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CONQUEST & JUDGES

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ERA/GENRE

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KEY FIGURES

Joshua & Samson

LOCATION

Canaan

STORYLINE

CONQUEST

Joshua leads the conquest of the Promised Land.

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:14-15)

EXPANSION

1. Jordan: A miraculous parting of the water (Joshua 1-5)
2. Jericho: A miraculous conquest of a city (Joshua 6)
3. Conquest: The defeat of Canaan (Joshua 7-12)
4. Dominion: Finalizing Dominion (Joshua 13-20)

STORYLINE

JUDGES

Samson and others were chosen as judges to govern the people for four hundred rebellious years.

"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."
(Judges 17:6)

EXPANSION

1. Judges: The leaders of Israel (Judges)
2. Rebellion: The breaking of God's law (Judges)
3. Cycles: Repetition of Israel's misfortunes (Judges)
 - Apostasy
 - Punishment
 - Repentance
 - Deliverance
 - Complacency
4. Ruth: A model woman (Ruth)

SIGNIFICANCE

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) The book of Joshua chronicles the conquest of the Promised Land. Why was it important to eliminate the Canaanites from the land?
- 2) God promised Abraham the land in Genesis 12, some 700 years before Joshua would lead the people into it. What does this tell us about God, patience and promises?
- 3) The book of Judges shows a cycle of Israel's rebellion: apostasy, punishment, repentance, deliverance and complacency. How do we fall into this same cycle? Where are you in this cycle?
- 4) "Israel had no king" is repeated several times at the end of the book of Judges (17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25). Who was supposed to be regarded as the king of Israel? Why is it hard for us, as it was for Israel, to regard God as the king or leader of our lives?



Memory Verse

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Judges 17:6