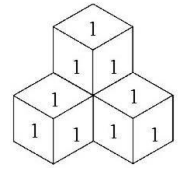


Module 1: The Old Covenant

1/0 – Introduction



Choice of Start

Welcome to Modulo 1.

This Module explores the first part of the Bible's Old Testament because that explains the reason for Christianity. It explores how God made himself known to humanity, gave us Laws for living together in a society, an agreement (called The 'Old Covenant') that he made with the early people that if they would accept him as their God and obey his Laws then he would protect them, and the consequence of their constantly breaking those Laws.

Those accounts form the basis from which Christianity grew, and explains the reason why God came to earth himself in the human form of Jesus Christ (To make amends for our disobedience of his Laws). Finally, questions are provided to help us compare their behaviour in those days with our own behaviour today.

If you've completed Module 0, you can skip Part 1/1 of this Module as, it's a summary of Module 0, and go directly to Part 1/2 instead.

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- **God sent many messengers (prophets) to remind the early people of their agreement, but they (and we) still can't keep God's Laws well enough, which separates us from God, just like a naughty child is separated from their parents.**
- **A 'Time Line' is included that shows the relationship between the Old Testament books and the King who ruled at that time.**



Module 1/1 – Reviewing the Basics

We ask, who is God – does he exist? and look at the evidence. Then ask what's he like? and how do we find out?

- **This is a summary of Module 0 so we all have a common basis to move on from.**



Module 1/2 – God Makes Himself Known

Using the first six books of the Old Testament, we explore how God made himself known to a righteous but childless man named Abraham, and follow his fortunes, and those of his immediate descendants, through their becoming slaves in Egypt.

- **God promised Abraham he would have many descendants if he would start out for a land God would only reveal later.**



Module 1/3 – Freed For Service

Through Moses, the greatest of the old prophets, God sends plagues to force the Egyptian Pharaoh (king) to release them.

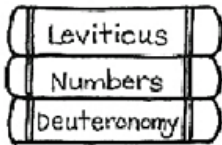
- **They escaped through the sea and started towards the land God had promised Abraham.**



Module 1/4 – Covenant Agreed

God gave them basic Laws for living life well (The Ten Commandment) and made an agreement with them (The Old Covenant) to be their God and protect them if they would obey his Laws.

- **The Laws still form the basis of Christian life today, so its relevant to explore them and how they, and we, find it impossible to obey them.**



Module 1/5 – General Rules For Life

As well as the Ten Commandments, God gave them dozens of other Laws covering the basics of life together in society, including how to worship, what's good and bad to eat, personal hygiene, society's relationships, etc.

- **The three books describe those Laws, as well as continuing the account of their journey and misfortunes.**



Module 1/6 – God Keeps His Promise

After the death of Moses, Joshua becomes leader. Several battles with the local tribes followed, before Joshua lead the people across the river Jordan into the land promised to Abraham and settle the people in areas allocated according to their tribe.

- **The Old Testament has many more books, which give further examples of God's relationship with his people, as well as providing poems, etc to enrich our life.**
- **However, we leave them here and go instead in Module 2 to look at what God did about our inability to keep his Laws.**