

Week #3 - The Writings

The Fascinating Story of the Bible

A Six Week Survey

Name	Major Event(s)/Theme	Date(s)	People
Joshua	Conquest of Canaan	pre-1300 BC	Joshua, Rahab
Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15			
Judges	-- Cycle of Idolatry, Trouble, Cry for help; deliverance from judge		1375-1050 BC Deborah, Gideon, Samson
"Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies...but when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors." Judges 2: 18-19			
Ruth	- God's faithfulness through outsiders ?	between 1375-1050 BC	Ruth, Naomi, Boaz
1 Samuel	- Transition of Israel from judges to king	1100 - 1010 BC	Eli, Samuel, Saul, David
"We want a king over us. Then we will be like other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." 1 Samuel 8: 19-20			
2 Samuel	- Establishment of David as king	1010 - 970 BC	David, Abner, Bathsheba, Absalom
"When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you...I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." 2 Samuel 7: 12-13			
1 Kings	- Glory of Solomon and split	970 - 853 BC	Solomon, Ahab, Jezebel, Elijah
"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" 1 Kings 3:9			
2 Kings	- Two kingdoms, Fall of Jerusalem	850 - 586 BC	Elisha, Jehu, Josiah, Zedekiah
"The Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel; he punished them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had banished them from his presence." 2 Kings 17:20			
1 Chronicles	- Reign of David	1010 - 970 BC	Saul, David
"David said further to his son Solomon, 'Be strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the Lord God, my God, is with you.'" 1 Chronicles 28:20			
2 Chronicles	- Solomon and Temple	970-538 BC	Solomon, southern rulers
"But will God indeed reside with mortals on earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, how much less this house that I have built!" 2 Chronicles 6:18			

Ezra - Rebuilding Temple 540 - 457 BC Sheshbazzar, Ezra

“But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the Lord our God, who has left us a remnant, and given us a stake in his holy place, in order that he may brighten our eyes and grant us a little sustenance in our slavery.” Ezra 9:8

Nehemiah - Rebuilding Wall 445 - 432 BC Nehemiah

“So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work.” Nehemiah 4:6

Esther - Deliverance of Jews 460 BC Esther, Mordecai, Haman

“For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” Esther 4:14

Job Why suffering? ? 2000-1000 BC God, Job, Satan/Accuser, Job’s friends

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?’” Job 38: 1-4

Psalms - Worship of God Various David, other authors

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” Psalm 100: 1-2

Proverbs - wise sayings for life Various Solomon

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3: 5,6

Ecclesiastes - Purpose of Life ? Quolet/Teacher

“Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” Ecclesiastes 1:2

Song of Songs - human love ? lover and beloved, Solomon?

“Love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Song of Songs 8:6

“The Bible is one book, one history, one story, His story. Behind the 10,000 events stands God, the builder of history, the maker of the ages. Eternity bounds the one side, eternity bounds the other side, and time is in between: Genesis - origins, Revelation - endings, and all the way between, God is working things out. You can go down into the minutest detail everywhere and see that there is one great purpose moving through the ages: the eternal design of Almighty God to redeem a wrecked and ruined world.” (*What the Bible is All About* by Henrietta Mears, page 20.)