

# 12 Books of History

## Joshua through Esther

Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11

**Tab 1      25 lessons as outlined below**

Date	Day	Topic	Page No.
6/4	Sun	Introduction & Overview	1 - 4
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6/21	Wed	• Book of Joshua	12
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<b>7/26</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Gospel Meeting – meet in auditorium</b>	
7/30	Sun	• Review of Periods 7 to 10, Books of 1 Kings 12 – 22, 2 Kings 1 – 17 and 2 Chronicles 10-28	22-23
8/2	Wed	• Books of 1 Kings 12 – 22, 2 Kings 1 – 17 and 2 Chronicles 10-28 (continued)	
8/6	Sun	Period 11 – Judah Continues	24
8/9	Wed	• Books of 2 Kings 18 - 25 and 2 Chronicles 29 - 36	25
8/13	Sun	Period 12 – Babylonian Captivity	26
8/16	Wed	Period 13 – The Return From Captivity	27
8/20	Sun	• Book of Ezra	28
8/23	Wed	• Book of Esther and Persian Kings	29-30
8/27	Sun	• Book of Nehemiah	31
8/30	Wed	Periods 14 to 17	32-35

**Tab 2      Practice quizzes (Periods 1 to 13) for your self assessment and review. Not reviewed in class.**

**Tab 3      Resource Material - timelines and charts**

1. Overview – this study
  - a. Is a balance of lecture and interactive discussion
  - b. Time will not allow a detailed study of each book.
  - c. **The lessons are arranged chronologically** – this requires some jumping around as some of these books (or their parts) overlap! Two examples:
    - Ezra 1-6, Esther, Ezra 7-10, and Nehemiah
    - The genealogy of 1 Chronicles 1 – 9 overlaps much of the Old Testament
2. The annex encourages a more interactive learning environment. Which, if any, of the “adult” learning techniques shown on the left are appropriate for a Bible Study?

<b>Andragogical Training – adult learning</b>	<b>Pedagogical Training – children learning</b>
Participants or learners	Students
Independent learning style	Dependent learning style
Objectives are flexible	Predetermined and inflexible objectives
Learners contribute via experience	Learners are inexperienced and uninformed
Active training methods are used	Passive training methods (lecture) are used
Learners influence timing and pace	Trainer controls timing and pace
Participant involvement is vital to success	Participants contribute little
Learning is real life problem centered	Learning is content centered
Participants are seen as primary resources for ideas and examples	Trainer is seen as the primary resource who provides ideas and examples

**So, regardless of your background or previous understanding of this material – please come prepared and ready to participate! It will benefit both you and our collective classroom study if you prepare by completing the worksheet BEFORE CLASS. Worksheet content and methodology vary from lesson to lesson. Refer to the resource section of the notebook and other study aides. Questions and engaged discussion are welcome in class.**

3. A review of Bible divisions
  - a. As one book, one entire compilation of God's thoughts
    - i. Revelation, Scripture Rom 16:25-26 ; 2 Tim 3:15
    - ii. Thoughts of God, taught/led by the Spirit 1 Cor 2:10-13
  - b. As two testaments
  - c. As sixty six books. Note that some faiths have added uninspired books later (such as the Apocrypha – these are not part of Holy Scripture)
  - d. As three sections – Moses/law, prophets, psalms Luke 24:27, 44
  - e. Other terms – Torah, Pentateuch
  - f. Septuagint (LXX) – quoted by both the Lord and His apostles, translation of Old Testament into Greek
  - g. 5, **12**, 5, 5, 12 – law, **HISTORY**, poetry, major prophets, minor prophets
4. Acknowledgement
  - a. 17 Periods of Biblical History (Andy Diestelkamp, Pontiac, IL ) is used as a primary outline for this study.
  - b. Notes and resource materials from Bible Survey (Steve Fontenot, Humble, TX)
  - c. Other resource materials

## **LESSON OBJECTIVES**

Class Subject: Books of History  
Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Grade: Adult-Auditorium  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Understandings:** What do you want the class to know after the quarter?

1. Which books are the books of history.
2. What period of time they cover.
3. The major subdivisions of this period. (E.g., judges; united kingdom; divided kingdom; exile; post-exile.)
4. Brief summary of each book.
5. Major persons, events. (E.g.—Persons: key judges; first three kings, etc.; Events: conquest of land; famous battles [Joshua at Jericho; Deborah and Barak at Megiddo; etc.]; appointment of first king; division of kingdom; etc.)
6. Prominent prophets and their appropriate places in this period of history.
7. The general thread of Israel's history recorded in these books.
8. Major dates. (E.g., period of conquest, period of the judges, approximate time of David's reign, division of the kingdom, destruction of Jerusalem, three returns.)
9. Messianic persons, events, and institutions in the history.

**Skills:** What do you want the class to be able to do after the lessons?

1. Be able to discuss the history of Israel with some degree of familiarity.
2. Be able to put people and events in their respective places in the history of these books.
3. Answer certain key questions (See "Understandings.").
4. Make practical applications of the history. See 1 Co. 10:11, Rom. 15:4.

**Attitudes:** What attitudes do you want to develop as a result of the lessons?

1. Greater appreciation for the value of Old Testament study.
2. Awareness of historical trends toward apostasy. "Those ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it."
3. Deeper fear of God as seen in His judgments on His nation and other nations.
4. Strengthened faith in the lovingkindness and faithfulness of God as reflected the history of Israel, seen in the blessings of the Covenant, punishment for rejection of it, and restoration according His promise.
5. A sense of the Messianic scheme of redemption God was working out through this history

# 17 PERIODS of Biblical History

The purpose of this material is to help the Bible student commit to memory the basics of scripture. The advantage of knowing these events, characters and other facts in their chronological order is to better know and understand the biblical history. Knowing biblical history enables us to have a context in which to better study the specifics of scripture. When we can see the "big picture," understanding the details is made easier.

This material is intended to challenge all. It will be easier for some than it will be for others. If you are relatively new to the scriptures, then the first time through this material you will want to focus mainly on the 17 Periods themselves and the sub-headings. Each lesson page will also contain other facts that are either interesting or also worthy of memorization.

There are quizzes to follow each lesson designed to challenge and demonstrate progress. As you begin, you might be apprehensive and skeptical, but if you will keep at it, you will see growth in knowledge and the ability to recall the events of the Bible.

The first lesson is reproduced below with some explanatory notes to help you get the most from this material. Make this material your own. Do not hesitate to modify headings, sub-headings, illustrations, etc. to make learning and memorizing easier for you.

Special thanks to Bob Waldron for "inspiring" all of us to do this through his teaching and materials. Thanks also to Steve Bonk and Allen Roth for their zeal and help in the development of these kinds of materials.

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February - March, 2000

**17 Periods**  
Included in every lesson.  
The period being covered is highlighted.

**Date**  
Must be considered approximate and subject to change. For memory purposes round the numbers.

**Key Characters**  
A chronological listing of some of the characters of the period. Bold indicates lineage of Jesus of Nazareth

**Other Information**  
Room permitting and fair game for future quizzes.

**Title**  
Always the period being covered.

**Lesson Number**  
Corresponds to the period number.

**Sub-headings**  
Each of the 17 Periods are divided into more specific categories that usually are in chronological order and correspond to a book and chapter(s) of the Bible. You will typically find it easier to memorize sub-headings and chapters at the same time. The pictures are added to assist in memorization.

**Scripture**  
Quoted from the NKJV and listed in biblical order. The student is to find the biblical reference for each verse.

**17 PERIODS of Biblical History**

**Periods:**  
1. Before the Flood  
2. The Flood  
3. The Tower of Babel  
4. The Call of Abraham  
5. The Birth of Isaac  
6. The Birth of Jacob  
7. The Birth of Joseph  
8. The Birth of Moses  
9. The Birth of David  
10. The Birth of Jesus  
11. The Birth of John the Baptist  
12. The Birth of Jesus  
13. The Birth of Jesus  
14. The Birth of Jesus  
15. The Birth of Jesus  
16. The Birth of Jesus  
17. The Birth of Jesus

**Dates:**  
4112-2568 B.C.  
**Time Span:**  
1566 years

**Key Characters:**  
**Adam**  
**Eve**  
Serpent  
Cain  
Abel  
**Seth**  
**Enoch**  
**Methuselah**  
**Noah**

**Other Information**  
Room permitting and fair game for future quizzes.

## Before the Flood 1

**Creation** ✨ **Genesis 1**

**Man in the Garden** 🌳 **2**

**Man Sins** 🎯 **3**

**The First Children** 👨👩 **4**

**Genealogy (Adam-Noah)** 📜 **5**

**Important Scripture** Chapter 1-11:32

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

"Therefore man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies in wait for you. Therefore should not fear."

"So all the days of Noah were 950 years. And Noah walked with God; and he was not, for God looked upon him."

**Days of Creation**

<b>Day 1 - Light</b>	<b>Day 4 - Sun, Moon &amp; Stars</b>
<b>Day 2 - Sky Divides Waters</b>	<b>Day 5 - Birds &amp; Sea Life</b>
<b>Day 3 - Land &amp; Plants</b>	<b>Day 6 - Land Animals &amp; Man</b>

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### Before the Flood

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The Exodus  
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The Conquest of Canaan  
The Judges  
The United Kingdom  
The Divided Kingdom  
Judah Continues  
The Babylonian Captivity  
The Return from Captivity  
Between the Testaments  
The Life of Christ  
The First Christians  
Final Letters to Christians

### Dates:

4112-2556 B.C.

### Time Span:

1556 years

### Key Characters:

**Adam**

**Eve**

Serpent

Cain

Abel

**Seth**

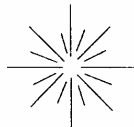
**Enoch**

**Methuselah**

**Noah**

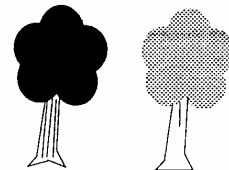
# Before the Flood 1

Creation



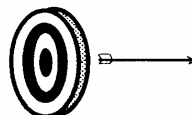
Genesis 1

Man in the Garden



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Man Sins



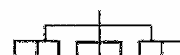
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The First Children



4

Genealogy (Adam-Noah)



5

## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

"So all the days of Enoch were 365 years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

## Days of Creation

**Day 1 - Light**

**Day 4 - Sun, Moon & Stars**

**Day 2 - Sky Divides Waters**

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### Dates:

2556-2455 B.C.

### Time Span:

101 years

### Key Characters:

**Noah**

**Shem**

Ham

Japheth

### Ark Specs:

450 ft. long

75 ft. wide

45 ft. high

3 Decks

8 Humans

### Animals:

2 of each unclean

7 (pairs?) of each  
clean

# The Flood

2

Building the Ark  Genesis 6

The Waters Rise  7

The Waters Abate  8

God's Rainbow Covenant  9

## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"Then Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed 15 cubits upward, and the mountains were covered."

"Then the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had abated from the earth."

"I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth."

## Flood Time Sequence

Loading the Ark.....7 days  
Rain.....2nd Month, 17th Day  
Flood Continues.....110 days  
Rests on Mt. Ararat.....7th Month, 17th Day  
Tops of Mountains Seen.....10th Month, 1st Day  
Raven & Dove Sent Out.....11th Month, 10th Day  
Dove Sent Out Again.....11th Month, 17th Day  
Dove Sent Out Again.....11th Month, 24th Day  
Covering Removed From Ark.....1st Month, 1st Day  
Leaving the Ark.....2nd Month, 27th Day

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### Dates:

2455-2089 B.C.

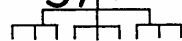
### Time Span:

366 years

# The Scattering of Mankind

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Genealogy (Noah's Sons) Genesis 10



The Tower of Babel



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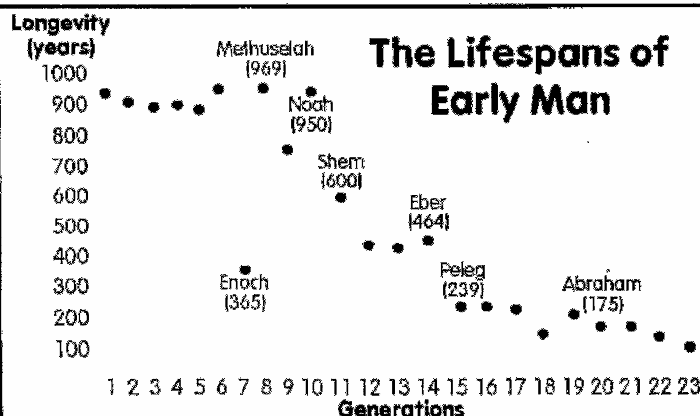
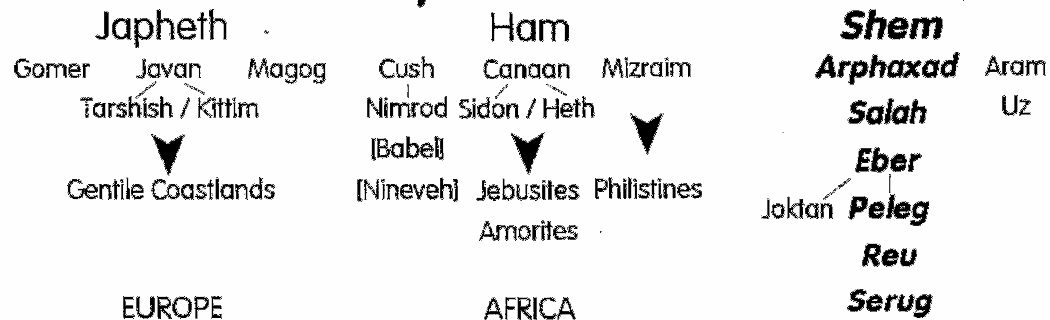
## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood."

"Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth."

## Key Characters:



Shem → Semitic

Eber → Hebrew?

Peleg = Division

Compare 10:25 with 10:32

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### Dates:

2089-1524 B.C.

### Time Span:

565 years

### Key Characters:

**Abraham**

**Sarah**

Lot

Ishmael

**Isaac**

**Rebekah**

Laban

Esau

**Jacob**

**Leah**

1 Reuben

2 Simeon

3 Levi

4 **Judah**

9 Issachar

10 Zebulun

# The Patriarchs

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Abraham  Genesis 12-25

Isaac  25-27

Jacob  *Israel* 28-35

Esau *Edom* 36

Joseph  37-50

## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"Get out of your country, from your kindred and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

"Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

"I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## The 12 Patriarchs

Bilhah

Rachel's Handmaid

Zilpah

Leah's Handmaid

Rachel

5 Dan

6 Naphtali

7 Gad

8 Asher

11 Joseph

12 Benjamin



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### Dates:

1524-1443 B.C.

### Time Span:

81 years

### Key Characters:

Aaron  
Miriam  
Moses  
Pharaoh

### The 10 Plagues

1. Water to Blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Livestock Disease
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locust
9. Darkness
10. Death of Firstborn


# The Exodus

5

Moses' Early Years  Exodus 1-4

Pharaoh & The Plagues  5-12

Leaving Egypt   → 13-18

The Law  19-40; Leviticus 1-27

First Census & Duties  Numbers 1-9

Leaving Sinai for Canaan  → 10-15

### Important Scripture

Book,  
Chapter &  
Verse?

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me." \_\_\_\_\_
2. "You shall not make for yourself any carved image...you shall not bow down to them nor serve them." \_\_\_\_\_
3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..." \_\_\_\_\_
4. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." \_\_\_\_\_
5. "Honor your father and your mother..." \_\_\_\_\_
6. "You shall not murder." \_\_\_\_\_
7. "You shall not commit adultery." \_\_\_\_\_
8. "You shall not steal." \_\_\_\_\_
9. "You shall not bear false witness..." \_\_\_\_\_
10. "You shall not covet..." \_\_\_\_\_
- \*...You shall love your neighbor as yourself..." \_\_\_\_\_

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### Dates:

1443-1403 B.C.

### Time Span:

40 years

### Key Characters:

Moses  
Aaron  
Eleazar  
Balak  
Balaam  
Joshua

# The Wilderness Wandering

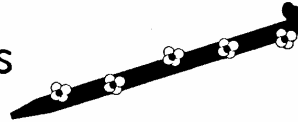
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Korah's Rebellion



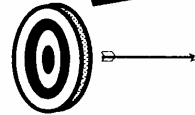
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Priests & Levites



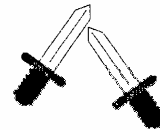
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Moses' Sin



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Trans-Jordan Kings Defeated



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Balaam



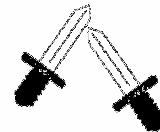
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2nd Census & Laws



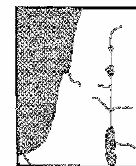
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Midian Defeated



31

Plans for Inheritances



32-36

Moses' Speeches



Deuteronomy 1-33

Moses Dies

34

## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might."

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

"Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it."

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Final Letters to Christians

### Dates:

1403-1378 B.C.

### Time Span:

25 years

### Key Characters:

Joshua  
*Rahab*

### Important Scripture

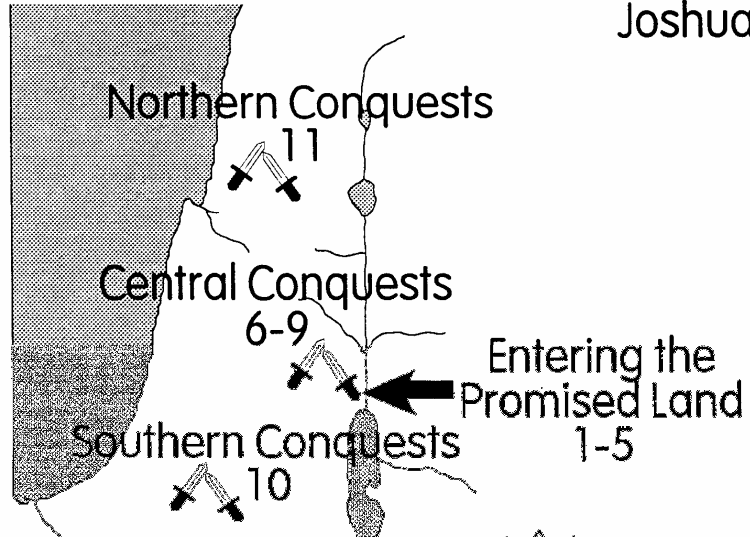
"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Chapter &  
Verse?

# The Conquest of Canaan

# 7

Joshua

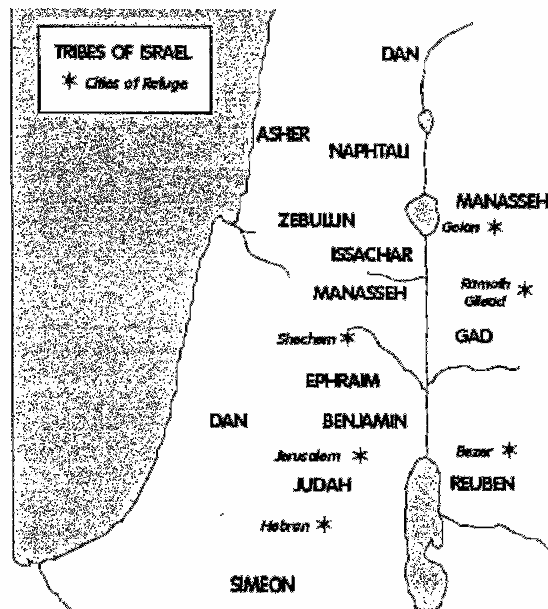


Conquered Kings

12

Dividing the Land

13-22



Joshua's Speeches

23,24

# The Book of Joshua

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. Brief summary of the book (30 words or less)
2. Significant characters
3. Key external events (surrounding nations, etc.) which set the context of the book. It's author. Unique aspects of this book
4. Contrast the Battles of Jericho and Ai and their related events
  - a. Jericho, chapter 6
  - b. Ai, chapter 7
5. Brief outline of the book
  - 1:1-9 (conquest - 7 yrs. **Josh. 14:7, 10** with **Deut. 2:14**)
    - Three conquests **6 - 11**
    - Division of the land, **13 - 22**
    - Joshua's farewell address, **23 – 24 (note 24:15)**
6. Show how God was working His "scheme of redemption" throughout this book.
  - a. Example - Land promise fulfilled - 21:43-44; 23:14.
  - b. Where was this first promised and to whom?

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### Dates:

1378-1050 B.C.

### Time Span:

328 years

### Other Key Characters:

Barak  
Abimelech  
Jotham  
Naomi  
**Ruth**  
**Boaz**

# The Judges

8

Othniel to Samson

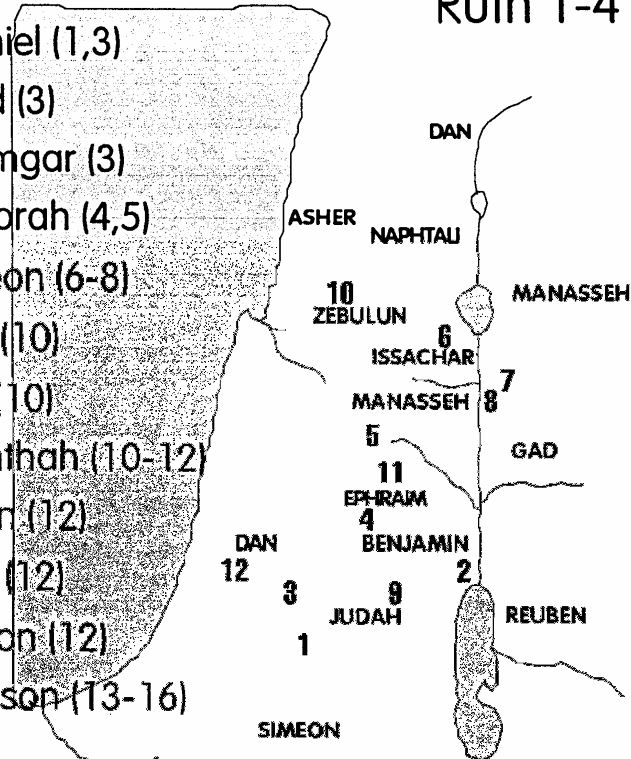
Judges 1-21

Ruth 1-4

1. Othniel (1,3)
2. Ehud (3)
3. Shamgar (3)
4. Deborah (4,5)
5. Gideon (6-8)
6. Tola (10)
7. Jair (10)
8. Jephthah (10-12)
9. Ibzan (12)
10. Elon (12)
11. Abdon (12)
12. Samson (13-16)

Eli & Samuel

1 Samuel 1-9



## Important Scripture

Chapter &  
Verse?

"The children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers..."

"And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them...and sold them into the hands of their enemies all around..."

"And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers..."

"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

# The Book of Judges and 1 Samuel 1 - 8

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. Brief summary of the book or section (30 words or less)

2. A Judge – Primary emphasis in the Book of Judges is of a deliverer of Israel from the oppression of the enemy: **2:15-18; 3:9, 15, 31**, etc. See also **1 Samuel 12:10-11**.

- Secondary, an elected or appointed official with authority to hear and decide cases as in a court of law. **16:18-20...17:8-13; Judges 4:4,5; 1 Samuel 7:15-17**
- **Numbering the judges**. Depending on the following factors, any number between 12 and 17 can be arrived at as to the total number of judges.
  - Include/exclude Abimelech.
  - Include only those in the book of Judges, or also those in Samuel.
  - Include/exclude Samuel's two sons.
  - If include Barak, Deborah's military leader, then 18 judges

Why are Samuel and Eli not included in the book of Judges? (**1 Samuel 4:18, 7:15**)  
No certain answer. Possibly because Eli is viewed primarily from his work as high priest (**1 Samuel 1:9**) and Samuel from his work as prophet (**1 Samuel 3:19-21**), whereas those in "Judges" were raised primarily for that purpose (?). Compare **1 Samuel 8:6; 2 Kings 15:5**

- To some degree the judges governed the nation as a **civil ruler** or king would, **1 Samuel 8:5, 6**. Compare **2 Kings 15:5**. Note **Jud. 2:17; 9:2; 11:9-11**. Ruling as a king may have been more of the people's desire than God's intent (?) **8:22-23; 1 Samuel 8:5-6**. Was this a sign of their apostasy in their failure to recognize and trust in God as their King? See **17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25, 1 Samuel 8:7, 10:19**.
- Nothing is said of Jair (**10:3-5**), Ibzan, Elon, or Abdon (**12:8-15**) accomplishing any military victories to deliver the nation, and nothing is mentioned of Shamgar (**3:31**),

3. Contrast and compare these passages:

- **Judges 2:7**
- **Judges 17:6; 21:25**
- **1 Samuel 8:7; 10:19**

4. What cycle is described in **2:11-23** and note the consequences of the cycle, **2:20-23**

5. For each judge, provide the oppressor and significant events

- **Othniel** of Judah, 3:7-11
- **Ehud** of Benjamin, 3:12-30
- **Shamgar**, 3:31.
- **Deborah** (Ephraim) and **Barak** (Naphtali). ch 4-5.
- **Gideon** of Manasseh, ch 6-8.
- \*\* **Abimelech**, ch. 9. (usurper)
- **Tola** of Issachar, 10:1-2.
- **Jair** of Gilead, 10:3-5.
- **Jephthah** of Gilead, 10:6-12:7
- **Ibzan** of Bethlehem, 12:8-10.
- **Elon** of Zebulun, 12:11-12.
- **Abdon** of Ephraim, 12:13-15.
- **Samson** of Dan, 13:1-16:31.
- **Eli** of Levi, 1 Samuel 4:18.
- **Samuel** of Levi, 1 Samuel 7:15-17. **Acts 13:30**

6. Change is near - the people want a king! Read **1 Samuel 8:1-20**

7. What were God's warnings to Israel's request. **Ex. 19:5-6; Lev. 23-26; Deut. 12:29-31,**

# The Book of Ruth and 1 Chronicles 1 - 9

1. Brief summary of the book of Ruth (30 words or less)
2. Approximate date of Ruth \_\_\_\_\_. **Ruth 1:1; 4:16-22**
3. Describe Ruth's background and developing family situation, **Ruth 1:1-18**
4. Given the low moral levels and overall state of affairs in Israel during the time of the judges (refer to previous lesson and Judges 17:6; 21:25), what is unique and exemplary about the major characters in this book?
  - **Ruth 1:16-17; 2:11-12; 3:10-11**
  - **Boaz 4:5-11**
5. Show how God was working His "scheme of redemption" throughout the book of Ruth
  - **Ruth 4:13-22 (Matt 1:5-6)**
6. "Chronicle" - historical record according to date; register of facts or events arranged in the order in which they happened. 1 Chronicles 1 to 9 lists genealogies of Bible families from Adam to David. Identify significant Old Testament characters in 1 Chronicles 1 – 9, and note any "omissions" or "out of sequence records"



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### Dates:

1050 - 931 B.C.

### Time Span:

119 years

### Key Characters:

Samuel  
Saul  
Jonathan  
Abner  
**David**  
Joab  
**Bathsheba**  
Absalom  
Adonijah  
**Solomon**

### Books of Poetry

Job ?  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

# The United Kingdom

9

Saul



1 Samuel 10-31

1 Chronicles 10

David



2 Samuel 1-24

1 Chronicles 11-29

Solomon



1 Kings 1-11

2 Chronicles 1-9

### Important Scripture

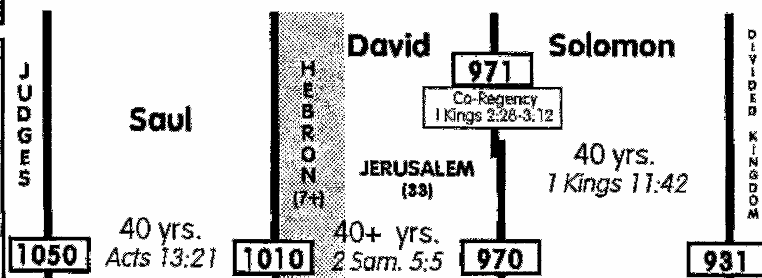
Book,  
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Verse?

"Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to heed than the fat of rams."

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever."

"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies Your footstool.'"

"And now I pray, O God of Israel, let Your word come true, which you have spoken to Your servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built."



# The Book of 1 Samuel 10 – 31 and 1 Chronicles 10

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. As studied previously, **1 Samuel 1-9** introduces us to Samuel, the prophet and judge. Samuel anointed the first two kings, Saul and David. Samuel overlaps and links the period of the judges to the United Kingdom.
2. Saul ruled 40 years **1 Samuel 13:1; Acts 13:21**, and David ruled 40 years **1 Kings 2:11; 11:42; 2 Samuel 2:8-11; 3:1; 5:5**
3. Explain what scripture shares about Saul.
  - Stature, **1 Samuel 9:2** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Character, **1 Samuel 13:13-14; 15:22-26** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rash judgments **1 Samuel 22** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Instability **1 Samuel 16:15, 23** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sinful **1 Samuel 28** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Others? \_\_\_\_\_
4. David kills the mighty Philistine, Goliath **1 Samuel 17**
5. Relationship between Saul toward David. What provoked this attitude?
  - **1 Samuel 18:5-15**      Suspicion, fear, dread
  - **1 Samuel 20:33**      Saul's attempt to harm David
6. David's relationship toward Saul and his family. What provoked this attitude?
  - **1 Samuel 24, 26**      David's reaction, spares Saul's life
  - **1 Samuel 18, 19**      Michal as wife, Jonathan as best friend
7. Describe Saul's death **1 Samuel 31:4** and Saul's epitaph **1 Chronicles 10:4, 13-14**

# The Book of 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles 11-29

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. Brief summary of these sections (30 words or less)
2. Contrast David's character to that of Saul. **1 Samuel 13:14; 16:7; 1 Kings 3:6; 9:4; 11:4; 2 Samuel 23:1-2; 1 Samuel 16:12, 18; Acts 13:22.**
3. David was not perfect. Note David's family relationships
  - Negligent in his duties as a father toward Adonijah **1 Kings 1:6**
  - Ammon & Tamar **2 Samuel 13**
  - Absalom's conspiracy toward David's throne, and other sins **2 Samuel 15 - 18**
4. What happened in **2 Samuel 1 – 4** that shows strife between the house of David and the house of Saul continued, even after the Death of Saul?
5. Other significant events in David's life
  - Sins associated with Bathsheba and Uriah **2 Samuel 11 – 12**
    - a. David's reaction to Nathan the prophet **2 Samuel 12:13**
    - b. Consequences of his sin **2 Samuel 12:5-14**
  - Moving the ark of the covenant **1 Chronicles 13- 15 (note 15:13); 2 Samuel 6**
  - Census taken followed by pestilence **2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21**
  - Preparation for temple building and associated duties **1 Chronicles 22 – 29 (note 22:5)**
6. God's covenant with David - **2 Samuel 7:10-16; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15** ("rest," Ps 95:8-11); Isaiah. 9:6-7 (Luke. 1:32-33); Mt. 9:27; 12:23; 21:9,15; Ac. 2:30; Heb. 1:5
  - A type of the Messiah **Ps. 89:19-37; Jeremiah 30:8-9 (note 31:31ff with Heb. 8:8ff); Ezekiel. 34:23-24; 37:24-28**

# The Books of 1 Kings 1 - 11 and 2 Chronicles 1 - 9

1. Solomon was made King while David was still alive. What was David's primary focus during these years of overlap? What was Solomon and David's relationship during this period? **1 Chron 23:1; 29:22, 28**
2. Solomon reigned 40 years. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. **2 Chronicles 9:30**
3. Solomon builds alliances, a temple, a palace **1 Kings 5 – 8** Describe his worldly accomplishments and God's reaction to these **2 Chronicles 9:13-28**
4. Solomon's wisdom and greatness **1 Kings 3:5-15; 4:29-34 2 Chronicles 1:7-11**
  - Author of various Psalms ( 72, 127) and the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
  - What was the Queen of Sheba's conclusion **1 Kings 10:7; 2 Chronicles 9:5-6**
5. Relate **2 Chronicles 2:1-18** with God's prophetic warning in **1 Samuel 8:10-22**
6. From **1 Kings 11**, describe the significant change in Solomon's heart, the cause for the change, and God's reaction
7. What is Solomon's relationship toward God's "scheme of redemption"? Did he fulfill his intended role?

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### Dates:

931-722 B.C.

**Time Span:**  
209 years

### Notes

All kings of Judah are in the lineage of Jesus.

None of the kings of Israel were faithful to God.

Only a few of the kings of Judah could be considered faithful. Athaliah, a wicked daughter of Ahab and wife of Jehoram of Judah, was the only queen.

Bigger names = longer reigns. Many reigns overlapped (co-regencies).

Prophets of the period are arranged vertically.

Assyria captured Samaria in 722 B.C.

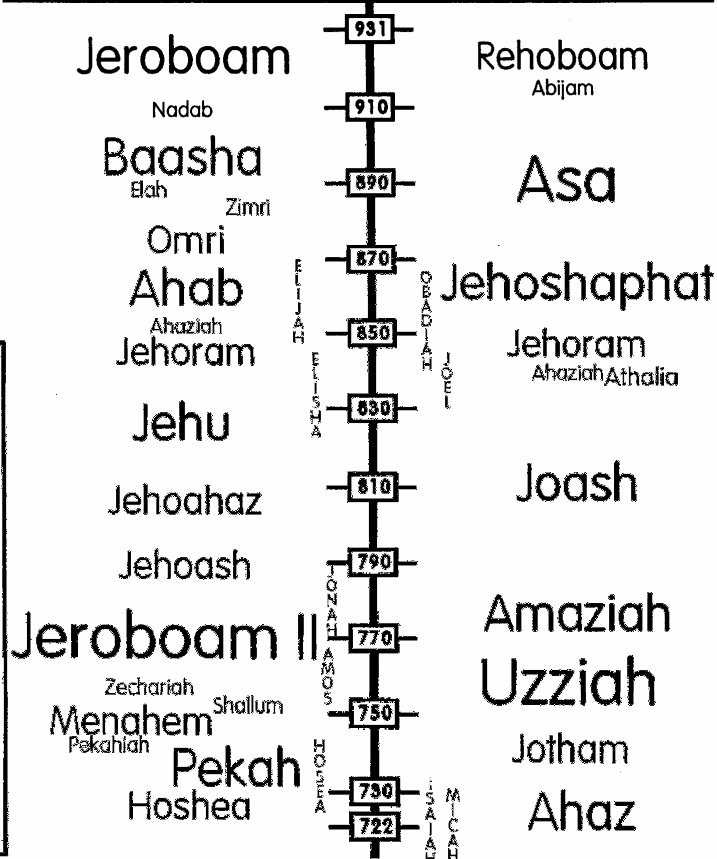
# The Divided Kingdom

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Northern Kingdom  
(Israel)

Southern Kingdom  
(Judah)

1 Kings 12- 2 Kings 17      2 Chronicles 10-28



## Important Scripture

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me. Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains..."

"And it shall come to pass afterward that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance..."

Book,  
Chapter &  
Verse?

# The Books of 1 Kings 12 – 22, 2 Kings 1 – 17 and 2 Chronicles 10 - 28

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_.
2. This period is commonly called the Divided Kingdom. Describe how during this period the term “divided” applies to:
  - Israel/Judah
  - Geography
  - Worship
  - Dynasties
3. From **1 Kings 12**, describe Rehoboam’s role in prompting the division and the significance of Dan & Bethel to Jeroboam and Israel
4. Name some of the significant kings of this section. List their good or bad behaviors, accomplishments
  - Good Kings
  - Bad Kings
5. List some significant events related to **Elijah** and **Elisha**, prophets of this period.

6. What lessons do we learn from Naboth, Micaiah, and Naaman in these books?
7. Review the chart on kings in Tab 3 of the binder. Northern kingdom/Israel had all bad kings. Read **2 Kings 17** for the cause of the fall of the Northern kingdom in 722 BC
- Irreverence of unbelief as root of apostasy
  - Influence of the “world”
  - Emphasis on covenant and keeping its laws
8. God continues to work His plan - in the southern kingdom all rulers except usurper Athaliah were in the lineage of David. In the northern kingdom there were nine different dynasties (ten, counting Tibni?): Jeroboam I, Baasha, Zimri, Omni, Jehu, Shallum, Menahem, Pekah, and Hoshea. Read **1 Kings 11:12-13,31-32,34-36; 12:20; 15:4; 2 Chronicles 21:7; Amos 9:11-12; Ac. 15:15-18; Luke. 1:32-33**
9. What was the root of the Samaritans, **2 Kings 17: 6, 24**, Mixed race and religion, **vv. 27-29**. Locate New Testament passages which refer to the Samaritans.

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### Dates:

722-586 B.C.

### Time Span:

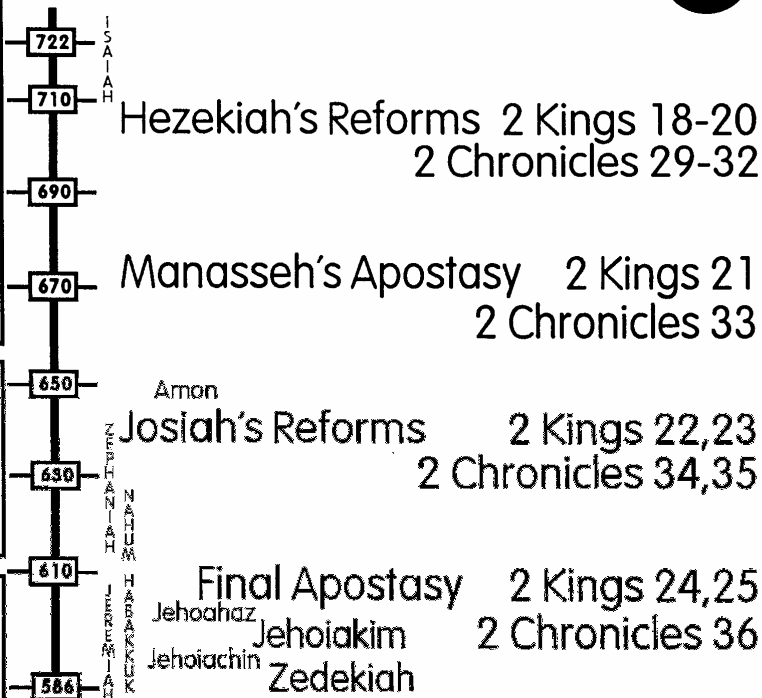
136 years

### Notes

All kings of Judah are in the lineage of Jesus. Only Hezekiah, who re-instituted the Passover, & Josiah, who returned Judah to following the Law after decades of neglect, could be considered faithful.

This period overlaps with the next as the first phase of the Babylonian Captivity began in 606 B.C. Thus for a period of about 20 years Jewish kings reigned, but as puppets of Babylon.

# Judah Continues 11



## Important Scripture

Book,  
Chapter &  
Verse?

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him, but the just shall live by his faith."

## Assyria Kings of the Empires Babylon

Shalmaneser V (727-722)  
Sargon III (722-705)  
Sennacherib (705-681)  
Esarhaddon (681-669)  
Ashurbanipal (668-626)

Fall of  
Nineveh  
(612)

Nabopolassar (625-605)  
Nebuchadnezzar (605-562)



# The Books of 2 Kings 18 - 25 and 2 Chronicles 29 - 36

1. Approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_. Refer back to **2 Kings 17** and the causes for Israel's fall and destruction. Were these issues in Judah also?
2. Explain in detail these two "reformers" of Judah, and significant activities of each
  - Hezekiah - 15 years added to your life" **2 Kings 18 - 20, 2 Chronicles 29**
  - Josiah - **2 Chronicles 34 – 35, 2 Kings 22 – 23**
  - Research the feast of Passover and its significance to God's people
3. Jeremiah prophesied to the remnant left in Judah, **Jeremiah 25:1-11; 21:1-2; 28:1; 29:1; 32:1-2; 39:1-14.** then to the exiles in Egypt, **Jeremiah 43:6-7; 44:1**
  - Judah's apostasy and imminent fall
  - God's decision to bring the Chaldeans to punish Judah
  - Jerusalem is taken
  - Restoration after 70 years promised **2 Chronicles 36:21**
4. Three Jerusalem deportations
  - 605 BC – Some captives, including Daniel, **2 Kings 24:1-2; Dan. 1:1-7**
  - 597 BC – More captives, including Ezekiel. **2 Kings 24:8-17; Ezekiel 1:2; 33:21**
  - 586 BC – Sacked city, burned temple. **2 Kings 24:18-25:21**
5. Describe the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon **Jeremiah 52; 2 Kings 25**
6. Explain Jeremiah 22:24-30 ("Coniah" = "Jehoiachin") and it's relationship with God's plan
7. Name the minor prophet(s) significant to this period and what was their messages

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### Dates:

605-536 B.C.

### Time Span:

69 years

### Key Characters:

Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel

Belshazzar

Hananiah

Shadrach

Mishael

Meshaiah

Azariah

Abed-Nego

Ezekiel

Belshazzar

Darius

Cyrus

### Notes

The small names above are the Babylonian names of the person it is under.

Dates are imprecise. When calculating one must be willing to give or take a year to compensate for different ways of counting.

# Babylonian Captivity

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Early Captivity



Daniel 1-4

Middle Captivity



Ezekiel 1-48

Latter Captivity



Daniel 5-12

## Important Scripture

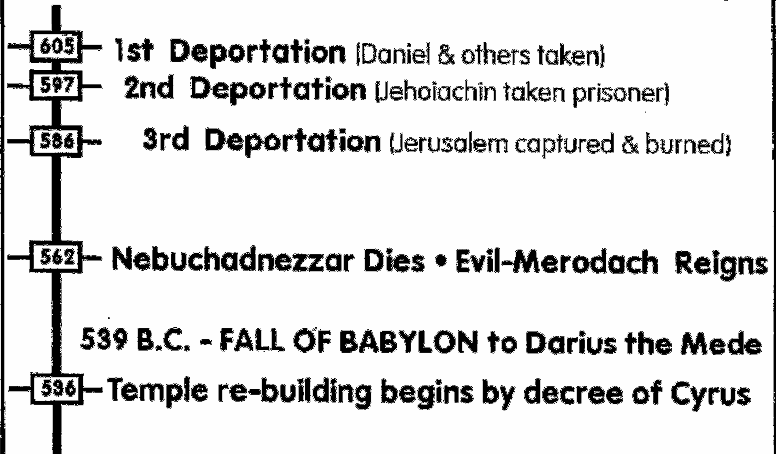
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"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand."

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed..."

"Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

## Major Events of the Captivity



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### Dates:

538-425 B.C.

### Time Span:

113 years

### Key Characters:

Cyrus  
**Zerubbabel**  
Jeshua  
Darius I  
Ahasuerus  
Mordecai  
Esther  
Haman  
Ezra  
Artaxerxes I  
Nehemiah

### Purim

A feast remembering  
the Jewish victory over  
Haman's plot.  
**Esther 9:18-32**

# The Return From Captivity 13

Zerubbabel & Jeshua



Ezra 1-6

Haggai & Zechariah

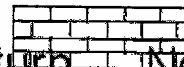
Jews in Persia

Esther 1-10

Ezra's Return

Ezra 7-10

Nehemiah's Return



Nehemiah 1-13

Malachi

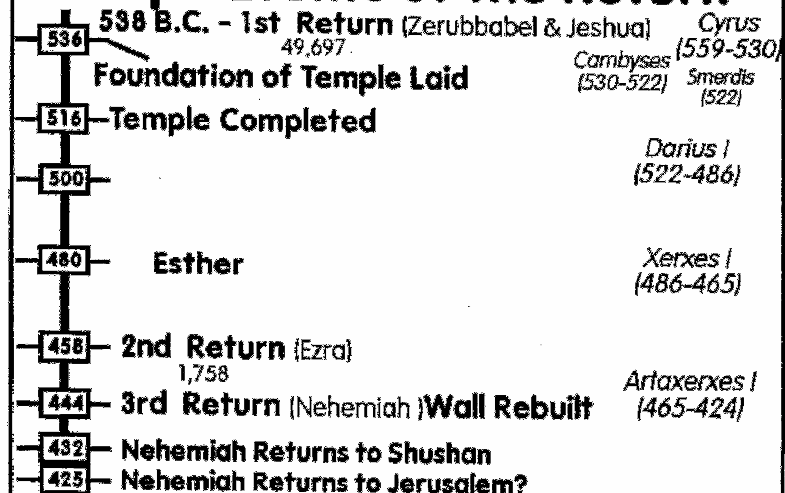
## Important Scripture

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"Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory," says the Lord of hosts.... The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former..."

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."

## Major Events of the Return



# The Book of Ezra

1. Approximate date of the book - Chapters 1 to 6 \_\_\_\_\_ and Chapters 7 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Describe the significant external event which ended the 70 years of captivity and prompted the Jewish return. **Ezra 1:1-4; Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10**
3. Review God's earlier promises
  - **Genesis 22:18**                      Seed of Abraham **Acts 3:25-26; Gal 3:16**
  - **2 Samuel 7:12**                      Seed of David **Acts 2:30; Rom 1:3**
  - **Isaiah 10:20-24**                      A remnant to return
  - **Jeremiah 29:10-14**                      After 70 years of captivity - **2 Chronicles 36:21-23**
4. Review the "on again/off again" struggles to rebuild the temple, chapters **1 to 6**.
  - **Ezra 1**                      Decree & assistance provided
  - **Ezra 3**                      Altar restored and people begin work on temple
  - **Ezra 4**                      False Accusations stop the work
  - **Ezra 5:1-4**                      Prophets **Haggai** and **Zechariah** encourage temple completion  
**(Messianic - Zech 6:12-13 Branch, both priest and King)**
  - **Ezra 5:5-6:15**                      Investigation and correction. Work is resumed and completed
5. Describe Ezra from **7:6, 10-11** and explain it's significance in this book
6. Explain the problem Ezra was confronted with by the princes following his arrival to Jerusalem. List the attitudes of the people of Israel and its leaders, and how the problem was resolved **Ezra 9, 10** Are these same attitudes and resolution applicable today?
7. Describe God's providence, as shown via the kindness of Persian Kings **6:11-12; 7:12-28**
8. Research the purpose of the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles. **Duet 31:10; Ezra 3:4; Nehemiah 8:14; Zechariah 14:16; Leviticus 23:34-44**. What other Jewish feast(s) are mentioned in the book?

# The Book of Esther

1. Approximate date of the book \_\_\_\_\_. Brief summary of the book (30 words or less)
2. Describe this book's major characters
  - King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) **Esther 1, 2, 7**
  - Queen Vashti **Esther 1**
  - Esther/Hadassah **Esther 2**
  - Mordecai **Esther 2 - 3**
  - Haman **Esther 3, 5**
3. Summarize Mordecai's wise counsel to Esther in **4:12-14** and explain its application today.
4. List passages throughout this book that specifically focus on God's providence
5. Show how God was working His "scheme of redemption" throughout this book
6. Research the Jewish "Feast of Purim"
7. Refer to the reference tab of your notebook and review details regarding Persian Kings. Additional information is shown on next page.

## 8. Six world empires

- **Egypt** 1600 – 1200 BC (prime)
- **Assyria** 800's – 612 BC (612-Ninevah fell)
- **Babylon** 612 – 538 BC (539-fall of Babylon)
- **Persia** 539 – 331 BC (331-battle of Arbela, Gaugamela)
- **Greece** 331 – 146 BC (146 - Greece became Roman Province)
- **Rome** 146 BC – 476 AD

## 9. Persian Rulers

- **Cyrus “the Great”** 550–530 BC
  - Decrees that Jews can return home
  - 1<sup>st</sup> group returns , lead by Zerubbabel
- **Cambyses II** 530–522 BC (also called Ahasuerus, Artaxerxes)
  - Stopped work on the temple
  - Conquered Egypt, ended pharaoh rule
- **Gaumata** (“False Smerdis”) 522–521 BC
- **Darius I** 521–486 BC
  - Setup satrapies, Judah as 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Established roads, postal system, canals
  - Checked records, and allowed temple rebuilding to continue
  - Haggai (520 BC), Zechariah (520 BC) reestablish priority to serve the Lord first and restart temple building
  - Temple finished in 516 BC
- **Xerxes I** 486-464 BC (also Ahaseurus)
  - Esther, his queen (483 to 473 BC)
- **Artaxerxes I** 464–423 BC
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> return under Ezra (458 BC)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> return under Nehemiah (444 BC)

## Famous Contemporaries

- **Gautama Buddha**, India 560–480 BC
- **Confucius**, China 551–479 BC
- **Socrates**, Greece 470–399 BC
- **Alexander the Great** – defeated Persians in 331 BC

# The Book of Nehemiah

1. Approximate date of the book \_\_\_\_\_. Primary theme of the book (30 words or less)
2. Describe Nehemiah **1:11; 2:11; 5:14-19; 13:23-31**
3. Describe
  - the purpose for Nehemiah's leading this 3<sup>rd</sup> return to Jerusalem. **Nehemiah 2:1-8**
  - and the attitude of the people in supporting this purpose. **Nehemiah 2:18; 4:16**
4. Explain why Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem and others would oppose Nehemiah's work, and Nehemiah's reaction to their opposition
5. Identify significant events for each section
  - Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem **Nehemiah 1 – 7 (note 6:15)**
  - Repairing of the agreement with God **Nehemiah 8 – 10**
  - Reforming of the nation **Nehemiah 11 – 13**
6. Malachi, a contemporary prophet. Note similarities to Nehemiah
  - Similarities - Nation ruled by a "governor", Temple had been rebuilt
  - Similar problems of intermarriage (**Malachi 2:11; Nehemiah 13:23,28**); failure to tithe (**Malachi 3:7-8; Nehemiah 13:10-12**); priests defiling the covenant (**Malachi 2:8; Nehemiah 13:29**).

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Final Letters to Christians

### Dates:

425-5 B.C.

### Time Span:

420 years

# Between the Testaments

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The Persian Empire (550-330)

The Greek Empire (330-150)

Alexander the Great (356-323)

Ptolemies & Seleucids (323-166)

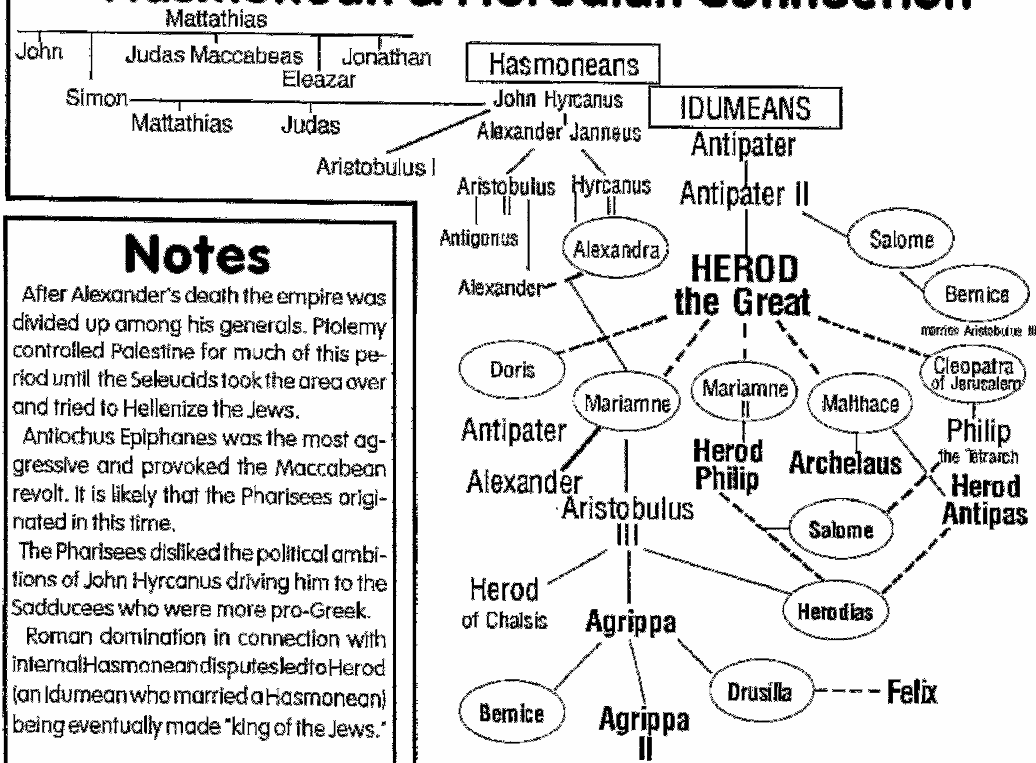
Maccabean Revolt (166-143)

Roman Domination (150 →)

Hasmoneans (143-37)

Herod the Great (37-4)

## Hasmonean & Herodian Connection



## Notes

After Alexander's death the empire was divided up among his generals. Ptolemy controlled Palestine for much of this period until the Seleucids took the area over and tried to Hellenize the Jews.

Antiochus Epiphanes was the most aggressive and provoked the Maccabean revolt. It is likely that the Pharisees originated in this time.

The Pharisees disliked the political ambitions of John Hyrcanus driving him to the Sadducees who were more pro-Greek.

Roman domination in connection with internal Hasmonean disputes led to Herod (an Idumean who married a Hasmonean) being eventually made "king of the Jews."



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### Dates:

6 B.C. - 30 A.D.

### Time Span:

36 years

### Important Scripture

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

# The Life of Christ

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## Before His Ministry

The births of John & Jesus  
Flight into Egypt  
Jesus in the temple at age 12  
John's ministry begins  
Jesus baptized

Matthew 1-3  
Mark 1  
Luke 1-3  
John 1

## Ministry Begins

Tempted in wilderness  
Water turned to wine  
1st cleansing of temple  
Teaches Nicodemus  
Samaritan Woman

Matthew 4  
Mark 1  
Luke 4  
John 1-4

## Galilee

Calling of Apostles  
Sermon on the Mount  
Herod executes John  
Walks on water  
Transfiguration

Matthew 4-18  
Mark 1-9  
Luke 4-9  
John 4-7

## Judea & Perea

Forgives adulteress  
Sending of the 70  
Raises Lazarus  
Teaching on divorce  
Rich young ruler

Matthew 19,20  
Mark 10  
Luke 10-19  
John 7-12

## The Final Week

Triumphal entry  
2nd cleansing of temple  
Final Passover  
Betrayal & Trial  
Crucifixion & Burial

Matthew 21-27  
Mark 11-15  
Luke 19-23  
John 12-19

## Resurrection

The empty tomb  
Appearances to disciples  
Appearance by Galilee  
"Great Commission"  
Ascension

Matthew 28  
Mark 16  
Luke 24  
John 20,21

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### Dates:

30-62 A.D.

### Time Span:

32 years

### Important Scripture

"...And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..."

# The First Christians

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## Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria

### Acts 1-12

#### The Church Begins (1-3)

Christ's Ascension	1
Pentecost	2
Lame Man Healed	3

#### Persecution Begins (4-7)

Peter and John Arrested	4
The Apostles Arrested	5
Choosing of the Seven	6
Stephen's Sermon	7

#### Christians Scattered (8-12)

Philip's Preaching	8
Saul of Tarsus Converted	9
Cornelius Converted	10
Christians in Antioch of Syria	11
Herod	12

*James*

## Remotest Parts of the Earth Acts 13-28

#### Paul's First Journey (13,14)

Paul's Sermon to the Jews in Antioch of Pisidia	13
Paul and Barnabas Worshipped	14

#### Jerusalem Conference (15)

*Galatians*

#### Paul's Second Journey (16-18)

Paul & Silas in Prison	16
Athens Philosophers	17
Aquila and Priscilla	18

*1 & 2 Thessalonians*

#### Paul's Third Journey (19,20)

Riot at Ephesus	19
Greece / Troas / Ephesian Elders	20

*1 Corinthians*

*2 Corinthians & Romans*

#### Paul Under Arrest (21-28)

Arrested in Temple at Jerusalem	21
Address to Mob	22
Plot to Kill Paul	23
Before Felix	24
Before Festus	25
Before Agrippa	26
Shipwrecked	27
Arrival in Rome	28

*Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon & Philippians*

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### Dates:

62-? A.D.

### Time Span:

8-30 years

# Final Letters to Christians

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Paul's Final Journeys

1 Timothy  
Titus

The Last Days

1 & 2 Peter  
Jude

Hebrews

2 Timothy

1, 2 & 3 John

Revelation

## Important Scripture

"Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease."

"God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds..."

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing."

## Roman Emperors

