

The Classification of New Testament Citations

It may be of some help to us in the beginning of our studies to be clear on definitions, or common classifications, of terms used in the study of the Old Testament in the New Testament.

Material from the Old Testament is usually classified in two ways:

(1) First, as quotations, that is, material in which the text of the Old Testament is reproduced in the New Testament accounts. We may further classify the quotations into:

(a) First, intentional and explicit quotations, accompanied by an introductory formula (cf. , etc.). Cf. Rom. 9:17, 13. This classification, as is easily seen, is based upon both subjective and objective factors.

(b) Second, intentional and implicit quotations, unaccompanied by an introductory formula. Cf. Rom. 9:7; Heb 10:37-38.

(2) Second, as allusions, that is, material in which the text of the Old Testament is more loosely referred to in the New Testament. Of course, the question of how much use of the Old Testament constitutes an allusion cannot be determined to the satisfaction of all. Generally speaking, it is usually taken for granted that two or more consecutive words from the Old Testament must be used in the new.

It is possible to further classify the allusions in this way:

(a) First, the allusions in which the author's intention to allude is discernible with some degree of certainty.

(b) Second, the allusions in which this intention does not appear to be present. It is readily apparent that this further classification is grounded upon considerations that are inclined to be subjective. A rigorous investigation of the context of the allusion is the only protection against subjectivism that the interpreter has.

The Classification of the Use of New Testament Citations

The classification of the use of the citations is another matter. Generally speaking, we may classify their use in three ways, or according to three standards.

(1) First, we may classify the use of the Old Testament citations textually. That is, we may classify them according to their agreement with the well-known forms in which the Old Testament has been handed down to us.

(2) Second, we may classify the use of the Old Testament citations hermeneutically. For example, quotations may be made for these purposes:

(a) First, for purposes of illustration of the New Testament text.
Cf. I Cor. 1:18.

(b) Second, for purposes of application of eternal principles found in an Old Testament passage.

(c) Third, for purposes of indicating fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, whether directly or indirectly (cf. typological passages).
Cf. Rom. 9:7; 11:25-27; Heb. 1:10-12.

(d) Fourth, simply for the purpose of using the language of the quotation as the best vehicle for the expression of the truth, that is, rhetorically. Cf. Rom. 10:5-8 (?), 15.

And many students feel there are other purposes, as well as refinements and further classifications within some of these.

(3) Third, we may classify the use of the Old Testament citations theologically. That is, we may relate them each to the areas of biblical doctrine to which they make a contribution.

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PART II

BOOKSN. T. STATISTICAL
ALLUSIONS TO O. T.LXX

Genesis	236 times	239 times
Exodus	241 times	242 times
Leviticus	108 times	-
Numbers	73 times	-
Deutonomy	<u>196 times</u>	<u>-</u>
	854 times	858 times
Joshua	21 times	-
Judges	9 times	-
Ruth	6 times	-
I Samuel	27 times	28 times
II Samuel	25 times	-
I Kings	51 times	-
II Kings	27 times	-
I Chronicles	21 times	-
II Chronicles	47 times	-
Ezra	6 times	-
Nehemiah	5 times	-
Esther	<u>7 times</u>	<u>-</u>
	254 times	28 times
Job	30 times	31 times
Psalms	310 times	313 times
Proverbs	58 times	61 times

Ecclesiastes	6 times	-
Song of Solomon	<u>6 times</u>	<u>-</u>
	410 times	417 times
Isaiah	416 times	-
Jeremiah	126 times	-
Lamentations	5 times	6 times
Ezekiel	138 times	141 times
Daniel	<u>133 times</u>	<u>134 times</u>
	818 times	823 times
Hosea	21 times	22 times
Joel	30 times	-
Amos	33 times	34 times
Obadiah	1 time	-
Jonah	8 times	-
Micah	13 times	-
Nahum	4 times	-
Habakkuk	7 times	8 times
Zephaniah	4 times	-
Haggai	4 times	-
Zechariah	71 times	-
Malachi	<u>25 times</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>221 times</u>	<u>224 times</u>
TOTAL	2567 times	2677 times

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	Gen	Ex	Lev	Num	Deut	Joshua	Judges	Ruth
Matt	18	25	20	7	30	1	1	5
Mark	6	12	7	2	13	--	--	--
Luke	29	26	13	1	17	3	3	1
John	6	3	7	3	17	--	--	--
Acts	41	39	10	10	16	2	6	--
Romans	27	12	6	3	17	--	--	--
I Cor	14	12	4	14	19	--	--	--
II Cor	1	12	1	--	4	--	--	--
Gal	0	1	2	--	3	--	--	--
Eph	3	2	--	--	4	--	--	--
Phil	1	2	--	--	1	--	--	--
Col	2	--	1	--	1	--	--	--
I Thess	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Thess	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
I Tim	8	--	1	--	4	--	--	--
II Tim	--	2	--	3	--	--	--	--
Titus	--	1	--	--	3	--	--	--
Philemon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hebrews	30	29	24	17	18	4	2	--
James	3	2	2	--	5	3	--	--
I Peter	1	4	2	--	4	--	--	--
II Peter	5	--	--	2	--	--	--	--
I John	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--
II John	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
III John	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Jude	2	1	--	5	1	--	--	--
Revelation	15	41	6	4	10	--	1	--

	I Sam.	II Sam.	I Kings	II Kings	I Chron	II Chron
Matt	3	4	9	5	9	7
Mark	3	2	2	4	--	2
Luke	9	4	8	8	7	6
John	1	1	--	1	--	1
Acts	8	5	10	--	2	7
Romans	1	1	2	--	--	1
I Cor	--	--	--	--	--	1
II Cor	--	2	--	--	--	--
Gal	--	--	--	--	--	1
Eph	--	--	--	--	--	1
PHil	--	--	--	--	--	--
Col	--	--	--	--	--	1
I Thess	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Thess	--	--	--	--	--	--
I Tim	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Tim	--	1	--	--	--	--
Titus	--	--	--	--	--	--
Philemon	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hebrews	2	4	2	1	2	3
James	--	--	2	--	--	1
I Peter	--	--	--	--	--	1
II Peter	--	--	--	--	--	--
I John	--	--	--	--	--	--
II John	--	--	--	--	--	--
III John	--	--	--	--	--	--
Revelation	--	1	16	8	1	14

	Ezra	Neh	Esther	Job	Psalms	Prov	Eccl	Songs
Matt	2	1	1	5	37	5	--	3
Mark	--	--	2	1	16	--	--	1
LUke	2	2	--	5	47	5	--	---
John	2	--	--	1	26	3	1	2
Acts	--	1	--	1	37	2	--	--
Romans	--	--	--	3	37	6	2	--
I Cor	--	--	--	1	17	2	--	--
II Cor	--	--	--	2	5	7	1	--
Gal	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--
Eph	--	--	--	--	9	3	--	--
Phil	--	--	--	1	4	--	--	--
Col	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
I Thess	--	--	--	2	1	1	--	--
II Thess	--	--	--	1	2	--	--	--
I Tim	--	--	--	1	2	2	1	--
II Tim	--	--	--	--	3	1	--	--
Titus	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Philemon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hebrews	--	--	--	--	37	1	--	1
James	--	--	--	2	9	4	1	--
I Peter	--	--	--	2	10	6	--	--
II Peter	--	--	--	1	1	1	--	--
I John	--	--	--	--	3	3	--	--
II John	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
III John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jude	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Revelation	--	1	4	3	99	5	--	2

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	Isaiah	Jer	Lam	Ezek	Dan	Hosea	Joel	Amos
Matt	45	13	1	12	20	4	5	2
Mark	17	2	1	5	7	1	4	1
Luke	43	8	--	7	9	3	2	3
John	23	2	--	6	4	--	--	--
Acts	32	12	1	6	3	1	4	2
Romans	27	9	--	3	--	2	1	1
I Cor	15	6	1	--	3	2	--	--
II Cor	8	5	--	4	--	1	--	2
Gal	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	1
Eph	18	--	--	1	1	1	--	2
Phil	3	--	--	1	1	--	--	--
Col	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
IThess	1	5	--	3	--	--	--	--
II Thess	5	1	--	1	1	--	--	--
I Tim	--	1	--	2	--	--	1	--
II Tim	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Titus	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	--
Philemon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hebrews	15	7	--	3	3	1	--	--
James	5	3	--	--	1	--	1	--
I Peter	24	3	--	2	1	3	--	--
II Peter	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
I John	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
II John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
III John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jude	1	--	--	1	2	--	--	1
Revelation	119	47	2	84	75	4	12	21

	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Hab	Zeph	Hag
Matt	--	5	4	--	--	1	2
Mark	--	1	1	--	--	--	--
Luke	--	1	3	--	1	--	1
John	--	--	3	--	--	1	--
Acts	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
Romans	--	--	1	1	1	--	--
I Cor	--	1	--	--	1	--	--
II Cor	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gal	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Eph	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Phil	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Col	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
I Thess	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Thess	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
I Tim	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Tim	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Titus	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Philemon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hebrews	--	--	--	--	1	--	1
James	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
I Peter	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
II Peter	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
I John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
II John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
III John	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jude	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Revelation	1	--	1	1	--	2	--

	Zech	Malachi
Matt	16	4
Mark'	7	2
Luke	3	7
John	3	1
Acts	--	--
Romans	--	1
I Cor	3	3
II Cor	--	--
Gal	--	--
Eph	2	--
Phil	--	--
Col	--	--
I Thess	1	--
II Thess	1	1
I Tim	--	--
II Tim	--	--
Titus	--	--
Philemon	--	--
Hebrews	1	--
James	1	2
I Peter	1	1
II Peter	--	--
I John	--	--
II John	--	--
III John	--	--
Jude	4	--
Revelation	32	2