

Book of Joshua

Book of Land Conquered

Joshua: Book of Land Conquered

I. The Israelites ENTERED the Promised Land
(Joshua 1-5).

- A. God gave a CHARGE to Joshua (Joshua 1).
- B. Joshua sent out two SPIES (Joshua 2).
- C. God parted the JORDAN River and the Israelites crossed over (Joshua 3-4).
- D. Joshua WORSHIPED the captain of the Lord's host (Joshua 5).

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II. The Israelites CONQUERED the Promised Land
(Joshua 6-12).

- A. God gave the Israelites victory at JERICHO (Joshua 6).
- B. Because of disobedience, the Israelites were disciplined at AI (Joshua 7).
- C. The Israelites approach to Canaan was DIVIDE and conquer (Joshua 9-12).

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III. The Israelites DIVIDED the Land Among the Twelve Tribes (Joshua 13-24).

- A. The GIBEONITES were allowed to live among the Israelites.
- B. The LEVITES received the sacrifice of God as their inheritance, not land (Joshua 21).
- C. Joshua gave a final CHARGE to the people of Israel (Joshua 22:24-28).

D. There were three burials at the end of Joshua (Joshua 24:29-33).

1. JOSHUA
2. JOSEPH'S BONES
3. ELEAZAR

JUDGES

The Book of Judges Ruled

Judges: The Book of Judges Ruled

- I. The CAUSES of Israel's Failure
(Judges 1-2)

- A. Joshua died but his godly influence lived on through surviving ELDERS.
- B. The Israelites rebelled against God and worshiped IDOLS.
- C. The elders died and the new generation did not know God nor the WORK he had done for Israel.

- D. God's hand was against the Israelites, and they were oppressed and DISCIPLINED by other nations.
- E. The sin CYCLES followed this pattern: Israel rebelled – God rejected – Israel repented – God rescued – Israel rested.
- F. There are SEVEN cycles of sin in the book of Judges.

Judges: The Book of Judges Rules

II. The CYCLES of Israel's Failure (Judges 3-16)

A. Though a woman, DEBORAH led Israel to victory against Jobor, King of Canaan.

1. Women are uniquely made to be uniquely used by God.
2. Under Deborah's rule, Israel enjoyed peace for FORTY years.

B. Though a man with little courage, GIDEON led Israel to victory against the Midianites.

1. God knows who we are, and He knows what we can become.
2. God is not looking for my ability but for my availability.
3. Under Gideon's rule, Israel enjoyed peace for FORTY years.

C. Though weak in self-control, SAMSON destroyed the Philistine rulers.

1. God is always ready to forgive when we ask Him.
2. Samson led Israel for TWENTY years.

Judges: The Book of Judges Rules

III. The CONSEQUENCES OF ISRAEL'S FAILURE

A. The Israelites did what was right in their OWN eyes.

B. Wicked behavior shows the DEPRAVITY of man without God.

Ruth

The Book of Redemption
Defined

Ruth: The Book of Redemption Defined

I. The Heathen: Ruth (Ruth 1)

A. The Historical Background of Ruth

1. Bethlehem means “House of BREAD”; yet at the time of Ruth, Bethlehem was experiencing a famine.
2. Elimelech means “My God is KING.”

3. Mahlon means “WEAKLY,” and Chilion means “pining.”
4. Naomi means “LOVELY” or “pleasant.”
5. Because there was a famine, Elimelech took his family to Moab, a country that was Israel’s ENEMY.

B. The Helplessness of Ruth

1. Elimelech DIED.
2. Mahlon and Chilion married MOABITE women.
3. Mahlon and Chilion DIED.

C. Their only hope was for a KINSMAN
REDEEMER.

1. Kinsman means “relative or kin.”
2. Redeemer means “to buy back” or “to reclaim ownership.”

3. The requirements of a kinsman redeemer were:

a. He must be RELATED.

b. He must be ABLE to pay the price.

c. He must be WILLING to reclaim ownership.

D. A Flicker of HOPE for Ruth

1. Ruth PLEDGED her heart and life to God and Naomi.
2. Ruth and Naomi returned to BETHLEHEM.
3. Naomi renamed herself “Mara” or “BITTER.”

Ruth: The Book of Redemption Defined

II. The Hope: Boaz (Ruth 2-3)

- A. Ruth began working in Boaz's field.
- B. Boaz offered provision and protection for Ruth.
- C. Boaz became Ruth's KINSMAN REDEEMER.
 1. He was RELATED.
 2. He was ABLE.
 3. He was WILLING.
- D. Boaz and Ruth married.

Ruth: The book of Redemption Defined

III. The Heir: Obed (Ruth 4)

- A. Obed was Ruth's son, and his name means "servant."
- B. Obed's son was JESSE.
- C. Jesse was the father of DAVID, who became the king of Israel.
- D. David was in the line of JESUS CHRIST, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

E. Jesus is our KINSMAN REDEEMER.

1. He is RELATED.

2. He was ABLE to pay the price for our sins.

3. He is WILLING.

I Samuel

The Book of Monarchy
Established

I Samuel: The Book of Monarchy Established

I. The Life of Samuel (I Samuel 1-8)

- A. Hannah trusted God and He gave her a son, Samuel.
- B. Eli, the unfaithful priest, raised Samuel from the time he was weaned.

C. Samuel's offices included:

1. He was Israel's last and most effective JUDGE.
2. He was Israel's first PROPHET.
3. He served as a PRIEST.

D. He was chosen by God for these offices.

E. He sought God's guidance through prayer all his life.

I Samuel: The Book of Monarchy Established

II. The Reign of Saul (1 Samuel 9-15)

- A. Saul was Israel's FIRST King.
- B. Saul was anointed by Samuel but chosen by MEN.
- C. Saul was disqualified by God for His UNFAITHFULNESS.

- D. He sought guidance from a MEDIUM and not from God.
- E. Saul DIED after forty years as king of Israel.

I Samuel: The Book of Monarchy Established

III. The Faithfulness of David, God's Chosen King (1 Samuel 16-31)

- A. David was anointed as Israel's king ELECT.
- B. He was anointed by Samuel but chosen by GOD.
- C. He was qualified to be king by his FAITHFULNESS.
- D. David sought GOD and lived.
- E. David trusted God and killed the Philistine GIANT, Goliath.

F. There was an ongoing conflict between MAN'S king, Saul, and GOD'S king, David.

G. David had a covenant relationship with Saul's son Jonathan.

2 Samuel

The Book of David's Throne
Established

2 Samuel: The Book of David's Throne Established

- I. David TRIUMPHED in uniting the twelve tribes of Israel (2 Samuel 1-10).

- A. David ruled only one tribe, JUDAH, for seven years.
- B. David UNITED the twelve tribes after the death of Saul's son.
 1. He established JERUSALEM as the capital of Israel (2 Samuel 5).
 2. He established a strong RELIGIOUS order (2 Samuel 6).

3. He expanded the BORDERS of Israel (2 Samuel 8-10).
4. God made a COVENANT with King David (2 Samuel 7).

2 Samuel: The Book of David's Throne Established

II. David TRANSGRESSED against God (2 Samuel 11-12).

- A. David committed ADULTERY with Bathsheba.
- B. David MURDERED Uriah.
- C. The prophet NATHAN confronted David with his sin.
- D. David CONFESSED and repented of his sin before God.

2 Samuel: The Book of David's Throne Established

III. David suffered TROUBLES from the consequences of his sin (2 Samuel 13-21).

- A. David's infant SON died (2 Samuel 12).
- B. David's son Amnon SEDUCED his half sister Tamar and then raped her (2 Samuel 13).
- C. Tamar's brother Absalom MURDERED Amnon.
- D. Absalom led a REVOLT against his father, David (2 Samuel 15-18).
- E. Absalom was MURDERED by David's army commander.

2 Samuel: The Book of David's Throne Established

IV. David testified to the faithfulness of God (2 Samuel 22-24).

- A. In success, he praised God.
- B. In sin, he repented before God.
- C. In sorrow, he clung to God.
- D. He was a man after God's own heart.

I Kings

The Book of Kingdom
Divided

I Kings: The Book of Kingdom Divided

- I. The kingdom was UNITED and thriving (1 Kings 1-11).

- A. King David made a declaration that SOLOMON was to be king and then David died.
- B. Solomon made his most UNWISE decision just prior to requesting wisdom from God.
 1. He made an alliance with EGYPT.
 2. He MARRIED one of Pharaoh's daughters.

- C. Solomon asked for WISDOM, and God gave him wisdom, knowledge, and enormous wealth.
- D. The TEMPLE was built and dedicated to the glory of God.
- E. Solomon's FAME reached throughout the ancient world.

- F. Solomon's many foreign WIVES turned his heart away from God.
- G. Solomon's heart was a DIVIDED heart.

1 Kings: The Book of Kingdom Divided

II. The kingdom was DIVIDED and destroyed (1 Kings 12-22).

- A. REHOBOAM acted unwisely by disregarding the wisdom of his father, Solomon.
- B. The once-united kingdom was divided into TWO separate nations.
 1. The NORTHERN ten tribes were called Israel.
 2. The capital was SAMARIA.
 3. The Southern two tribes were called JUDAH.

4. The capital was JERUSALEM.

C. ELIJAH was a prophet who God used mightily in warning King Ahab.

2 Kings

The Book of Kingdoms
Exiled

2 Kings: The Book of Kingdoms Exiled

- I. God's warnings were given through Elijah and ELISHA.

- A. After Elijah ascended into heaven in a chariot of fire, ELISHA succeeded him.
- B. Elisha's ministry to Israel was very DIFFERENT from his mentor, Elijah.
- C. Elisha's ministry lasted FIFTY years from King Jehoram to King Jehoash.
- D. God will eventually judge and DISCIPLINE his people.

2 Kings: The Book of Kingdoms Exiled

II. The kings of Israel IGNORED God's warnings.

- A. All of the kings of the northern kingdom were EVIL.
- B. The northern kingdom lasted TWO HUNDRED years.
- C. Israel had NINETEEN kings.
- D. God REMOVED Israel from His sight.
- E. In 722 BC, the Assyrians conquered Israel and SCATTERED the ten tribes.

2 Kings: The Book of Kingdoms Exiled

III. The kings of JUDAH ignored God's warnings.

- A. Judah had TWENTY kings.
- B. Only EIGHT kings did what was right.
- C. God removed JUDAH from His presence.
- D. The BABYLONIANS conquered the southern tribes in 586 BC.
- E. The people were taken to Babylon in EXILE for seventy years.