

INVESTIGATION

A man in a dark blue suit and white shirt is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. His fingers are pointing towards the text on the sign. The background is plain white.

What
is
Salvation?

(30 – Salvation & OT Grace)

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There is one critical OT theology which is a driving force that causes us to believe in Futurist Eschatology with it's Rapture, Judgement, punishment and Hell.

In this session, we'll investigate it

It's actually a notion, not a spiritual reality.

It's not laid out in scripture, but it is inferred by theologians and the Bible teachers who propagate it.

You may not have heard anyone teach on this notion. You may have just thought of it yourself using logic.

However, the logic behind it is not accurate.

So, what is this dangerous theology?

It goes something like this:

“The New Covenant is temporary. It’s an interlude of grace which arrests the function of God as a punisher of evil and a Hell-sender. When the Church Age has concluded with Jesus’ return, judgement will be reintroduced and retribution will be meted out, just as it was under the Old Covenant.”

How This Thinking Fits Futurist Eschatology



The background reasoning goes like this:

“Believer’s faith and Father’s grace, mercy and forgiveness only occur in the New Covenant’s Church Age That’s because Jesus is preventing Father from venting his anger at Humanity’s sin and punishing them as they justly deserve. When he returns, ‘all Hell breaks loose’.”

The same mindset causes Roman Catholics to pray to Mary instead of Jesus.

Their reasoning goes like this:

The mother is the only person who can placate the judgemental anger of the Son, so that requests can be made and heard, without any negative consequences.

Let's delve into this false theology



We discovered that Salvation in the OT had nothing to do with 'eternal life'. Life after death never gets a mention.



OT Salvation was only about saving
Israel from her enemies

This topic is to see that YHWH's Salvation of Israel (and later on, Judah), functioned under grace & mercy, and was based on the people's faith.

Background to our study:

A cursory reading of the OT will lead a person to believe that salvation under the OC was by works

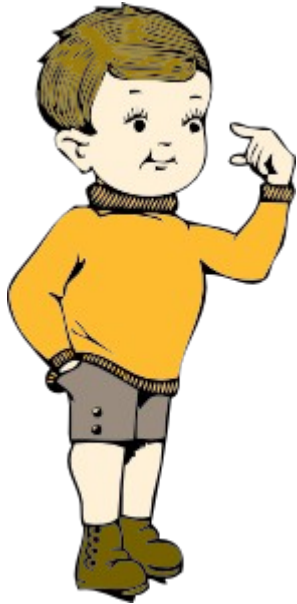
Single-verse Bible studies reinforce this notion.

→ Thematic Bible studies do the same.

→ Christian books are no better.

One would think that grace and mercy didn't exist in the OT under the OC.

That's why God as the 'cosmic policeman' is so easily accepted among Christians.



**We think we know the truth
about everything because we
read the Bible.**

We're only fooling ourselves.

I was stuck in the 'cosmic policeman' concept until I read this...

Here, YHWH describes himself to Moses like this:

“The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin...”

Exodus 34:6-7 (NKJV)

That caused me to halt my belief system and allow myself to accept what he told me personally about himself.

**So, have we been wrong about
salvation in the OT?**

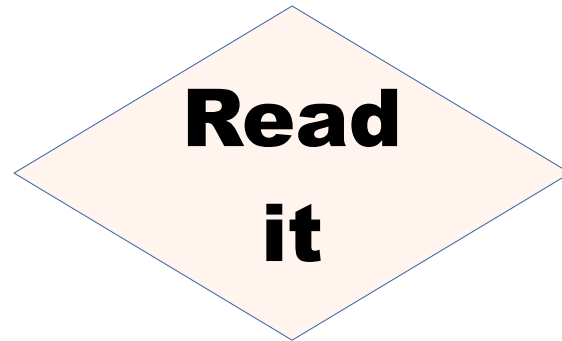
The best person to ask is someone who has studied Semitic and Aramaic languages and cultures in great detail. This person would be considered an 'expert' in these matters.

Michael Heiser is one such person.

Let's see what he has to say on our topic.

BOOK: “The Bible Unfiltered – Approaching Scripture on Its Own Terms” p:53-54

CHAPTER: “17-Salvation in Old Testament Israel”



Read my summary here:

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Salvation-in-Old-Testament-Israel.pdf

**Heiser's teaching provides a
radically different perspective**

Can you see now why YHWH gave the Jews 47 years (a generation) of Jeremiah's prophetic messages so they would repent before he brought his judgement through Babylon in 582BC?

Can you see now why YHWH gave the Jews 40 years (a generation) after the crucifixion for them to repent before he brought his judgement in 70AD through Rome?

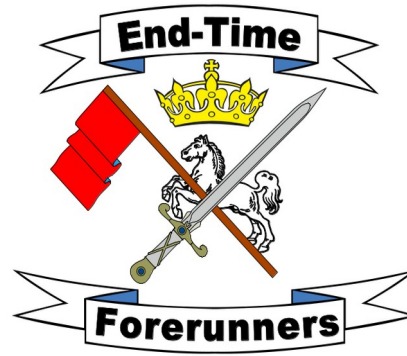


Next session is a check on
whether we believe a dodgy
Gospel or not

TOPIC: "Is the Gospel of Salvation Very, Very Dodgy?"

MY NOTES: canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Is-the-Gospel-of-Salvation-Very-Very-Dodgy.pdf

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