

Lesson 4

TWWT BIBLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS' NOTES | ENGLISH



I. ISRAEL IN BONDAGE

A. As God prophesied to Abraham, Israel was forced into slavery.

Genesis 15:13 "Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years."

1. A new Pharaoh ruled over Egypt who was against the Hebrews.

Exodus 1:8 "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph."

Exodus 1:10-14 "Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." ¹¹"Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹²"But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. ¹³So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. ¹⁴And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage-in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor."

2. Pharaoh tried to kill the male Hebrew babies.

Exodus 1:16-17 "And he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive."

Exodus 1:22 "So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

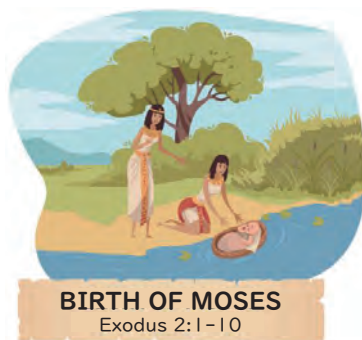
Romans 8:28 "... all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

 **#1:** God uses all things, good and bad, to free us from _____ and to bless us.

B. Moses – God's Chosen Deliverer

1. Moses was one of the babies rescued and hidden from Pharaoh's army.
2. Moses was found by Pharaoh's daughter who adopted him.

Exodus 2:5-6 "Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."



Question: How did Pharaoh's daughter know that the baby was a Hebrew child?

Answer: The covenant of _____.

Exodus 2:7-10 "Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. ⁹Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

 **#2:** God never ceases to _____ for the good of His people.

3. Moses tried to save Israel using his own strength.

Exodus 2:11-15 "Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. ¹²So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?" ¹⁴Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" ¹⁵When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian..."

There were three basic forty (40) year periods in the life of Moses.

- a. Period of **abundance** (the first 40 years) – as Pharaoh's daughter son, Moses thought he was really **something**.
- b. Period of **abasement** (the second 40 years) – as a shepherd, Moses was **nothing**.
- c. Period of **achievement** (the third 40 years) – as a deliverer, **God shows what He can do with a nothing**.

Remember, don't be too proud. "For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." **Galatians 6:3**
"... God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." **James 4:6**

4. God called Moses to deliver His people from bondage and oppression.

Exodus 3:2-10 "And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." ⁴So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then He said,



GOD CALLS MOSES

Exodus 3:1 – 4:17

While in the desert, Moses was called by God to return to Egypt to deliver the people of God from slavery and oppression.

"Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." ⁶Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. ⁷And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, ... ⁹Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

5. Moses started asking questions, and God revealed His name.

Exodus 3:11-14 "But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Jesus Christ said He is the "**I AM**".

John 8:57-59 "Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." ⁵⁹Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by."

John 10:31-33 "Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³²Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" ³³The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

John 8:24 "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

6. Fear set into Moses' heart, and he continues making excuses to God.

Exodus 4:10 "Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

This is what the New Testament says about Moses:

Acts 7:22 "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds."

7. God reminded Moses that his natural abilities and talents were not sufficient for the task, but rather it was God working through him to bring salvation to Israel.

Exodus 4:11-12 "So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?" ¹²Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

In the New Testament, Peter and John were not good speakers either.

Acts 4:13 says, "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."

8. Moses' reluctance stirred up God's anger, and He sent Aaron to join him.

Exodus 4:13-14 "But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." ¹⁴So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart."

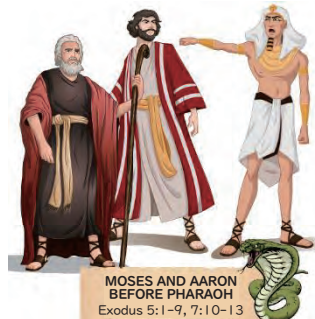
II. THE EXODUS - Exodus means 'coming out', or 'exit.'

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 "Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted."

💡 **#3:** The Exodus of Israel is an example of our _____ today.

A. Moses asked Pharaoh to release God's people.

Exodus 5:1-2 "Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.' ²And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."



B. Judgement on Egypt



These are the **ten plagues**:

- ① Blood ② Frogs ③ Lice ④ Flies
⑤ Murrain (Cattle disease) ⑥ Boils ⑦ Hail ⑧ Locusts
⑨ Darkness ⑩ Death of the firstborn.

Exodus 11:4-6 “Then Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.”

C. Passover: Israel’s Plan of Salvation in Egypt

1. The Lord gave the Israelites specific instructions for their deliverance.

Exodus 12:3-7 “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.”

EXODUS 12:5
Take a
male lamb

EXODUS 12:7
Take the
blood

EXODUS 12:7
Apply the
blood

Exodus 12:12-13 “For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. ¹³Now the blood shall be when I strike the land of Egypt.”

PASSOVER
Exodus 12:1-36, 41-51

Exodus 12:22-23 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. ²³For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you."

 **#4:** God's plan of salvation requires the shedding and _____ of innocent blood.

2. The blood of the lamb.

John 1:29-30 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Peter 1:18-19 "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Question: Why would God want the blood of a lamb on the doorframes of their homes in Egypt?

Answer: God wanted the Israelites to see and _____ that something had died in their place.

3. The Israelites did as the Lord commanded.

Exodus 12:28 "Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did."

4. God always does what He says He will do.

Exodus 12:29-31 "And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. ³⁰So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. ³¹Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the Lord as you have said."

D. Israel leaves Egypt

Exodus 12:41 “And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.”

III. ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

Exodus 13:17-18 “Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt.”

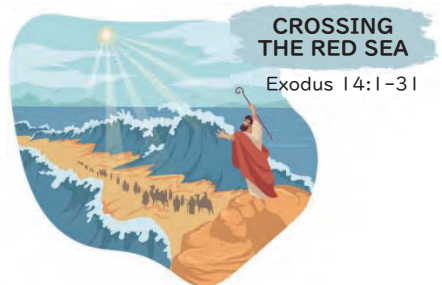
A. God’s presence overshadows them day and night.

Exodus 13:20-21 “So they took their journey from Succoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.”

B. Crossing the Red Sea

Pharaoh changed his mind and decided to chase the Israelites back to Egypt. God delivered Israel again with great power.

Exodus 14:5-6 “Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” ⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him.”



Exodus 14:19-26, 28 “And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. ²⁰So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." ²⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

... ²⁸"Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained."

C. God provides for all the needs of the Israelites

- Bitter waters made sweet – (Exodus 15:23-26) God provided miracle water.



- Manna and quail given – (Exodus 16:1-20) God provided miracle food.



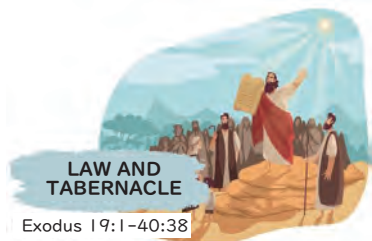
- Water from a rock – (Exodus 17:1, 6) God again provided miracle water.

💡 #5: If we trust and obey God, He will _____ all our needs!

D. Israel in Mount Sinai

God gave Moses the **moral, civil, and social laws** that would govern Israel and **the plan to build the Tabernacle**.

Exodus 24:12 "Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."



E. Israel turns away and dies in the wilderness

Numbers 14:4 "So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

Numbers 14:30-35 "Except for Caleb... and Joshua...you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. ³¹But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. ³²But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

³⁴According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection. ³⁵I the Lord have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die."



💡 #6: We are not saved by knowing the scripture, we are saved by _____ the scripture of God.

In the next lesson, **Lesson 5**, we will learn how **God created a holy nation, separated and distinct** from other cultures around them, and **"The Tabernacle."**

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IV. CONQUERING THE PROMISE LAND

A. The Death of Moses

1. God forbade Moses to enter the promise land.

Numbers 20:7-12 "Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸"Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals." ⁹So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?" ¹¹Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank ¹²Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

2. Moses was allowed to view the promise land from Mt. Nebo. Then he died and was buried by the Lord.

Deuteronomy 34:1-7 "Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. ⁶And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished."

B. Joshua Leads the Way

1. The leadership was passed from Moses to Joshua.

Deuteronomy 34:8-9 “And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. ⁹Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.”



2. Joshua received instructions from God.

Joshua 1:1-9 “After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: ²“Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them -- the children of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

C. Crossing Jordan River

1. The flooded Jordan river prevented them from entering the land of Canaan. Crossing the river requires a miracle. The priests entered the river and God performed a miracle by dividing the water.



Joshua 3:14-17 "So it was when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), ¹⁶that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap... and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Then the priests who bore the

ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground..."

2. Joshua ordered the building of memorials to commemorate the miracle of crossing the Jordan.

Joshua 4:8-9 "And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day."



D. Possessing the Land

1. God told them to take Jericho. The Israelites marched around Jericho once daily for six consecutive days. On the seventh day they marched around the city seven times. At the end of the seventh march on the seventh day, they blew trumpets, shouted and the walls fell (Joshua 6:1-5).

Joshua 6:20 "So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

God gave them specific instructions to follow. Walking around the city to conquer it seemed ridiculous but victory followed because they obeyed. "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;" **1 Corinthians 1:27**

2. Israel next went to **Ai** but lost because of a sin in the camp. Achan's sin was uncovered and he and his family were destroyed (Joshua 7:1-26).
3. By the power of God, the land was conquered and divided. Israel fought from every city and village to occupy the land. It was then that Joshua told the people to make a choice.

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! ¹⁵And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

4. After a long life of service, Joshua died. There is no successor to Joshua.

Joshua 24:29 "Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old."

V. THE TIMES OF THE JUDGES

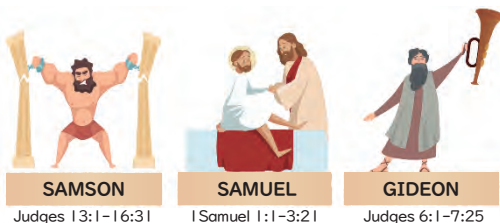
A. Sadly, Israel fell into the deepest sins after Joshua's death (Judges 2:7-23).

Judges 2:16 "Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them."

Judges were the Israelites whom the Lord appointed to protect the people. Often, judges influence both the government and religious life.

B. Israel had a total of fifteen (15) Judges.

One was a woman (Deborah), two were priests (Eli and Samuel) and two well-known ones were Gideon and Samson. God used them to deliver His people from bondage to freedom until Israel chose its first king. Samuel bridges the time between the judges and the kings. (Acts 13:19-20)



VI. THE UNITED KINGDOM

A. Theocracy to Monarchy - Israel demanded a king.

The prophet Samuel led Israel under God's direction but Israel was not satisfied with the leadership that God had given them. Israel wants to have a king like the nations around them. Israel rejected their invisible king (God) for a man they present to the nations. Thus began the monarchy in Israel.

1 Samuel 8:4-8 "Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the Lord. ⁷And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. ⁸According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day -- with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods -- so they are doing to you also."

B. The reign of the first three (3) kings each lasted for forty (40) years.

1. The first of three kings was Saul. At first Saul was very humble but over time he forgot his place in God. Saul eventually ended up disobeying God's command. Samuel rebuked Saul for disobeying God.

1 Samuel 15:22 "So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice..."

- a. God rejected Saul and the Spirit of the Lord left him (1 Samuel 16:1, 14).



2. God chose another king, David.

He was anointed king as a young man.

1 Samuel 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward..."

- a. David was known as a man after God's own heart.

Acts 13:22 "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'"

- b. There are many great Bible stories about King David. David, before becoming king, fought a giant named Goliath and won (1 Samuel 17:38-51)! King David became the main writer of the book of Psalms and wrote some of the best known scriptures in the Bible. But he was not perfect, and he had relations with another man's wife and eventually killed this man (2 Samuel 11:2-9). The Bible records his words of repentance in Psalms 51.

3. **Solomon** was chosen as the third king. Solomon became famous for being the wisest of men.

1 Kings 4:29-31 "And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. ³⁰Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹For he was wiser than all men—than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the surrounding nations."



- a. His greatest achievement was the building of the Temple of the Lord.

1 Kings 6:1 "And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel... that he began to build the house of the Lord."

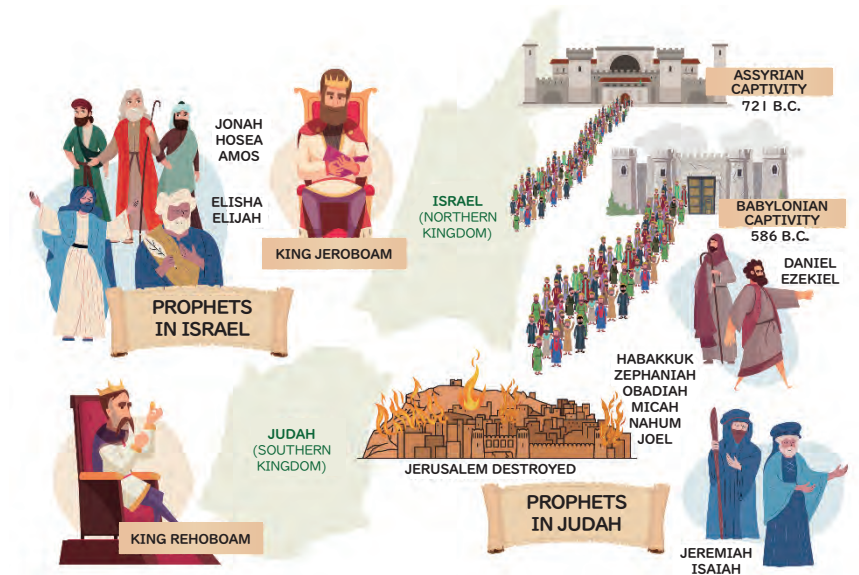
The first service in the temple was awesome.

1 Kings 8:10-11 "And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, ¹¹so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord."

- b. Solomon's life ended sadly. Although he was blessed with deep wisdom, his wives "turned his heart away" to worship other gods. God appeared to him twice but he did not keep what the Lord commanded. (1 Kings 11:4-11)

VII. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

After Solomon's death the people demanded changes. King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, took the advice of his younger advisers. The result was a revolt, and the kingdom was divided into North and South, Israel and Judah.



A. The Northern Kingdom — ISRAEL

Capital: Samaria; 10 Tribes: 19 Kings

God sent prophets to warn of judgment, including two men named Elijah and Elisha performing many miracles. All of their prophecies came true. Israel went into Assyrian captivity (2 Kings 17:6).

B. The Southern Kingdom — JUDAH

Capital: Jerusalem; 2 Tribes: 19 Kings and a Queen

God sent Jeremiah and Isaiah to warn of impending judgment. Judah went into Babylonian captivity (2 Kings 25:1-12).

VIII. THE RETURN TO JERUSALEM

A. The Jews returned to build the Temple in 536 BC.

Zerubbabel took 50,000 Jews with him. Other expeditions took place with Ezra (458 BC) and Nehemiah (444 BC). They restored the law and built the walls (Ezra 1:12-2, 5:1-2, 7:6-10; Nehemiah 1:1-3, 6:15-16).

B. This restoration period was not without its prophets.

The Jews met with opposition and this discouraged them. God sent prophets to encourage and correct the people like Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

C. The Old Testament ends with God's chosen people living outside of His wonderful love.

The Israelites again became a people who had to live under the authority of nations more wicked and powerful than they were. For nearly 400 years they have not heard a prophetic message from God.

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