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Session Four

- EGYPT & EXODUS (PART 2)
- DESERT WANDERINGS
- CONQUEST & JUDGES



Books: Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges

God is many things. He is perfect love, unending mercy, unparalleled compassion, and absolute justice. God is not, however, a genie ... no matter how many people treat him like one.

Countless people go to God only when they want or need something. Now, God is happy to listen to those requests, but he offers (and wants) so much more! God wants you to share your day with him, to invite him into the good and the bad parts. God wants you to thank him when things go well and seek him when things don't turn out as planned.

Sadly, God often is seen more as an emergency back-up plan than as a best friend or loving Father.

Take a minute to think about all the ways God has blessed you. You might even want to write them down here.

Next, thank God for all of those things (and people). Okay, keep this list somewhere safe, and the next time something goes terribly wrong in your life, refer to it.

If the people you're about to study had just remembered all that God had done for them—all the ways he had blessed them—things would have turned out even better in their lives.

Don't ever make the mistake of thinking God doesn't care about you. God is love, and he loves you far more than you can imagine. He's constantly showing it, but if we're too busy thinking up "three new wishes," we'll miss all the blessings he has already granted.



VERSE TO REMEMBER

"... the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."



Period 3: _____ Part 2

Narrative Book: _____

who's who

1. _____

2. _____

Red
the Red Sea

Period 4: _____




Narrative Book: _____

who's who

3. Moses

4. Aaron

5. _____

Tan
the color of
the desert

Creation → 2000 BC → 1700 BC → 1280 BC → 1240 BC → 1250 BC

EARLY WORLD
Genesis 1-11



PATRIARCHS
Genesis 12-50



EGYPT & EXODUS
Exodus



DESERT WANDERINGS
Numbers



CONQUEST & JUDGES
Joshua
Judges



ROYAL KINGDOM
1 & 2 Samuel
1 & 2 Kings



Session 4: Breaking It Down

- Where did God give Moses the Ten Commandments? _____
- Which tribe became God's priests? _____
- How long would the Israelites have to wander in the desert? _____
- What did Moses do that got him in trouble? _____

- How were the snake-bitten Israelites healed? _____

- Who was Moses' second-in-command? Joshua
- What is the name of the Bible's most famous strong man? Samson

Period 5: _____

Narrative Books: _____

Who's Who

6. Joshua

?

8

Green
the green
hills of
Canaan



930 BC

722 BC

540 BC

167 BC

0

33 AD

DIVIDED KINGDOM
I Kings 12-22
II Kings

EXILE
II Kings

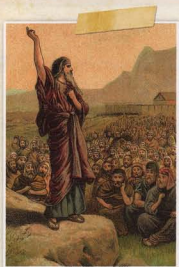
RETURN
Ezra
Nehemiah

MACCABEAN REVOLT
I Maccabees

MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT
Luke

THE CHURCH
Acts





LIST THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments atop Mt. Sinai, he was doing more than giving all of us a list of "rules" to follow.

God wants us to be with him for eternity in heaven. The commandments are God's way of helping us live holier, more selfless lives—the commandments help us to become saints.

You probably know most (if not all) of the commandments. Do you know them in order?

List as many of the Ten Commandments as you can below, from memory.

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

How'd you do?

Turn to page 36 to find out.

Session Five

- ROYAL KINGDOM
- DIVIDED KINGDOM



Books: 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings

Have you ever said to yourself, *"If I could just (insert desired thing here) ... then I'd be happy."*

Some people insert "be popular" or "become famous." Some people say "be smarter" or "be more athletic." I used to say "grow taller" and "get better-looking." My acne was so bad at one point I didn't even want to go to school. I was so stressed about how I compared to others, that it affected everything about me—what I wore, what music I listened to, and even what sports and activities I took part in.

I was more worried about how others saw me than I was about what God thought of me.

I wish I'd read these chapters we're about to walk through when I was in middle school. They remind us about what matters most. They echo what we learned in those first couple of sessions of the Timeline, about where our worth comes from and, more to the point, *who* it comes from.

This session will remind you, too, that you are capable of way more than you might think ... as long as you keep God first in your life.

No mountain is too tall, no fear too big, no opponent too scary, if God is in your corner.

We're also going to see what happens when we put God second, third, or last. We'll see how badly things go when we rely too much on our own talents and skills and not on the one who gave them to us.

Buckle up, brothers and sisters—this session has more drama than any reality show.

VERSE TO REMEMBER

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you ..."

session 5: Breaking it Down

1. What was the name of Israel's first king? saul
2. What was David's first teenage job? _____
3. What army did Goliath fight for? _____
4. What friend did David betray? _____
5. Which king built God's Temple? _____
6. When did the kingdom divide into two? _____
7. What does the word "prophet" mean? _____

Purple
royalty

Period 6: _____

Narrative Books: _____

Who's Who

1. _____

2. _____

3. solomon

1250 BC

Creation → 2000 BC

→ 1700 BC

→ 1280 BC

→ 1240 BC

EARLY WORLD
Genesis 1-11



PATRIARCHS
Genesis 12-50



EGYPT & EXODUS
Exodus



DESERT WANDERINGS
Numbers



CONQUEST & JUDGES
Joshua
Judges



ROYAL KINGDOM
1 & 2 Samuel
1 Kings 1-11







Black
Israel's
darkest
period

Period 7: _____

Narrative Books: _____

Who's Who

4. _____ 
5. _____ 
6. _____ 
7. _____ 



DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon imported peacocks to decorate his palace (1 Kings 10:22). Throw pillows probably would have been less messy.

930 BC → 722 BC

540 BC

167 BC

0

33 AD

DIVIDED KINGDOM
I Kings 12-22
II Kings



EXILE
II Kings



RETURN
Ezra
Nehemiah



MACCABEAN REVOLT
I Maccabees



MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT
Luke



THE CHURCH
Acts



THE DIVIDED KINGDOM (930 BC)

Mediterranean Sea

Sidon •

Tyre •

Dan ✦

Sea of Galilee

Yarmuk River

Jordan River

Samaria •

NORTHERN KINGDOM



(TEN TRIBES)

ISRAEL

Joppa •

Bethel ✦

TEMPLE

Jerusalem ✦

Gaza •

Dead Sea

Arnon River

MOAB

JUDAH

SOUTHERN KINGDOM



(TWO TRIBES)

PHILISTIA

EGYPT

EDOM

--- Approximate Boundary
✦ Centers of Worship