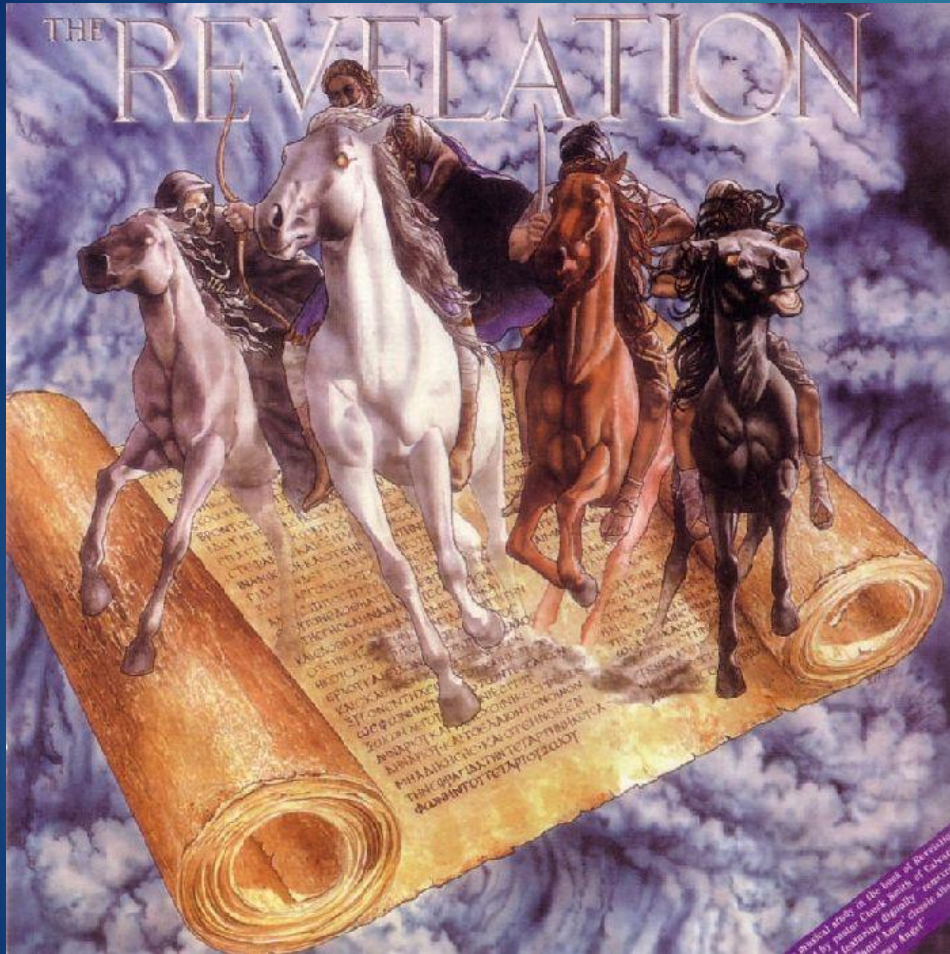


GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN FOR THE AGES



Lesson 4

The Stump in Parched Ground

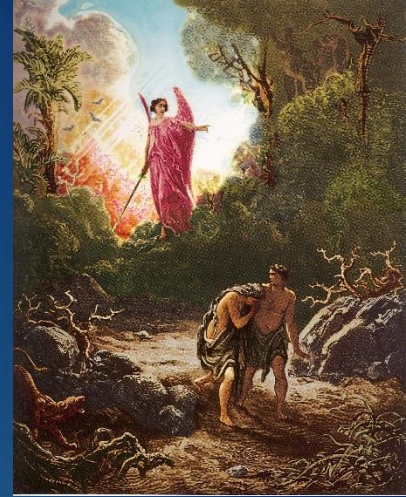
[The Former Prophets]

Precursory Studies to the Book of Revelation

REVIEW—WHAT WE KNOW

Lessons 1-3

- ▶ Moses' understanding of how the fall would be reversed and creation blessings returned to the world (**Gen. 12:1-3**)
 - ▶ Thru a death, the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent and destroy his works (**Gen. 3:15**)
 - ▶ This seed will be a ruler from the tribe of Judah who will come in the latter days (**Gen. 49:8-12**)
 - ▶ This ruler will gain dominion over all the nations of the earth in the latter days (**Num.23-24**)
 - ▶ He will also regather Israel in the latter days and bring them into their land (**Deut. 4:30; Lev. 26:33, 44-45; Deut. 30:1-5**)
- ▶ Consequently, **emphasis** will now be upon a coming king i.e., Israel's failure and the rise of kings)



A QUICK TRIP THRU THE FORMER PROPHETS



▶ JOSHUA

▶ JUDGES

▶ RUTH—not part of the former prophets

▶ SAMUELS (1st and 2nd)

▶ KINGS (1st and 2nd)

▶ CHRONICLES—not part of the former prophets]

JOSHUA'S CLOSING CHIASMA

(Josh. 24:29-33)



1) Joshua died and was buried

2) Israel was faithful all the days of the surviving elders

2) Israel was faithful to carry out the burial request of Joseph

1) Eleazar the high priest died and was buried

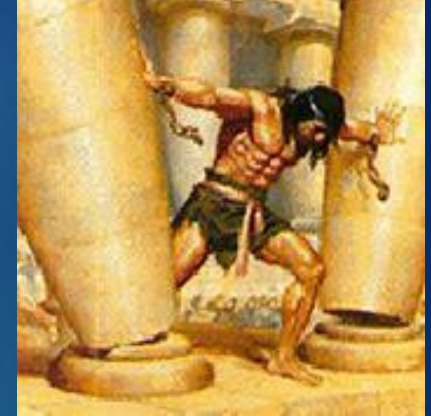
JUDGES

TWO ISSUES—300 YEARS



- ▶ 1) Who will replace the key leaders who died and
- ▶ 2) Will Israel remain faithful? **The answer:**
 - ▶ **No**, they will not remain faithful (**chs. 1-3**)
 - ▶ Politically they will be beat by the iron weapons of the Philistines and other spoiler nations
 - ▶ But **the true reason** for their defeat is because they acted treacherously against the Lord (**Ps. 78:54-58**)
- ▶ **Consequently** God will raise up a group of Spirit filled leaders who will fill in for a failing priesthood—**THE JUDGES** (**2:16ff. cf. 3:8, 10**)

JUDGES— A TWOFOLD WORK



Spiritually, a judge was to bring the people under the moral rule of YHWH and establish "torah" in the land, i.e., to lead Israel in conforming to the law

Politically, they were to establish the heavenly ideal of Israel as the head of the nations and not the tail, i.e., to function sometimes as a deliverer (cf. **Deut. 28:13**)

CONCLUSION



▶ When the reader leaves this book there appears to be not one individual of hope. Only God could save this people. They are like a bow with a portion of twisted grain and the arrow misses its mark. Israel is missing its mark (**Judg. 21:25; Ps. 78:57**)

▶ But God is silently at work, preparing the way for the coming of Israel's great king—**KING DAVID** (**Ps. 78:65-70**)



▶ **NOTE:** This is what the book of **Ruth** is about, God's hesed, His covenantal kindness and His willingness to redeem them, a goel, and a woman of prayer (**Ruth 4:13-22**)

SAMUEL, THE LAST JUDGE

THE ARK IS CAPTURED



- ▶ 1 Sam. 4:6-10—The ark is lost
- ▶ 1 Sam. 4:11—Hophni and Phinehas die
- ▶ 1 Sam. 4:18—Eli dies; God terminates His rule through the priests
- ▶ 1 Sam. 4:20-22—Ichabod is born: NO GLORY

They are **without the social weight** of the community

That which brought social weight to the community was **the glory of God** in their midst

THE REQUEST FOR A KING

1 Sam. 8-31

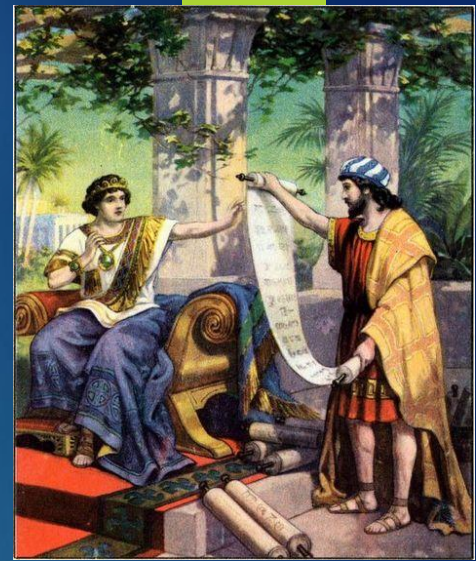


- ▶ God had made provision for a king (**Deut. 17:14-20**)
- ▶ It was God's design there would be a king
- ▶ But the people went about it in the wrong way
- ▶ So now it will be the king's responsibility to shepherd Israel and bring blessing to the ends of the earth
 - ▶ This is one of two promises left to Abraham to be fulfilled—restore blessings to the nations
 - ▶ The other is the land

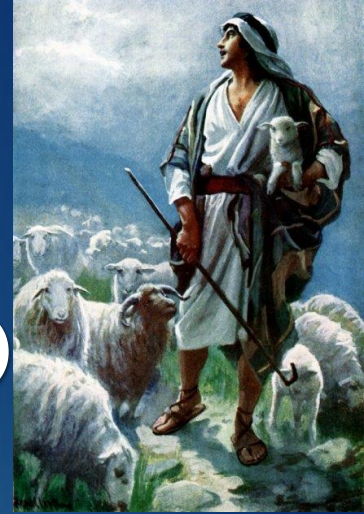
REQUIREMENTS OF A KING

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

- ▶ Chosen by God (15)
- ▶ An Israelite (15)
- ▶ A man after God's heart—a servant, i.e. rightly motivated and obedient (16-19)
 - ▶ No alliances (horses/Egypt) (16)
 - ▶ No other gods (wives) (vs. 17)
 - ▶ Not seeking riches (17)
 - ▶ Obeying Torah (18, 19)
 - ▶ Fearing God only (19)
- ▶ Having the gifts to rule (not stated by inferred—to be anointed is to have the Spirit of God upon you, see **1 Sam. 10:1, 6; Psa. 51:10-11**)



EVALUATING THE KINGS



- ▶ Saul—failed to be a true servant (13-15) and was disobedient (13-15:10 see 15:22-23)
- ▶ David—
 - ▶ Chosen by God—16:1, 6-12
 - ▶ An Israelite—16:1; Ruth 1:1-2; 2:1; 4:7-22
 - ▶ Gifted to rule—16:13-14; 18:30; see 51:10-11
 - ▶ A servant—a man after God's heart; 17:1-11, 26, 32-36, 45-47; 18:12, 28-29; 23:1-2; 24:1-7; 26:6-12, 23; 30:1-8
- ▶ Solomon—
 - ▶ Elect of God—see 1 Chrn. 22:6, 10; 28:5
 - ▶ An Israelite—2 Sam. 3:2-5; 5:13-16, i.e. a son of David
 - ▶ Gifted to rule—possessed wisdom, 1 Kgs. 2, and had the gifts of government (shaphat, 3:9)

BUT SOLOMON'S DIVIDED HEART LEFT:



- ▶ **A kingdom divided politically**—two capitals; Samaria and Jerusalem
- ▶ **A kingdom divided religiously**—temple/high places/Canaanite pantheon
- ▶ **A kingdom divided socially**—wealth/slavery

THE EPITAPH ON SOLOMON'S REIGN

“Did not Solomon King of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God and God made him King over all Israel: nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin” **(Neh. 13:26)**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Kingdom splits— 931

▶ North--10, Israel

▶ South--1, Judah

1st Captivity—Israel 722

2nd Captivity—Judah 586



KINGS AND CHRONICLES



- ▶ **The principle substance of these books** is to relate how far the kings promoted or hindered the progress of the kingdom of God
- ▶ Likewise, **David becomes a pattern for all kings of Israel**, because he was morally blameless in his devotion to God, even though he committed some egregious sins—(**1 Kgs. 8:25; 9:5; 11:36, 39; 2 Kgs 8:19**)

PROMISES TO DAVID

(2 Sam. 7)



- ▶ I will make you a great name (9)
- ▶ I will make a place for your people Israel (10)
- ▶ I will give you rest from all yours enemies (11)
- ▶ I will make a house for you (11)
- ▶ I will raise up your seed after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom (12)
 - ▶ He will build a house for My Name (13)
 - ▶ I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever (13)
 - ▶ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to me (14)
 - ▶ I will correct him with the rod of men (14)
 - ▶ My lovingkindness will not depart from him as I removed it from Saul (15)
 - ▶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever (16)
 - ▶ Your throne shall be established forever (16)

PERIOD	DATE	JUDAH	PROPHETS	ISRAEL (10)
<u>Golden Calf</u>	931 909	Rehoboam (-) 931-915 Abijah (-) 915-911 Asa (+) 911-870		Jeroboam* 930-910 Nadab 910-909 Baasha* 909-886 Elah 886-885 Zimri* (7 days)
<u>Baal/Asherah Alliance</u>	885	Jehoshaphat (+) 870-848 Jehoram (-) 848-842 Ahaziah (-) 842-841		Omri* [Tibni]* 885-874 885-880 Ahab 874-853 Ahaziah 853-852 Joram 852-841
<u>Golden Calf</u> Mostly hostility	841 752	Athaliah (-) 841-835 Joash (+) 835-795 Amaziah (+) 795-767 Azariah (+) 767-739 (Uzziah) Jotham (+) 750/735-730 Ahaz (-) 735/730-715	←Obadiah? ←Joel? Jonah (Ninevah) Amos → Hosea → ←Isaiah ←Micah	Jehu* 841-813 Jehoahaz 813-797 Jehoash 797-781 Jeroboam II 781-753 Zechariah 753 (6 mon.) Shallum* 752 (1 mon.) Menahem* 752-741 Pekahiah 741-739 Pekah* 739-731 Hoshea* 731-722
<u>Judah alone</u>	722 586 586 586 520 520 430	Hezekiah (*) 715-686 Manasseh (-) 686-642 Amon (-) 642-640 Josiah (*) 640-609 Jehoahaz (-) 609 (3 mon.) Jehoiakim (-) 609-598 Jehoiachin (-) 598-597 Zedekiah (-) 597-586 FALL OF JERUSALEM [2 Ki. 24/25] * Like David + Half heart - No Heart	Nahum (Ninevah) ←Jeremiah ←Zephaniah ←Habakkuk? ←Ezekiel ←Daniel ←Obadiah? ←Joel? ←Haggai ←Zechariah ←Malachi	FALL OF SAMARIA [2 Ki. 17] 9 Dynasties* <u>Hosea 8:4</u>

Rehoboam—2 Chron. 12:1, 14; 1 Kgs. 12:16, 19

Asa—1 Kgs. 15:11-15, like David

Jehoshaphat—1 Kgs 22:41-44, like his father Asa

Joash—2 Kgs. 12:2, did right all the days of Jehoiada the priest

Amaziah—2 Kgs. 14:3, did right, yet not like David his father

Azariah—2 Kgs. 15:3-7, like Amaziah

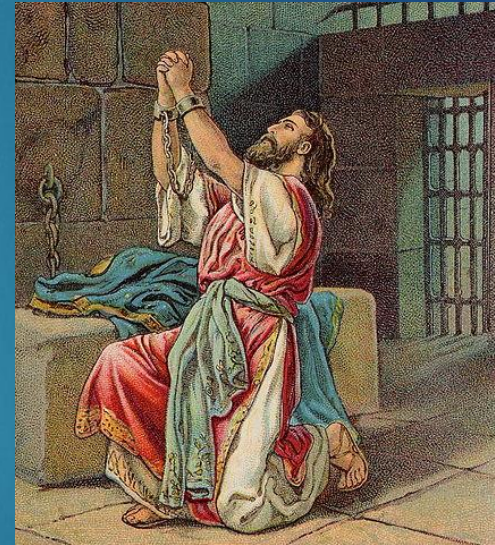
Jotham—2 Kgs. 15:34, like Azariah (Uzziah)

Hezekiah—2 Kgs. 18:3, like David

Josiah—2 Kgs. 22:2, like David

MANASSEH

- ▶ Sealed the fate of Judah—**Jer. 15:4**
- ▶ What he did
 - ▶ **2 Kgs. 21:1-16, *13-15**
- ▶ After he humbled himself
 - ▶ **2 Chron. 33:1-20, *9-13**




THE BABYLONIAN EXILE

586 BC



- ▶ **2 Kings 24-25**—the sovereignty/kingship passes to Nebuchadnezzar (**Dan. 2:37-38**)
- ▶ **430 BC**—end of the Old Testament
- ▶ **The 400 silent years**—until John the Baptist (**Lk. 1:8-11; Mary—1:26f.**)
- ▶ **Luke 2:22-28**—Simeon and Hannah, the bat qol—the HS also speaks



QUESTION:
**WHAT ABOUT THE DAVIDIC
LINE?**

- ▶ **To this end the Prophets
must speak**