

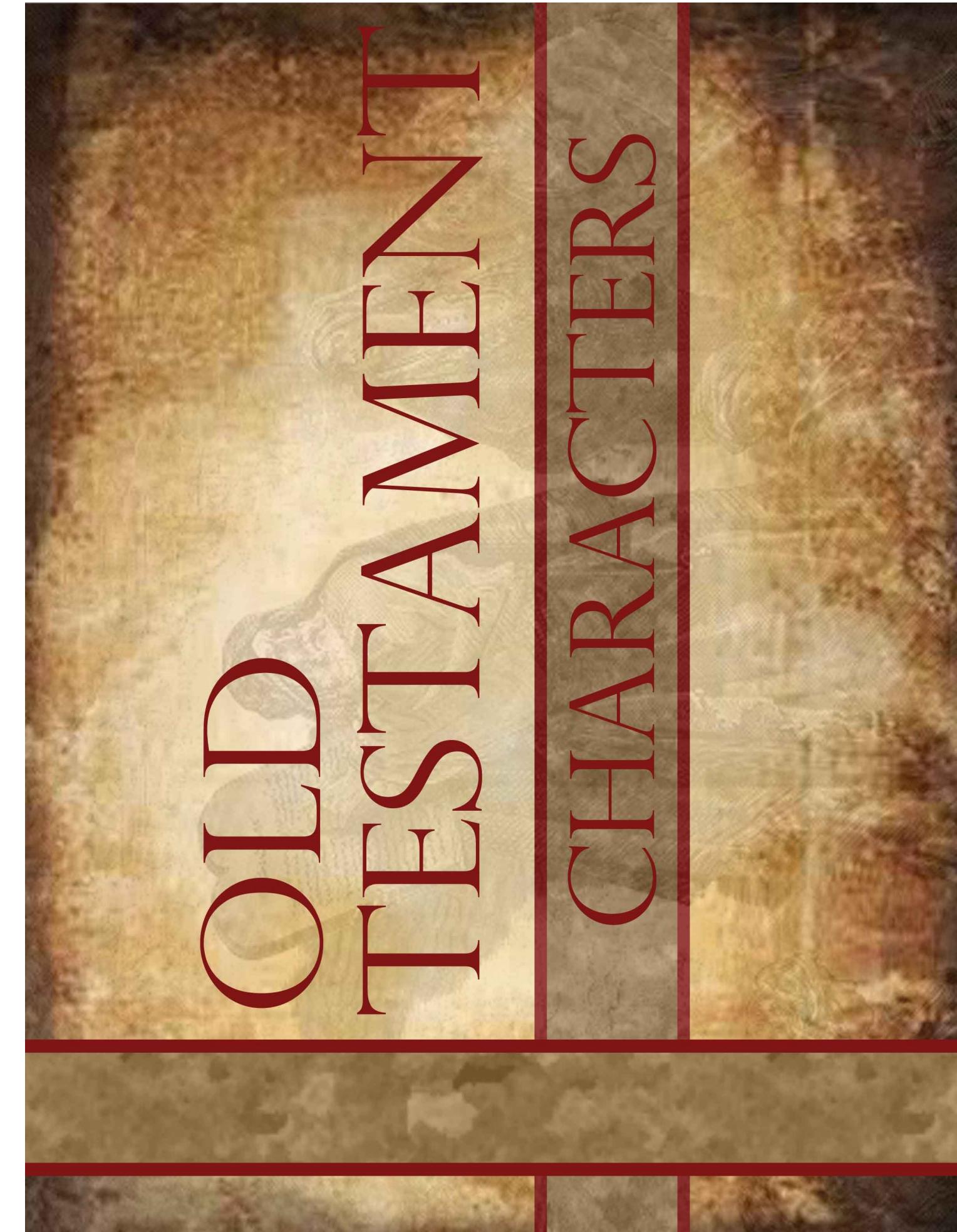
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# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE CHARACTERS

Importance: We can see the progression of God's plan through his work, through his people, and through the ages. As we progress through the Bible, we can move from major character to major character and these people will punctuate an unfolding drama of God's plan of redemption.

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

HEBREWS 12:1-2

The Lesson            Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witness - *As we look at their lives.*

The Impact            Let us: 1) Lay aside every weight and 2) the sin which doth so easily beset us - *Their lives change ours.*

The Task

The Motive

*The lesson of those who have gone on before is preserved for us that we may see the successes and failures of the saints and that Christ was their ultimate motivator.*

# ADAM – HIS LIFE

Adam was the first man, the most tragic and the father of all people. He brought sin and death into the world and changed the man's relationship of God and man until the time of Christ. No man, other than Christ, is more pivotal in history.

FACTS	TEXT	LESSON
He was made in the image of God.	Genesis 1:26-27	Of all creation, Adam was the special creation of God. Only Adam was made in the image of God.
He was given dominion.	Genesis 1:29-30	Adam was given a role of dominion over all of God's creation.
He was formed of the God dust of the ground.	Genesis 2:7	Unique by the finger and breath of God
He was given one edge restriction from God.	Genesis 2:16	Not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
He was given a	Genesis 2:20-25	Eve was formed from Adam's rib,

# ADAM – HIS IMPACT

Adam had a tremendous impact on the world because he brought sin into the world and laid the foundation for the second Adam, Jesus Christ, to enter into the world and redeem the world from Adam's sin.

## IMPACT OF ADAM

The Source of Sin	Romans 5:12	Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
The Source of Death	I Corinthians 15:22	For as in Adam all die - Brought Death
Life to Death	I Corinthians 15:45	The first man Adam was made a living soul
Death without Law	Romans 5:14	Death reigned from Adam to Moses

## IMPACT OF CHRIST

The Source of Life	I Corinthians 15:22	In Christ shall all be made alive - Brought Life
I	Corinthians 15:45	The last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
I	Corinthians 15:47	The second man is the Lord from heaven.
The Source of Righteousness	Romans 5:17-21	Death reigned by Adam but grace and righteousness ruled by Jesus Christ.

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

Monday – What call from Cyrus, king of Persia, began the ministry of Ezra in Ezra 1?

According to Ezra 2, how many Jews responded?

Tuesday – Describe the work of the Jews in Ezra 3:1-13.

What caused their tears at the end of this chapter?

Wednesday – What happened to the work of God in Ezra 4:1-5 and 24?

What events led up to the stopping of the work?

Thursday – What prophets came on the scene in Ezra 5 and what was the result?

Friday – In Nehemiah 1, there have been 14 years that have passed since the time of Ezra.

What was the condition of Jerusalem at this time?

Saturday – What was the motivation and commitment of Nehemiah as found in Nehemiah 6:1-3?

Sunday – What did “all the people” stand and do in Nehemiah 8?

When Ezra spoke of strength, what did he tell the Jews was the source of their strength?

## NOAH – HIS LIFE

In many ways, Noah represents both the beginning and the end. Without question the event that we most associate with Noah's life is the world-wide flood that destroyed the earth. Ultimately, his life was a lesson of God's grace on the life of those who would believe and obey.

### THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD

Immoral Marriage      Genesis 6:1-2 - Daughters of men and Sons of God.

Shortened Life      Genesis 6:3 - His days shall be ... 120 years

Genesis 5 - Men had often lived to almost 900 years.

Genesis 6:4 - There were giants...children...became mighty men...men of renown.

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD

He Saw

Genesis 6:5 - God saw the wickedness of man

1) Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

2) It repented the LORD that he had made man.

# NOAH – HIS LIFE

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD CONTINUED

He Spoke      Genesis 6:7 - The LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth. Both man, beast, creeping thing, and the fowls of the air.

\* All of creation would pay the penalty for Adam's sin.

Why? Vs. 7 - It repented me that I have made them.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travailleth in pain together until now.

Genesis 6:8 - Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Why? Vs. 9 - Noah 1) Was a Just Man

- 2) Perfect in his Generations
- 3) Walked with God

Genesis 6:13 - God: I will destroy the earth with water

Noah: Make thee an ark of gopher wood  
\* The life of Noah would show God in both his judgment and his mercy. Noah found grace while the balance of the world would face condemnation.

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – THE PROPHETS

Monday – In I Kings 17-18, we are introduced to a prophet and a king. Who are these two men?

What role did the prophet have in the life of the king?

Tuesday – What do II Kings 2 and Malachi 4:5 teach us about the end of Elijah's life on earth?

Wednesday – Isaiah was a prophet that worked to return Israel to God. His ministry was during the reign of King Hezekiah. According to II Kings 18, how was that prayer answered?

Thursday – Identify how the prophecies in Isaiah 7:11, 9:6 and 53, point to Jesus Christ?

Friday – According to Jeremiah 1:10-11, what was the ministry of Jeremiah?

Would this ministry apply to all prophets?

Saturday – Record how many chapters of Jeremiah begin with a phrase including, "The word of the Lord came".

What does this teach us about the message from Jeremiah?

Sunday – How does Daniel 1:4-8, teach us about the purity of Daniel?

What is recorded about the prayer life of Daniel in Daniel 6:1-21?

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – SOLOMON

Monday – Read II Samuel 12:1-24. Describe the circumstances that surrounded the birth of Solomon.

Who were his father and mother?

Tuesday – In I Kings 2:1-11, we read of the death of David. What were the final words from David to Solomon?

What promise was given to Solomon by David?

Wednesday – What decision did God propose to Solomon in I Kings 3:1-14?

What did Solomon desire of the Lord?

How did God reward Solomon for his request?

Thursday – According to I Kings 4:29-34, what did God give Solomon and what did Solomon do with what God gave him?

Friday – Read I Kings 6:12-22. Describe the building of the temple and the time required for completion.

Saturday – I Kings 11:1-12 describes the downfall of Solomon. What did his relationships with “strange women” lead to?

Sunday – At the end of his life, Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes. What conclusion about life did he come to in the end of the book?

## NOAH – THE ARK

### STRUCTURE

Gopher wood - The “trees of gopher” are resinous. ie. pine, fir, cypress  
Pitch - The three Hebrew words all represent mineral pitch or asphalt. Used for coating the outside of vessels, and particularly for making water-tight.

### SIZE

Length - 300 cubits/450 feet

Height - 30 cubits/45 feet

### PARTICULARS

Window - A Cubit

### PURPOSE

Salvation of Noah

Genesis 7:1

Thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Preservation of the Animals

Genesis 7:2

Every Clean Beast - By sevens  
Unclean Beast - By two (Male & Female)

# NOAH - THE FLOOD

TIME	
Rain	<u>Genesis 7:4</u> 40 days and 40 nights
Noah	<u>Genesis 7:6</u> Rain began when Noah was 600 (2nd month, 17th day of the Jewish Calendar)
The Flood	<u>Genesis 8:3</u> End of 150 days the waters were abated (10th month, 1st day of the month)
The Ark	<u>Genesis 8:14</u> Dry Ground - Year 601, month 1, day 1 Exit - Year 601, month 2, day 20

## SCOPE

Fountains of the Deep Genesis 7:11 Fountains - Broken up

\* These are the waters that were under the earth.

Windows of Heaven	<u>Genesis 7:11</u>	The firmament of Genesis 1:7
Worldwide	<u>Genesis 7:19</u>	High hills under the whole heaven
	<u>Genesis 7:21</u>	All flesh died
	<u>Genesis 7:23</u>	Every living substance was destroyed

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – DAVID

Monday – Read I Samuel 16:1-13. Describe the events of this passage.

What was Jesse's opinion of his own son, David?

Tuesday – In I Samuel 17, we find the story of David and Goliath. What are some of the statements that David made that demonstrated his motivation for fighting Goliath?

By what means was David victorious?

Wednesday – Upon reading I Samuel 18-19, what was the reason that Saul became bitter to David?

Thursday – How was David made king in II Samuel 2:1-4 and II Samuel 5:1-4?

How old was David when he began to reign and how long did he reign?

Friday – What promise was made to David concerning his kingdom in II Samuel 7:12-16?

Saturday – Psalm 51, was written out of the sin of David in II Samuel 11:1-27. What sin did David commit and how did Psalm 51 show his repentant heart?

Sunday – How does Luke 1:31-33, show that the promise to David was fulfilled in Jesus Christ?

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES – JOSHUA AND SAUL

Monday – Read Numbers 14:1-9. What was the decision that Joshua and Caleb made in regard to the Promised Land?

How did they come to this conclusion?

Tuesday – What legacy did Joshua want to leave for the generations to follow in Joshua 4:1-9?

Wednesday – How was the crossing of the Jordan River in Joshua 3 both a physical and a spiritual victory for the Children of Israel?

Thursday – How did the decision of Joshua 24:14-15 come to its real fruition in Judges 2:7-12?

Friday – Read I Samuel 8:5 and 12:12. What was the true reason why the Children of Israel desired Saul to be their king?

Saturday – Read I Samuel 16:1-23. Describe the events that allowed the evil spirit to come into Saul.

Sunday – According to I Samuel 18:8 and 19:1, what emotions did Saul allow to consume him?

## ABRAHAM – HIS LIFE

Abraham began the dispensation of promise. With Abraham, the nation of Israel began and the entire course of history would be changed. Truly, in Abraham would all of the nations of the earth be blessed.

### FACTS

He was commanded

TEXT

Genesis 12:1

LESSON

Our journey with God is often leaving something by faith.

He was given the

promise of God

Genesis 12:2-3

1) I will make of thee a great nation

2) I will bless thee

3) I will make thy name great

4) Thou shalt be a blessing

5) I will bless them that bless thee

6) I will curse them that curse thee

7) In thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed.

### ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

He Struggled with  
Faith

Genesis 12&20

He lied about his wife.

Genesis 16

He had a child, Ishmael, with Hagar.

He lied about his wife.

He had a child, Ishmael, with Hagar.

# ABRAHAM – HIS LIFE

Abraham's life would become a life of faith. He, like most of God's children, struggled with faith but through his trials, failures and successes we are able to see his journey from a man who struggled with faith to a man who was known as a man of faith.

FACTS	TEXT	LESSON
He met with Melchizedek	Genesis 14:18-20 Hebrews 7	This was a meeting with the man that would establish the eternal priesthood of Christ.
He was promised a son in his old age.	Genesis 15 Genesis 17	This is the second major faith event in Abraham's life.
Greatest Victory	Genesis 21:1-5 Genesis 22:1-14 Hebrews 11:17-19	Abraham - 100 years, Sarah - 90 years Abraham would be asked of God to sacrifice his only son Isaac.
		<i>For Abraham, faith was not a natural response. Abraham had to go through trial to come to the place of faith. He was at the end of himself and was forced</i>

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES - MOSES

Monday – Describe the circumstances surrounding the birth of Moses and how his life was saved.

How do these events show the providential hand of God?

Tuesday – In Exodus 3, Moses had a meeting with God. Where did God meet him and what was the purpose of the meeting?

Wednesday – In Exodus 3:12-14, what promises did God give to Moses that insured that Moses would be successful in the task God had given him?

Thursday – Read Exodus 4:1-11. What did Moses constantly struggle with about himself?

How did God make him able?

Friday – The account of the Ten Plagues of Egypt is found from Exodus 7:14 to Exodus 12:29. Make a list of the plagues.

Saturday – According to Exodus 12, what preparation did God make to preserve the firstborn of the children of Israel?

Sunday – Read Exodus 12:7-14. What was the importance of the blood in the Passover?

How did Christ fulfill this in I Corinthians 5:7?

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES - JOSEPH

Monday – After reading Genesis 30:1-24, make a list of the sons of Jacob.

Tuesday – When Joseph dreamed dreams in Genesis 37:5-10, what did this produce in Joseph's brothers?

What was the content of the dreams?

Wednesday – Read Genesis 37:17-27. Who came up with the idea to throw Joseph into a pit and sold into slavery?

Read Genesis 50:20. What was Joseph's opinion of his trouble with his brothers?

Thursday – Who did Joseph interpret dreams for in Genesis 40:1-13?

Friday – What circumstances led to Joseph interpreting dreams for Pharaoh in Genesis 41:1-32?

List the two dreams of Pharaoh.

Saturday – How did God use the circumstances of Genesis 41:37-46, to bring Joseph into his position of leadership in the Egyptian government?

Sunday – What was the last command that Joseph gave to his descendants in Genesis 50?

## ABRAHAM – KEY IMPACT

Abraham is without a doubt one of the most pivotal characters in the Bible and the history of the world. He is the father of a nation and the beginning of the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**Key Verse**      Genesis 15:6      And he believed in the LORD; and he Repeated: Romans 4:3      counted it to him for righteousness.  
James 2:23, Galatians 3:6

Of all the actions that are credited to Abraham, the most mentioned in later scripture is his willingness to sacrifice Isaac at the request of God.

*This passage is one of the most repeated passages in all of scripture. This single statement is used to define the life of the patriarch of Israel.*

**Key Impact**      Genesis 12:3      In thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed.

*The ultimate impact of Abraham's life is found in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus was a direct descendant of Abraham and his salvation is the ultimate blessing through Abraham.*

# JOSEPH – HIS LIFE

The life of Joseph had great similarities to the life of Christ. His life consumes more of the book of Genesis than any of the other major characters and he is one of the few individuals in scripture that we do not find a detail of his sin.

The First Son of Jacob and Rachel	Genesis 30:1, 22-24	Rachel was the first choice of Jacob but the second wife.
Dreamer of Dreams	Genesis 37:5-10	God would speak to him and guide him through dreams.
* This created envy in Joseph's brothers.		His brothers, out of envy, sold Joseph into slavery in Egypt.
Sold into Slavery	Genesis 37:17-27	God meant it unto good.
An Interpreter of Dreams	Genesis 50:20	Joseph would interpret the dreams of Pharaoh and Pharaoh's butler and baker.
Second in Command	Genesis 41:37-46	Because he interpreted the dream of Pharaoh, Joseph was given power in Egypt.

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES - ABRAHAM

Monday – Read Genesis 12:1-6. What were the seven promises that God made to Abram in this passage?

How were they fulfilled?

Tuesday – In Genesis 14:18-20 and Hebrews 7, we read of a man named Melchizedek. How does his meeting with Abraham influence the ultimate purpose of Jesus Christ?

Wednesday – Estimate the number of years that passed from when God promised Abraham a son in Genesis 15 and this son was born in Genesis 21.

How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born?

Thursday – Read Genesis 22:1-14 and Hebrews 11:17-19. How was Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac an act of faith?

Friday – According to Genesis 15:6, how were these things that were counted unto Abraham for righteousness?

Saturday – Read Genesis 15:6, Romans 4:3, Galatians 3:6 and James 2:23. Why do you think that this is the most repeated passage about Abraham in the Bible?

Sunday – What was the ultimate way that Abraham fulfilled the promise of Genesis 12:3?

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES - NOAH

Monday – Read Genesis 6:1-3. List some of the major problems that were going on in the days Noah?

Tuesday – Compare the time that men lived in Genesis 5 to the time of man given in Genesis 6:3. What changed?

Wednesday – According to Genesis 6:5, what was the first thing that God saw when he looked at his creation?

What was God's conclusion about man?

Thursday – Read Genesis 6:7-8. What did God decided to do to the world because of sin?

What did Noah find from God and how did this impact the whole world?

Friday – Read Genesis 6 and describe the size and construction of the ark that Noah was to build?

Saturday – According to Genesis 7:1-6, how long did it rain on the earth and when did the rain begin?

Sunday – Read Genesis 8:3-14. When did the waters abate from the earth and what was the date that the Ark landed on dry ground?

## JOSEPH – HIS CHARACTER

The life of Joseph had great similarities to the life of Christ. There are very few in scripture that compare to Joseph in their response problems and the way that they can see God in even the worst of circumstances.

LIKENESS	JOSEPH	CHRIST
Most beloved of his Father.	Genesis 37:3	Luke 3:22, 9:35, 20:13
Came unto his own and was not received.	Genesis 37:11-28	John 1:10-11
He left the Promised Land to go to Egypt.	Genesis 39:1-4	Matthew 2:13-15
Became a servant	Genesis 37:27-28, 39:1	Philippians 2:6-7
Tempted to Sin yet did not.	Genesis 39:1-16	Hebrews 4:15
Falsely accused.	Genesis 39:17-23	I John 3:5
No record of his sin.	Genesis 50:19-21	Luke 23:34, Galatians 3:13
He returned good for bad.	Genesis 41:41-46	Philippians 2:9-11
He came to have a great name.	Acts 7:9-12	

# MOSES – THE DELIVERER

Moses served two very essential and diverse roles in the history of Israel. First, he was the deliver from Egypt and second he was the law giver. Moses gave us the first historical record of everything from creation to the children of Israel leaving Egypt. Moses' great eternal impact was that the law he gave was only fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Preserved at Birth   Exodus 2:1-10

Meeting with God   Exodus 3:1-22

Concerned he was   Exodus 4:10-11

Even the mighty power of Pharaoh

could not stop or destroy God's servant.

Vs. 2 God appeared in a flaming bush

Vs. 5 A place of holy ground

Vs. 7-8 Deliverance to the Promised Land

Vs. 12 Promise of God's presence

Vs. 14 The source of his power - I AM

Moses' continual concern was that no one would listen. God had to prove himself.

Throughout Moses' calling by God he constantly questioned his own ability.

Here God gives Moses his own brother to speak for him.

Why would Pharaoh Exodus 3:14

listen?   Exodus 4:1-9

not up to the task.

## THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES - ADAM

Monday – Read Hebrews 12:1-2. To what “great cloud of witnesses” is the writer of Hebrews referring?

What lesson is taught by this, “great cloud of witnesses”?

Tuesday – According to Genesis 1:26-27, what made Adam different from all other things created?

What is the significance of being made in the image of God?

Wednesday – What authority was given to Adam and his descendants in Genesis 1:20-30?

Thursday – Describe the unique creation of Adam as recorded in Genesis 2:7?

Friday – Read Genesis 2:16. Upon his creation, man was given one thing to avoid, what was it?

What impact would violating the one command of God have on creation?

Saturday – Describe the special creation of Adam's helpmeet as recorded in Genesis 2:20-25.

Why did God make Eve for Adam?

Sunday – Compare Romans 5:12 and I Corinthians 15:22. What was the tragic, eternal impact of Adam's sin?

# NEHEMIAH - THE CUP BEARER

Nehemiah had no specific calling from God, rather he had a burden when he saw the condition of God's city. He was not a man of high rank, he was a cup-bearer to the king of Persia. His role was return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city. Nehemiah wanted Jerusalem to again be, “*The perfection of beauty*”. Psalm 50:2, Lamentation 2:15

He Had a Burden	Nehemiah 1:3-4	He cared enough to ask and enough to mourn.
	Nehemiah 1:5-11	He cared enough to pray and beg God. “ <i>The hand of my God...good upon me</i> ”
Dependence upon God	Nehemiah 2:17-20	“ <i>The God of heaven, he will prosper us</i> ”: “ <i>Nevertheless, we made our prayer to God</i> ”.
	Nehemiah 4:8-9	Upon being challenged about the insignificance Of his work in Jerusalem he answered, “ <i>I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down</i> ”.
He Believed He was doing a great work.	Nehemiah 6:3	Ezra began with 42,360 people and upon the completion of the wall, Nehemiah had the same.
He Kept all the People	Ezra 2:64	Upon completion of the wall, Ezra stood, read the scripture and reminded the people that the joy of the Lord was their strength.
He Led the People to Worship God	Nehemiah 7:66	
	Nehemiah 8:1-10	

# MOSES - THE TEN PLAGUES

PLAGUE	TEXT	EGYPTIAN GOD DEFEATED
1. Water Turned to Blood	Exodus 7:14-25 <i>For I... will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt ... and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment:</i> Exodus 12:12	<i>Khnum</i> - Guardian of the Nile <i>Hapi</i> - Spirit of the Nile <i>Osiris</i> - Nile was his bloodstream <i>Hapi</i> - Frog goddess of Egypt <i>Seb</i> - Earth god of Egypt <i>Uatchit</i> - The fly god of Egypt <i>Ptah, Hathor, Mnevis and Amon</i>
2. Frogs	Exodus 8:1-15	* All were the Egyptian god of cattle
3. Lice	Exodus 8:16-19	<i>Serapis, Imhotep</i> - gods of healing
4. Flies	Exodus 8:20-32	<i>Nut</i> - Sky goddess
5. Disease on Cattle	Exodus 9:1-7	<i>Isis and Seth</i> - gods of agriculture
6. Boils	Exodus 9:8-12	<i>Serapia</i> - Protector from locusts
7. Hail	Exodus 9:13-35	<i>Re, Amun-re, Aten, Atum and Horus</i>
8. Locusts	Exodus 10:1-20	* Egyptian sun gods
9. Darkness	Exodus 10:21-29	<i>Thoth</i> - Egyptian moon god
10. Death of the Firstborn	Exodus 12:29-36	A plague upon all of Egypt's gods, including Pharaoh himself.

# MOSES - THE LAW GIVER

The Ten Commandments - Given to Moses on Mt. Sinai and written by the very hand of God on two tablets of stone. These laws were the foundation for all the laws that would follow and the laws that would function as our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. In Christ would all of these laws be fulfilled. Exodus 20:1-17

## COMMANDMENTS THAT DEAL WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image ... for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God
- III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
- IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
\* *The longest commandment.*

## COMMANDMENTS THAT DEAL WITH OUR RELATIONSHIP TO MAN

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. \* *The first commandment with promise.*

- VI. Thou shalt not kill.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

### The Work of Christ to Fulfill

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Matthew 5:17

# EZRA - THE RETURN TO ISRAEL

Ezra began his ministry in captivity. It was at the direction of God **and** under the leadership of Ezra the priest and scribe, that the children of Israel would leave their captivity and return to their home along the shores of the Mediterranean. Ezra is also credited with collating our modern canon of the Old Testament.

The Jews were in Captivity  
Began with Cyrus  
Fulfilled Prophecy  
Isaiah 44:28-45:1

Ezra 7:10  
Ezra 2:64  
Ezra 3:1-13  
Ezra 4:1-5

God used Ezra because Ezra prepared his heart.  
42,360 people left for Israel with Ezra.  
The foundation of the temple was laid and the people rejoiced with tears and song.

While doing the work of God, there came adversaries to frustrate the purpose of Israel.  
Haggai and Zechariah began their preaching ministry when the work of the temple stalled.

**The Hand of God - The Unseen Essential**  
We have the compiled Old Testament because of Ezra. He read the book to the people.

His Ministry was Saved Ezra 5:1-2  
by prophets.  
The Hand God Ezra 8:18  
A Scribe of Israel Ezra 7:11  
Nehemiah 8:1-10

# THE PROPHETS - ELIJAH, ISAIAH, JEREMIAH & DANIEL

The role of the Prophets in the Old Testament was simply to proclaim God's message. They often rose to prominence in a time that sin needed to be dealt with and the nation of Israel required a preacher to return them to God.

Elijah I Kings 17 - II Kings 2

\* One of two men to never die

## \* King: Ahab

The prayer of Isaiah was answered in King Hezekiah  
\* The prophet that declared, "Judgment is com-

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**Kings: Josiah, Jeremiah, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah**

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Daniel was a prophet during the time of captivity. He was known for his: purity (Daniel 1:4-8, 6:4), prayer (6:1-21) and prophecy (Daniel 7-12).

**Impressionist**: Willing to compromise; willing to take the middle ground; not extreme.

# MOSES - THE PASSOVER

The Feast of the Passover is an essential part of the Jewish religion and a transition into Christianity. For nearly 2,000 years, Jews were commanded to keep the Passover but Jesus Christ himself became our Passover once for all.

Initiated at the Lenth  
Plague - Death of the Firstborn  
Exodus 11:4-5 Exodus 12:13 When death was passed on all  
firstborn, God made a way for the  
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Importance of the Blood   Exodus 12:7  
Blood was to be applied to the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses.  
salvation of his people.

**Exodus 12:13**     *“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”*

**A Feast to be Kept**  
Exodus 12:14  
“For a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD through

*out your generations...by an ordinance for ever."*

Just for the Jews	Exodus 12:43	“No stranger (Gentile) eat thereof
Fulfilled in Christ	I Corinthians 5:7	“Christ our passover is sacrificed for

# MOSES - LIKENESS TO CHRIST

## MOSES AND CHRIST - A PARALLEL

Both were preserved in childhood

Exodus 2:2-10

Matthew 2:14

Matthew 2:15

Contended with masters of evil

Exodus 7:11

Matthew 4:1

Fasted forty days

Exodus 34:28

Matthew 4:2

Controlled the sea

Exodus 14:21

Matthew 8:26

Fed a multitude

Exodus 16:15

Matthew 14:20

Matthew 14:21

Had radiant faces

Exodus 34:35

Matthew 17:2

Endured murmurings

Exodus 15:24

Mark 7:2

Discredited in the home

Numbers 12:1

John 7:5

## SOLOMON - HIS FAILURES

God would greatly use the wisdom of God but Solomon would abandon that wisdom and the God who gave it. Even though his life resulted in tragic failures, it would also culminate in his return to God and understanding the true purpose of life. Solomon “*exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom*”. In the end he would see that all he became was from God.

Wrong Priorities      I Kings 7:1      He was seven years building the temple and thirteen years building his own house. He gave himself better.

He Loved Strange Women      I Kings 11:1-6      He had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

He allowed himself to become unequally yolked. His many wives would lead him away from God and cause his descendants to lose the kingdom.

Forgotten Promises      I Kings 9:4-7      God promised that his kingdom would continue. I Kings 11:5-6      forever as long as Solomon would walk before the Lord as his father David did. If he were to turn from I Kings 11:11-12      following God, Israel would be cut off.

## HIS CONCLUSION

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:  
Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

## HIS WRITINGS

And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

I Kings 4:32

Books: Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes

# SOLOMON

Solomon was the last king of unified Israel and was known worldwide and declared by God himself in his Word as the wisest man in the world. He was known for his wealth, wives and eventually for his departure from God. In Solomon we see that even great wisdom can lead to destruction if it is not in submission to God.

## HIS LIFE

Born Out of Sin	II Samuel 12:1-24	Solomon was the second child of David and Bathsheba and followed the death of his brother.
Claimed the Promise of God to David.	I Kings 8:25	David was promised that his son would be king and Solomon claimed that promise for himself.
He Chose Wisdom	I Kings 3:1-14	Upon being given the choice of anything in the world, Solomon chose great wisdom and because of this, God blessed him with wisdom and wealth beyond measure.
* A spiritual choice		He would continue the work prepared by David.
* A defining choice		God's blessing did not depend on the building being built but rather on the people's obedience.
Builder of the Temple	I Kings 6:1-38	The whole house was covered with gold.
Conditions	I Kings 6:11-14	Solomon was seven years building the Temple.
Grandeur	I Kings 6:21-22	The glory of the LORD filled the house.
Time	I Kings 6:38	
God's Home	I Kings 8:9-13	

## JOSHUA

Joshua was known as both a servant and a leader. He was both a spiritual and military leader and was used of God to fulfill the promise made to Abraham that God's people would occupy the Promised Land. The name Joshua is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek name Jesus. As Joshua brought Israel to the Promised Land, Jesus brought his people to the spiritual Promised Land.

Second in Command to Moses	Exodus 24:13	Even beyond Aaron, Joshua would be the person that Moses would trust.
He Believed God	Numbers 14:1-9	When the 12 spies were sent to spy out the Promised Land, only Joshua and Caleb believed God could conquer the land.
He Led the People Over Jordan	Spiritual and Physical Victory	By faith, the children of Israel were led over the Jordan River on dry land.
He Left a Spiritual Heritage	Joshua 4:1-9	Set up Twelve stones in the Jordan and twelve stones on the other side of Jordan as a memorial.
He Conquered the Promised Land	Judges 2:7-12	Joshua 6 - Jericho
He Was A Spiritual Leader	Joshua 12 - Kings	Joshua was used, with Christ as the Captain of the Host, to claim the promise to Abraham.
	Joshua 24:14-15	Joshua had lead the Children of Israel but near the end of his life he forced Israel to choose for themselves. Only one generation was successful.
	Judges 2:7-12	

# SAUL

Saul was the first king of Israel. He was given in response to the desire of the people of Israel to have a “king to judge us like all the nations” (I Samuel 8:5). His leadership came when they rejected “...when the LORD your God was your king” (I Samuel 12:12).

The Result of the Worldliness of the People	I Samuel 8:5	They just wanted to be like other nations.
The Result of Israel Rejecting God	I Samuel 8:7 I Samuel 10:19 I Samuel 12:12	Even though it seemed that they were rejecting the leadership of Samuel, in reality they were rejecting God.
A King Under Conditions	I Samuel 12:14-15	This promise was made to Israel but under these conditions, he reigned.
He was Self-Willed	I Samuel 13:7-13	Instead of waiting on God's leadership, Saul determined to make his own sacrifice.
His Kingdom was Cut Short	I Samuel 13:13-14	Due to his assumption that he could make God's decisions, his kingdom was cut short.
He Became an Example of Bitterness	I Samuel 15:22-23	He was willing to go through the motions of worship but without a heart of worship.
He was Vexed by an Evil Spirit	I Samuel 15:13-23	The spirit of the LORD departed from Saul and an evil spirit came upon him.
His Life Ended in Suicide	I Samuel 31:4	Rather than face his failure he killed himself.

# DAVID – THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

The longest lasting impact from the life of David was the Davidic Covenant between God and David. David was promised that his kingdom would last forever. This Covenant was fulfilled in Jesus Christ who will sit on the throne of his father David.

He Was Chosen of God	I Samuel 16:13	Samuel ... anointed him ... and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David.
Building of the Temple was	I Chronicles 28:3	Thou shalt not build an house for my name... thou hast been a man of war ... shed blood.
Contingent on his Heirs	II Samuel 7:12-13	I will set up thy seed after thee... I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
God Promised a King from		LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him:
David's Line Forever	I Kings 8:25	There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel.
Claimed by Solomon		
Used in Prophecy	Psalm 132:10-12	For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed. Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
Fulfilled in Christ	Isaiah 11:1-2	And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow.
Matthew 1:17, 20, Revelation 5:5, 22:16	Luke 1:32	He shall be great..the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

# DAVID

Very few in the Bible have as much recorded about their lives as David. From his successes to his failures and from the fields of a shepherd to the throne of Israel, David's life is recorded for our learning. His adventures have become the source of the most remembered Bible stories and his life lessons have echoed through the generations to teach every believer.

## HIS ADVENTURES

The Lion and Bear	I Samuel 17:33-37
David and Goliath	I Samuel 17:1-58
Fleeing from Saul	I Samuel 18-30
Murder of Uriah and Adultery with Bathsheba	II Samuel 11:1-27
Challenge by Nathan	II Samuel 12:1-13
Death of his Child	II Samuel 12:15-24
	Psalm 51
Rebellion of Absalom	II Samuel 14-16, 18

David's Mighty Men    II Samuel 23:13-39

Preparing the Temple    I Chronicles 28:1-6

## HIS LIFE LESSONS

God prepares us through small victories.  
God gives victory when we make him known.  
The preparation of God through hard times.  
Sin always has repercussions. Cover up is impossible because God sees everything.

Eventually, all sin is revealed. God will use people to correct us and we must accept that. Sin hurts others vastly more than it hurts us. Nothing is worse than hurting our children. The principle of "Train up a child" was forsaken.

God will give you people greater than yourself to accomplish his work.  
He was not able to build the Temple due to his sins.

# DAVID

THE ANOINTED OF GOD AND THE SWEET PSALMIST OF ISRAEL    II Samuel 23:1  
David was the second king of Israel but the first king to have his own successor. He was the only king to be promised an eternal kingship through Jesus Christ. David was a prophet, warrior, hymn writer and king but in the end of his life he spoke of himself as God's anointed and the sweet Psalmist of Israel. In the end, it was the spiritual things that mattered to him most.

Divinely Chosen of God    I Samuel 16:1-13    David was chosen not because of his strength but because of what he was within.

Beginning with the promise to Abraham to the fulfillment in Jesus Christ, David was an integral part of the lineage of Christ.

King Saul despised David not because he was anointed king but because the people loved him more.

A Man of Character	I Samuel	Seven years in Hebron of Judah
He Reigned for 40 Years	II Samuel 2:1-4	33 additional years over all of Israel
Received the Davidic Covenant	II Samuel 5:1-4	Davidic Covenant - Kingdom established
Covenant	II Samuel 7:12-16	Messianic Covenant - God shall give unto him (Christ) the throne of his father David:
	Luke 1:32	David's kingdom was established forever.