

FOR WHAT PURPOSE WERE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE USED DURING THE
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For what purpose was the Old Testament Scripture used during the time of Jesus, even by Jesus. There were many reason that the Old Testament Scripture was used in Jesus time, even by Jesus. For example: the Scribes and Pharisees would often try to temp Jesus. John 8:4-5 KJV “The said unto him, Master, this women was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?”

This scripture was in reference to the Old Testament Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22, 24. 33 times in scripture that Jesus used Old Testament Scripture in the New Testament.¹ The first time Jesus used Old Testament Scripture was in Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4 which states,

“And Jesus answered him, saying, IT IS WRITTEN, THAT MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.”

Jesus used this Old Testament scripture to let the devil know that he is not in control. And also to show us how powerful God’s word is in times of temptation. Jesus whole wilderness experience was saturated with quotes from the Old Testament.

The Old Testament was also quoted by the women at the well in John 4:25; 4:29; 4:39.

Which is also a quote from Deuteronomy18:15 which states:

“The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;”

¹ Jewishroots.net

Everything God done is for a reason. The bible tell a story about a rich young ruler who wanted to know “what good thing must I do, that he may have eternal life?” Matthew 19:17-18 says, “But if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He said unto him, which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and thy mother: and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” This list of commands in verse 18 centers on outward duties, rather than inward nature, which was the young man’s real problem.

And we find this to be true, because at the end of the story when the final command was given. “If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.” The text stated, “But when the man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.” Jesus exposed the real weakness in this man, which was his luxurious wealth and self-righteousness. These things had him blind to his real weakness. His real weakness was he loved himself more than he loved his neighbor.

From state to finish, the New Testament contains quotations, references, allusions and paraphrases of the Old Testament. The Old Testament found on the lips of Jesus in the Gospels have been organized by the three divisions of Old Testament: Torah (Five Books of Moses), Prophets (or Neviim), and writings (or Ketuvim).²

Jesus used Old Testament Scripture to match wits with temple teachers at age 12. Luke 2:42, 46-47 He resisted the devil's temptations using passages from Deuteronomy in Matthew 4:1-11, and he stumped the Pharisees when it came to who the son of David is Matthew 22:41-46. The four Old Testament books Jesus quotes most.

- Exodus 7 times
- Isaiah 8 times
- Deuteronomy 10 times
- Psalms 11 times³

In conclusion, as believers we can learn a lot from Jesus using the Old Testament references in the New Testament. It teaches us that first, he is the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me. John 14:6 KJV Also, the Old Testament teaches us about the forth coming of Jesus, through the prophets the God used to tell of Jesus coming as our savior. Jesus also quotes, the book of Jonah, to help us to understand how long he would be in the ground before he would raise again. Matthew 12: 40 "For as Jonas was three days and nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." John spoke of Jesus being the word In John 1:1, so would it not be safe to say that he should be able to quote every word knowing that they belong to him anyway. Knowing that all scripture was given to man by God to write, make me understand even more why Jesus quoted Psalms the most. And why Psalms has the most divisions to read. I personally want to thank God for sharing his Spirit, Son, and his word with us. Without it we would be truly lost in a world of sin.

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