

Hebrews: A Letter of Encouragement to the Hebrew Christians

1. The text _____ today what it _____ then.

2. The Old Testament is an _____ story; self-confessed as _____.

3. Three interpretive tools of the Old Testament used by New Testament authors:

Sensus Plenior: A _____ and _____ meaning as seen through the prism of Jesus Christ.

Pesher: _____ is _____.

Literal, not _____.

The OT is the indispensable first part of the story of God's plan of redemption for mankind. It is divinely inspired, inerrant, historically accurate, yet unable to stand on its own. Its full meaning is understood only in the light of the New Testament, yet the New can only be fully appreciated in the literal light of the Old. Together they constitute both the preparation for and fulfillment of the saving work of the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ. Although its religious practices (having found their fulfillment in Christ) have passed away, the entirety of the Old Testament is the anchor of the Christian faith and profitable for teaching and reproof.

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