

**NOTES ON WRAP UP OF COURSE AND FOR FINAL EXAM  
PERMANENT DIACONATE PROGRAM  
INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

Torah/Pentateuch:

basic document/constitution of Judaism

created in Babylonian Exile

anticipates return to Land/end of Exile

ends on this note of waiting for Promise to be fulfilled

Prophets

Former Prophets/Dtr history: explains why Israel/Judah went into Exile

Latter Prophets: increasingly edited to provide hope for a real end of Exile/salvation

particularly important is Dt-Isa (good news of new exodus, end of Exile, universalism)

New Testament:

proclaims end of Exile/Final Exodus (by Jesus)

“the time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God has drawn near, repent and believe the Good News” (Mark 1:15)

Jesus is the awaited savior/Messiah, but in unexpected ways (Son of God, Son of man who must suffer and rise from the dead)

Luke: all Promises are fulfilled by Jesus, by pouring out of Holy Spirit and resurrection

Eschatology: in the End, there is a return to the Beginning; God’s original creation

purpose finally fulfilled; Kingdom of God is dominion of Son of man (dominion of beasts is finally taken away and given to one like a human being, Dan 7)

Jesus, and Paul, will go back before Law of Moses to God’s original intention (e.g., no divorce, Gen 1 vs. Deut 24; promises to Abraham in Gen vs. Law given on Mt. Sinai)