

Divine Revelation

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Theological Themes of Genesis

- ▶ The preexistence and transcendence of God
- ▶ His power through which he made all things and on which all things depend
- ▶ The special creation of man in the image and likeness of God
- ▶ The institution of marriage (Gen 2:24)
- ▶ Man's sin of pride and disobedience
- ▶ Promise of salvation
- ▶ Abraham is blessed for his faith through his offspring of whom the Messiah, mankind's greatest blessing, will eventually be born.

Theological Themes of Genesis

- ▶ Whenever we fall out of right relationship with God and others, we no longer experience paradise. (Adam & Eve)
- ▶ Faith and faithfulness are the arks of salvation. (Noah)
- ▶ Only by discovering and participating in the divine plan can we accomplish what we want. (Tower of Babel)
- ▶ God is faithful to his promise whenever people trust in him, and even when they don't. (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

Theological Themes of Exodus:

- ▶ We must put our trust in God. (Moses)
- ▶ We must persevere.
- ▶ We must love and respect God. (1-3)
- ▶ We must love and respect our neighbor. (4-10)
- ▶ We must surrender to the Lord completely.
- ▶ The Lord will sustain us. (Manna)

Covenants:

- ▶ Adam (Gen 1:27-29; 2:22-24)
- ▶ Noah (Gen 9:9-17)
- ▶ Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)
- ▶ Moses (Exodus 12:3,5-8; 19:5,6)
- ▶ David (2 Samuel 7:8-14)
- ▶ Jesus (Luke 1:30-33; 45-55; 67-75)
- ▶ Church – New Covenant (Mat 16:18,19; 26:26-28; 28:18-20)



Leviticus (the way of holiness)

(Lev:1-16) Laws prescribed for the priests of the Tribe of Levi
(Lev 17-27) "You shall be holy..."

- ▶ Levites
- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Offerings
- ▶ Cleanliness
- ▶ Atonement
- ▶ Ordination
- ▶ Holiness
- ▶ Calendar
- ▶ Additional Instructions



Numbers (the wilderness years) History and Law

- ▶ 38 years that Israel spent in the wilderness
- ▶ Mount Sinai – Canaan
- ▶ Refusal to enter Canaan **disobedience**
- ▶ Israel's Warfare (Amorites Midianites – Moab)
- ▶ The new generation (**Joshua** & Caleb)
- ▶ Joshua commissioned

Deuteronomy (book of covenant life)

- ▶ Sermons or exhortations by Moses
- ▶ What God has done for us
- ▶ Covenant Life of obedience to the law (Deut: 6:4-9; 26:16-19)
- ▶ Call to commitment (appeal in choose life 30:11-20)
- ▶ Call and Commission of Joshua
- ▶ Last Days of Moses



Joshua (the book of conquest)

- ▶ Crossing the Jordan
- ▶ Central Campaign
- ▶ Conquest of Jericho
- ▶ Northern and Southern Campaigns
- ▶ Joshua renews covenant



Theological Themes of Joshua

- ▶ Trust the power of God. (faith and faithfulness)
- ▶ God meets people where they are and calls them forward one step at a time.
- ▶ Let the Lord go to battle for you. (Jericho)
- ▶ God is always faithful.
- ▶ Either God is God, or not. Either God is everything or God is nothing.

Judges

- ▶ Gideon
- ▶ Samson - Delilah
- ▶ Crisis cycle in the Holy Land
- ▶ Sin – Slavery
- ▶ Supplication – Salvation
- ▶ Serve God - Prosper
- ▶ Sin - Slavery



1 Samuel

- ▶ Downfall of the Judges – corrupt clergy
- ▶ Hannah – **Samuel**
- ▶ Saul – 1st King (Deut 17:14-20) (www)
- ▶ Anointed by Samuel
- ▶ Defeat of the Ammonites
- ▶ Saul Offers Sacrifice (1 Sam:13:8,9; 13,14)
- ▶ David (Jesse)
- ▶ Goliath
- ▶ Saul vs. David



2 Samuel / 1 Chronicles (United Kingdom)

- ▶ Saul's death "Saul fell upon his sword."
- ▶ **David** anointed king
- ▶ Capture of Jerusalem – Philistines
- ▶ Ark of the Covenant – Priest King
- ▶ **Davidic Covenant** (2 Samuel 7:8-13)
- ▶ David's Sin – **Bathsheba** – **Uriah**
- ▶ Problems
- ▶ Saul 40 – David 40 – Solomon 40

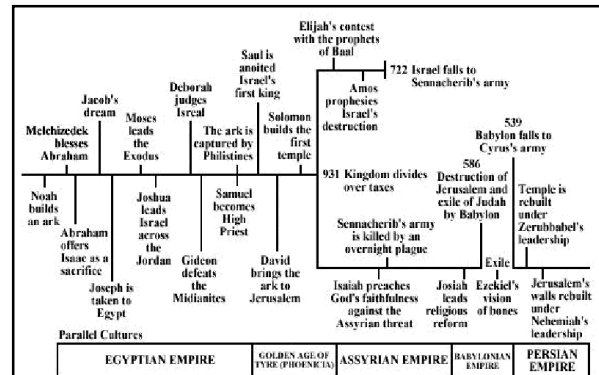


Theological Themes of Judges and 1-2 Samuel

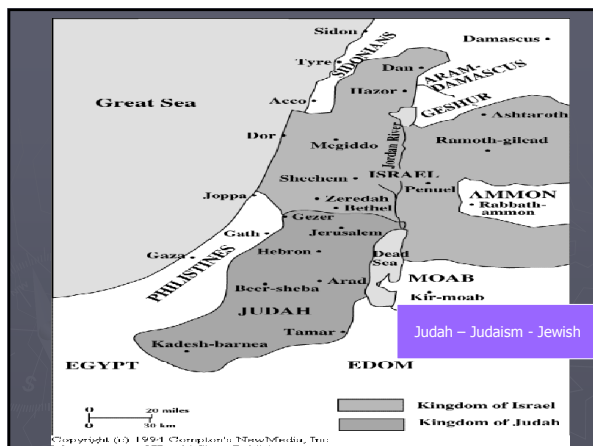
- ▶ Surrender to God
- ▶ Dedication to God first
- ▶ Reliance on spiritual power (Samson)
- ▶ God often chooses the weakest. (David)
- ▶ God can act through us if we step out in faith.
- ▶ We must admit our mistakes and failings and repent. (David repents and is forgiven. (Psalm 51))

1 Kings / 2 Chronicles

- ▶ David's death (1 Kings 2:1-4)
- ▶ **Solomon's** rule
- ▶ Solomon's wisdom demonstrated
- ▶ Construction of the Temple
- ▶ The fall of Solomon – 700 wives (www)
- ▶ Death of Solomon (970 B.C.)
- ▶ **Rehoboam** (666 talents of gold) & the divided kingdom (www)



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2 Kings / 2 Chronicles 21-36

- ▶ The divided kingdom
- ▶ Rehoboam (North) & Jeroboam (South)
- ▶ **Jonah** - Nineveh
- ▶ **Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah**
- ▶ **Habakkuk, Nahum, Zephaniah**
- ▶ **Jeremiah, Ezekiel**
- ▶ **Babylonian captivity – Nebuchadnezzar 586 B.C. (70 years)**



Prophets of the Divided Kingdom

- ▶ **Isaiah** – Suffering servant
- ▶ **Daniel** – Son of Man, temple destroyed, new temple, new covenant
- ▶ **Jeremiah** – New David, New Covenant, New Exodus
- ▶ **Ezekiel** – Shepard

Ezra (scribe) (first book of the return) Nehemiah (second book of the return)

- ▶ The decree of Cyrus (Persian)
- ▶ **Jerubbabel** – **Ezra** - **Nehemiah**
- ▶ Altar built – sacrifices resumed
- ▶ Temple is rebuilt
- ▶ The second return
- ▶ The walls rebuilt
- ▶ The covenant renewed

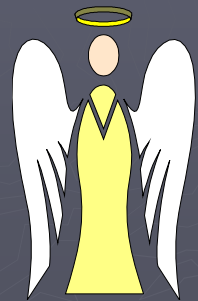


1 Maccabees

- ▶ The Babylonian empire fell to the Persian
- ▶ The Persian empire fell to the Greek
- ▶ Alexander the Great
- ▶ Persecution of the Jews - desecration
- ▶ Maccabean revolt (will not worship animals)
- ▶ Roman Empire

Wisdom Writings

- ▶ Job
- ▶ Psalms
- ▶ Proverbs
- ▶ Ecclesiastes
- ▶ Song of Songs
- ▶ Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)
- ▶ Wisdom of Solomon



Prophets (1/4 of the Old Testament)

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| ▶ Isaiah | ▶ Jonah |
| ▶ Jeremiah | ▶ Micah |
| ▶ Ezekiel | ▶ Nahum |
| ▶ Daniel | ▶ Habakkuk |
| ▶ Hosea | ▶ Zephaniah |
| ▶ Joel | ▶ Haggai |
| ▶ Amos | ▶ Zechariah |
| ▶ Obadiah | ▶ Malachi |



The Heart of the Prophetic Message

When Israel responded to God's call in trust and fidelity, they lived and prospered. But then Israel turned a deaf ear to God, they dies and were defeated.

Richard Rohr



Exodus through Numbers

- ▶ Enslaved in Egypt
- ▶ Judgment on Egypt
- ▶ Release from Egypt
- ▶ Journey to Sinai
- ▶ Covenant at Sinai
- ▶ Commandments
- ▶ Golden Calf
- ▶ Levites
- ▶ Animal Sacrifice
- ▶ Refusal to enter Canaan
- ▶ 38 year journey toward Canaan



Joshua through Jesus

- ▶ Conquest of the Promise Land
- ▶ Judges – Samuel
- ▶ 1st King Saul
- ▶ David (United Kingdom)
- ▶ Solomon and the Temple
- ▶ Rehoboam and the Divided Kingdom
- ▶ Babylonian Captivity (Prophets)
- ▶ Return (Persian) – Rebuild
- ▶ Greek rule - Alexander the Great
- ▶ Maccabean Revolt
- ▶ Roman Empire

