

Adult Class

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The Story of the Bible
Connecting the Dots

The Time Periods...

- Before the Flood
- The Flood
- The Scattering of the People
- The Patriarchs
- The Exodus
- Wandering in the Wilderness
- Invasion and Conquest of the Land
- The Judges
- The United Kingdom
- The Divided Kingdom

The Time Periods...

Before the Flood
Genesis 1 – Creation
Genesis 5 – Generations

The Flood
Genesis 6 – Warning of the Flood
Genesis 8 – Ending of the Flood

Scattering of the People
Genesis 9 – Command to fill the earth
Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel, forced scattering – Generations of Shem to Abraham

The Patriarchs
Genesis 12 – Abraham introduced, promise given to him
Genesis 50 – Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus
Exodus 1 – People in bondage in Egypt
Numbers 13 – People lose their faith (spy incident)

Wandering in the Wilderness
Numbers 14 – God curses the people to wander for 40 years.
Joshua 5 – Commander of the Lord's army appears to Joshua

Invasion and Conquest of the Land
Joshua 6 – Jericho
Joshua 24 – Death of Joshua

The Judges
Judges 1 – Reign of the judges (death of Joshua at the conclusion of Joshua)
1 Samuel 9 – Saul chosen to be king; anointed King over Israel at beginning of chapter 10

The United Kingdom
1 Samuel 10 – Saul anointed as King before Israel
Saul, Ishobosheth
David
Solomon

The Divided Kingdom
1 Kings 12 – The kingdom divides under Rehoboam
2 Kings 18 – The northern kingdom is taken by Assyria

Judah Alone
The Captivity
Return from Captivity
Years of Silence

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 - Rehoboam consults with two groups:
 - Elders – advise him to listen to the people
 - Peers – advise him to be even harder on the people
 - Ultimately, he decides to take the advice of his peers, resulting in a massive rebellion, and the splitting of Israel
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Kings of Judah

- Rehoboam
- Abijah
- Asa
- Jehoshaphat
- Jehoram
- Ahaziah (Jehoahaz)
- Athaliah (Queen)
- Joash (Jehoash)
- Amaziah
- Uzziah (Azariah)
- Jotham
- Ahaz
- Hezekiah
- Manasseh
- Amon
- Josiah
- Jehoahaz
- Jehoiakim
- Jehoiachin
- Zedekiah

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- ⦿ Jeroboam I
- ⦿ Nadab
- ⦿ Baasha
- ⦿ Elah
- ⦿ Zimri
- ⦿ Omri
- ⦿ Ahab
- ⦿ Ahaziah
- ⦿ Jehoram (Joram)
- ⦿ Jehu
- ⦿ Jehoahaz
- ⦿ Jehoash (Joash)
- ⦿ Jeroboam II
- ⦿ Zechariah
- ⦿ Shallum
- ⦿ Menahem
- ⦿ Pekahiah
- ⦿ Pekah
- ⦿ Hoshea

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 - Josiah prophesied about; man of God rejected
 - Any sort of people made into priests
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- ◉ Rehoboam (2 Chronicles 10-12)
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Zimri (1 Kings 16) – Kills Elah and all his family (6-11)

Omri (1 Kings 16) – Worse than any other king, his family is one of, if not the worst royal families of Israel (25)

Ahab becomes King of Israel (1 Kings 16:28)

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- ◉ Ahab (1 Kings 16-22)
 - Declared to be the worst king of Israel
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 - Battle at Mount Carmel
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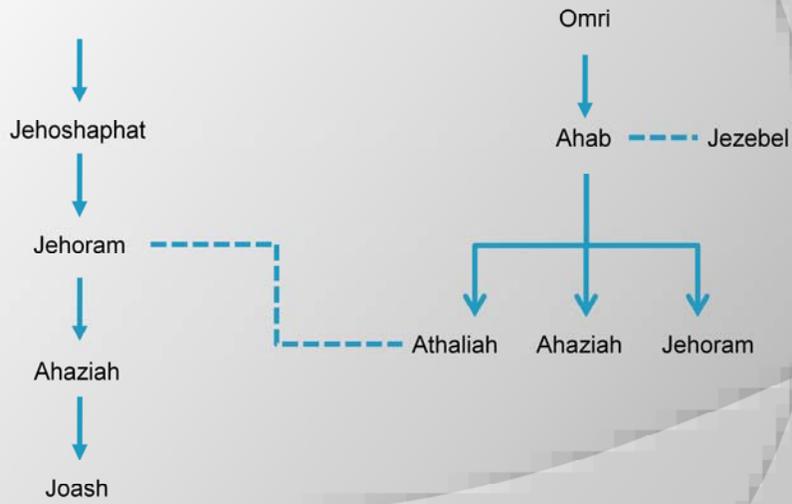
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- ◉ Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21)
 - Becomes king of Judah after Jehoshaphat, his father, dies
 - Married to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, and sister of Jehoram, king of Israel (marriage treaty)
 - Murders all of his other brothers
 - Receives a letter of condemnation from Elijah
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- ◉ Ahaziah/Jehoahaz (2 Chronicles 22)
 - Begins reigning after his father, Jehoram, dies
 - His mother is Athaliah, Ahab's daughter
 - Followed his father's counselors and his mother's advice, leading him to do wicked things
 - The two kings join forces to fight for Ramoth-Gilead
- ◉ Jehu, is anointed king of Israel by God (2 Kings 9-10)
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- ◉ Athaliah (2 Chronicles 22-23)
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 - Becomes king when he is 7 years old – obviously still under the guidance of Jehoiada, the high priest
 - Commands that the temple should be repaired
 - The Lord is served and worshipped continually – until Jehoiada finally dies...and idol worship begins again
 - Joash has Zechariah killed, Jehoiada's son
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– why did God help the people of Israel? Mercy – see 13:23

– also see that Israel was able to recapture what they had lost to

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- ◉ Amaziah (2 Chronicles 25)
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- Zechariah (2 Kings 15)
 - The fourth descendant of Jehu
 - Slain by Shallum, who took over as king of Israel
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Menahem (2 Kings 15) – evil (v.18)

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- ◉ Jotham (2 Chronicles 27)
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 - Assyria begins its subjugation of Israel at this point
 - Attacked Judah and caused a great deal of damage
 - Eventually conspired against and killed by Hoshea
- ◉ Hoshea (2 Kings 17-18)
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- Causes of the fall of Israel
 - Followed gods of nations that they had defeated
 - Set up high places and altars for idol worship
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- The Prophets of the Divided Kingdom

- Isaiah
 - Hosea
 - Joel
 - Amos
 - Obadiah
 - Jonah
 - Micah
- Major Prophet
- Minor Prophets
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Themes of Prophecy

- ◉ Repentance
- ◉ “The Day of the Lord”
- ◉ God’s concern for all nations
- ◉ The Messiah
- ◉ A new kingdom

Themes of Prophecy

Repentance

- God never ceases to chastise his people
- God warns the people that without repentance, disaster was soon to follow
- God extends mercy to His people, as long as they repent of their wickedness

“The Day of the Lord”

- A day of reckoning that comes for all individuals and nations
- For the evil, it is a day of judgment; for the righteous, it is a day of deliverance
- There have been many “days of the Lord” throughout history, so it is important to understand what is meant by this idea

God’s concern for all nations

- God does not simply demand Israel to behave properly while allowing all of the other nations of the world to act as they like
- God also calls the nations of the world to repentance, promising disaster if they do not comply with His demands

The Messiah

- Someone is coming to ultimately save God’s people
- There is a great deal of prophecy about the Messiah, looking, of course, to Jesus and the events that would surround his life and death
- Often referred to as a king or high priest, etc.

A new kingdom

- Hand in hand with the idea of a Messiah is the idea of a new kingdom
- Different images of this kingdom include a mountain, a grand temple, etc.
- The new kingdom ultimately refers to the establishment of the church as God’s “spiritual” Israel

The Divided Kingdom...

- ◉ Obadiah
 - Obadiah prophesies to the people of Edom
 - The Edomites are the sons of Esau, Jacob's brother
 - While the exact time of this prophecy is unknown, it is likely that he prophesied during Jehoram's reign (Judah)
 - Obadiah prophesies that Edom will be destroyed because of its violence against its brother and its pride
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- Also compare Ezekiel 35-36:1-15 with this book

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● Joel

- Joel prophesies to the people of Israel, perhaps specifically to the people of Judah
- Joel may prophesy during the early reign of Joash (Judah)
- If the people do not learn from the locust swarm and repent of their evil, God will punish them more severely
- Joel 2 describes “the day of the Lord” and is mentioned by Peter in his sermon in Acts 2
- If God’s people repent, He will bless them abundantly
- Ultimately, God will be victorious over His enemies, and He will reign, never again to be defeated

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Genesis 11 – Tower of Babel, forced scattering – Generations of Shem to Abraham

The Patriarchs
Genesis 12 – Abraham introduced, promise given to him
Genesis 50 – Joseph dies in Egypt

The Exodus
Exodus 1 – People in bondage in Egypt
Numbers 13 – People lose their faith (spy incident)

Wandering in the Wilderness
Numbers 14 – God curses the people to wander for 40 years.
Joshua 5 – Commander of the Lord's army appears to Joshua

Invasion and Conquest of the Land
Joshua 6 – Jericho
Joshua 24 – Death of Joshua

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