

The Old Testament

Chapter 3

Interpreting the Bible

- Literalists
 - People who only interpret the bible using the text alone
 - Contextualists
 - People who use different texts of different versions to interpret the bible
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Creation

- First creation story
 - Like Jesus' parables
 - Not scientific facts but religious truths
 - Second creation story
 - Equality of men and women
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De-creation

- Misuse of environment
 - Physical destruction of God's creation
 - Misuse of free will
 - Spiritual destruction of God's image or sin
 - ☐ Sin of commission (doing bad)
 - ☐ Sin of omission (not doing good)
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Re-creation

- Covenant with Abram
 - Involves many (all people)
 - Covenant with Israel
 - Involves fewer (Israelites)
 - Covenant with David
 - Focuses in on one person (Messiah)
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“I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart.”

(1 Samuel 16:7)
