

# AROUND THE BIBLE IN 12 WEEKS

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## Lesson 2 – Books of History

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### Bible emphasis in presentation:

- As the **WORD OF GOD**
- As the **THREAD OF CHRIST**
- As a **PURPOSE FOR EACH BOOK**

### LAST WEEK'S SUMMARY ASSESSMENT:

GENESIS - **Ruin**  
 EXODUS - **Redemption**  
 LEVITICUS – **Communion**  
 NUMBERS – **Direction**  
 DEUTERONOMY - **Destination**

### THIS WEEK we look at the remaining 12 books of OT HISTORY

They cover a little over 1000 years, 1450 to 400 B.C.  
 JOSHUA leading the Israelites into the promised land  
 The “dark ages” of JUDGES and RUTH  
 The years of the monarchy in SAMUELS, KINGS & CHRONICLES  
 The years of the return from captivity in EZRA, NEHEMIAH & ESTHER

### THE TIMELINE IN ROUND FIGURES

1500 B.C. EXODUS from Egypt under Moses  
 1450 B.C. JOSHUA leads the Israelites into the promised land  
 1400 B.C. c. 300 years of JUDGES when “everyone did right in his own eyes”  
 1100 B.C. c. 200 years of victory under kings SAUL, DAVID & SOLOMON  
 900 B.C. c. 300 years of a divided kingdom and disobedient people  
 600 B.C. Babylonian captivity  
 500 B.C. A remnant returns to rebuild Jerusalem (EZRA, NEHEMIAH)  
 Queen ESTHER preserves the remnant in Babylon from slaughter

### SIMPLE OUTLINE

JOSHUA	COURAGE & CONQUEST
JUDGES	COMPROMISE & CALAMITY
RUTH	REDEMPTION (A Gentile thread)
1 SAMUEL	TRANSITION / KING SAUL (40 years)
2 SAMUEL	THRONE - KING DAVID (40 years)
1 KINGS	KING SOLOMON (40 years) / DISRUPTED KINGDOM / ELIJAH
2 KINGS	DISPERSED KINGDOMS / ELISHA
CHRONICLES	RETROSPECTION
EZRA	RESTORATION
NEHEMIAH	RECONSTRUCTION
ESTHER	PRESERVATION

### **JOSHUA COURAGE and CONQUEST**

Joshua = Jeshua = Jesus / Who else to lead us into the promised land but Jesus??!

#### God's Instruction

**1:6-7a** *Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous.*

**1:8** *This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.*

### **THE THREAD OF CHRIST**

The cord of scarlet thread in Rahab's window (Joshua 2) **VIDEO**

Rahab (a Gentile Canaanite in the ancestry of Jesus) –  
mother of Boaz, and the great-great grandmother of King David (Matthew 1)

### Great Miracles in JOSHUA

Parting of the river Jordan / Jericho's walls fall down  
The sun stops for one day / Conquest of the Canaanites

### Joshua's Commitment

**24:15b** *But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

### Israel's Commitment

**24:41** *And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua.*

## JUDGES

## COMPROMISE and CALAMITY

### Multiple cycles of compromise

Relative obedience  
Compromise  
Bondage  
Repentance  
Deliverer (Judge)

c. 12 Judges in c. 350 years (Deborah, Gideon, Sampson)

**Final verse summary:** **21:25** *In these days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

**Message:** God will provide a Savior; but sin brings judgment

## RUTH

## REDEMPTION TO A GENTILE

**Line of Messiah:** Boaz marries Ruth; Boaz's mother is Rahab  
Boaz & Ruth are the great grandparents of King David

Rahab & Ruth are the 2 Gentile women in the line of the Messiah  
This prophesies God reaching out to the Gentiles through the Messiah

Husband Boaz plays the role of REDEEMER, and marries Ruth  
This is a type of JESUS redeeming the CHURCH, his bride

Ruth's famous pledge of loyalty to her mother-in-law:

**Ruth 1:16** *"Where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge.  
Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."*

### THE THREAD OF CHRIST

**Ruth 4:13** *Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel."*

## 1 SAMUEL

## TRANSITION / KING SAUL

1-7 Samuel – the last of the judges, and first of the prophets  
8-15 Saul – the first king, but not God's anointed  
16-31 David – the preparation of the anointed king

**Best known story:** Chapter 17 – DAVID & GOLIATH

**Best known verse:** 16:7

**1 Samuel 16:7b** God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

David, a man after God's own heart (13:14)

## 2 SAMUEL

## THRONE - KING DAVID

**Chapters 1-10** David's Triumphs

The ark brought to Jerusalem

Defeating the Philistines

## Chapters 11-24 David's Troubles

Bathsheba (wife and mother of Solomon)

Absalom (rebellious son)

David's heart through it all:

**2 Samuel 22:2-4** *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;*

*My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My savior, Thou dost save me from violence. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised and I am saved from my enemies.*

## MESSIANIC PROMISE

Through ADAM's RACE (Gen. 3:15)

Through ABRAHAM's NATION (Gen 22:18)

Through JACOB's TRIBE (Gen. 49:10)

Through DAVID's FAMILY (the "Davidic Covenant")

## THE THREAD OF CHRIST:

**2 Samuel 7:12 13** *[God to David] When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers; I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

## 1 KINGS

## KING SOLOMON / DISRUPTED KINGDOM /

### ELIJAH

Solomon's supernatural wisdom

The completion of the temple

The kingdom divided

Judah's good kings: Asa & Jehoshaphat

The ministry of Elijah (17-22) - the prophet of LAW

## 2 KINGS

## DISPERSED KINGDOMS / ELISHA

Northern kingdom of Israel dispersed to Assyria

Southern kingdom of Judah dispersed to Babylon

The ministry of Elisha (1-10) – the prophet of GRACE

Judah's good kings: Hezekiah & Josiah

## 1 & 2 CHRONICLES

## RETROSPECTION

### Samuels & Kings

### Chronicles

Biographical

Statistical

Personal

Official

Prophet perspective

Priest perspective

Northern & Southern kingdoms

Southern kingdom only

About the THRONE

About the TEMPLE

Indictment

Incitement

**1 Chronicles** (roughly covering 1 & 2 Samuel)

People of the Lord (1-9)

Anointed of the Lord (10-12)

Ark of the Lord (13-16)

Covenant of the Lord (17-21)

Temple of the Lord (22-29)

**2 Chronicles** (roughly covering 1 & 2 Kings)

Solomon's Reign (1-9)

Judah's Kings to the Exile (10-36)

## THE THREAD OF CHRIST:

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *If my people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

## EZRA

## RESTORATION

Under Zerubabel: (ancestor of Jesus)

Return to the land / Altar re-erected

New temple begun / Adversaries encountered

Prophets exhort (Haggai & Zechariah) / Temple finished in 4 ½ years

### **THE THREAD OF CHRIST:**

*Ezra 9:8* But now for a brief moment grace has been shown from the Lord our God to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

### **NEHEMIAH**

### **RECONSTRUCTION**

Reconstruction of the city wall (1-6)

Reinstructing of the people (7-13)

PRAYER, FAITH, COURAGE & ACTION

*Nehemiah 8:10b* Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

### **ESTHER**

### **PRESERVATION**

Esther, a Jewess, becomes queen to Xerxes, king of Persia

*Esther 4:14b* [Mordecai to Esther] And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?

She finds favor and saves her people from sure extinction

Esther's son-in-law, Artaxerxes, is the one who allowed Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall

### **THE THREAD OF JESUS IN OT HISTORY**

- √ The ancestral line of Jesus runs through  
RAHAB, BOAZ, RUTH, DAVID, SOLOMON, & ZERUBABEL
- √ Rahab leaves a red cord in her window to preserve her life of faith
- √ Boaz redeems Ruth, a Gentile, in type of the Redeemer of all who believe
- √ David is promised an heir who will rule on an everlasting throne
- √ Solomon is given supernatural wisdom as a type of his greater heir with Divine wisdom
- √ Zerubabel rebuilds the city of Jerusalem as a type of his greater heir who will build the heavenly Jerusalem