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		Historical Books
		Daniel
		Ezra-Nehemiah
		Chronicles

The Septuagint (LXX)

Additional books : 1 Esdras, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach Tobit, Baruch, the letter of Jeremiah, 1-4 Maccabees, the Psalms of Solomon

Apocrypha

Question: who wrote most of the New Testament?

Intertextual Reading

Isaiah 53:2–6 ESV

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,
and we esteemed him not.
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2Corinthians 4:6 ESV

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Timothy 3:15–17 ESV

...from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

Metanarrative

Question: Is there one complete, perfect & true metanarrative that holds every bit of the Bible together perfectly?

NT Wright's 5-act framework

Creation
Fall
Israel
Jesus
The Church

Dispensationalism: God deals with us in different ways in different times

Innocence	Gen 1-2
Conscience	Gen 3-8
Civil Government	Gen 9-11
Promise	Gen 12 - Ex 19
Law	Ex 20 – birth of the church
Grace	Church age – Rev 20:3
Millennium	Rev 20:4ff

Progressive dispensationalism, hyperdispensationalism, ultradispensationalism...

Gospel

Mark 1:14–20 ESV

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Isaiah 52:7–10 ESV

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings **good news**,
who publishes peace,
who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "**Your God reigns.**"

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reference books

Israel's Gospel, John Goldingay

Walk On – Life, Loss, Trust & Other Realities, John Goldingay

An Introduction to the Old Testament, Longman & Dillard

An Old Testament Theology, Bruce Waltke

A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, Birch, Brueggemann & Fretheim

Old Testament

God began	Creation
God started over	from Eden to Babel
God promised	the Fathers of Israel
God delivered	the Exodus
God sealed	Sinai
God gave	the promised Land
God accommodated	from Joshua to Solomon
God wrestled	from the Kings to the Exile
God preserved	Exile & restoration

New Testament

God With -us	Jesus
God In -us	Acts & the early church
God For -us	Paul

Story**1. Israel were a people held together by a story****Psalms 105:1–17 ESV**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
 make known his deeds among the peoples!
 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
 tell of all his wondrous works!
 Glory in his holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
 Seek the LORD and his strength;
 seek his presence continually!
 Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
 his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
 O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
 children of Jacob, his chosen ones!
 He is the LORD our God;
 his judgments are in all the earth.
 He remembers his covenant forever,
 the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
 the covenant that he made with Abraham,
 his sworn promise to Isaac,
 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
 to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
 as your portion for an inheritance."
 When they were few in number, of little account,
 and sojourners in it,
 wandering from nation to nation,
 from one kingdom to another people,
 he allowed no one to oppress them;
 he rebuked kings on their account,
 saying, "Touch not my anointed ones,
 do my prophets no harm!"
 When he summoned a famine on the land
 and broke all supply of bread,
 he had sent a man ahead of them,
 Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

2. The story is utterly focused on the relationship between God & his people

God began, and created a man & a woman
The man & the woman turned their back on God, & God started over
God promised, and a man & a woman had a son
Israel cried out, and God delivered
God sealed, and Israel put it all in danger
God gave, and Israel took
Israel equivocated, and God accommodated
Israel turned away, and God wrestled
God preserved, and Israel turned back

3. The story is incomplete

Mark 16:6–8 ESV

And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

4. The details matter

In the Beginning...

**Wisdom
Love
Light**

Wisdom

Proverbs 8:22–31 NIV11

“The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;
I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;
before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,
before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.
I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.”

1Corinthians 1:18–25 NIV11

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

James 3:13–18 NIV11

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Job 28:1–28 NIV11

There is a mine for silver
and a place where gold is refined.
Iron is taken from the earth,
and copper is smelted from ore.
Mortals put an end to the darkness;
they search out the farthest recesses
for ore in the blackest darkness.
Far from human dwellings they cut a shaft,
in places untouched by human feet;
far from other people they dangle and sway.
The earth, from which food comes,
is transformed below as by fire;
lapis lazuli comes from its rocks,
and its dust contains nuggets of gold.
No bird of prey knows that hidden path,
no falcon’s eye has seen it.
Proud beasts do not set foot on it,
and no lion prowls there.
People assault the flinty rock with their hands
and lay bare the roots of the mountains.
They tunnel through the rock;
their eyes see all its treasures.
They search the sources of the rivers
and bring hidden things to light.

But where can wisdom be found?
Where does understanding dwell?

No mortal comprehends its worth;
it cannot be found in the land of the living.
The deep says, “It is not in me”;
the sea says, “It is not with me.”
It cannot be bought with the finest gold,
nor can its price be weighed out in silver.
It cannot be bought with the gold of Ophir,
with precious onyx or lapis lazuli.

Neither gold nor crystal can compare with it,
nor can it be had for jewels of gold.
Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention;
the price of wisdom is beyond rubies.
The topaz of Cush cannot compare with it;
it cannot be bought with pure gold.

Where then does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell?

It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing,
concealed even from the birds in the sky.
Destruction and Death say,
“Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.”

God understands the way to it
and he alone knows where it dwells,
for he views the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.
When he established the force of the wind
and measured out the waters,
when he made a decree for the rain
and a path for the thunderstorm,
then he looked at wisdom and appraised it;
he confirmed it and tested it.
And he said to the human race,
“The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom,
and to shun evil is understanding.”

Genesis 3:6–7 NIV11

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked...

1Corinthians 8:1 NIV11

...knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

Colossians 2:1–4 ESV

For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments.

John 1:1–5 ESV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Proverbs 3:5–7 TNIV11

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil."

Isaiah 66:1–2 NIV11

"This is what the LORD says:

"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
Where is the house you will build for me?
Where will my resting place be?
Has not my hand made all these things,
and so they came into being?"
declares the LORD.

"These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word."

Arius & the Council of Nicea (325AD)

Proverbs 8:21–23 NIV11

"The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,
before his deeds of old;
I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be."

Genesis 14:18–20 NIV11

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine.
He was priest of God Most High,
and he blessed Abram, saying,
"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
The Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven & earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of Gods
Light of Light
Very God of very God
Begotten, not made,
Being of one substance with the Father.
By whom all things were made...

Let there be light!

Genesis 1:1–3 NIV11

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Now the earth was formless and empty,
 darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.”

2Samuel 22:29 NIV11

“You, LORD, are my lamp;
 the LORD turns my darkness into light.”

Isaiah 58:9–10 NIV11

“If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
 with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
 and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
 and your night will become like the noonday.”

Micah 7:8 NIV11

“Do not gloat over me, my enemy!
 Though I have fallen, I will rise.
 Though I sit in darkness,
 the LORD will be my light.”

Matthew 4:16 NIV11 (cf. Isaiah 9:2)

“the people living in darkness
 have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned."

John 8:12 NIV11

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Mark 15:33–34 NIV11

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")

2Corinthians 4:6 NIV11

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

1Peter 2:9 ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Question: Where in your heart, your life, your circumstances, your relationships... do you need God to say, Let there be light?