

- III. Conclusion: So there are plenty of reasons for the study. The standard excuses are usually in the area of difficulty with names and vocabulary and questions about the dispensations and ages. All of these things can be dealt with in proper order but the thing to do is to read and appreciate the Scripture. I do know that some of the Old Testament books make hard reading and some are easy reading...but all are edifying and the message they give is united in praise of God and living in the enjoyment of His Will and Promise.

MESSAGE # 2: SOME BASIC CONCEPTS AND PRINCIPLES

Biblical Passages: 2 Peter 1:19-21, 1 Peter 1:10-12, Ephesians 3:1-7

I. Introducing the Subject

Some things become very boring in life when we have to go over basic information again and again and seem to take forever to get to the “real stuff”. I don’t want to be that way in this series of talks but some things are very necessary in the study of the Old Testament even though they are not very exciting. This is the second of our discussions following the notes on the importance of a study of the Old Testament and in this talk I will deal with some of these foundational matters. The Scriptures read will show the necessity of this when you see what the Old Testament spoke about and how slowly we have come to an understanding of it. So if your patience will hang with us for one more detail talk, we will then be ready to see more of the substance.

II. Discussion:

- A. Some of the complex matters that affect the Old Testament are the following which I will briefly discuss(orally)
1. Economies: The Old Testament dispensational thrust and that of the New Testament.
 2. Types and Symbols
 3. Prophetic character: foretelling and forthtelling
 4. Language peculiarities and especially the importance of understanding literal and allegorical language and the speech figures which infest these.
- B. The basic principles of interpretation are the same as those given