

Lecture ONE: Introduction to New Testament Survey

Introductory Matters:

1. Welcome & Prayer
2. See *Course Instructions* sheet, *Course Schedule* sheet, and *The Books of the New Testament* sheet

I. Background of the New Testament

A. The Unity and Diversity of the New Testament writings.

- Its diversity

- Its unity

B. The World of the NT

- Greek Language and Culture

- Roman Law and Government

- Jewish Scriptures and Religion (Monotheism)

C. The Geography of the NT

II. The Character of the New Testament

A. The significance of its Name

B. The relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament

Old Testament	New Testament
Law	Grace
Moses	Jesus Christ
Preparatory and Temporary (“Old”)	Final and Permanent (“New”)
Reveals Through Pictures and Shadows	Reveals the Reality and Substance
Promise	Fulfillment

- “The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed; the Old Testament is in the New Testament revealed.”

III. The Divisions of the New Testament

- Different methods have been used to divide the books of the New Testament:
 - A. According to its Literary Character (Genre)
 - B. According to its Authors

C. According to its historical periods (1st C. History of the Church)* See chart in text (Eng, 128) *This is the method used by Tenney in the text

D. According to Traditional Groupings *THIS COURSE WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW THIS METHOD

IV. The Inspiration of the NT

A. The Bible views itself as inspired Scripture

B. Christ and the apostles viewed the OT as inspired Scripture.

C. Peter called Paul's writings Scripture.

D. The logical syllogism of inspiration

E. Statement of Inspiration

V. The Preservation of the New Testament.

A. The role of preservation

B. The means of preservation

VI. The New Testament Revelation came by Jesus Christ.

A. The revelation by and about Christ Himself, contained in the Gospels (the historical record of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ)

B. The revelation by and about Christ contained in the Book of Acts

C. The revelation by and about Christ through His apostles contained in the Epistles.

D. The Revelation in the Book of Revelation

Summary and conclusion:

- The entire New Testament is the product of the mind of God, revealed by Jesus Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit.



Map of the Roman Empire