

CONSIDER HIM...

How to find Christ in the Old Testament



Joshua to Esther

CHRONOLOGY

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel - Saul

2 Samuel - David

[1 Chronicles 1-9 – Genealogies]

1 Chronicles 10-29 - David

1 Kings 1-11 - Solomon

2 Chronicles 1-9 - Solomon

1 Kings 12-22 - Divided Kingdom

2 Kings 1-17 - Divided Kingdom

2 Chronicles 10-28 – Divided Kingdom - Judah

2 Kings 18-25 - Fall of Judah

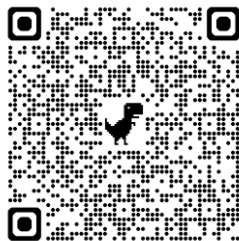
2 Chronicles 29-36 - Fall of Judah

Ezra 1-6 - Return under Zerubbabel

Esther

Ezra 7-10 - Return under Ezra

Nehemiah



Period	Approx Dates	Main Events	Reference
Samuel's Leadership	1050 BC	Birth and ministry of Samuel; Israel shifts toward monarchy	1 Samuel 1–7
Saul's Reign	1020–1000 BC	Reign and fall of Saul	1 Samuel 8–31, 1 Chronicles 10
David's Reign	1000–970 BC	Rise and reign of David; Jerusalem established	2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles 11–29
Solomon's Reign	970–930 BC	Temple built; golden age under Solomon	1 Kings 1–11, 2 Chronicles 1–9
Kingdom Divided	930 BC	Israel (north) and Judah (south) split	1 Kings 12, 2 Chronicles 10
Divided Kingdom (Israel)	930–722 BC	Northern kings; prophets like Elijah and Elisha	1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 17
Fall of Israel	722 BC	Conquered by Assyria	2 Kings 17
Divided Kingdom (Judah)	930–586 BC	Kings of Judah; reforms under Hezekiah and Josiah	1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25, 2 Chronicles 10–36
Fall of Judah	586 BC	Jerusalem destroyed; exile to Babylon	2 Kings 24–25, 2 Chronicles 36

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

... out of soon the Deliverer
and shall turn away from
him Jacob.

27 for this is my covenant
unto them when I shall take
away their unbelief.

28 All consulting the gospel
they are requies for your sake
that they may receive grace.

29 for as I have times past
have not believed God, yet have
now obtained mercy through
the faith of others.

30 Even so will these also
not believe, that through
the mercy they also may obtain
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SAVIOUR

Joshua and Judges



SAVIOUR

JOSHUA – JEHOVAH IS SALVATION

And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. Joshua 6:25

JUDGES – DELIVERERS/SAVIOURS

Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. Judges 2:16



SAVIOUR

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson... Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions...

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. *Hebrews 11:32-33, 12:2*



SAVIOUR

Across Judges there is a cycle

- Israel does what is right in their own eyes
- They are oppressed
- A judge rises to deliver them
- Temporary peace is restored

There is a greater Saviour

- Not temporary, but eternal salvation
- Not flawed, but sinless
- A Saviour to all who will come to him

SAVIOUR

Next steps

1. Follow Joshua's journey and see how he is like the Saviour
2. Study some of the judges more closely. How are they like the Saviour? How do they contrast with our Saviour? What about Othniel, Deborah, Ehud, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson?



REDEEMER

Ruth...and Boaz



REDEEMER

And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. *Ruth 4:6*

And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi [in Bethlehem]; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David. *Ruth 4:17*



REDEEMER

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: *1 Peter 1:18-19*



REDEEMER

Ruth is a lovely picture of the church, particularly Gentile believers

Boaz is a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus as the Redeemer

What lessons can you learn from the other characters in the book such as Naomi, the other kinsman, Obed?

REDEEMER



Next steps

1. Study Boaz, the redeemer, more closely and contrast with Christ
2. Find other Old Testament references to redemption and learn about Christ
3. Study the family line of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 1 – what do you notice?



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles

David



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

...the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart...to be captain over his people

1 Samuel 13:14

Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature...the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him...the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. *1 Samuel 16:13*



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. *Mark 1:10-11*



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

David was anointed as king, after their own choice had failed

He was persecuted

He was rejected

He is always God's man, and his line continued all the way down to Christ



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Next steps

1. Read the life of David – note down ways in which he reminds you of Christ
2. Read David's psalms – how does this help your appreciation of Christ?
3. What happened to David, that reminds us that Christ is even more a man after God's own heart? *2 Samuel 11; Psalm 51*



THE WISDOM OF GOD

1 Kings, 2 Chronicles

Solomon



THE WISDOM OF GOD

Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; ...such as none of the kings have had... *2 Chronicles 1:12*

It was a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: for thou exceedest the fame that I heard. *2 Chronicles 9:5-6*



THE WISDOM OF GOD

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. *Luke 2:40*

And Jesus increased [moved forward] in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. *Luke 2:52*

But we preach Christ crucified ... unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. *1 Corinthians 1:23-25*



THE WISDOM OF GOD

Next steps

The Queen of Sheba said there was no one to compare with Solomon

The Lord Jesus says: 'A greater than Solomon is here' *Matthew 12:42*

1. Read through the story of Solomon – in what ways is the Lord Jesus greater?
2. Think particularly about how Solomon's heart was stolen away



MIRACLE WORKER

1 Kings

Elijah



MIRACLE WORKER

And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

1 Kings 17:22-24



MIRACLE WORKER

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid ... And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth... *John 11:40-44*



MIRACLE WORKER

The Lord Jesus himself drew parallels with Elijah, showing how he pointed us to the Lord Jesus himself – rejected by his own people but a blessing to the Gentiles

No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias ... But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta ... unto a woman that was a widow. *Luke 4:24-26*



MIRACLE WORKER

Next steps

1. Read through the life story of Elijah
2. Identify the miracles he performed
3. Consider how these miracles point us to those performed by the Lord Jesus as he manifested his glory



GOSPEL PREACHER

2 Kings

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GOSPEL PREACHER

And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

2 Kings 5:10



GOSPEL PREACHER

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. *Luke 4:18-19*



GOSPEL PREACHER

Again, the Lord Jesus compares his own work to that of Elisha

...whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. *Luke 4:23,24,27*

GOSPEL PREACHER



Next steps

1. Consider stories from the life of Elisha and how they present the gospel to us – start with the healing of the waters in 2 Kings 2
2. Compare with the messages spoken and parables told by the Lord Jesus and see how Elisha's experiences point us to the gospel of the Lord Jesus



HOPE OF THE NATION

Ezra and Nehemiah
...and Jeshua and Zerubbabel

A photograph of a stone wall with a window opening, split by a jagged black line. The left side shows the texture of the stone wall and the dark interior of the window. The right side is a solid black background with white text.

HOPE OF THE NATION

Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem ... Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him *Ezra 1:2-3*

And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. *Nehemiah 2:5*



HOPE OF THE NATION

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. *Romans 11:25-27*



HOPE OF THE NATION

There is a future for Israel, as there is for those who are believers in every generation

In days of tribulation, and as the millennial reign of Christ is ushered in, God will again regather his people as he did in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah

What blessing there will ultimately be for them and for him as every foe is put down

A photograph of a stone wall with a window opening, split by a jagged black line. The left side shows the texture of the stone and the dark interior of the window. The right side is a solid black background.

HOPE OF THE NATION

Next steps

1. Look at some of the events in Ezra and Nehemiah and see how the pattern of these events will repeat as the Lord Jesus returns to rule and to reign
2. Think of the contrasts between the two, given that his reign will be eternal



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Esther
and Mordecai

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For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed. *Esther 10:3*

And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad ... the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews... *Esther 8:15-17*




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And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True... His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns ... he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God ... And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword... a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. *Revelation 19:11-16*



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God has everything in control in Esther's day, as he does in ours

When everything seems so out of control, God intervenes in remarkable ways

CONQUEROR

Next steps

1. Read the narrative of Esther 8,9,10
2. Reflect on how this mirrors the victory of the Lord Jesus at the cross and all that this means now for our remembrance and our eternity



CONSIDER HIM...

How to find Christ in the Old Testament



Study the Bible – ALL OF IT

See Christ in everything – WORSHIP HIM

Have confidence in a God who has it all worked out - ALWAYS