

Weeks 2 and 3: A 30,000 Foot View of the Old Testament

Creation

First start: Adam and Eve

Cain and Abel

Seth

Second start: Noah, righteous, blameless, in his time and walked with God

Flood, covenant, curse of Canaan

Tower of Babel

Abraham and Sarah - Covenant.

Lot, Melchizedek, Sodom and Gomorrah

Ishmael and Isaac

Esau and Jacob

Jacob cheats and is cheated

Four mothers and the twelve sons of Israel, a contentious dysfunctional family

Ruben loses birthright

Simeon and Levi lose birthright

Joseph's dreams, sold as slave, second in command of Egypt

Joseph forgives, Christ like model

Jacob/Israel gives birthright to Judah, (the line of David and Jesus the messiah)

Moses, "ark", many characters defying Pharaoh, raised by oppressor, oppresses his oppressor

Third start: Exodus, God does overt miracles to reestablish His powerful love for the Israelites

The Exodus is the backbone of the Jewish story and the Judeo/Christian faith

Laws are given to firmly establish ethical/moral behavior and separation from sinful cultures

Repeated accounts of Human's fickle love for God

Joshua and taking possession of the Promised Land

Rahab saves spies, tells lie, saved by Israelites, honored by God, ancestor to Jesus

The ethics of Canaan's annihilation

Judges, The consequences of not obeying God: Gideon, Deborah, Sampson

Ruth, a foreigner, turned obedient God fearing Israelite and Great grandmother of King David

Israel's rejection of God's leadership and their want to be like other nations with a king

Anointing of Saul, failures of Saul

Rise of David, Killing of Goliath, giving honor to Saul, showing kindness to others, mighty warrior

David's faults, repentance, honored by God, Gods' promise

David's dysfunctional house divided

Solomon, wisest of all, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, yet, still, falls into sin

Division of the Nation of Israel into two nations, Israel and Judah

Israel strays far from God, prophets warn of impending judgment, carried away to Assyria

Judah sins-repents, sins-repents, sins continually, Jeremiah warn of judgment, carried away to Babylon

Daniel, shows King Nebuchadnezzar the power of God on several occasions

Esther saves the Jewish nation

After 70 years (God's prophesized time) King Cyrus sends Ezra and Israelites back to rebuild Jerusalem

Nehemiah miraculously organizes and completes walls and gate repair in 52 days

Jewish exiles return from Babylon

Jerusalem is rededicated to the Lord their God yet, His Sheneah glory does not return

God goes silent for 400 years

Until . . . The Fullness of Time!