

Bible Basics - Chapter 10

Old Testament Basics - 2

Introductions of the 12 History Books of the Old Testament-

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st & 2nd Samuel, 1st & 2nd Kings, 1st & 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Joshua

Author- Unknown historian/Joshua (partly)

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 1375 B.C.

Place of writing- Canaan

Theme- Joshua & the Israelites entering, conquering and occupying Canaan

Content- God encourages Joshua to lead, Crossing the Jordan, Conquest of Jericho, Failure at Ai, Battles and victories, Division and distribution of the land, Joshua's farewell message, commitment to the Covenant.

Judges

Author- Unknown historian/ Samuel (partly)

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 1000 B.C.

Place of writing- Canaan

Theme- Repeated cycles of the Israelites rebellion to God, punishment, repentance & deliverance through Judges.

Judges led the Israelites for a period of around 300-350 years.

Judges- Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli, Samuel

Content- Incomplete conquest of Canaan, Accounts of rebellion of the Israelites, punishment, repentance & deliverance through Judges.

Ruth

Author- Unknown historian

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 1000 B.C.

Place of writing- Canaan

Theme- A Moabite woman Ruth's goodness rewarded by God

Content- Tragedies of Elimelek's family, Accounts of Naomi, Ruth & Boaz

1st Samuel

Author- Unknown Historian/Partly Samuel/Abiathar

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 930 B.C.

Place of writing- Canaan

Theme- Israel is led by kings after they were led by judges.

Content- Samuel leads Israel as Prophet and Judge, Monarchy in Israel- Accounts of Saul & David.

Saul ruler from 1050 B.C. to 1010 B.C. David ruler from 1010 B.C. to 970 B.C.

2nd Samuel

Author- Unknown historian/ Abiathar

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 930 B.C.

Place of writing- Canaan

Theme- David's 40 year reign

Content- David's triumphs and tragedies, Absalom's revolt

1st Kings

Author- Unknown historian

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 550 B.C.

Place of writing- Babylon exile

Theme- United monarchy under Solomon, Divided monarchy after Solomon's death.

Content- Solomon's era, Temple and Palace constructions, Rehoboam's reign, Several kings of Israel and Judah, Account of Elijah.

2nd Kings

Author- Unknown historian

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 550 B.C.

Place of writing- Babylon exile

Theme- Divided Monarchy, Collapse of the kingdoms despite prophetic guidance by Elijah and Elisha

Content- Destruction and deportation of Israel by Assyrians, destruction and captivity of Judah by Babylonians, Ministries of Elijah and Elisha

1st Chronicles

Author- Unknown historian/Ezra

Recipients- People of Judah who had returned after 70 years exile in Babylon

Dated- Around 450 to 400 B.C.

Place of writing- Jerusalem

Theme- Genealogies from Adam to Saul & King David's reign

Content- Genealogies, Death of Saul, Reign of David, Preparations to build the temple, Death of David, Solomon becomes king.

2nd Chronicles

Author- Unknown historian/Ezra

Recipients- People of Judah who had returned after 70 years exile in Babylon

Dated- Around 450 to 400 B.C.

Place of writing- Jerusalem

Theme- Solomon's reign (970 B.C.) to Babylonian exile (586 B.C.)

Content- Solomon builds temple and dedicates it, Solomon's wisdom, History of the kings of Judah, Babylonian exile and King Cyrus' proclamation to build the temple in Jerusalem.

Ezra

Author- Unknown historian/Ezra

Recipients- People of Judah who had returned after 70 years exile in Babylon

Dated- Around 440 B.C.

Place of writing- Jerusalem

Theme- Rebuilding of the temple at Jerusalem by exiles who returned from Babylon

Content- Returning exiles, Rebuilding of the temple, Opposition to the rebuilding, Completion of the temple, Ezra's return to Jerusalem, Ezra's reforms.

Nehemiah

Author- Unknown historian/Ezra

Recipients- People of Judah who had returned after 70 years exile in Babylon

Dated- Around 430 B.C.

Place of writing- Jerusalem

Theme- Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah

Content- Nehemiah the cup bearer decides to build the walls of Jerusalem, Opposition to the rebuilding of the wall, Ezra's preaching and revival, Dedication of the wall, Nehemiah's reforms.

Esther

Author- Unknown historian

Recipients- The Jews

Dated- Around 460 B.C.

Theme- Haman's plan to annihilate Jews thwarted by Esther & Mordecai

Content- Accounts of Mordecai, Esther & Haman, Pur, Purim