

## WHY STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

### I. INTRODUCTION.

#### **a. The Theme of the Bible is "REDEMPTION".**

- i. Man needs it!
- ii. God provides!
- iii. Both Old and New Testament tell us about it!

### II. WHY STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

#### **a. Serves as Background For Study of New Testament.**

- i. Hebrews 5:5-6—Jesus, our High Priest?
  - 1. Genesis 14:18-20.
  - 2. Hebrews 7:1ff.
- ii. Hebrews 11—Honor roll of faith?
- iii. Matthew 1—Who are these people?

#### **b. Only Reliable History of That Period of Time.**

- i. Genesis 12:2—promise of a great nation?
- ii. Genesis 1-6—How did all this get started?
- iii. Genesis 11:31—The city of Ur and Abraham?
- iv. Daniel 5:30—Last ruler of Babylon—Belshazzar?

#### **c. Provides Wisdom/Equips Us "For Every Good Work".**

- i. II Tim. 3:16-17—inspired Word of God equips or trains us.
- ii. Other related Scriptures in epistles to Timothy:
  - 1. I Tim. 4:13; I Tim. 4:16; II Tim 1:13; II Tim. 2:15.

#### **d. Points the Way to Christ.**

- i. Acts 2—Peter' Gospel Sermon uses O. T. Scriptures.
  - 1. Joel 2:28-32 quoted in Acts 2:16-21.
  - 2. Psalm 110:1 is discussed in Acts 2:32-36.
- ii. Isaiah 53:7-8 is quoted in Acts 8.