

# Building Biblical Theology

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## Essay Questions

LESSON  
ONE

## WHAT IS BIBLICAL THEOLOGY?



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3. How do the different theological reflection tendencies of factual historical analysis and theological historical analysis go hand in hand, and how are their main concerns different?
4. What cultural changes took place in the 17<sup>th</sup> century that led to the formal discipline of biblical theology?









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## Essay Questions

LESSON  
TWO

## SYNCHRONIC SYNTHESIS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



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3. How does Paul use synchronic synthesis in Romans 5:12-14?
4. Explain the two worlds of interpretation for both poetic and narrative literature.





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LESSON  
THREE

DIACHRONIC  
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT



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3. Give at least one biblical example of authors or characters in the Bible treating the Scriptures diachronically.
4. Describe the universal covenants, the national covenants, and the new covenant. Explain how these various covenants divide the history of the Old Testament into major theological periods.

5. Explain how the covenant epochs of Old Testament history were unified as administrations of God's kingdom.
  
6. Describe how the authority of earlier covenants extended to later covenants, and explain why care must be taken when applying lessons learned from earlier covenants to later situations.



7. Describe three aspects of the relationships between different covenant ages.

8. What are the most common topics of traditional systematic theology and how do biblical theologians approach these topics?

9. What is biblical typology and why is it important to the study of biblical theology? Give examples.
10. What are five important features of typologies in Scripture, and how do we identify typologies in the Old Testament?

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## Essay Questions

LESSON  
FOUR

CONTOURS OF NEW  
TESTAMENT BIBLICAL  
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3. In what ways do New Testament biblical theologians differ from Old Testament biblical theologians in regard to the way they handle diachronic developments?
4. What is eschatology and how has this subject traditionally been approached by systematic theologians?



7. Why were New Testament authors so preoccupied with Jesus' three-phase eschatology? How does this three-phase eschatology represent a decisive break between first-century Judaism and Christianity?

8. What is Christology and how do systematic theologians and biblical theologians differ in their emphases regarding this discipline?

9. Explain the doctrine of soteriology. What is the traditional view of soteriology, and how have biblical theologians understood soteriology in new ways?