

The Story of the Bible:

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Pop Quiz!

- What are the key words for the following books: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel & 2 Samuel?
- What were the names of the 2 spies who demonstrated faith after spying out the promise land?
- Who successfully led the Israelites into the Promise Land?
- The Book of Judges is broken up into 7 cycles. Name the 5 parts to each cycle?
- Who was the first king over Israel?
- Who was the second king over Israel?

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Understanding The Parts:

Structure of the Old Testament

Structure

PRIMARY HISTORICAL BOOKS

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

2 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Structure

POETICAL

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

Structure

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Pre-exilic

Exilic

Post-exilic

MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Understanding the Story:

Ten Periods of the Old Testament

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Ten Periods

- Creation
- Patriarchs
- Exodus
- Wanderings
- Conquest
- Judges
- Kingdom
- Exile
- Return
- Silence

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Review:

Primary Historical Books

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Genesis: Beginnings

FOUR EVENTS (1-11)

1. **Creation:** Man created in the "image of God"
2. **Fall:** Sin entered the world
3. **Flood:** Judgment for sin
4. **Tower of Babel:** Beginning of the nations

FOUR PEOPLE (12-50)

1. **Abraham:** Father of the Hebrew people
2. **Isaac:** Second father of promise
3. **Jacob:** Father of the nation of Israel
4. **Joseph:** Leader in Egypt

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Exodus: Escape

OUTLINE:

- **Redemption:** Freedom from Slavery in Egypt (1-19)
- **Revelation:** God's Commandments at Mount Sinai (20-40)

Numbers: Wandering

OUTLINE

- **Old Generation:** "The Exodus Generation"--21 years old and older (1-12)
- **Tragic Transition:** Rebellion Outside the Promise Land & Subsequent Consequences (13-20)
- **New Generation:** "The Conquest Generation" --20 years old and younger (21-36)

Joshua: Success

OUTLINE

- **Conquest:** Of the Promise Land (1-12)
- **Settlement:** In the Promise Land (13-24)

Judges: Failure

OUTLINE

- **Decline** Before the Judges (1-2)
- **Deliverance** Thru the Judges (3-16)
- **Depravity** After the Judges (17-21)

1 Samuel: Monarchy

OUTLINE

- **Samuel**: Judge & Prophet (1-7)
- **Saul**: Israel's First King (8-15)
- **Saul & David**: The Decline of Saul & Rise of David (16-31)

2 Samuel: David

OUTLINE

- **David's Triumphs**: Political & Spiritual (1-10)
- **David's Transgressions**: Adultery & Murder (11)
- **David's Troubles**: Personally & Politically (12-24)

A Closer Look:

Primary Historical Books

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1 Kings: Division

OUTLINE

- **United Kingdom:** The Twelve Tribes of Israel (1-11)
- **Divided Kingdom:** Israel in the North & Judah in the South (12-22)

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1 Kings: Division

Author: Unknown

Purpose: To record the history of Israel from Solomon to the divided kingdom and to demonstrate the folly of rebelling against the Lord

Themes: Wisdom vs. Folly; Temple; Worship; Kingship

1 Kings: Division

Unique Features:

- Solomon's wealth & wisdom;
- Building of the Temple;
- Kingdom Divides;
- Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal;
- Alternating narrative between N and S kingdoms

1 Kings: Division

Christ in 1 Kings: Solomon's fame, glory, wealth & honor foreshadow Christ in His kingdom. (cf. Matt. 12:42)

Key Chapter(s): 3, 8, 11-12

Key Verse(s): 4:29-30; 8:10-11; 11:11

Key Words: Did what was evil; high places; David; Baal

Key Verses:

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, 30 so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. (1 Kings 4:29-30)

10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. (1 Kings 8:10-11)

Key Verses:

4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father . . . 11 Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. (1 Kings 11:4, 11)

2 Kings: Exile

OUTLINE

- Splintered Kingdom & Fall of Israel (1-17)
- Surviving Kingdom & Fall of Judah (18-25)

2 Kings: Exile

Author: Unknown. Possibly Jeremiah or a group of prophets

Purpose: To record the pivotal events in the kings of Israel and Judah and show what led to their eventual downfall

Themes: Kings; Idolatry; Judgment; Prophecy/Warnings; Exile

2 Kings: Exile

Unique Features:

Transition from Elijah to Elisha's ministry;
 Righteous Kings in the South (Hezekiah & Josiah);
 Wickedness of Ahab & Jezebel;
 Fall of Israel & Judah

2 Kings: Exile

Christ in 1 Kings: The Lord's faithfulness to His covenant with David. Elisha serves as a type of Christ (sight to the blind, feeding the poor, healing lepers, raising the dead)

Key Chapter(s): 17; 25

Key Verse(s): 17:6-14, 22-23; 23:27

Key Words: Man of God; Prophet in Israel; High Places; He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam

Key Verses:

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, **the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria . . .** 7 And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods . . .

Key Verses:

8 and **walked in the customs of the nations** whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. 9 And the people of Israel did secretly against the Lord their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city . . .

Key Verses:

10 They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, 11 and there they made offerings on all the high places, **as the nations did** whom the Lord carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the Lord to anger, 12 and they served idols, of which the Lord had said to them, "You shall not do this."

Key Verses:

13 Yet the Lord warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God." (2 Kings 17:6-14)

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Key Verses:

22 The sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them 23 until the LORD removed Israel from His sight, as He spoke through all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day. (2 Kings 17:22-23)

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Key Verses:

27 And the Lord said, "I will **remove Judah** also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there." (2 Kings 23:27)

Two Kingdoms

NORTHERN KINGDOM

- Referred to as Israel & Ephraim
- Number of Kings: 19 (none righteous)
- Consisted of 10 tribes
- Capital was Samaria
- Captured by Assyrians in 722 BC
- No return from captivity
- Lasted 209 years (931-722 BC)

SOUTHERN KINGDOM

- Referred to as Judah
- Total number of Kings: 20 (8 righteous)
- Consisted of 2 tribes
- Capital was Jerusalem
- Captured by the Babylonians in 605 BC
- 3 separate returns from captivity
- Lasted 326 years (931-605 BC)

Ezra: Restoration

OUTLINE

- **Temple:** Restoration Under Zerubbabel (1-6)
- **Law:** Reformation Under Ezra (7-10)

A Message of Hope: 150 Years Before the Return

24 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer,
 who formed you from the womb:
 "I am the Lord, who made all things,
 who alone stretched out the heavens,
 who spread out the earth by myself,
 25 who frustrates the signs of liars
 and makes fools of diviners,
 who turns wise men back
 and makes their knowledge foolish . . .

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26 who confirms the word of his servant
and fulfills the counsel of his messengers,
who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited,' and of the cities of
Judah, 'They shall be built,
and I will raise up their ruins';
27 who says to the deep, 'Be dry;
I will dry up your rivers';
28 who says of **Cyrus**, 'He is my shepherd,
and he shall fulfill all my purpose';
saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your
foundation shall be laid.'" (Isaiah 44:24-28)

The Decree of Cyrus:

1 In the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, that the word of
the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled,
the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so
that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom
and also put it in writing:

2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The Lord, the God of
heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and
he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem,
which is in Judah . . .

The Decree of Cyrus:

3 Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.” (Ezra 1:1-4)

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Ezra: Restoration

Author: Ezra

Purpose: The restoration of the remnant that returns to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Ezra

Themes: Providence; Restoration; Law; Repentance; Covenant; Temple; Intermarriage

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Ezra: Restoration

Unique Features: Documentary feel;
Connection with Nehemiah

Christ in Ezra: God's continued fulfillment of His promise to keep David's descendants alive - Zerubbabel is part of the Messianic line

Ezra: Restoration

Key Chapter(s): 6

Key Verse(s): 6:16; 7:10

Key Words: Hand of the Lord; Temple; Letter; Law; Marriage

Key Verses:

16 And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. (Ezra 6:16)

10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel. (Ezra 7:10)

Nehemiah: Wall

OUTLINE

- **Reconstruction** of the Walls
(1-7)
- **Restoration** of the People
(8-13)

Nehemiah: Walls

Author: Nehemiah

Purpose: Tell of the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem & recommitment of the returned exiles under Nehemiah's leadership

Themes: Providence; Covenant; Prayer; Remembrance; Leadership; Opposition; Restoration; Walls

Nehemiah: Walls

Unique Features:

- Connection with Ezra;
- Nehemiah's prayers & six requests that God "remember" something;
- External & internal challenges;
- Completion of the wall in 52 days

Nehemiah: Walls

Christ in Nehemiah: Nehemiah portrays Christ in his ministry of reconciliation

Key Chapter(s): 2; 6; 9

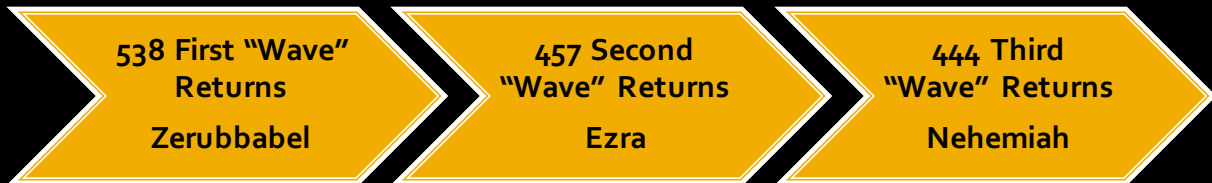
Key Verse(s): 6:15-16

Key Words: Remember; Wall; Next to them

Nehemiah: Walls

15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God. (Nehemiah 6:15-16)

Timeline



Overlap: Ezra, Esther & Nehemiah

EZRA 1-6	ESTHER	EZRA 7-10		NEHEMIAH
Zerubbabel		Ezra		Nehemiah
538-515		457		444-425
Temple	58 Year Gap	People	13 Year Gap	Walls
Haggai, Zechariah				Malachi
First Return (about 50,000)		Second Return (about 2,000)		Third Return

A Closer Look:

The New Covenant

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The New Covenant

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD . . .”

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The New Covenant

33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**"
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

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The New Covenant (Partial) Fulfillment

24 " . . . and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is **the new covenant in my blood.** Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

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Between the Testaments
400 Years of "Silence"

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Malachai
4:6

400 Years of
"Silence"

Matthew
1:1

Transfer of Power

- Assyria 883-612 BC
- Babylon 612-539 BC
- Persia 539-331 BC
- Greece 331-167 BC
- Israel 167-63 BC
- Rome 63 BC-500 AD

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Unique Contributions

Power	Greece	Israel	Rome
Contribution	Universal Language	Messianic Hope	Network of Roads
Result in 1 st Century	Ease of Communication	Expectations of the King	Efficiency of Travel

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Right on Time

4 But when **the fullness of time had come**, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4)