall trouble you in the land where you are settling."</i> -Numbers 33:55	1200-1160 B.C.
The Period of the Judges	Judges, Ruth, & 1 Samuel	Period of the Judges; story of Ruth; Samuel - the last judge		1160-1100 B.C.
The United Kingdom	1&2 Samuel, 1 Kings, (1 & 2 Chronicles)	Israel's first king is Saul, followed by David, & Solomon. Solomon builds first temple in Jerusalem.		1100-931 B.C.

The Split Kingdoms	1&2 Kings, (2 Chronicles)	-With subsequent kings, the nation splits into two kingdoms and follow their kings leads further and further away from God. -This period includes an increased prominence of prophets. -Defeat of northern Kingdom by Assyrians in 722 B.C. leading to exile. -Defeat of Southern Kingdom by Babylonians (three sieges between 604-586 B.C.), leading to exile.	931-586 B.C.
Life in Exile	Daniel, Esther	Nebuchadnezzar; Fall of Babylon; Israelite Life under Persian Rule	586-530 B.C.
Returning From Exile	Ezra, Nehemiah	Rebuilding of Temple in Jerusalem; Return of Southern exiles to Promised Land	538-433 B.C.

Books of Prophecy

Prophets are men or women called by God to speak to others on His behalf.

<i>God used prophets...</i> <i>-to remind His people of the consequences of disobeying God and exhort them to return to living faithfully before Him.</i> <i>-to encourage people in times of suffering</i> <i>-to offer forgiveness when they had sinned</i> <i>-to foretell of a time when God would send his own representative to intervene decisively with in the life of the people.</i>	<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Old Testament Books</u>
	8th Century B.C.	Jonah, Joel, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah
	7th Century B.C.	Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah
	6th Century B.C. - <i>Pre-Exile</i>	Jeremiah
	6th Century B.C. - <i>During Exile</i>	Obadiah, Ezekiel, Daniel
	6th Century B.C. - <i>Post-Exile</i>	Haggai, 1/2 Zechariah
	5th-4th Century B.C.	1/2 Zechariah, Malachi

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

-Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

-Ezekiel 37:26-27

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

-Isaiah 7:14

Books of Poetry & Wisdom	
<u>Old Testament Books</u>	<u>Brief Summary</u>
Job	The story of the trials and patience of a holy man, Job. This book deals with an ageless question - the problem of human suffering, particularly the affliction of the righteous.
Psalms	A collection of 150 psalms of praise and worship to God.
Proverbs	Proverbs is a book that teaches wisdom for everyday life. It informs us that the source of wisdom is God, and that it is folly to look to anyone or anything else for truth.
Ecclesiastes	The author preaches that life is meaningless without God. It reveals that life contains much sadness, but those who believe and trust in God will ultimately have fulfillment.
Song of Solomon	A collection of marriage songs. Literally, the book expresses the physical and emotional love between a man and a woman. Symbolically, it is considered by some to demonstrate God’s love for his people.
Lamentations	Comprised of five poems, lamenting the siege and destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. This book expresses sorrow over the nation of Israel’s sin, making confession on behalf of the people and leaders.

Question: is the Old Testament God different from the New Testament God?

Between The Old and New Testaments

- The History of God's people in the Old Testament breaks off at 433 BC, with many exiles having been returned to Jerusalem under Persian Rule.
- After Alexander the Great defeats the Persians in 333 BC, the Jews continue under Greek governance.
- In 166 BC, the Jewish people revolt and gain a century of independence under the Maccabees.
- In 63 BC, the Romans conquer the Jewish people. The Romans will rule over Israel through the time of Jesus' earthly life.

The Apocrypha

Between 300 BC and 70 AD, a group of Jewish writings are produced that are known as the *Apocrypha*. In Anglicanism, the Apocrypha may be used in worship, but it is not considered Holy Scripture. It provides examples and instruction for life, but it is not used for the establishment of doctrine.

Books included in the Apocrypha: Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, parts of Esther and parts of Daniel

Two Questions to answer for next week

1. Write down your biggest takeaway from Class 1. This could be something that was new to you, something that fascinates you, or just something you'd like to know more about.

2. As you reflect on Class 1, write down if you have any question that remains unanswered.

Spiritual Principle & Practice to help us live the life God intends for us...

Principle #1:	<p>God is sovereign over all the world and anything that could come our way in life, over forces that we are powerless over.</p> <p>And God is good.</p>	<p><i>On God's sovereignty over the world and all circumstances:</i></p> <p>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things. -Isaiah 45:7</p> <p>Who can command things to happen without the Lord's permission? -Lamentations 3:37</p> <p><i>On God's goodness:</i></p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. -Psalm 136:1</p>	
Practice #1:	<p>Turn control of my whole life over to the care of God and His direction, every day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -my relationships -my finances -my plans -my choices -my day 	<p><i>On turning control of our life over to God:</i></p> <p>Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. -Proverbs 3:5-6</p> <p><i>God is the source of all we need:</i></p> <p>Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. -1 Chronicles 29:12</p>	<p><i>On wealth as an obstacle to giving control to God:</i></p> <p>For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." -Matthew 19:25</p> <p><i>On God as our source of power:</i></p> <p>He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me - Psalm 18:17</p>
Life without it may include:	<p>The burden of my own security being entirely upon me, leading to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Anxiety -Fear -Difficulty Sleeping -Control issues -Deterioration of relationships 	<p><i>On the deficiency of living life in our own power:</i></p> <p>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. -John 6:63</p>	<p><i>A description of living our lives in our own power:</i></p> <p>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. -Matthew 9:36</p>
Life with it is more likely to be characterized by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Peace -Joy -Acceptance of life as it occurs (because no matter the circumstances, God is with me) 	<p><i>On being at peace that God is in control:</i></p> <p>Jesus said: "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." -John 16:33</p> <p><i>On God working all things for our good:</i></p> <p>And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28</p>	<p><i>How our peace relates to God:</i></p> <p>You (God) keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you (God), because he trusts in you. -Isaiah 26:3</p> <p><i>On the peace Jesus offers us:</i></p> <p>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. -John 14:27</p>