

**Course: Introduction to Theology**  
**Series: Building Biblical Theology**  
**Discussion Forum Two: Synchronic Synthesis in the Old Testament**  
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- 1. What does the term “synchronic” mean when it’s applied to the Bible? (0:10)**
- 2. What does the term “synthesis” mean when it’s applied to the Bible? (6:15)**
- 3. How do the Hebrew and Greek mindsets relate to synchronic synthesis? (8:35)**
- 4. Does the Bible use synchronic synthesis? (12:45)**
- 5. How can we use the Bible to get information about a particular period of time? (17:25)**
- 6. Did Bible writers manipulate history? (22:35)**
- 7. How similar is biblical history to modern journalism? (26:15)**
- 8. Do figures of speech make it difficult to discern historical data? (39:40)**
- 9. Do we have to bring external data even to biblical narratives? (45:05)**
- 10. What modern archaeological discoveries have helped us understand the Bible? (47:15)**
- 11. Is Genesis chapter 1 poetry or narrative? (51:50)**
- 12. How scientifically precise is the Bible? (57:05)**
- 13. Why should we include information from other time periods when doing synchronic synthesis? (59:45)**
- 14. When do we have enough information to interpret a passage? (01:07:00)**
- 15. How do covenants function as middle-level theological structures? (01:10:20)**
- 16. How do covenants relate to the doctrine of salvation by grace alone (01:14:40)**
- 17. How does kingdom function as the Bible’s complex-level theological structure? (01:21:55)**
- 18. When is the kingdom of God motif seen in the Old Testament? (01:27:35)**