

Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel

- In Genesis God called Abraham and made a covenant promise to make a nation from him
- In Exodus God birthed a nation unto Himself
- In Leviticus and Numbers God gave Israel 613 laws in which to protect Israel from the surrounding nations
- In Deuteronomy God through Moses' sermon reminds Israel that they are to love Him and keep His laws

- Obedience to God's law results in blessing
- Disobedience to God's law results in cursing
- Joshua is a demonstration of God's Victory
- Judges is a demonstration of Israel's defeat
- Ruth is a demonstration of redemption through a Gentile's faithfulness
- 1 Samuel is a demonstration of God's restoration of Israel through a king

God Chooses Israel by Grace

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"-Deut. 7:6-9

God through Israel Influences To This Day The Values Most Civilizations Hold To Be Most Sacred

- **Human life is sacred**
- **Man is responsible to each other**
- **Excess will destroy the human spirit**
- **Justice**

Deuteronomy 4:6-9

"Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren

The Shema

- "Shema" = Hear
- The Shema is not a prayer but a statement of faith to remember
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- 4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

• **Deuteronomy 11:13-21**

'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.' Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.



God tells Israel They Will Fail

25 "When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

28 And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Where Ever Israel Goes They Will Live In Fear

"Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known — wood and stone. 65 And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.

66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. 67 In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see. --Deut. 28:64-67

God Will Bless Israel And Return Them To Himself

"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

3 that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, **and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.** 4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. 5 Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 **"Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.**

Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal



Deuteronomy 28-31 instructed Israel to proclaim God's blessings from Mt. Gerizim and potential curses from Mt. Ebal which they did! (See Joshua 8)

Joshua

- Joshua name means: "The Lord is salvation"
- Hebrew version of Jesus' Greek name
- God is the One in the book of Joshua Who brings the victory
- God kept His covenant He made to Abraham
- Gen 17:8: "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, **as an everlasting possession**; and I will be their God."

The Twelve Allotted Boundaries Of The Tribes of Israel

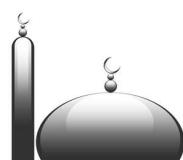


The Commander Of The Army Of The LORD

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" 14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.--Josh. 5:13-15

Jericho

- Jericho: *Bet Yerah*--**"The house of the moon"**
- Jericho's inhabitants worshiped the moon god
- Today Jericho is the capital of the Palestinian Liberation Authority
- The crescent moon is on every mosque



The Lord Fulfilled His Promises

43 So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they took possession of it and dwelt in it. 44 The LORD gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 **Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.** -Josh 21:43-45

Judges

- Israel is having difficulty rising above the cultures around them
- The Judges were leaders God raised up to deliver Israel from their evil practices
- The theme is God is able to accomplish His purposes through flawed individuals
- There was lack of leadership during the time of the Judges: **"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes ."** -Judges 17:6

God is Patient and Faithful to Israel

Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; 12 and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. 13 They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. 15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed. 16 **Nevertheless**, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.--Judges 2:11-16

Ruth

- Gentile Faithfulness during the time of the Judges
- Ruth is a Moabite
- Boaz is the kinsmen redeemer
- Ruth and Boaz are the ancestors of David and eventually Jesus
- The Book of Ruth is read on Shavuot also known as Pentecost

Kinsman Redeemer

- Heb. goel, from root meaning to redeem. The goel among the Hebrews was the **nearest male blood relation alive**.
- If any one from poverty was unable to redeem his inheritance, it was the duty of the kinsman to redeem it (Lev 25:25, 28; Ruth 3:9, 12).
- Old Testament qualifications: Blood relation, recourses, willingness to buy, and willingness to marry
- Boaz had all the necessary qualifications

Ruth's Attitude

- Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; **Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.**--- Ruth 1:16
- Ruth learned the laws of Israel from Naomi
- Like Ruth, we Gentiles should love Israel and learn from the Jewish Scriptures

1 Samuel

- Samuel is regarded as the last of the Judges and the first of the order of prophets
- Samuel is important because he is God's instrument to crown king David
- Saul is the peoples choice
- **David chosen by Grace** is God's man
- God will make an everlasting covenant with David that his heir, i.e. Jesus will reign forever
- David will make Israel an independent kingdom with Jerusalem as the capital