

The Story of the Bible:  
**Cover to Cover**

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**Pop Quiz!**

- How many books are in the Old Testament?
- Where is the story of Abraham found?
- What 3 things did God promise Abraham?
- What are the names of the 4 Patriarchs?
- What was Jacob's name changed to?
- Who led the Hebrew people out of Egypt?
- What were the names of the 2 spies who demonstrated faith after spying out the promise land?

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Understanding The Parts:  
**Structure of the Old Testament**

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# Structure

## PRIMARY HISTORICAL BOOKS

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Genesis     | 1 Samuel     |
| Exodus      | 2 Samuel     |
| Leviticus   | 1 Kings      |
| Numbers     | 2 Kings      |
| Deuteronomy | 2 Chronicles |
| Joshua      | 2 Chronicles |
| Judges      | Ezra         |
| Ruth        | Nehemiah     |
|             | Esther       |

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# Structure

## POETICAL

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

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# 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

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Putting It All Together:  
**Integration of the Old Testament**

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**Integration**

Secondary Historical Books		Leviticus	Deuteronomy	
Primary Historical Books	Genesis 1	Exodus 2	Numbers 3	Joshua 4
Poetical	Job			
Prophetical				

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**Integration**

Secondary Historical Books	Ruth		1 Chronicles
Primary Historical Books	Judges 5	1 Samuel 6	2 Samuel 7
Poetical			Psalms
Prophetical			

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# Integration

Secondary Historical Books	2 Chronicles		Esther		
Primary Historical Books	1 Kings 8	2 Kings 9	(Exile)	Ezra 10	Nehemiah 11
Poetical	Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon				
Prophetical	Isaiah – Lamentations & Hosea -- Zephaniah		Ezekiel Daniel	Haggai Zechariah	Malachi

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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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A Closer Look:  
**Primary Historical Books**

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**Genesis: Beginnings**

<p><b>FOUR EVENTS (1-11)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Creation:</b> Man created in the "image of God"</li> <li>2. <b>Fall:</b> Sin entered the world</li> <li>3. <b>Flood:</b> Judgment for sin</li> <li>4. <b>Tower of Babel:</b> Beginning of the nations</li> </ol>	<p><b>FOUR PEOPLE (12-50)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Abraham:</b> Father of the Hebrew people</li> <li>2. <b>Isaac:</b> Second father of promise</li> <li>3. <b>Jacob:</b> Father of the nation of Israel</li> <li>4. <b>Joseph:</b> Leader in Egypt</li> </ol>
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**Exodus: Escape**

OUTLINE:

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

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# 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)

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Success:

## Joshua

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Walk Thru the Bible Ministries

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# Joshua: Success

## OUTLINE

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

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# Joshua: Success

**Author:** Joshua, except for the ending, which may have been written by the high priest, Phinehas, an eyewitness to the events recounted there

**Purpose:** To tell of Israel's conquest & settlement of the Promise Land under Joshua's leadership

**Themes:** Obedience, Faith, Courage & Rest

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# Joshua: Success

**Key Chapter(s):** 4, 8, 23-24

**Key Verse(s):** 1:8; 24:14-15

**Key Words:** Courage; Do not fear; Book of the Law; Allotment; Rest

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## Joshua: Success

### Unique Features:

- Parting of the Jordan River
- Joshua's encounter with the "Commander of the Army of the Lord"
- Jericho's walls falling down
- Rahab's rescue

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## Key Verses:

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 good success. (Joshua 1:8)

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## Key Verses:

14 "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, **choose this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**" (Joshua 24:14-15)

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# Joshua: Success

**Christ in Joshua:** Joshua is a type of Christ (Heb 2:10; 2 Cor 2:1; Rom 8:37)

- Moses (Law) couldn't take the Israelites into the Promise Land. Only Joshua ("Jesus") could lead them into the Promise Land
- The Commander of the Army of the Lord (5:13-15)
- Rahab's scarlet cord (2:21; Heb 9:19-22 & Matt 1:5)

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Failure:

# Judges

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# Judges: Failure

## OUTLINE

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

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# Judges: Failure

Author: Anonymous but perhaps Samuel?

Purpose: Demonstrates Israel's corruption from within (seven sin cycles) and oppression from without (foreign nations)

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# Judges: Failure

## Themes:

- "Did not drive out the inhabitants" (1:19-33; 3:5-6);
- "And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord" (2:11; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1);
- "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (17:6; 18:1; 21:25);
- "In those days there was no king in Israel" (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)

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# Judges: Failure

Key Chapter(s): 2

Key Verse(s): 21:25

Key Words: again, in the sight of the Lord, Baal, harlot, cried, deliverer

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# Judges: Failure

Unique Features: Seven cycles

- Sin
- Slavery
- Supplication
- Salvation
- Silence

Christ in Judges: Judges illustrates the need for a righteous king.

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# Key Verse:

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. (Judges 21:25)

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Monarchy:  
**1 Samuel**

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**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)

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# 1 Samuel: Monarchy

**Author:** Possibly Samuel, but also includes writings from the prophets Nathan and Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29)

**Purpose:** To record the life of Samuel, Israel's last judge; the reign and decline of Saul, the first king; and the choice and preparation of David, Israel's greatest king

**Themes:** Appearances are Deceiving

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# 1 Samuel: Monarchy

**Key Chapter(s):** 8 & 15

**Key Verse(s):** 8:4-7; 16:7

**Key Words:** King; Spirit; Prayer; Appearance

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# Key Verses:

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah 5 and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. (1 Samuel 8:4-7)

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## Key Verse:

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

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## 1 Samuel: Monarchy

**Unique Features:** The Lord's calling of Samuel; The power of the ark; David & Goliath

**Christ in 1 Samuel:** Christ is born from David's family (Romans 1:3; Rev. 22:16)

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David:

## 2 Samuel

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## 2 Samuel: David

### OUTLINE

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

### KEY VERSE(S)

- 7:12-13, 16; 12:10

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## 2 Samuel: David

**Author:** Unknown. Some have suggested that Nathan's son Zabud may have been the author (1 Kings 4:5). The book also includes the writings of Nathan and Gad (1 Chronicles 29:29).

**Purpose:** To record the history of David's reign & and to foreshadow Christ, who will be the ideal leader of a new and perfect kingdom

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## 2 Samuel: David

Key Chapter(s): 7; 11

Key Verse(s): 7:12-13, 16 (cf. Luke 1:30-33)

Key Words: David; house, kingdom, throne

Themes: Corruption, confession, covenant, temple, kingdom

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## Key Verses:

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever . . . . 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16)

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## 2 Samuel: David

Unique Features: Davidic Covenant; Life of David (highs & lows)

Christ in 2 Samuel: David & Mephibosheth (types of Christ); Fulfillment of Davidic Covenant

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# Davidic Covenant

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:30-33)

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# Davidic Covenant

5:5 ". . . and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." (Revelation 5:5)

22: 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (Revelation 22:16)

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