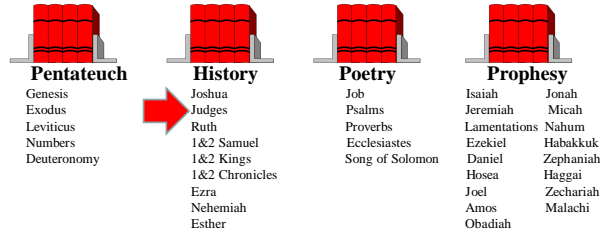


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Old Testament 39 Books



Old Testament Lessons Learned/Takeaways

1. A sovereign God created us, loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. (Genesis 1)
2. Man sinned and was separated from God. (Gen 3)
3. God established an agreement, a covenant, with man to restore the relationship with man. (Gen 15)
4. God uses imperfect men to accomplish His will in O.T. times and He does the same thing today
5. The importance of family. Compare to today
6. Trust God, just trust God
7. Where does God reside? How do we relate to Him?



Old Testament Lessons Learned/Takeaways

8. This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through – *Saving Life of Christ* Ian Thomas The Bible isn't about how to live your best life now
9. The Bible's influence on Western Civilization, especially on our legal system has been enormous.
10. The Old Covenant was, among other things, the law which specified a detailed list of things man had to do to be righteous. (Exodus 20)
11. Man could not keep the Law. 2 Chronicles 24:17-20



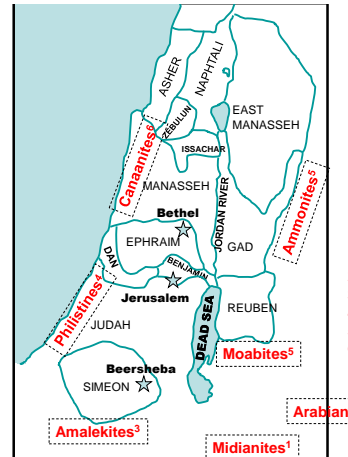
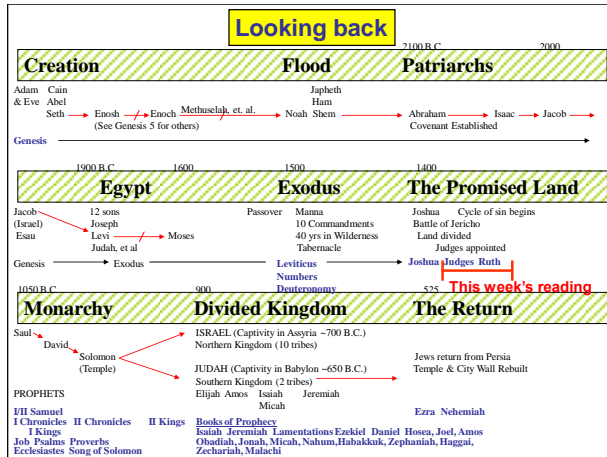
Old Testament Lessons Learned

12. System of sacrifices was established to make amends for breaches of the Law. Leviticus 1-7
13. Festivals were established to remind man of obligations to God. Leviticus 23
14. Earthly kingdom established for God's chosen people. 1 Samuel 8
15. God resided in the tabernacle/temple in O.T.; resides in hearts of men in N.T. Hebrews 9
16. The O.T. creates the need for the Messiah, the Lamb of God who 1) shows us how to live and 2) died as a once and for all sacrifice for our sin. Rom 8:1-14; Heb 9:24-28

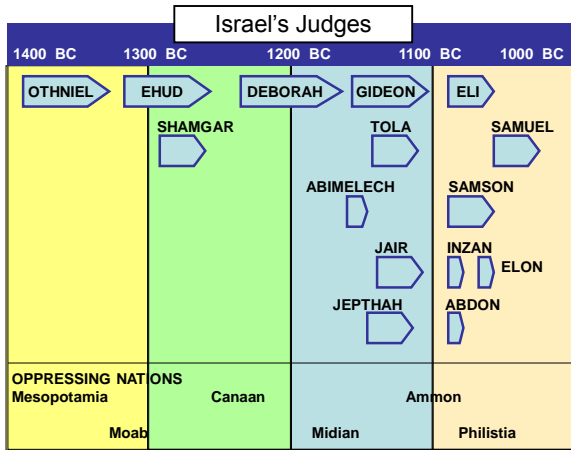


Old Testament Lessons Learned

17. Lord intercedes directly in O.T.; through us, primarily today
18. Jews living in the Kingdom before the Exile were immoral and corrupt. Similar in many respects to American culture today
19. Understanding the O.T. is essential to understanding the N.T.
20. Israelites cycle between periods of obedience and disobedience; righteousness and sinfulness



- Descendants of:
 1. Abraham and Keturah
 2. Ishmael
 3. Esau
 4. Ham
 5. Lot
 6. Ham



What happened In This Week's Reading

- Joshua's Farewell Addresses
 - Three Burials
 - Additional Conquests
 - Failure to Complete Conquests
 - Apostasy and the Judges
 - Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar
 - Deborah and Barak
 - Gideon and his son
 - Jephthah and five others
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What does it mean?

- "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." Judges 17:6
- That number 40, again.
- Israelites ordered to remove the evil from Canaan before they settled; they disobeyed God and suffered horrible consequences as a result.
- God uses imperfect people. . .we see again. Hebrews 11:30-34 Biblical "Hall of Fame."
- A pattern of sin and repentance begins.

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Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it. Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

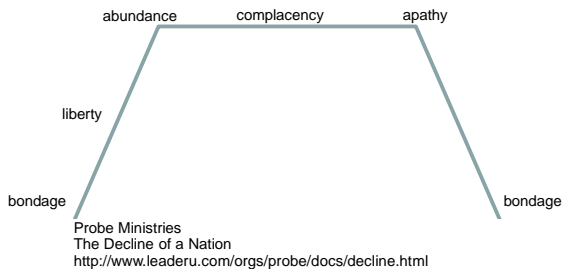
All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing. Edmund Burke

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." George Santayana (1863-1952)

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"All the world's great civilizations have followed the same path. From bondage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy back to bondage. If we are to be the exception to history, then we must break the cycle, for those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Swing Vote



Similarity of Behavior Between Christians and Non-Christians

Behavior	Born-again	Non-Christian
Divorced	27%	23%
Volunteered	29	27
Bought lottery ticket	23	27
\$ to homeless person	24	34
Sought counseling	15	15
Filed lawsuit	3	4
Watched PG-13/R rated movie (last 6 months)	76	87
Watched X-rated movie	9	16
Donated \$ to non-profit	47	48

Source: *The Second Coming of the Church*, George Barna

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. 12 *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

Choose today. . .

Choose today whom you will serve, whether the gods our forefathers served in Mesopotamia or God Himself, who has given you this land.

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

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