

# New Testament Use of Old Testament

# NT frequently quotes OT

- Mt.1:22-23
  - OT virgin birth prophecy: fulfilled in Jesus (Isa.7:14)
  - Matthew: 40~ quotations... ‘that what was spoken . . . might be fulfilled’
- Premise: OT is a way in wilderness making way for Jesus and NT
- NT is fulfillment of these things

“We stand on shoulders of giants”

# I. OT Passages Announce; NT passages Apply

- Gn.1:1, 26; 3:22 – Godhead: creation. Hb.11:3
- Gn.1:2, 6, 9 – water: flood. 2 Pt.3:5-6; Hb.11:7
- Gn.1:26-27 – man / woman. Ac.17:26
- Gn.1:26-27; 2:21-25 – marriage. Mt.19:4-5
- Gn.3:1-7 – fall. Mt.4:3; 1 Tim.2:11-15. 1 Co.14
- Gn.3:15 – salvation. “He” . . . Rv.12:7-12

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II. OT Passages Protect

# Gn.18-19, Sodom

- Many deny sodomy is sin. Lk.17:28-29
- Gn.13 elaborates
  - Lot saw good in Sodom . . .
  - He lost everything: wife, daughters (incest), home, possessions
- OT: most complete details of sodomy: Gn.18f.
  - NT repeats warnings – 1 Co.6:9...
    - 1) Brief summaries
    - 2) NT expects readers to know OT warnings

# 1 Jn.2, love not the world (5:19)

15: love of world kills love of God. Ja.4:4.

16: lust of flesh ...of eyes ...pride of life.

- Ep.2:3

- This love / lust is world in rebellion... sinful desire in general... craving what is seen

17: climax to warning: world and its deadly desires are passing away. Solomon...

## Mt.6:21, treasure . . . heart

- Mt.6:24, we cannot love God and mammon...
- Ja.1:14, each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed [lured]. 15 Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death
- 2 Pt.2:14, having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin



## Mt.5:27-30, *adultery in the heart*

- A look that lusts is adultery in the heart – ready, eager, willing to sin
  1. 29: better to lose eye than take whole body to hell. [What about Eve's eye?]
  2. 30: better to lose hand than whole body in hell. “It is better to go limping into heaven than leaping into hell.”

## Ro.1:20-22... homosexuality

- Some live in lust
- “For normal men, the eye is the medium through which temptation comes”
- Three times: “*gave them up*”
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  - a. OT: Prov.6:20-35
  - b. OT: Prov.7:6-23
  - c. NT: 1 Co.10:6ff., “our examples” (OT)

## Rv.2:18-25

- Jezebel in church at Thyatira
- Without OT: would not know connection
  - a. Seduce . . . sexual immorality, 20-21
  - b. Church . . . condemned for allowing it
- Consequences of immorality are NOT limited to practitioners; includes churches that allow it
- “I have a few things against you” – toleration of sin (ct. Ephesus, 2:2, 6)
- No repentance, 21
- Judgment would follow, 23. 2 K.10:1-8

# 1 Tim.2:9-10

- “In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works”
- God’s warnings are directly opposed to sinful practices in Thyatira

# 1 Tim.2:9-10

- Modesty: connotes feminine reserve ...In the word is involved an innate moral repugnance to the doing of the dishonorable. It is shamefastness which shrinks from transgressing the limits of womanly reserve and modesty... habitual inner self-government, with its constant reign on all the passions and desires –R-R
- Some frankly admit these things...
- OT elaborates – Gn.3

# Gn.3

- 7: Adam and eve knew not to stay naked as they were
- 7: they made *girding coverings* to cover part of their nakedness
- 10: Adam confessed that he was still naked; it's why he hid
- 21: God must have agreed with Adam; He made garments (tunics) of skins and clothed them

## Gn.3:21, tunics

- Principal ordinary garment of man and woman, worn next to the person...i.e. tunic with long skirts and sleeves... – BDB
- Joseph, Gn.37:3; Hushai, 2 Sm.15:32; Tamar, 2 Sm.13:18f
- Hb.11:37, sheepskins...goatskins...
- Ex.28:42, priest's tunic + linen undergarments