

## How to Read and Use the Old Testament

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## Introduction

- Marcion (2<sup>nd</sup> century): Two Gods
- Use of OT by NT writers
- Romans 15:4: *for us, not to us*
- Meaning of “Bible”?
- Library — 66 books in 2 bookshelves

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## Pointing to Christ

- John 5:39, Luke 24:25-27, 45-47
- Background to Christ
- Job description of Messiah
- Incompleteness of OT (Hebrews)
- Specific prophecies: Isaiah 53

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### Lessons for Today

- 1 Corinthians 10:1-11
- Historical accounts
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job & Ecclesiastes
- Prophets & justice

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### Old Testament Law

- Spoof letter
- Threefold division of OT Law:
- Moral Law: applies today
- Civil Law: principles to learn
- Two examples: flat roof (Deut 22:8)  
cities of refuge (Num 35)

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### OT Law, ctd.

- Legal penalties
- Holy War
- Ceremonial Law: fulfilled in Christ
- Food laws: Mark 7:18-19; Acts 10:15
- Sacrifice: Hebrews
- Sabbath

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## Leviticus

- Three types of law together
- Day of Atonement: 16:11-16  
Hebrews 9:7, 11-14, 10:1-4
- Adultery & homosexuality: 18:20, 22  
Romans 1:26-27, 13:9

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## Leviticus, ctd.

- Legal penalties: 20:10, 13
- Welfare: 19:9-10
- Respect for elderly: 19:32

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