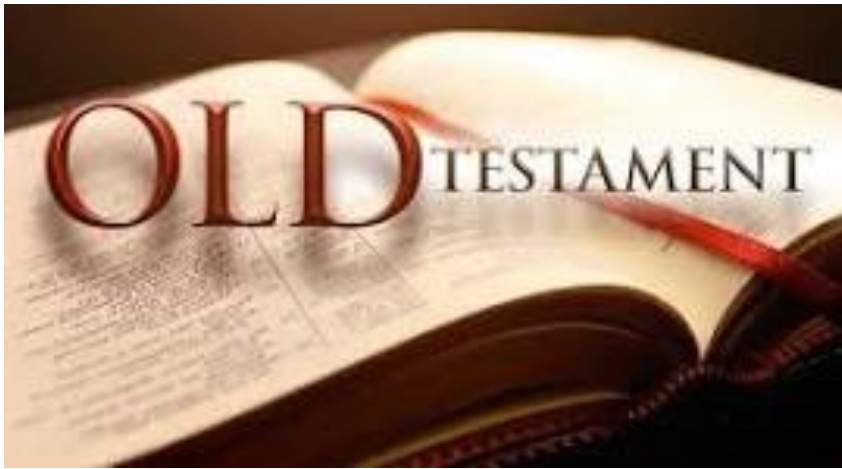




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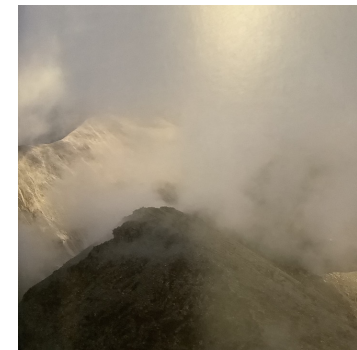
Background
Canons
Genre
Forum Posts

Session 1



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

Your Images of the OT



Hebrew Bible & Old Testament

- Didn't appear out of a vacuum
- ANE context shaped its content
- Jewish perspective – Jesus was Jewish!
- So ...

Don't Mention the NT!



The Message & Its Origins

- Many hands at work over many centuries
- Stories were oral long before written down
- They were meant to be heard not read
- Don't actually know who wrote them
- The message is what matters
- Amazing that such a tiny place survived and changed history



Canaan and the Fertile Crescent, Adapted from Rogerson, J. *A New Atlas of the Bible*

Babylonian

ANE Cultural Context

Sumerian

- Many HB/OT stories were very similar to other ANE myths and legends
- **But** the authors transformed them
- Their message was revolutionary - it moved from the idea of many gods to one God: Yahweh
- Yahweh was not subject to laws of nature
- God who cared, a God of relationship, a God of Covenant.

Assyrian

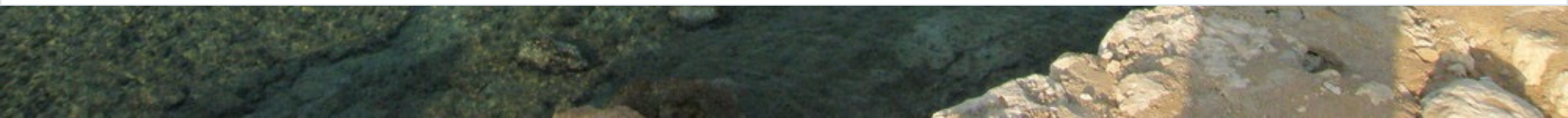
Mesopotamian

Myths About the Bible

- The Bible should be taken literally (everything happened exactly as it says)
- The Bible's stories are pious and are about saints
- The Bible is a single book
- The Bible was written by God.

Timeline Exercise

commandments
exodus issac
amos flood babel
daniel kingdoms fall
ruth wilderness restoration
nehemiah creation saul
solomon moses
job david abraham
exile jacob joseph
esther judges



Thus says the Lord



“Have a nice cup of tea”!!

Overview of Old Testament History

Job
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Psalms			
1&2 Samuel		Ecclesiastes	Hagai
1&2 Kings		Proverbs	Zechariah
1&2 Chronicles			Malachi
Isaiah			Esther
Amos		Ezekiel	Nehemiah
Hosea		Jeremiah	Ezra
			Daniel



Pre-history
Creation
Cain & Abel
Flood

Abrahamic
Covenant
Patriarchs

Mosaic Covenant
Exgypt, Exodus & Sinai
Period of the Judges

David
&
Solomon

Israel in the North
(Samaria)
Judah in the South
(Jerusalem)
Period of Kings

Samaria to
Assyria 722
Jerusalem to
Babylon
597

Exile
Time of the
Prophets

Return from
Exile
Restoration of
the Temple in
Jerusalem

	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob Patriarchal Period Genesis 12-50			Moses to David Tabernacle Period Exodus-Judges			United Monarchy 1&2 Samuel		Divided Kingdoms 1&2 Kings		Israel Falls Judah Falls Kings/Chronicles		Babylonian Exile Isaiah/Ezekiel/ Jeremiah		2nd Temple Period Persian Period Ezra/Nehemiah/ Intertestamental	
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Part 2: Canons and Genre

Torah
“Law”

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Nevi'im
“Prophets”

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

Ketuvim
“Writings”

Psalms
Job
Proverbs

Ruth
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes
Lamentations
Esther

Daniel
Ezra / Nehemiah
Chronicles

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אבן עזרא

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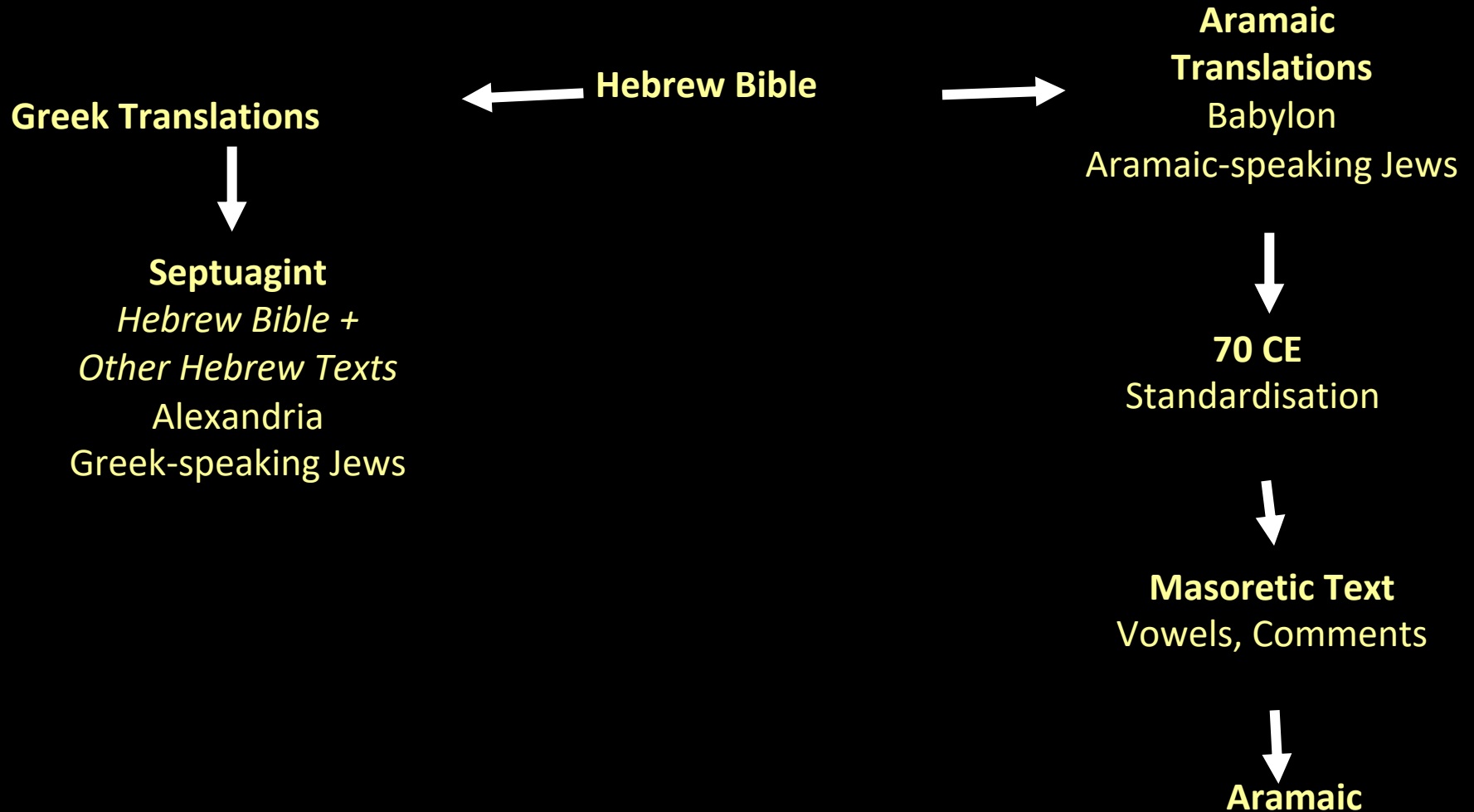
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Development of OT Canon



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Deutero-Canonical Books

Tobit
Judith
Additions to Esther
Additions to Daniel

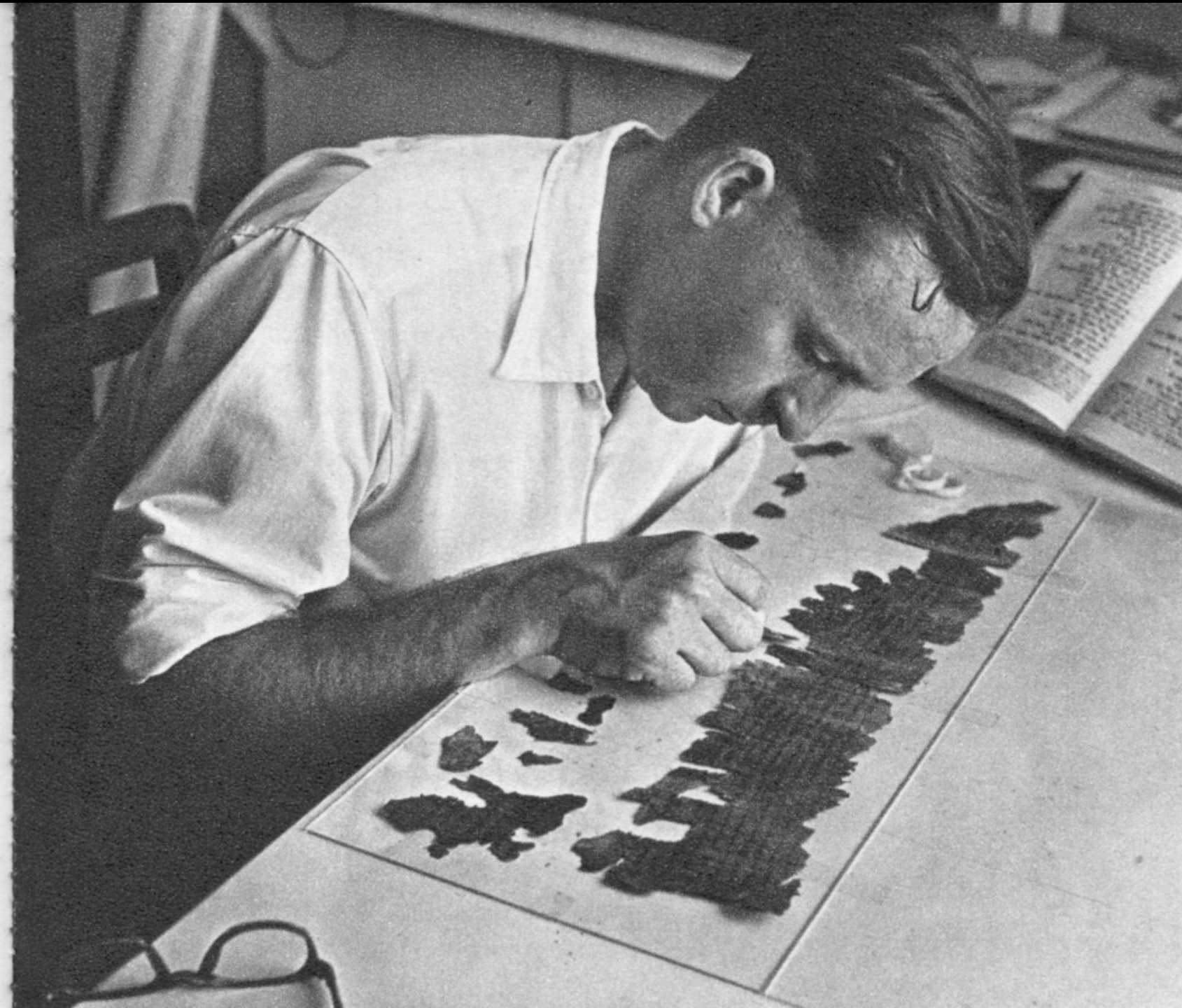
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Ecclesiasticus (Ben Sirach)

Baruch and the Epistle of Jeremiah
Prayer of Manasseh

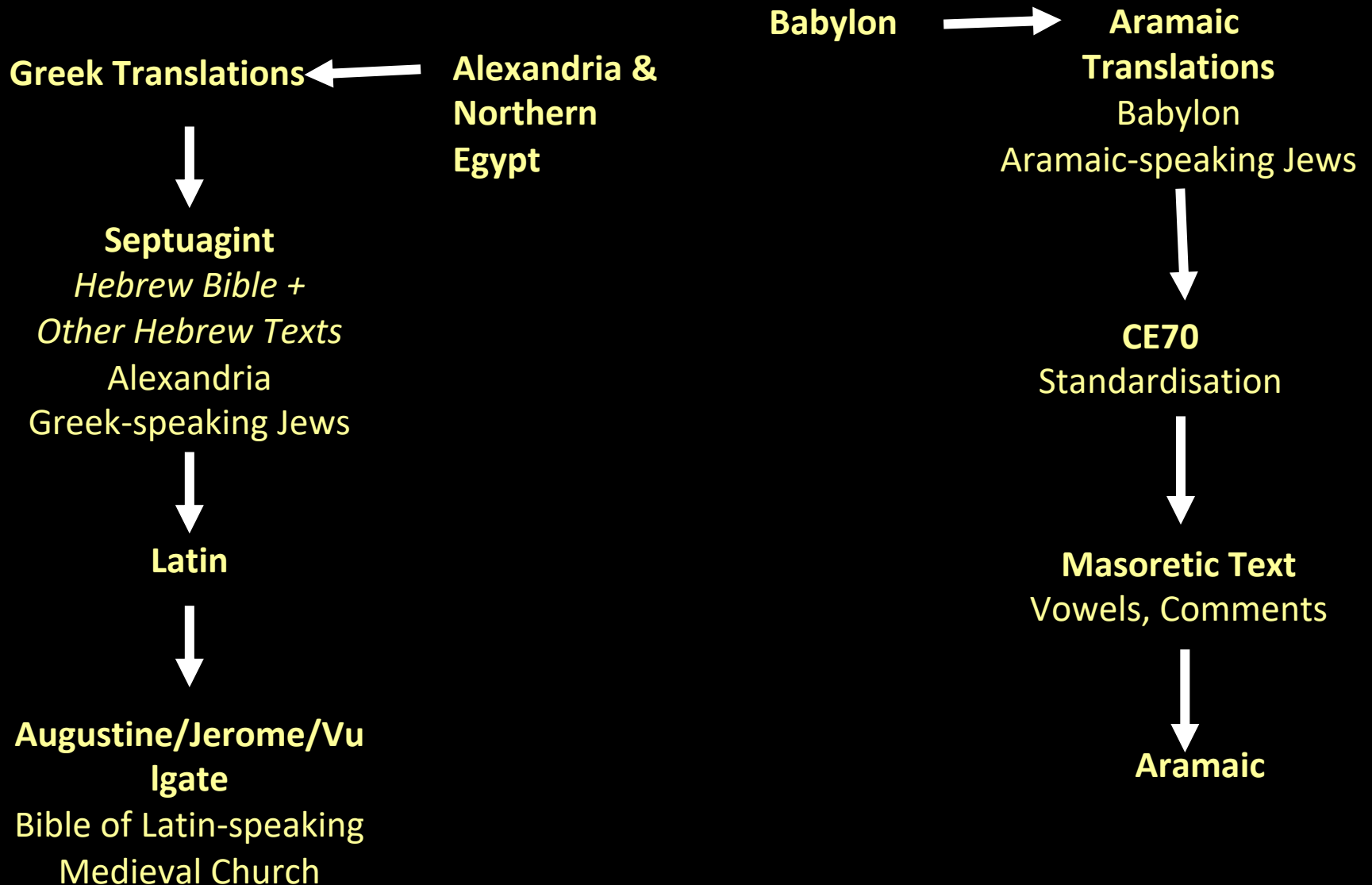
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees
3 *Maccabees*
3 Ezra

Protestant Canon





Development of OT Canon



Quick Quiz

Mentimeter

Biblical Genres



Genres of the OT

- **Foundational Myths & Legends**
- **Legal Codes**
- **Genealogies**
- **Annals/Histories**
- **Prophecy**
- **Poetry / Psalms**
- **Prayers / Laments**
- **Proverbs**
- **Wisdom Literature**
- **Apocalypses**

Biblical Genres

In breakout rooms look at the bible passages assigned to you below (take a screenshot and then make sure you remember which breakout room you're asked to join) and decide into which OT genre they fall.

You have 10 minutes!

Room 1: Genesis 1 – 2:4, Exodus 15

Room 2: Leviticus 1, Numbers 3:1-4

Room 3: Joshua 6, Psalm 60

Room 4: Psalm 1, Amos 2:1-3, Isaiah 11



Part 3

Assignment Skills: Forum Posts

Discipleship
Training,
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- About
- Module Outlines
- Sample Sessions
- FAQs
- For Incumbents
- Apply
- Term Dates
- Enter Modules
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Categories All Posts My Posts



Discussion Forum

Choose a discussion below and join in!

Create New Post

Thinking Reflectively



Forum posts are designed for theological reflection & demonstrate:

1. Good, clear presentation
2. Knowledge & understanding
3. Analysis and critical thinking
4. Reflection
5. Reflexivity and engagement

Don't be scared, it's easier than it looks! Audio recording

Good Forum Posts



What did you think?

- Are concise (Presentation)
- Answer the question(s) asked (Knowledge & Understanding)
- Make a clear point related to the session (Knowledge & Understanding)
- Show your thinking (Analysis)
- Ask you a challenging question (Reflection & engagement)
- Ask the Church a challenging question (Reflection & engagement)
- Demonstrate how you will use your learning (Reflexivity & engagement)

Reflect Sections

Reflect

Spend some time prayerfully thinking about what you have discovered in this session. What has struck you most? How will you use it to develop your discipleship? Post your thoughts on the [Forum](#). Below, in the Resources section, you will find a second timeline which is in narrative format. Download it and keep it handy along with the Simple Timeline as you progress through the module.

Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, all things come from you:
from you come our life, this world and all that we have and are.
Teach us to love and respect your creation and give glory to you.
Blessed are you, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen



Example Reflect Post



Knowledge & Understanding

- I was really struck by the similarities and differences between the Enuma Elish (EE) and the creation stories in Genesis. I'd not heard of the EE before but the similarities are really clear when laid out like this.

Example Reflect Post cont..



Analysis

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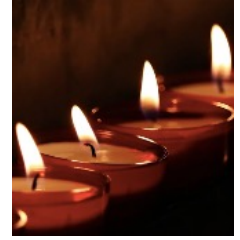
Example Reflect Post cont..



Reflection, Reflexivity & Engagement

- Faithfulness really stood out for me. How faithful am I to God? To other people? I've been really challenged by that. And how faithful is the Church? How much do we care about others around us, both inside and outside the church? How might I do better? How might the Church do better? How can I make sure I keep God the creator alive in my ministry and encourage others to do the same? There's a great deal to ponder on here. (179 words)

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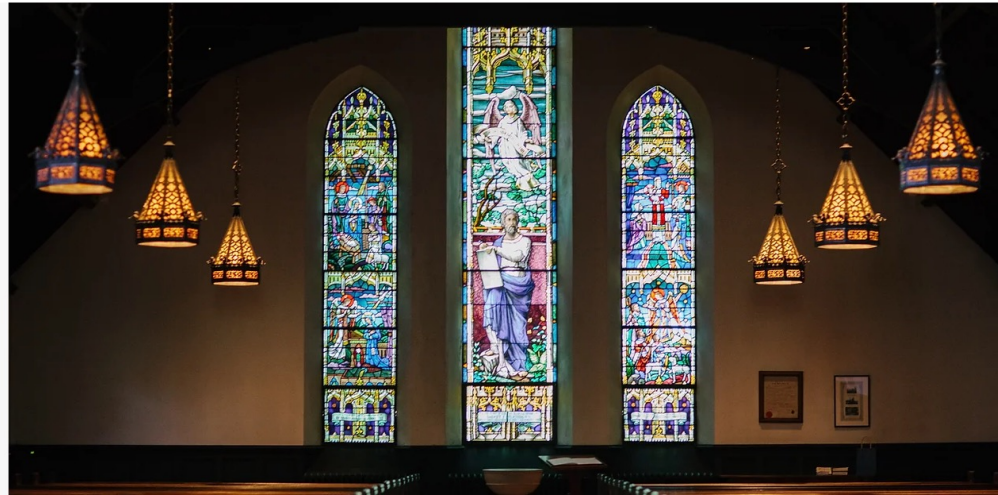
Something Practical To Do Sections

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Listen carefully to the words of the service in church this Sunday. Where and how is God the Creator mentioned and described?

If you're in a church building, look around that too - is there any visible evidence of our belief in God as Creator?

Share some of what you have found on the discussion board in the Forum [here](#).



Example

‘Something Practical To Do’ Post



Knowledge & Understanding

- Honestly, I think Amos wouldn't be greatly pleased! We are inclusive and we do try to reach those on some of the margins – but not many. We do very little for the poor and disenfranchised apart from collecting food for the local foodbank. We always include areas of injustice in our prayers but what is words without action? The OT has a lot to say about that as well as the NT! There is nothing on our notice sheets or noticeboards to indicate anything else we might do to speak or work in area of injustice.

Example

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Analysis

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Example

‘Something Practical To Do’ Post



Reflection, Reflexivity & Engagement

- I'm really challenged by all of this. What else can we do? I need to talk to the leadership team about other ways we might support those who are homeless and struggling (we used to do this but don't now) and making it more obvious in our outward facing documents (including social media). My own challenges I've outlined in my Reflect post – I have to do more too, it all starts with me.

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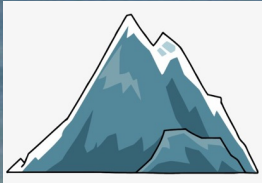
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When Engaging with Others

- Always be respectful
- Don't be afraid to disagree but do so well – say what you think and why
- Don't tell others they're wrong!
- Be encouraging



Finally ...



‣ Don't get overwhelmed

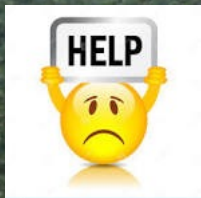
‣ Choose one thing



‣ Be disciplined



‣ Tell me....



‣ Ask for help