

# Joshua

Joshua = Jesus (greek form)

means Jehovah saves

one of 2 survivors from Egypt

In Deut. Moses anointed Joshua to be his successor

I Joshua 1:1 God speaks to Joshua telling him to lead the people into the promised land

God promise 1:5-6

Key verse 1:8 Book of the law

is to be always present

on his lips

in his thoughts

on his hands - to do all that

## Outline of the Book of Joshua

I Joshua's Commission

II Entry into Canaan

A. mobilization

B. mission of the spies - Rahab

C. Prep for a holy war

D. Crossing the Jordan

E. Encampment at Gilgal

### III conquest of Canaan

A. The Divine Commander

B. The 1st stage

Jericho

Ai

C. Second stage - Southern campaign

D. Third Stage - Northern campaign

### IV Division of the Land

A. The 2 1/2 tribes

B. Caleb + Judah

C. Ephraim + Manasseh

D. The 7 tribes

E. Cities of refuge - 3E + 3W of Jordan  
from the Levites

F. Cities of the Levites - 35 + 13 for  
Priests = 48

G. return of the 2 1/2

### V Joshua's last days

A. First address

B. Second address Josh 24:15 "as for me  
& my house we will serve the Lord"

C. Joshua's death & burial

# Judges

Name - for the men + one woman  
- who delivered God's judgement  
against Israel's enemies

Dates 1400 - 1000 B.C.

From Joshua's death to King  
Saul

The problem defined ch 2:8-15  
The tribes of Israel had not driven  
out the canaanites but put  
them under tribute 1:28

~~Problem defined 2:8-15:3-6~~  
God's solution 2:16-23

Othniel <sup>- young brother of Caleb</sup> 3:7-11 + king of  
Mesopotamia

Ehud 3:12-16

Served moabites 18 yrs

Ehud the lefty

Deborah and Barak 4:1-9, 13-

Jabin King of Canaan

Song of Deborah 5:1-3

Gideon <sup>of manasseh</sup> & the Midianites 6:

v1. Israel did evil Lord delivered them into hand of Midianites

v6. Israel made very poor by the raids - lost their crops forced to hide in mount. caves.

v7. Israel cries to the Lord

v7-10 Prophet's reproof

v11 angel under the oak tree in Ophrah owned by Joash father of Gideon  
Gideon thrashing wheat secretly

v12 The Lord is with you mighty man of valour

v13 If the Lord with us why has this happened

v16 Go & save Israel & I will be with you

20-21 The calf bread & leath consumed by fire from the staff of the Angel of the Lord

25 instructed to Tear down his  
father's altar of Baal <sup>+ his grove</sup> and build  
an altar for God  
sacrifice his father's 7yr old bull  
Did it at nite - feared his father  
and the city

28 men of the city sought to kill him

31 Joash defends son - let Baal  
fight for himself

men of Mōnasseh gathered

32,000 army reduced to 300

lapped water in their tongues

36 - The fleece of wool

fleece wet ground dry

fleece dry ground wet

7:15 encouraged by midianite dream

16 3 companies of 100 each in  
trumpet, lance & pitcher

Midian defeated

Jephtha ch 11: mighty man  
son of a harlot & Gilead  
rejected by his brothers  
sought by his brothers to fight  
ammon

Jephthah's vow

- .. daughter - only child
- .. Honors his vow

Samson of Dan ch 14

marries a philistine

has a philistine girlfriend  
named Delilah

secret told

captured

Samuel - last judge - deuter

Trust God in time of trouble  
don't take matters in your own hands  
stay with the people of God  
accept evil with the good  
evil has a purpose  
what awaits elsewhere  
may be worse

Seek God at all cost  
God honors faith  
God makes good come of  
evil

# Ruth

Elimelech + Naomi of Bethlehem

two sons Mahlon + Chilion

Went to ~~moat~~ <sup>no trust</sup> because of famine

Elimelech dies

sons marry (~~Orpah~~ + Ruth)

Mashite women these

disobeyed God - result of

above

Naomi now alone -

plans to return to land of Israel

daughters in law asked to

return to their families

Orpah returns

Ruth "cleaves" ... Thy people

shall be my people + Thy God

my God

In Bethlehem Ruth continues

faithful to Naomi

Boaz redeems Elimelech's

land + marries Ruth

has son Obed the father of

Jesse father of King David



I Samuel - means "asked of the Lord"  
1<sup>st</sup> of 4 books of the King Sam  
authors - Samuel, Nathan, Gad  
records kept in the Ark of Covenant  
Samuel started the school(s) of  
the prophets  
Chronology

1090 Samuel born

1080 called of God

1070 Eli dies Samuel judge

1040 Saul begins to reign

1015 Samuel dies

1010 Saul killed - David King  
over Judah

1003 David King of all Israel

Ch-1 Birth of Samuel to Elkanah  
(a Levite) and Hannah his barren wife  
(Peninah had children - provoked  
Hannah deliberately)

Hannah prays for a son - vows to  
give him to the Lord all his life  
Dedicates Samuel to God at weaning  
age 2 or 3 yrs.

God gave Hannah 5 more children  
3 boys + 2 girls

Eli's wicked sons - Hophni and  
Phinehas - stole from the  
sacrifices, committed terrible  
sins

Eli tried to get them to stop their  
sin but did not remove them  
from the priesthood

Visit of the man of God

There will never be an old man  
in your family  
your sons will die in one day

Samuel ministers in the Tabernacle  
at Shiloh

The Lord calls Samuel 3x

The 4th time Samuel says "Speak  
Lord for thy servant heareth"

1 Sam 3:19 "And Samuel grew and the Lord  
was with him, and did let  
none of his words fall to  
the ground."

Victory of the Philistines - ark taken  
Hophni & Phinehas killed. Eli dies 98  
yrs old. Judged Israel 40 yrs.

Samuel's leadership - Judge for 30 yrs  
defeats philistines

circuit judge from Shiloh  
to Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah

King Saul

Israel demands a king - To be  
like other nations

Samuel very unhappy with  
this request

God permits it

Samuel meets Saul

Saul's father Kish sends

Saul to look for best donkeys

Saul comes to Samuel

Samuel anoints him King

Saul anointed King before the

people - head & shoulders

taller than other men

Saul's Kingdom - - 40 years

Do Jonathan a good man

and a good general

Saul's sin

disobedience - offered

sacrifice

disobedience - amalek

Saul rejected

## David's Preparation

Anointed by Samuel - the  
youngest of Jesse's 8 sons  
The shepherd boy from Bethlehem  
Sent to check on his brothers  
who are in Saul's army  
The Philistines & Goliath  
David becomes a captain in  
Saul's army - wins more  
battles than Saul  
Jonathan's friendship  
Saul's jealousy & hatred  
Death of Saul & his sons at  
Gilboa - King for 40 yrs  
- The Amalekites' claim - David's  
sorrow - .. dies

## II Sam

David becomes King over Judah  
for 7 years there is strife between  
David & house of Saul (Ishboosheth)  
David defeats Philistines  
recaptures ark of covenant  
Ishboosheth killed by his 2 servants  
David becomes King over all Israel  
Greatest King Israel had  
man after God's own heart  
Prepares for the Temple - Prophet Nathan

David also sinned - adultery + murder  
Absalom kills Amnon  
" Overthrew David

Unlike Saul, he confessed and repented - was forgiven  
King over all Israel for 33 yrs

Israel's greatest poet  
wrote most of the psalms  
Israel's greatest king

Also a prophet - mainly of Christ - suffering; death, and resurrection  
man after God's own heart - Love  
Jonathan's name for Mephibosheth  
Given Saul's lands - also @ the King's Table

## I Kings

David is old and dies

Solomon becomes King

Solomon's dream in Gibeon: "ask

what I shall give you"

"an understanding heart to judge the people" 3:9

Solomon's wisdom tried - The 2 women  
& one living son  
Wiseest of all men

Solomon's glory

ruled over all Israel

one day's provision: 10 fat oxen  
20 pasture oxen, 100 sheep plus  
all kinds of game (deer etc.)

## Great army

40,000 stalls of horses for chariots  
12,000 horsemen

## Great learning

Spoke 3000 Proverbs e.g. bring  
up a child in the way he should  
go and when he is old he will  
not depart from it"

Came from all over the world to  
see and hear him  
Queen of Sheba

## Solomon's Temple

1st temple built for God  
Took 7 years to build

## Solomon's Mistake

had 1000 wives

I Kings 11:4 "his wives turned  
away his heart after other gods

11:6 and Solomon displeased  
in the sight of the Lord God

## God's punishment

Stirred up enemies against him

Jeroboam son of Nebat  
met by prophet Ahijah  
Tore it into 12 pieces  
asked him to take 10,  
To get 10 tribes after  
Solomon dies

Solomon dies - king for 40 yrs  
Rehoboam reigns

Jeroboam comes back from  
Egypt + 2 elders of Israel  
confront Rehoboam

asked - lighten our load  
answer in 3 days

answer - counsel of the old  
men refused - "I will  
make your burden heavier  
my father chastised you  
with whip, I will " " "  
with scorpions" II K 12:14

Kingdom divided

So ← Rehoboam - Judah + Benjamin

No. ← Jeroboam 10 Tribes

Both wicked Kings

IKing ch 16 Ahab - most wicked of  
Israel's kings

Jezebel concubine (Sidon)

brought 400 prophets of Baal

I Kings begins e death of David



Ch 17 Elijah's pronouncement  
"As the Lord God of Israel liveth  
before whom I stand, there  
shall not be dew nor rain  
these years, but according  
to my word."

Elijah at brook Cherith - fed  
by ravens

To the widow of Zarephath  
Barrel of meal & cuse of oil  
lasted for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs  
raising the widow's son

"Go show yourself to Ahab"

meets Obadiah

meets Ahab

The Challenge - Elijah vs the  
the 400 prophets of Baal on Carmel  
"If the Lord is God follow him  
if Baal follow him"

prophets of Baal can't call down  
fire to burn the bull

4 barrels of water

Prophets of Baal killed

Jezebel kills Naboth to give

Ahab Naboth's vineyard

Ahab killed - dogs licked his blood

## II Kings Ch 1-17 North. Kingdom

Elijah taken to heaven in a fire chariot

Elisha the new Prophet of God

The Shunemite gives a son

for dies & is raised by Elisha

Naaman the Leper - Syrian General

one wicked king followed another

all like Jezebel & Ahab

worshippers of idols

led the people away from God

Manasseh - offered sons & daughters as sacrifices

Assyria (King Shalmaneser - Sargon)

defeats the northern Kingdom

The people taken into captivity

Other people from Babylon

brought to Samaria

people of Northern Kingdom

never restored

only the tribe of Judah remains

## II Kings Ch 18-25 Southern Kingdom

Brief Hist of the South. Kingdom

I + II Chronicles devoted to the Sa King

## I + II Chronicles

Hx of the Kingdom

King David - I Chronicles

King Solomon II Chron. Ch 1-9

Southern Kingdom Ch 10-36

many of the kings wicked  
not as wicked as the North

Some of the kings were good

There were several revivals

Shoshaphat

Joash

Hezekiah

Josiah

Judah defeated by Babylon

taken into captivity

restored after 70 yrs.

Prophets to the No. Kingdom

Elijah Hosea

Elihu

Prophets to the So. Kingdom

Isaiah

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Ezekiel

Daniel

To both

Hosea

Ezra + Nehemiah - historians of the  
restoration + rebuilding

Haggai, Zechariah - prophets during  
the rebuilding (post exilic)

## Ezra + Nehemiah

538 Cyrus the Mede conquered Babylon  
ordered release of captive nations  
70 years had passed since Judah was  
taken into captivity

People were to return and rebuild  
the temple of God in Jerusalem

1<sup>st</sup> act was to build God's altar

+ offer sacrifices.

2<sup>nd</sup> building foundation of the temple

3<sup>rd</sup> building " of the city wall

The work brought to a standstill  
enemies of Judah (people of the  
land around them) wanted to  
help w<sup>th</sup> the building but were  
denied (these later called  
Samaritans)

asked King of Persia to stop the  
building

Work resumed + completed

# Nehemiah

Cupbearer of King Artaxerxes

Hears that the wall of Jerusalem  
has been broken down + its

doors burned  
prayed + fasted. because pale. ? by the King  
Prays to God + asks the King for  
permission to go help rebuild

Permission given

The work completed

leads the people to repentance  
to prayer + to covenant to  
follow the Lord

date: 483 B.C.

near the end of the captivity

Persian Kings: Cambyses → Cyrus → Darius  
Xerxes ←

Vashti restored several years later

# Esther

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Setting - palace of Shushan (Susa)

in Elam one of 3 capitals of Persian Empire

Time 3<sup>rd</sup> yr of Ahasuerus (Xerxes)

toward end of captivity

Son of Darius

author - possibly Ezra, ? Mordecai

Jehovah (God) not mentioned - written

when it was dangerous to mention

worship of God (see Dan. 6: 7-17)

v4. wealth of the empire - <sup>display</sup> ~~6000~~ to inventory

v5. closed 7 day feast

End of the feast Vashti asked to appear to display her beauty

v12. Vashti refuses - embarrasses the king  
counsel of the 7 Princes of Med. & Persia

(the supreme court) - Vashti to be removed as queen

ch 2. The new queen

chosen from the most beautiful young women of the empire

Esther - a Jewish girl - beautiful + charming  
adopted by Mordecai after her father + mother died - her father was Mordecai's uncle.

Mordecai taken into captivity by Nabuchadnezzar.



Mordecai - a man intent on doing good  
adopted Esther the orphan his cousin (uncle's daughter)  
groomed & prepared her for queen  
sought her welfare daily 2:11  
saved Xerxes life 2:21-23

Mordecai - probably doorkeeper at the palace

Prov. 3:17 "Withhold not good from them  
to whom it is due, when it is in  
the power of your hand to do it."

Mordecai had love for Esther  
Being good to friends & relatives to be expected  
Xerxes was a fickle cruel monarch

Christ calls us to go further: Rom 12:20-21 If your  
enemy hunger feed him if he thirst give him drink  
in so doing you heap coals of fire on his head.  
Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good

Esther - the most loved by Ahasuerus  
and becomes queen

2:21-23  
Mordecai reveals a plot by 2  
of the king's servants to assassinate him  
Xerxes was assassinated 14 yrs later

Haman's plot

Haman promoted to highest offices of  
the land - all were to bow down  
to him

Mordecai - refuses to bow - Haman  
becomes very angry

Haman persuades the king to destroy  
the Jews because they are a people  
that "keep themselves apart,  
have different laws, and do  
not keep your laws."

Distinctives of  
God's people

② offers to contribute 10,000  
talents (103#/talent) of Silver to  
the treasury -

16 million oz

- total yearly revenue of Persian  
empire was 17,000 talents (Herod.)  
ie. 2/3 of annual revenue

- The empire had been impoverished  
after the recent Greek wars

- expected to get this from the  
Jews' possessions

Security + stability tend to produce lethargy + insensitivity  
to the needs + circumstances of others  
There is a danger in comfort

The deliverance of God will come

He stood at the forks of the road of our life - usually  
having a low profile + going unnoticed

Mordecai learns the plan - inside source

Mordecai's appeal to Esther 4:5-14 especially v 14

v 5 Esther wants to know why Mordecai is grieving - Sands Hatach

v 7-9 Mordecai's message to Esther

v 10-11 Esther's hesitancy due to fear of the King's policy re-visitors

v 13-14 Mordecai's challenge

1. Don't feel secure in your present state + position

\* 4. If you do not act now to deliver deliverance will come from another source

3. You will suffer the consequences of failing to take advantage of the opportunity to be good and you will suffer loss

2. It is probably for this reason you have come to your position

- Success and position are of the Lord

- He orchestrated the seemingly incidental and accidental circumstances bringing us to where we are

## Esther's successful petition

Esther resolves to petition the King 4:16

preparation - 3 days of fasting and prayer by her court

- also requests the support of the people: they are to fast + pray

: Enters the King's court - the golden

sceptre extended to her

The request - invitation to the King + Haman to a banquet

Esther is preparing that day

v. 4 prepared already

evidence of her faith

1st day - banquet of wine

request is that the King and

Haman return to the full

banquet the next day

## The King's insomnia 6:1-4

calls for the chronicles - official records of the Kingdom - must

have been disturbed by something

asks for a reading relating to a

certain period of time - attempted

insurrection of Bigthana + Teresh

Must be concluded because of the timing  
that the spirit of God was stirring him  
in preparation for deliverance of the Jews

The beginning of the end for evil Haman

King possibly had a flashback  
possibly suddenly remembered a  
debt unpaid

possibly precipitated by <sup>puzzlement</sup> anxiety  
induced by Esther's request  
Mordecai's unrewarded kindness

King desires to immediately honor him  
at this moment Haman enters the  
King's court to ask that Mordecai  
be hanged

King asks Haman what should be  
done to one the king wishes to honor

Haman's suggestion: let the  
nobles of the King's princes  
place on him the King's robe & the  
King's crown, place him on the  
King's horse & parade him thru  
the city proclaiming: This is  
what shall be done to one whom  
the King honors.

Haman is directed to do this to  
Mordecai the Jew v 10

That afternoon Haman called to  
the Queen's banquet

Jul 29, 1981 Wedding of Prince Charles + Lady Diana  
Watched by 1 Billion people (in Wichita 5<sup>12</sup> Am)

Why - for the pomp of the ceremony

- Because of the expectation that he would  
soon assume the throne of England

- 4:14 a worthy challenge to Prince Charles  
to remember why he is coming to the throne

What is the honor of the throne of England  
(a figurehead throne) compared to the

honor to which God calls us - to be  
<sup>+ daughter</sup> sons of the Lord almighty - to be

King (+ queens) unto God

To be his instruments to do good

Prov 3:27 Withhold not good from them to  
whom it is do, when it is in the power of your hand  
to do it.  
Christ calls further: do good even to your enemy



Es then now ready to present her  
request to the king: spare my  
life and the life of my people

Haman hanged on the gallows  
Prepared for Mordecai  
The Jews delivered

Recall 4:14

Truths - insights - to be gleaned

Doing good is obligatory - not optional

Doing good often carries a risk

always requires self sacrifice

It is God who prepares us and

brings us to the moment of

doing good

It is part of God's plan that we

do good - fulfilling his purpose

in us

If we fail to do good we frustrate

God's plan + purpose for us

God's plan goes on without us

we become the losers