



JOURNEY
— THROUGH THE —
OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 2
The Historical Books

1. CONQUEST AND LIFE IN CANAAN
(Josh. – 1 Sam.)

JOSHUA

Joshua Teaches us Three Things...

- 1. God kept His promise to Abraham involving the land of Canaan.**
- 2. God, though rich in mercy, will eventually judges sin.**
- 3. God judges sin in all nations, Canaan and Israel.**

Joshua strategy was to Divide and Conquer

Ch. 6-8 describes the Central Battles

Ch. 9-10 describes the Southern Battles

Ch. 11-12 describe the Northern Battles

**One of the key themes of the Battles
was the understanding that....**

**“The battle was the Lords and ONLY
His methods would bring success.”**

During this time Shiloh was the religious center for Israel and was where they set up the Tabernacle.

JUDGES

The book of Judges records the history between Joshua and Samuel and reveals the spiritual cycles of Israel in Canaan.

The word Judge didn't refer to a person who presided over a courtroom. It referred to men and women God raised up to defeat Israel's enemies, restore order, and maintain the covenant!

The Major Judges

Othniel

Ehud

Deborah

Gideon

Jephthah

Samson

RUTH

Jewish law forbid Ruth to be part of the Nation of Israel. But her story demonstrates God's mercy is extended to all people in every nation that will seek Him. Ruth became part of the ancestral line of Jesus.

A Kinsman-Redeemer was a male relative who had the privilege of aiding and rescuing another family member to redeem them out of a bad situation. Boaz became a type of Jesus who is our Kinsmen Redeemer.

1 SAMUEL

This book records a key turning point in Israel's history when Israel decides to reject God as king and asks to have their own king. This book covers 100 years of history from Samuel's birth to King Saul's death.

**Samuel held three roles in Israel,
Judge, Prophet and Priest. He
was the last of the Judges.**

**One theme that emerges from
Saul's life in this book is the
Error of running ahead of the
Promises of God to bring about
with human effort what only
God can and should do!**

2. THE ISRAELITES EMPIRE

(2 Sam. 1 & 2 Kings, 1 Chon., 2 Chron 1-9)

DAVID'S REIGN

After Saul's death David who lived in Philistia returned to Hebron where he was crowned King. In one of his first acts as King, David relocated the capitol city from Hebron to a more centralized location, Jerusalem

**Jerusalem is often referred
to by two other names.....
“The City of David” and “Zion”**

As David conquered more and more nations and his fame grew, he failed to pay attention to the DRIFT occurring in his own heart.

**Success can lead to Spiritual Danger
no matter who you are!**

SOLOMON'S REIGN

The book of 1 & 2 Kings covers 400 years of history and was written for the Jews exiled in Babylon to show them the reason the kingdom of Israel was divided and how they ended up as slaves and captives.

When Nebuchadnezzar defeated Judah in 586BC he destroyed the Temple. Later another temple was built, Herod's Temple, which was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD.

**It doesn't matter how you start, it
only matters how you finish!**

THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

After Solomon's death the people turned against the new king Rehoboam and the result was that Israel was divided into two kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom Israel, and the Southern Kingdom, Judah...

5 DYNASTIES OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

First Dynasty: Jeroboam and His Sons

Second Dynasty: Baasha

Third Dynasty: Omri

Fourth Dynasty: Jehu

Fifth Dynasty: Menahem/Son Pekahiah

