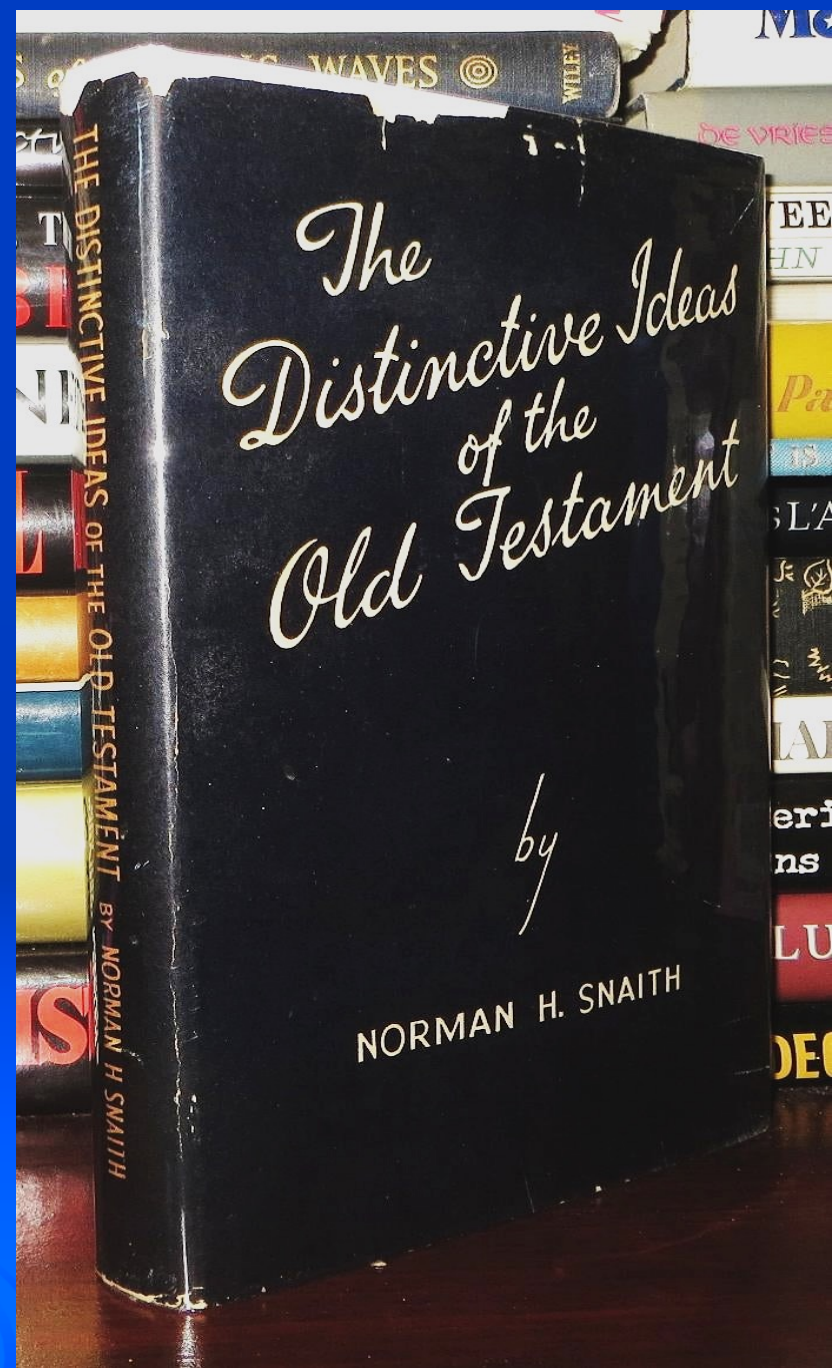




- Important that we not lose our perspective
- The Old Testament is not an irrelevant relic
- Many great scholars of years past have approached the Bible in a non-traditional view, but were stifled
- Theological schools were the guardians of theological knowledge, and so it was accessible only to a few
- Today, these preserved works are available to us

GREEK VS. HEBREW THINKING

- Snaith explains that Christianity was created on the foundation of Greek thinking
- The ideals and patterns of Plato and Aristotle were employed
- As a result, it is not right to say that the Church can claim the Bible as "The Word of God"
- Later scholars also challenge that the Christian institution of the Church, is the Church of Christ; rather it is the Church of Paul





- Yeshua was upset with the Synagogue religious leaders for their traditions, customs and rules that rose to the level of overriding Scripture
- The term “Constantinian Church” is a label to help us contrast and separate the new 4th century gentile faith against the New Testament teachings/faith of Yeshua

THE NEW GREEK JESUS



- Snaith: “...*the Bible itself...the great doctrine of Sola Fide...salvation by faith alone...*”
- Recalibrating our minds and knowledge away from the Greek approach takes time and effort
- The best place to get this knowledge is the Bible itself
- Begin at the Beginning!!

What's with All the Sheep and Shepherds?

- Zech. 13:7 shifts the focus to the coming divine judgments
- Hebrew poetry is now being used
- ***Puwts*** = dispersed But, it is used metaphorically to match with the shepherd and sheep metaphors
- Does not mean to be exiled, but rather to flee
- Israel is losing the war, but God leads them to victory



- God is severely punishing Israel, but He still loves them
- Not a religious battle of Christians against Jews
- It is world governments against the nation of Israel
- Two levels of war: physical and spiritual
- Both outcomes will determine one's eternal future



- “Little ones” = helpless captives
- The Shepherd, Sheep & little ones are Hebrews, and the remnant are the surviving Hebrews
- Vs. 8 deals with the great damage Israel will suffer
- 2 groups of Jews...
those who survive and those who don't
- The survivors are then further divided in 2 groups



GOD'S

Refining Fire



**YOU SHALL BE
MY PEOPLE,**

and

**I WILL BE
YOUR GOD.**

- In the War,
two-thirds of all
Israelites will be killed
- Of the remaining third,
they will be refined as
silver is refined
- The byproducts are
dross and pure metal
- Two levels:
 - 1) My people mean
all Hebrews
 - 2) On the spiritual
level, all who trust
God and His Son

VICTORIOUS

ZECHARIAH 14

- Zech. 14 returns to the final siege of Jerusalem
- IMPORTANT!! Where we see the word “LORD”, it is actually written Yehoveh
- Prophets of old wouldn't have any idea that by the 21st century, some of their prophecies hadn't been fulfilled
- The Prophets of the OT and the writers of the NT thought the End was imminent, not centuries later

THE BOOK OF MALACHI



- For Hebrews, the Day of Yehoveh was about the destruction of Israel's oppressors
- Malachi continues with this same theme
- First 2 verses of Zech. 14 are Zechariah speaking
- ***Salal*** = spoils A protocol to divvy up the booty
- At this point, the enemy thinks they have conquered Jerusalem