

Further outlines for these books may occur in Appendix I...if I ever get it prepared...a dull warning at this state of the syllabus.

c. The Place of the Pentateuch in the Bible

This is not easily assessed. We may say that in general it is basic to the total Biblical revelation and it sets the foundation for all doctrines generally. In particular it spells out the concepts behind redemption and forgiveness, etc. On its truth virtually everything else is based and certainly everything else is tested. Noticing its place in the Bible is easier if we break it down into the following lines:

(1) Historical Books of the OT

(a) It was the standard for the conduct and rule of the national leaders.

Note Deuteronomy 17:18

And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests of the Levites.

The fulfilling of the concept may be seen in the following passages:

Joshua 1:6-9...the commitment to the law of testimony by the entire nation.

I Kings 2-3...David's commitment of Solomon as his successor to the rule of the testimony.

I Chronicles 22:12, in which the charge of David is made more specific with the note that as Solomon keeps the law he will prosper.

II Chronicles 17:7, in which is seen the concept of the fulfilling of the law in the reign of Jehoshaphat.

This list, as will be true with the ones following, could be expanded greatly. But a few references are adequate to show the tenor of the point...that in the Old Testament the