

BIB 201The Pentateuch

Lesson 1 - Introduction to sythetical method of Bible study

Intro. Read the preface in UDR page 17 about knowing your Bible.

- Synthetic - whole
1. Putting together of parts or elements so as to make up a complex whole
 2. in logic from the whole to the part
 3. in Bible study the various parts are viewed together, are seen in their relation to one another, and are regarded as constituting a whole. Opposite of the analytical method.
 4. Analytic is microscopic method; sythetic is the telescopic method.
 5. In Geography from hemispheres to continents to countries to cities to towns to villages
 6. Martin Luther gathered apples: shook the tree, then the limbs, then the branches, then under the tree for remaining fruit.
 7. Like putting a jigsaw puzzle together, first the boarder, then similar colors, then individual pieces.
 8. Not analyzing the parts of a car but how the parts of the car fit together to make it operate

1. The books in the Book - (slightly altered from Scroggie)
 2. 66 books
 3. 2 testaments or covenants 39 OT 27 NT
 4. OT Groups
 5. Law 5 books - called the Pentateuch
 6. History 12 books (9 and 3)
 7. Poetry and wisdom 5 books
 8. prophecy 17 books (5 major and 12 minor prophets) (9&3)
 9. NT Groups
 10. Gospels
 11. History - Acts
 12. Church Epistles (Romans - II Thessalonians)
 13. Pastoral Epistles (Timothy's Titus Philemon)
 14. Jewish Epistles (Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude)
 15. Apocalyptical - Revelation
2. Christ as Sum and Substance of the Bible
 3. Prophet as revealed by Moses Dt. 18:18 - Someone to reveal
 4. Priest as revealed in Aaron Hebrews 5 - Someone to represent
 5. King as revealed in David Ps. 110:1 - Someone to rule
3. Redemption as the underlying theme of the Bible
 4. OT redemption *anticipated*
 5. Gospels redemption *accomplished*

6. Acts and Epistles redemption *applied*
 7. Revelation redemption *achieved*
4. Unfolding Drama of Redemption
5. Prologue - Gen. 1-11:9 A foreshadowing in miniature form of the drama
 6. Act I - Gen. 11:10-Malachi 4 - The setting of all the characters
 7. Interlude Malachi to Matthew - the intertestament period
 8. Act II Matthew to Jude - the plot worked out
 9. Epilogue - the Revelation - consummation

Conclusion

II Timothy 2:15 “rightly dividing the word of truth” - only as you understand the entire message of the Bible can you know how each piece fits. Otherwise, we can wrest the scriptures to our own destruction. A text without a context is a pretext. Each individual passage must be understood in its relation to the whole.