

God

Fulfills

His Plan

To Give

Sinners a

Savior

Lesson 1 The Layout

Era One

Era Two

Era Three

Era Four

Era Five

Era Six

Era Seven

Lesson 2 How The Israelite Nation Began How They prospered How They Were Tortured

1. Genesis 12:2-3. What was God's promise to Abraham?
2. Who was Jacob's father?
What was Jacob's name changed to in Genesis 35:9-13?
Read Genesis 30:22. Who was Joseph?
3. Read Joseph's story in Genesis chapters 37, 39-50.
 - a. What did his brothers do to him?
 - b. Where did he serve and what happened to him there?
 - c. How did he get out of prison?
 - d. Then what position did he hold?
 - e. Why did Joseph's brothers come to Egypt?
 - f. What did Joseph say to his brothers after their father died?
4. What did Pharaoh say to Joseph in Genesis 47: 5-7?
5. What does all this prove about God's plan?
Did it make sense all the time?
Did it take time?
6. Why is it good to wait for the Lord's timing and also to wait on the Lord in your day-to-day "walk" with Him?
7. It has been 400 years. What can happen when you live in a place for a long time among a different culture?
8. How can and does God use suffering? I Peter 2:19, Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-5.
9. What did suffering do to the Israelites?

Exodus 1

10. Why was the new king threatened?
11. How did the new king try to control the Israelites? Chapter 1:8-21

12. What did the midwives do?

Why?

Even though lying is a sin, how did God honor their choice?

13. What was Pharaoh's next line of attack?

14. What does Exodus mean?

Lesson 3 Hand-Picked By God

Exodus 2

1. Who was Moses?
What can you tell about his parents?
Is that important in the raising of a child?
Read II Timothy 1:5. What does it take on the parents' part?
Is it worth it?
2. How hard do you think it would be to keep a baby quiet for three months?
3. What did Moses' mother do when she could longer hide him?
Who was his little protector?
Do you think God was moving here and giving direction to Moses' mother?
4. Can you think of a time that God was slowly moving you along to fulfill His plan in you? Explain your story.
5. Who discovered the basket?
Why didn't she follow through with her father's decree?
6. Why are verses 7-9 such great verses?
7. This is no coincidence! Read Proverbs 16:7. What does it say?
8. What does Moses' name mean?
9. Do you believe that trust in God and careful planning go hand in hand?
10. It doesn't really say, but how do you think Moses' mother felt taking him over to the house of Pharaoh?
What did it take to do that?
Did you ever think about how hard it must have been for Moses?
11. Can you look back and testify that certain circumstances in your life, painful at the time, were no accident, but helped mold you into who you are today?
Is He finished with you yet?
What can you always count on? Psalm 30:5.
12. What did Moses never lose sight of even though he was raised in the house of Pharaoh?
13. What did Moses witness?
How did he handle it?
Do you think he thought that he was the deliverer already?

How can you tell that he knew it was wrong?
Did he stop and ask God how to handle it?
Are your actions ever motivated by self rather than the Spirit?

14. What did fearing for his life cause him to do?
Where did he go?
Do you think he thought God could no longer use him?
15. Where did he sit when he arrived in Midian?
What's the difference between a desert and a well?
Who is your "Living Water"?
Does He ever give up on you?
16. How can mistakes teach us? Read Psalm 119:67, 71-72.
17. How was God getting Moses ready for leadership?
What makes a great leader?
18. Who did Moses meet at the well?
What did he do for them?
19. Raised by Pharaoh, what was Moses now willing to do?
Do you love your Savior so much that you, too, are willing to do whatever He asks you?
20. How can you tell from the last verses that "it's time"?

Lesson 4 God's Call

Exodus 3-4

Exodus 3

1. God will still use flawed people. Can you think of any in the Bible?
What does this say to you?
2. It had been 40 years of humbling for Moses. How did God make His appearance, and how did Moses hear the call?
3. What drew Moses to the bush?
4. What did God call Moses?
Why?
5. How clear is God in His description of Himself?
What did that cause Moses to do?
Was that God's goal?
6. What does God hear and see, and what is He concerned about? Verse 7.
What does that mean to you personally?
7. What was God's job for Moses?
What was his response?
8. Has the Lord ever changed your plans?
What was (or is) your response?
9. When He calls you and maybe changes your plans, what does He promise? Vs 12.
What is His name?
What does that name mean to you?
Are you willing to do whatever He asks?
Why should you be?
What keeps you from a resounding "Yes!"?
10. Where does real satisfaction or fulfillment come from?
11. From verses 15-22, what did God tell Moses to do, and what did He promise him?

Exodus 4

12. What were Moses' excuses?
Have you ever had the same ones?

13. In verse 13, what did Moses dare to say to the Almighty God who had promised to be Moses' power?
What was the Lord's response?
Did He take "No" for an answer?
14. Look up Isaiah 32:17 and see if this shows how Moses could be changed after all his excuses.
15. Circumcision was the physical mark of a Jew. What had Moses failed to do?
16. If you are willing to surrender all and follow His call, what should you be willing to do? Psalm 139:23-24.
17. What did Moses, Aaron, and all the elders of the Israelites do together before they went to Pharaoh?
Is that your practice before facing a difficult situation?
Should it be? Why?

Lesson 5

Exodus 5:7-13

1. After the huge praise service at the end of Chapter 4, what might Moses and Aaron have expected when they told Pharaoh to let God's people go?
Have you ever had that experience?
Why is it that we expect certain outcomes and it's such a shock when it doesn't happen?
2. What was Pharaoh's response?
3. After Moses and Aaron's rebuttal, what happened to the poor Israelites?
What was the verbal response of the Israelites to Moses and Aaron?
4. How do you think Moses felt at this point?
Do you think he had doubts about himself?
Have you ever been misunderstood or misjudged?
What did Moses do? Chapter 5:22
What question did he ask that comes so easily when unexpected hard times hit?
5. Moses was at the end of his rope. Why was this a dangerous time, humanly speaking?
Why is that a great place to be according to the Lord?
6. How did the Lord reassure Moses?
How many "I Am's" and "I will's" do you see?
Has your God changed at all from then until now?
Is He the very same? Malachi 3:6.
How do you see Him? Isaiah 6:1
Where are your eyes? Hebrews 12:2
7. What does the Lord require, even if we have questions?
8. Do you really believe His will is perfect, that He knows best, and He IS who He says He is?
How can you tell that you really believe it?
9. What is the Lord going to prove? Chapter 7:5
Is he still trying to prove that today?
How is He proving it through you?
10. How old was Moses?
Whatever your age, can you be used by God? How come?

11. What kind of heart did Pharaoh have?
Look impossible?
Do you know anyone like that?
What does Matthew 19:26 say?
12. From 7:8-13, what did God command Moses and Aaron to do?
What was Pharaoh's reaction?
13. How could Pharaoh's sorcerers and magicians do the same thing?
Why should we be aware of this power?
How do you overcome that power?
14. Get ready-Almighty God is ready to "roll up His sleeves" and move in His power!

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform.
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.
William Cowper

Lesson 6

Exodus 7:14-24; 8-12:30

1. Who will these plagues affect?
Will any Egyptians be exempt?
Will any escape the horror?
2. When it comes to salvation or judgement, will anyone be exempt?
3. Describe the first plague and its effects.
How long did it last?
4. Describe the second plague.
What was Pharaoh's response?
5. Describe plague number three.
What did the magicians finally realize?
6. Describe the fourth plague. Read Psalm 91.
Where did it not go?
How does this help you personally knowing we, too, have an enemy?
Where did Pharaoh want the Israelites to sacrifice to God?
What was Moses' response?
What was Pharaoh's response?
7. Describe the fifth plague?
What was Pharaoh's response?
8. Describe plague number six.
Why did the Lord harden Pharaoh's heart?
9. Describe plague number seven.
Everyone has a choice. How can you see that from 9:20-21?
What was Pharaoh's response?
10. What does the Lord want you to share with your children and grandchildren?
Describe plague number eight.
What was Pharaoh's response?
Who could leave?
What was the Lord's response?
11. Describe the ninth plague.
What did the Lord know?

12. The tenth plague was the beginning of Israel's Passover. What was the tenth plague?
What were the requirements for the Israelites?
Why was it important that they follow through?
Why is obedience always required by God?
13. How long would Israel commemorate the Passover?
14. What does an accepted sacrifice require?
15. What was it like in every Egyptian home that night?
What will it be like for those who have rejected the blood of Christ to cover their sins?
16. How come you do not get what you deserve?
17. How much power is there in His blood?
18. What does this last plague mean to you personally?
How much should it affect your life here and the life to come?

The Plagues

1. Nile turned into blood. The Nile was sacred to the Egyptians. They depicted the Nile as Hapi, a fat man with the breasts of a woman which indicated the powers of fertility and nourishment.
2. Frogs. They represented Heka, a frog-headed goddess of fertility and rebirth.
3. Gnats. Represents the earth god, Geb. This god was closely related to the earth in all of its states.
4. Flies. They were most likely the sacred beetle and scarab. These scarabs, many of gold are found in the tombs of Egypt. They were sacred to the sun-god, Ra.
5. Killing of the livestock. Egypt mummied their bulls. Apis, the black bull, was worshipped in Egypt.
6. Boils. The priests who served in the Egyptian temples had to be clean, without any type of break-out or sickness. This brings to a halt all of the false worship in Egypt.
7. Hail. This plague was directed against Isis, goddess of fertility and considered the goddess of the air. The tears of Isis falling into the Nile River caused it to overflow its banks bring nourishment to the land.
8. Locusts. Locusts are used in Scripture as a picture of judgement. It is probably one of the worst things man has to face.

There is a method in the way God is dealing with the Egyptians and the systematic and orderly way in which He is sending the plagues. First plagues were directed against different gods, goddesses, and idols that infested the land. Now God is beginning to direct the plagues in a manner that works a tremendous hardship upon the people and their struggle to stay alive.

9. Darkness. This judgement was upon the sun-god, Ra. Darkness came over the land of Egypt in the daytime. God moved in with darkness against the chief god that they worshipped. The sun disc is the most familiar symbol the Egyptians used; it is in all of their art. This plague showed the utter helplessness of Ra.
10. Death of the firstborn. The firstborn of both man and beast belonged to the gods of Egypt. The Lord God will claim the first fruits of the Egyptian gods.

Lesson 7
Exodus 12:31-15:21

1. When did the Israelites begin their exodus?
How many were there?
2. Why did the Lord lead them out of Egypt the long way?
3. What can following a desert road for a time be like?
What can it do for you?
4. How did the Lord give direction to the Israelites?
5. What can you know about their trip from Psalm 105:37?
Where did they get a lot of their material possessions?
6. What can you count on from Him when you are on the desert road? Proverbs 3:5-6.
Psalm 119:105.
What does He want from you?
7. Where do you think the Lord is leading you today?
8. What was the Lord's plan for the Israelites and His goal for Pharaoh, his army, and the Egyptians in Chapter 14:1-4?
9. What does the Lord have to remind you through many of life's circumstances?
How well are you learning?
10. What does "I am the Lord" mean to you personally?
How can that phrase make a difference in how you live from day to day?
11. The Lord leads the Israelites right to the Red Sea. Why would He do something like that?
What does He like to show you in your predicament? Chapter 14:14
Who is fighting your "battles" today? Read II Chronicles 20.
12. With Pharaoh's armies approaching the Israelites were between a rock and a hard place. How did they handle it?
13. What can "fear" do to you?
14. What was Moses' courageous response to their panic?
What had he learned from Chapter 4 to 14?

15. What miracle happened during the night?
Why the east wind?
How complete is your God?
16. How did the Lord handle the Egyptians completely?
17. God's mission was accomplished! What was it? Chapter 14:31 (See, He always knows what He's doing and why!)
18. Why is music and a song so important in your life?

Lesson 8

Exodus 15:22-18

1. What is an attitude?
Why is it important to have a good one?
2. What had the Lord just done for the Israelites?
Read 15:24. Why did that happen so quickly and easily?
3. What does the apostle Paul say in Philippians 2:12-16?
4. Where did the Lord lead them in 15:27?
5. What was the Hebrew's complaint now in 16:1-3?
6. What was God's provision and instruction?
Yet, what did some do? Vs. 16, 20, 27
What specific thing does He test us for?
7. Why do you seem to have to go through the same trials again and again?
8. What line in the Lord's Prayer speaks of God's physical provisions for you?
9. In Chapter 17, the Israelites started quarreling with Moses? Why?
What does James 4:1-3 say about quarreling?
10. How did Moses keep his cool?
11. What does the Lord tell Moses to do?
How does Numbers 14:17-23 describe God.
12. Who are the Amelekites?
What were they trying to do?
Who did Moses call to help?
What did God do to allow Israel to win?
13. What did God have Moses do to never forget what happened?
14. What can you do to never forget what God has done for you?
15. In Chapter 18, Moses' father-in-law is back on the scene. What does he say to Moses?
What does he notice?
What is his plan?

16. How does Moses respond to Jethro's advice?

17. What did you learn personally from Chapter 18?

Lesson 9

Exodus 19-20

1. Who is your God? Describe Him from your mind and how you view Him?
How big is He?
Where is He?
What is He doing?
When was the last time you thought about this?
2. What did God want Moses to remind the people of?
3. From verses 3-15, find four things the Lord required before the Israelites met with Him.
4. Should we ever thoughtlessly barge into God's presence?
How do you prepare yourself?
5. How do you cheapen Him, or make Him small?
Can you get flippant in your view of Him?
6. How do you gain spiritual depth in the greatness of God, rather than your shallow thinking of who He is?
7. Who did John see in Revelation 1:12-16?
Give his description.
In verse 17, how did John react?
8. What do you know was going through Moses' mind in 19:16-19?
Do you think he remembers saying 4:13?
9. Review the Ten Commandments.
10. Why were and are the Ten Commandment necessary?
What should you remember about them? Read Matthew 19:16-26.
11. What is the greatest commandment? Matthew 22:36-37.
Why is it so hard to obey?
12. In Exodus, 24:12, what did God give Moses?
In Exodus 25:8-9 , what did God reveal to Moses?
Can you see any spiritual principle here for your own walk with Him?
What does that line in the Lord's Prayer say about our daily spiritual needs?
13. How long was Moses on Mount Sinai? Chapter 24:15-18

14. When you are faithful with His Word, preparing yourself to meet with Him every day, what can you count on happening to you? Galatians 5:22-23.
What is God's goal for you? Romans 8:29.

Lesson 10

Exodus 32-Numbers 12

1. What did the Israelites do in this passage?
How could the Israelite nation do such a thing?
What are gods?
Do you think that this could never happen to you?
Why is that a dangerous thought?
2. What happened to Aaron?
3. How do you make God in your own image rather than you in His?
How were you created?
What went wrong?
How can that wrong be righted?
4. What can God see?
What was He going to do to the whole nation?
5. What was Moses' plea?
6. What did Moses and Joshua witness?
What happened to the tablets?
What did he do with the golden calf?
7. What did Aaron do when confronted with the truth?
Remind you of Genesis 3:12-13?
8. Look at verses 25. Why is that so sad?
Do you sin alone?
Who sees?
What does it do to your testimony?
9. What did Moses command the Levites to do?
Who did they kill?
How difficult was this day for everyone?
Is sin ever worth it? Are there always consequences?
10. What was Moses willing to do?
What kind of leader does that?
What makes a good leader?
11. In God's time, He punishes sin. What did he do in verse 35.
Who will have the final say to sin? Rev 19:19-21

12. Read Numbers 12. We know what makes a good leader, but what can hurt a good leader?
13. Are you surprised at who the attackers are?
Should you be?
Is anyone exempt from Satan's temptations and the weakness of self? Romans 7:14-25.
Do they think they are getting away with it? Psalm 139:1-4.
14. What is God's reaction to these two?
What did He call for?
How would you have liked to have been at that meeting?
Any idea how Miriam and Aaron were feeling then?
15. What was Moses' plea?
16. What were Miriam and Aaron's punishments?
17. What's God's take on gossip and a critical tongue?

Can you find Scripture proof?

Lesson 11 Numbers 20

1. There are two kinds of anger: What is righteous anger? How dangerous is the other kind?
2. Moses had an anger problem that he never totally got under control. From this study, retrace his anger and temper outbursts.
3. In Numbers 20, what did God tell Moses to do to get water?
Is it clear instruction?
4. Why did his temper flare?
So, isn't that justified?
Why not?
5. In verses 9-10, what was his temperament and tone of voice?
What about the "we" in his fiery sermon?
6. What can anger do to you?
7. How many times did Moses strike the rock?
8. Do you think he was surprised to see water come?
What do you call that undeserved act of mercy from God?
Why is it so amazing?
9. Does God overlook disobedience?
Even for Moses?
10. What was his punishment?
In your opinion, was it too severe?
Explain your answer.
11. Read Deut. 3:23-26. How did Moses feel about his punishment and the Lord's response?
Who does God punish or discipline? Hebrews 12:7-11.
Why?
12. Is God a just God?
What does that mean?
Are you grateful that you serve a just God?
13. Do you think Moses would have liked to undo his mistake?

What about Adam and Eve?

Abraham and Sarah?

David and Bathsheba?

Peter?

Matthew?

You?

14. What has happened to their past and yours?

15. What does the Lord tell you to do with your past? Isaiah 43:18-19
Well what do you have to say to that?

Lesson 12

Numbers 14, 27:12-23 and various Scriptures

1. In Numbers 14, what seemed to be the problem again?
2. What did Moses, Aaron, and Joshua try to tell the Israelites?
What had they lost?
When won't you listen, even to reason?
Then what will you miss?
3. What was the whole assembly going to do to Moses and his associates?
Do you remember anyone else who went through dismal and undeserved accusation and abuse?

Find verses in the gospels

4. When do you seem to hurt the ones you love the most?
Why?
5. How did God intervene? What was He going to do?
6. What approach did Moses take next with the Lord?
How did he soften God's heart against the Israelites?
7. The Lord really isn't hard to figure out. When does He get angry, and when do you make Him smile? Read Deut 28:1-2, 15. He makes it quite simple to understand right?
8. What does I John 1:9 say?
However, starting with Genesis 3, what can you know about your sin, even though it's been forgiven?
9. What were the consequences of all the Hebrews' whining, complaining and lack of trust this time?
10. How long did the Israelites have to wander in the desert?
11. From Deut 6:1-9, what are you to do with the commands of God?
What does this mean to you?
12. Do you believe that God has created everyone with a certain "job" in mind?
13. Do you believe that God has appointments for everyone He has created? Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What can you say about God's appointment time?

14. After 40 years wandering , the Israelites were nearing the Promised Land. Moses cannot bring them in, so what did Moses know was inevitable? Numbers 27:12-17.
15. Did the Lord make it clear who that special person was? Vs. 18-21.
How did Moses react to the Lord's choice?
16. Why do you think Joshua was picked over Caleb? Look back at Exodus 24:13.
Do you believe God "grooms" you for a specific mission?
17. What did Moses do in his last days? Deut. 32:1-47 and Deut 33.
18. What did the Lord tell Moses in Deut. 32:48-52?
19. How did the Lord close the life of Moses? Deut. 34
What would you like your obituary to say?

Lesson 13
Getting God's People Into The Promised Land
Joshua 1-2

1. Review: Why was Joshua chosen to take Moses' place to lead the Israelites into to Promised Land?
2. What did the Lord promise Joshua in 1:1-5?
What does He promise you?
What do you KNOW about God's promises?
How should this promise affect your life?
3. What did the Lord command Joshua to be and to do in 1:6-9?
What does He command of you?
What does God expect when He commands?
How should this affect your life?
4. To the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh:
Where did Joshua say the women and children may stay, and what did the men have to get ready to do?

Why?

What was their response? Who did Joshua send to look over the land?

5. Where did Joshua send to look over the land?
Where did they stay?
Why there?
6. Describe Rahab?
7. What was the message sent to Rahab from the king?
What was her response?
What was more important to the Lord than that lie?
8. What was Rahab's confession in 2:9?
What did she hear with her physical ears?
9. What is the fear of the Lord?
Do you fear Him?
How can you tell?
10. For protecting the spies, what did Rahab ask for?
What did they assure her of, but what was the requirement?
11. What did the spies report back to Joshua? What were they confident of?

12. What will the Lord do with your past?
But what are the requirements?
How can this truth affect your life?

Lesson 14

Joshua 3-6

1. What were the orders given to Israelites in 3:1-4?
What was the Ark of the Covenant a symbol of?
Why were they to keep their distance from it?
Can you see a personal spiritual principle here?
2. What does “consecrate yourself” mean?
How does that apply to you today?
3. What did the Lord tell Joshua to do? 3:7-8.
What happened? Vs. 9-17
What was this to prove?
4. When the Lord shows His power and grace in your life, what should it do?
5. What did the twelve men (one from each tribe), taking up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan represent?
Is there a special time in you life that the Lord provided just what you needed, and do you have anything that reminds you of that?
6. What happened in 4:18?
What is genuine faith?
How do you know that you have it?
7. What happened to Israel’s enemies in 5:1?
8. Why was circumcision so important to God for His people?
Why were some not yet circumcised and commanded to do so?
What did this represent? 5:2-9.
9. What did the Israelites celebrate in 5:10-12?
What changed from this day on? 5:10-12.
10. In 6:1, Who met Joshua before he got to Jericho?
What was his message?
What did He tell Joshua to do?
What do you think this moment did for Joshua?
11. What did Joshua know before he even started the attack?
No matter how hard life is, what do you know for sure?
12. What were Joshua’s instructions on how to conquer Jericho?

Do you think that would have been exciting?

13. Who was the only family spared?

14. Where did Rahab live the rest of her life?

15. What does Rahab's name in the line of Jesus (Matthew 1:5) mean to you?

Lesson 15

Joshua 7-8

1. Israel knew the commands and instructions of God, and yet in 7:1, they acted unfaithfully to them. How did the Lord react to that? What does He demand from you?
2. Is it hard for you to think that the Lord can burn with anger against you? How is that love?
3. What were the consequences of Israel's disobedience, stealing, and lying?
4. What happens when you start relying on yourself instead of God? Can you think of a personal example?
5. What was Joshua's prayer? What did he think was going to happen?
6. When all looks hopeless and impossible, and your sin is ever before you, what does Matthew 19:25-26 and I John 1:9 say?
7. What did God tell Joshua to do?
8. What did God's instruction turn up?
9. What was Achan's sin? Read 6:18-19
10. Why did one man's sin take down an entire nation? Was that "fair"?
11. He confessed, but he still had to bear the consequences. What were the consequences?
12. Joshua 8 pictures like a gruesome war movie. List everything it proves to you.
13. What did Joshua do after the victory from 8:30-35?
14. Why is it important to take God's Word and go over and over it?

Lesson 16

Joshua 9-24

1. As the news of Israel's victories spread, what did they experience?
2. How is deception tricky?
Who's the master of deception? II Cor. 11:14
How can you stay ahead of deception?
3. In 9:14, what was Joshua's downfall?
What did he do instead?
How easy is that to do?
Is there any time you can handle life or a decision on your own?
Is this a great reminder and lesson for you today?
4. When you make a promise, what is expected of you?
If you don't keep it, what happens?
Should you ever take your promises lightly?
5. What was Joshua's response to the Gibeonites when they cried for help?
Do you ever hold a grudge?
Does it do any good?
6. How and why was Joshua able to conquer so many kings at one time?
How is Romans 8:28 so true?
7. How did the Lord show His power in Chapter 10?
8. Why do you sometimes try to fight your own battles?
When you try, what does this chapter say to you?
When is the final battle going to be fought?
Who wins?
9. In Chapter 11, as Joshua headed north, what words of encouragement did the Lord give him?
10. From 11:15, how are you guaranteed success?
What is the Lord's definition of success?
11. How is Chapter 12 proof of God's faithfulness?
How many kings in all did Israel defeat?

12. After seven years of battle, Israel gained control of the Promised Land. Then the land was divided just as Moses was commanded. How come the tribe of Levi didn't get any land? 13:33
What two and half tribes went back to the east of the Jordan? Joshua 1:12-15
13. What were the cities set aside?
Why? Chapter 20.
14. What were the Levites given Chapter 21.
15. What were Joshua's farewell words to the leaders in Chapter 23?
16. What covenant did Joshua renew to all the tribes of Israel in Chapter 24:1-13?
17. What were Joshua's final words?
He told them they had a choice. What was it?
What is your choice today and every day?

Lesson 17

The Judges

Judges 1-12

1. Why was Joshua such a great leader?
2. Judges 1:1. After Joshua died, who did Israel have to continuously come against?
Who do you have to continuously come against?
How is the winner determined?
3. How come it was so easy for the Israelites to fall away from the Lord and into the hands of pagan gods?
Is it easy for you to fall into the hands of pagan gods? Why or why not?
4. Why couldn't Israel just join in with the Canaanites and try to "convert" them?
Whose command were they under?
Does God know best?
Does He command complete obedience?
Is He sovereign?
5. How long did the Israelites follow the Lord? 2:6-7
Then what happened?
What did one generation forget to teach the next?
What is not humanly automatic, but must be taught and learned?
6. Again, God rescues Israel--through the judges. Who were the twelve judges? Vs. 3-16
7. What were Deborah's qualities in Chapters 4-5?
8. How and where was Gideon "called" in Chapter 6?
What was the key to his success starting in with 6:34?
9. What fleeces did Gideon ask for in 6:36-40?
10. Why didn't the Lord get angry with Gideon when he asked for a fleece?
11. How did Gideon defeat the Midianites in Chapter 7?
12. What did Gideon have made as a symbol of victory?
What did it turn into? 8:22-27 Why is idolatry a slippery slope? 8:33-35.

Lesson 18 Samson Judges 13-16

1. What shape was Israel in? 13:1
2. Who was one of Israel's biggest enemies?
3. What seemed to be the "only language Israel would understand"? Psalm 107:4, 12, 33.
Why do you think it takes such extremes
4. Has the Lord ever had to get your attention through difficult means?
Did you comply?
5. What is God most concerned about--your comfort and happiness, or your heart and its obedience?
6. How did he do an amazing work through Zorah and his wife?
7. What were the Lord's firm rules for Samson?
8. How come Samson was allowed to marry a Philistine woman?
9. What were Samson's strengths? 14:5.
10. What was a serious weakness of Samson?
11. How did Samson misuse the Spirit of the Lord?
How could you misuse the Spirit of the Lord? Be specific.
12. What happened to Samson's wife?
How did Samson react?
How did the Philistines respond to that?
How did Samson retaliate?
13. What did three thousand men from Judah do to Samson?
What did Samson do?
14. The Philistines were out to kill Samson. In Chapter 16, how did Samson's human weakness take over?
15. How did Delilah operate? 16:16.
What is nagging like in Proverbs 27:15?

16. What did the Philistines do to Samson after his power left him?
What happened in 16:22?
17. How did Samson “shine” at the end of his life? 16:25-31
18. How long did Samson lead Israel?
19. Without godly leadership, using Judges 21:25, how did Israel handle it?
Why is that so dangerous?

Lesson 19

Ruth 1-2

1. Who was ruling Israel during the time of this story?
2. Why did Elimelech move his family to Moab?
What happened there?
Why did Naomi leave Moab?
3. From verse 8, what did Naomi try to get her daughters-in-law to do?
What were the results?
What kind of mother-in-law had Naomi been?
4. What was Ruth willing to leave?
5. Describe Naomi's mood and character at this point.
Do you blame her?
Do you have similar feeling?
What causes a slump in your spiritual life?
6. How did Ruth take care of Naomi and herself?
What was her attitude?
How can you tell God's hand was leading their lives all along?
How can you tell if you believe that or not in your own life?
7. How would you describe Boaz to someone? (Come on use your imagination!)
Who was his mother? (Matthew 1:5)
Is grace amazing?
8. What kind of working environment did Boaz create?
How do you think he did that?
Is it possible today?
9. What did Boaz notice about Ruth?
Are these qualities noticeable in you, too?
What can these qualities do for your home?
10. What orders did Boaz give the harvesters on behalf of Ruth?
11. When did "the lights come on" for Naomi?
12. What does this teach you about yourself and your God?

Lesson 20

Ruth 3-4

1. What can you say, again, about Ruth?
2. What did Naomi tell Ruth to do?
Even though this was an Israelite custom and not a Moabite's, what did Ruth do?
Do you think she understood it all?
What did she have to put aside?
3. What is obedience and what does it take to do it?
4. What was Boaz's reaction, and what did he inform her of?
5. How did Boaz take care of this situation in all the right ways?
How can you tell that he thought it through?
What were his intentions?
6. What is the difference between impulsive behavior and thought-through behavior?
7. Can you see God's hand directing and orchestrating all the details perfectly?
If He did it for Ruth and Naomi, will He do it for you?
What does it take?
8. Was Naomi's life easy?
Was Ruth's life easy?
9. What did the women praise God for?
10. Ruth and Boaz's son continued the line to whom?
And then eventually to whom?
11. Do you think they understood or knew what their lives together were going to do for all mankind?
How does that speak to you right now?
12. What is the only thing God really asks from you?
And then do you really believe He'll take it from there guiding you with His glorious details?
13. Are you watching for God's blessing even in the middle of your difficult time?

Lesson 21
From The Judges To The Kings
I and II Samuel

1. Who is Samuel?
How can you describe his mother?
How did he lead Israel?
2. From Chapter 8:1-3, what do you know of Samuel's sons?
3. Do you believe parenting is an awesome responsibility?
How come?
How can you know that you are a good parent?
4. Do grown children make their own choices?
What must you do as a parent when they make their own choices?
Why is that so difficult?
Is your job of parenting ever done?
Why?
5. What did the elders of Israel ask Samuel to do?
What were their reasons for it?
What did Samuel do?
What was the people's response?
6. Do you ever close your ears to godly advice when you want something so badly?
7. Who was Saul?
How can you describe him?
What was his reign like over Israel?
What was his relationship like with God?
8. Who was David?
How can you describe him?
What kind of king was he?
What was his relationship like with his God?

Lesson 22

The Kings With The Help Of The Prophets I & II Kings

1. Who was Solomon?
In Chapter 3, what did he ask for?
What was the Lord's response?
2. What is wisdom?
Why is it so important?
3. What job did God give Solomon? Chapter 5.
What was his downfall? Chapter 11.
4. What happened to Israel? Chapter 12.
5. Under the wicked King Ahab of Israel, what prophet did God rise up? I Kings 17.
What did he tell Ahab, and how did the Lord take care of him?
What happened at the widow's house?
6. In I Kings 18, who was Obadiah?
What did Elijah ask him to do?
7. What is the difference between a true prophet and a false prophet?
8. In verses 20-21, what was Elijah's big question to the people?
What did Elijah do to challenge the prophets of Baal?
What was the outcome?
9. How else did God show His power at the end of the chapter?
10. In I Kings 19, who threatened Elijah?
What was his reaction?
11. What did God tell Elijah to do?
How can you hear God's voice?
12. Who took over for Elijah?
13. Read II Kings 9:30-37. Will God deal with unrepentant sinners and those who hurt His children?

Lesson 23 The Prophets

1. What were prophets called by God to do?
What do you think it took to be a prophet?
2. What did Isaiah see in Isaiah 6?
How could that affirm you in your calling and mission?
3. Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet. His heart was broken with those things that break God's heart. What were they?
4. In Lamentations, what did Jeremiah lament over? Lam 1-2.
5. How can you tell in Lam. 3 that Jeremiah knew that there was hope in the middle of affliction?
6. Describe Ezekiel's call in Ezekiel 1-2. Compare 1:4-14 and Revelation 4:6-11.
7. Describe Daniel.
Who were Daniel's friends? Daniel 1.
What did the king notice about the four of these men?
What happened to them in Daniel 3?
8. What would Daniel not do in Daniel 6?
What were the consequences?
9. How did God use the prophet Hosea and his life to show the unfaithfulness of Israel?
10. What was the main message of the prophets Joel and Amos?
Would you have enjoyed their job?
11. What do you remember most about Jonah?
12. What exactly did the prophets try to get the sinful people to "see"?
What does every one of us need to see because we have all sinned and fallen short of His glory?
13. What are the prophecies referring to Jesus in these passages?
Isaiah 7:14

9:6-7

35:4-6

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9

49:6

50:6

53:1-3

53:4-6

53:7

53:9

53:12

Jeremiah 23:5

Daniel 9:24-26

Zachariah 9:9

11:12-13

12:10

Michah 5:1-2

Lesson 24

Esther

Esther's story begins 103 years after Nebuchadnezzar had taken the Jews into captivity. Esther's parents must have been among those exiles who chose not to return to Jerusalem, even though they could have. The Jewish exiles had great freedom in Persia and many remained because they had established themselves there and were fearful of the dangerous journey back to their homeland.

1. Before you begin this book, note that God is never mentioned. After you study this book, come back to this question. Even if God seems invisible, what can you KNOW?

Esther 1

2. It was probably just an ordinary day. Who was king and what was going on?
3. But something happened at that party. What was it?
4. What was the queen's response?
How did the king handle it?
What was the advice of all his male guests?
What were they concerned about?
5. Watch the hand of God. Look up Proverbs 21:1. A vacancy has been opened. What did the king's attendants suggest to him?
6. What were the commissioners to do?
7. Who was Mordecai?
What was his character like?
Who was Esther?
What did she look like?
8. From chapter 2, can you find the beautiful character qualities in Esther?
9. Who did God seem to use in His great plan to get it all accomplished?
10. Who was Hegai?
What was his job?
If a girl won his favor, what happened?
11. Before a girl's turn came to go in to the king, what did she go through and for how long?

12. Esther had won the favor of everyone, and when it was Esther's turn, how did the king react?
What did he do?
13. Why did Esther keep her background a secret?
14. Where was Mordecai during this long year?
15. From verses 21-23, what is another example of right place, right time and God's working?
16. Did you notice so far that God get's everything in position first?

Lesson 25

Esther 3-5

1. Who was Haman?
What was his character like?
Where does your character originate?
2. What was Haman's problem with Mordecai?
What was Haman's plan?
3. How did Haman manipulate the king? 3:8-11?
Where was a copy of the text of the edict sent?
4. What was Mordecai's reaction to the news?
5. How did the news get to Esther?
What did she do?
What was Mordecai's answer?
What was her answer back?
6. What message did Mordecai clearly get back from her?
7. These words gave Esther a sense of purpose. Can you personally relate to that statement?
Do you have a sense of purpose?
Are you allowing the Lord to fulfill the purpose He created you for?
8. Esther got it! What did she immediately do?
What was she willing to do?
Where did she get this empowerment and courage?
9. What was the king's response when he saw her?
10. What was Esther's plan?
Where do you think she got that brilliant idea?
How does one get brilliant ideas from the Lord?
11. Why was Haman in such good spirits? 5:9
What did he go home and boast about?
And yet, why was he not satisfied?
What was his wife's suggestion
What was Haman's mood then?
12. Did Haman think that he'd won?

13. Does it sometimes look like injustice wins?
Does it?

Why should this be an encouragement and hope to you in your personal situation or the world in general?

Lesson 26

Esther 6-10

1. Review Esther 2:21-23. What was the state of the king in 6:1?
What did he do?
2. What did the king want to do for Mordecai?
Who “just happened” to enter the palace court?
3. What was the ultimate backfire of all times?
What was Haman’s reaction?
How about Haman’s wife?
4. What happened at the second banquet?
5. What was Esther’s answer this time?
How did the king respond to her?
What did she say with boldness?
What did Haman do?
What was the king’s command?
6. What did the king give Esther?
What did Esther give Mordecai?
7. What was the other big request from Esther?
How did the king reply?
8. Why was there a celebration in the city of Susa?
9. What was Mordecai’s place in the palace then?
Why did the Lord place him there?
What did the Lord allow the Jews to do to their enemies?
10. Why do the Jews still celebrate Purim today?
11. Can one person really make a difference for the Lord?
12. What did Esther teach you about when circumstances in your life are out of your control?
13. Now, go back to question one in the study of Esther.
14. Read Matthew 1. May it remind you of God’s love, patience, and faithfulness to get Jesus here for you!

Review Questions

1. What did God promise Abraham? Gen. 12:2-3 and Gen. 17:2-4
2. How did God get Moses ready for his “new job”? Ex 2-4
3. How does God react to all of your excuses? Ex 4:14. What does He promise when He calls you to do a job of service for Him?
4. What was the importance of all ten plagues?
5. What spiritual importance and lesson is found in Ex. 13:14-16?
6. How was such a drastic change in Moses possible? Ex. 14:13-14.
7. What do the Ten Commandments mean for you today? Why are they so important? Why are they commands? Ex. 20
8. What happened to Aaron, Moses, and the Israelites in Ex. 32?
9. What were the consequences for Israel’s rebellion in Numbers 14? What does that say about how God deals with sin?
10. What did Moses do in Numbers 20 and what were his sad consequences?
11. In Deuteronomy 7-8, what does God make very clear? What were the Israelites to do with Moses’ words in Deut. 32-45-47?
12. Who was Joshua and what did the Lord say to encourage him in Joshua 1?
13. What would you say to someone if they asked you who Rahab was?
14. What did God say to Joshua before they went in to take over Jericho? Why can that be an encouragement to you and how should that affect your life everyday?
15. What was Achan’s sin in Joshua 7? What can you learn from this?
16. What was Joshua’s farewell message to the Israelites in Joshua 23?
17. What happened to the Israelites after the death of Joshua in Judges 2:6-14? What was God’s reaction? Why did He raise up judges?
18. What stands out about the judges? Any one judge in particular?
19. What did you learn about Samson that might be different from your Sunday School stories?

20. What points do you always want to remember about the Book of Ruth?
21. Who was Hannah, Samuel and Eli? I Samuel 1-4.
22. Why did the Israelites want a king? I Samuel 8. Why was this request wrong?
23. What do you remember about Saul?
24. Who was David? Describe him?
25. Saul and David both sinned. Yet, why was the outcome of their lives so different?
26. Who was Solomon? What were his good points and when did he start to fall? What happened to the kingdom after the death of Solomon?
27. What was a prophet called to do? Why was it such a difficult job? What do you remember most about the prophet Elijah?
28. Why did Israel and Judah fall into captivity?
29. Who is the main Character in the Book of Esther? Why?
30. What is the main point that you saw throughout this study? What do you say about THAT?