

Survey of the Bible - The History & The Kingdoms

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The History is 12 books: conquest of the Promised Land (Joshua), the continuous cycle of disobedience (Judges), the first kings and the United Kingdom, the Divided Kingdom, the Assyrian invasion, Babylonian invasion, the years in exile, and the return from exile during the Persian rule.

Entering settling in the Promised Land: Joshua (c. 1400 BCE), Judges & Ruth

Joshua – Moses right-hand

-Cross the Jordan to enter the Promised Land(Canaan) after wandering for 40 years

-A fulfillment of God's promise to the people of Israel –

-Fall of the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6)

Key Verse: *Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. (Joshua 1:7)*

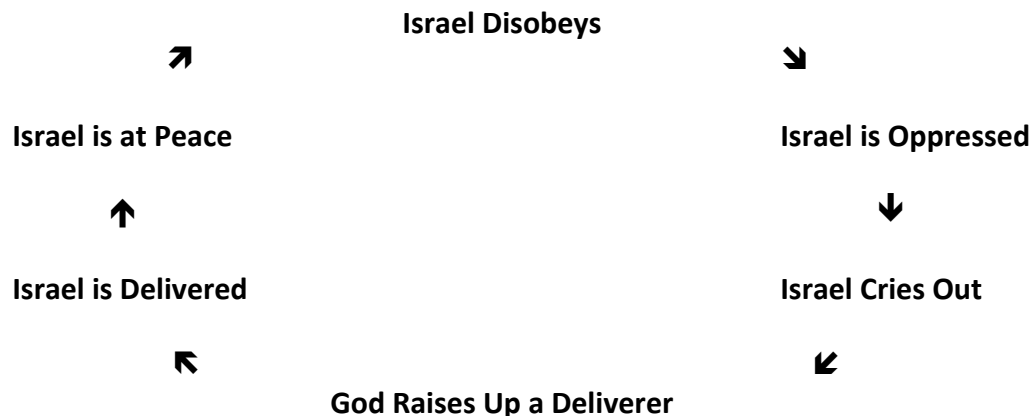
Judges – 1086-1004 BCE

Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah (Judges 4-5 including “The Song of Deborah”), Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah (Judges 10:6-12:7), Ibzan, Elon, Abson, Samson

Key Verse: *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit. (Judges 21:25)*

....Israel is in desperate need of a king

The Cycle Pattern in Judges



Ruth 1046-1035 BCE

Key Verse: *But Ruth Replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. You people will be my people and your God my God. (Ruth 1:16)*

*The Last Judge: **Samuel** 1050 -750 BCE The record of how Israel got a king*

1Samuel

Samuel 1-7 Saul 8-15 Saul & David 16-32 T

Key Verse: *But Saul Replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord. To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. (1Samuel 15:22)*

2Samuel

- David’s Reign in Judah 1-4
- David Unites Israel 5-10
- David and Bathsheba 11-12

Key verse: *I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. (2Samuel 7:9)*

1Kings 590-570 BCE

- King Solomon’s Reign 1-4
- Temple Construction 5-8
- Queen of Sheba 9-10
- Kingdom Splits 11-16
- Prophet Elijah 17-22

Key Verse: *So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. (1Kings 3:9a)*

2Kings

- The Prophet Elisha (1-8)
- Kings of Judah and Israel (9-16)
- Fall of Israel (7-21)
- King Josiah (22-23)
- Fall of Judah; Exile (24-25)

Key verse: *And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: “O Lord, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.” (2Kings 19:15)*

1Chronicles 450-425 BCE

Review of David’s Reign

Key Verse: *“Who, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” (1Chronicles 4:10)*

2Chronicles 450-425 BCE

shows the benefits that come from obedience

Key verse: *As for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken him. (2Chronicles 13:10a)*

Ezra 457-444 BCE

History of Reconstruction providing a detailed account of the return from exile in Babylonia and the rebuilding of the Temple.

- Return from exile (1-2)
- Rebuilding of the Temple (3-6)
- The Work of Ezra (7-10)

Key Verse: *With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever. And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.*

Nehemiah 454-444 BCE

Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem

- Nehemiah Returns (1-2)
- The Rebuilding of the Walls (3)
- Threats and Persecution (4-7)
- Renewal of Covenant (8-10)
- Dedication of Laws (11-13)

Key Verse: *Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)*

Esther 464-435 BCE

Story of Redemption – To demonstrate that, in all circumstances, God is in control.

- Search for a new Queen (1-2)
- Haman's Plot (3)
- Esther's Plan (4-6)
- Haman's Downfall (7)
- Esther saves the Jews (8-10)

Key Verse: *For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14)*