

BIBLE HISTORY II
JUDGES THROUGH THE UNITED KINGDOM

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. This Lesson Is A Continuation Of God's Working In Human History From The Time That Israel Entered In- to The Land Of Promise Until The Decline Of Solomon.
- B. This Period Of History Is Recorded In The Following Books:
 1. *Judges and Ruth.*
 2. *1 and 2 Samuel.*
 3. *1 Kings 1 - 11 and 1 Chronicles 10 - 2 Chroni- cles 9.*

NOTE: It is the writer's hope that this sketch of history will motivate the student to a more detailed and deeper study of this section of God's word.

II. AIM.

- A. To Continue To Learn An Overview Of God's Plan Of Redemption As The Course Of Human Events Develop During This Period.
- B. To Become Not Only Familiar With These Historical Facts, But To Fix In The Mind Their Historical Signi- ficance.

III. OUTLINE.

A. THE PERIOD VIEWED GENERICALLY.

1. Israel under the *Judges.*
 - a. Dates: circa 1400 - 1050 B.C. = 325-350 years.
 - b. Narrative: *Judges, Ruth, 1 Sam. 1 - 7.*
2. Israel under *Saul.*

- a. *Date:* 1050 - 1010 B.C.= 40 years.
- b. *Narrative:* 1 Sam. 8 - 31 (cf. 1 Chron. 10)

3. *Israel under David.*

- a. *Date:* 1010 - 970 B.C.= 40 years.
- b. *Narrative:* 1 Sam. 16 - 1 Kings 2:11 (cf. 1 Chron. 11 - 29)

4. *Israel under Solomon.*

- a. *Date:* 970 - 930 B.C. = 40 years.
- b. *Narrative:* 1 Kings 1 - 11 (cf. 2 Chron. 1 - 9)

B. *THE PERIOD VIEWED SPECIFICALLY.*

1. *The book of Judges.*

- a. *Theme:* "In those days there was no king in Israel...every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25 cf. Deut. 12:8)
- b. *Purpose:*
 - 1) To record seven apostasies, seven oppressions, seven sorrows and seven deliverances during this period of history.
 - 2) To reveal that man left to himself, cannot direct his way. (cf. Jer. 10:23)

c. *Outline.*

- I. Existing Conditions In Israel After Joshua's Death. (1:1 - 2:5)
- II. Enemies; Cause For Proving Israel During Time Of Judges. (2:6 - 16:31)
 - A. Israel's Relationship To Jehovah. (2:6 - 3:6)
 - B. Israel's Rejection Of Jehovah And Seven Cycles Of Judgment. (3:7 - 16:31)

NOTE: The enemy of Israel will be listed first then the Judge (or Deliverer) of Israel will be listed. (Learn these lists.)

1. *Mesopotamians and Othniel.* (3:7-11)
2. *Moabites and Ehud.* (3:12-30)
3. *Philistines and Shamgar.* (3:31)
4. *Canaanites and Deborah/Barak.* (4:1 - 5:31)
5. *Midianites and* (6:1 - 10:5)
 - a. *Gideon,* (6:1 - 8:35)
 - b. *Abimilech,* (9:1-57)
 - c. *Tola and Jair.* (10:1-5)
6. *Ammonites and* (10:6 - 12:15)
 - a. *Jepthah,* (10:6 - 12:7)
 - b. *Ibzan, Elon, Abdon.* (12:8-15)
7. *Philistines and Samson.* (13:1 - 16:31)

III. Extra Events In Israel During The Time Of The Judges. (17:1 - 18:31; Ruth 1:1 - 4:22)

2. The book of *Ruth*.
 - a. *Theme:* Love and Faith Abounding!
 - b. *Purpose:*
 - 1) To show that *individual* purity can exist in evil times.
 - 2) To trace and record the genealogy of David and David's Lord, *Jesus The Christ.* (4:1ff cf. Matt. 1:5)

c. *Outline.*

- I. Ruth Follows Naomi. (1)
- II. Ruth Meets Boaz. (2)
- III. Ruth's Request Of Boaz. (3)
- IV. Ruth's Redemption By Boaz. (4)

3. The book of 1 Samuel.

a. *Theme:* "Long Live The King!" (10:24-25)

b. *Purpose:*

- 1) To record the transition (via Samuel a judge-prophet) from the period of the Judges to the Kings: *The Establishment of the Monarchy and the Prophetic Order.*
- 2) To reveal (in contrast) the manner of *God's Kingdom* and *Israel's Concept of a Kingdom.*

c. *Outline.*

- I. Samuel, As Judge And Prophet. (1:1-7:17)
- II. Saul, As King. (8:1 - 31:13)
 - A. Saul's Reception. (8:1 - 12:25)
 - B. Saul's Reign. (13:1 - 15:35)
 - C. Saul's Rejection. (16:1 - 31:13)

4. The book of 2 Samuel.

a. *Theme:* "David..."

b. *Purpose:*

- 1) To record the history of David, a man Jehovah established as King of Israel.
- 2) To reveal *The Eternal Nature Of David's Throne in the Christ, Jesus the Lord.* (2 Sam. 7:11ff cf. Acts 2:30ff)

c. *Outline.*

- I. David's Lamentation Over Saul And Jonathan. (1:1-27)
- II. David's Establishment As King. (2:1 - 5:25)
- III. David's Throne/Kingdom To Be Eternal. (6:1 - 7:29)
- IV. David's Triumphs And Conquests. (8:1 - 10:19)
- V. David's Sin And Sorrow. (11:1 - 12:31)
- VI. David's Troubles With Rebellion. (13:1 - 20:26)
- VII. David's Concern And The Gibeonites' Revenge. (21:1-22)
- VIII. David's Praise For Deliverance. (22:1-5)
- IX. David's Mighty Men Of Valor. (23:1-39)
- X. David's Sin In Numbering The People. (24:1-25)

5. The book of *1 Kings* 1:1 - 11:43.

- a. *Theme:* The Beginning Of The End (Of The United Kingdom Era). (11:11ff)
- b. *Purpose:*
 - 1) To record the death of David.
 - 2) To reveal the fulfillment of God's promise concerning the building of the Temple and the establishment of Solomon's throne.

c. *Outline.*

- I. Solomon Anointed. (1)

- II. Solomon's Father, David, Dies. (2)
- III. Solomon's Wisdom And Wealth. (3 - 4)
- IV. Solomon's Alliance With Hiram. (5)
- V. Solomon's Temple And Dedication.
(6 - 8)
- VI. Solomon's Glory. (9 - 10)
- VII. Solomon's Decline And Death. (11)

IV. CONCLUSION.

- A. This Concludes The Second Major Section Of Old Testament History In Which We Have Seen Israel:
 - 1. Under Judges - *Israel Without A King*. (1400 - 1050 B.C. = 350 years)
 - 2. Under Saul
 - 3. Under David
 - 4. Under Solomon

} *The United Kingdom*. (1050 - 930 B.C. = 120 years)
- B. The Next Lesson Brings Us To A Period Of Bible History Commonly Called "*The Divided Kingdom*." This Period Of Bible History Is Most Important To Our Understanding Of God's Unfolding Of His Redemptive Plan Through The Israelite Nation As Interpreted By The Inspired Prophets Of God.