

The Messiah in the Old Testament – Part 2

The History Books + Job

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- Pentateuch – Patriarchs & The Law: THE FOUNDATION FOR CHRIST
 - Genesis thru Deuteronomy
- History Books: THE PREPARATION FOR CHRIST
 - Joshua thru Esther (& Job) – 13 BOOKS!
- Poetry & Wisdom Literature: THE ASPIRATION FOR CHRIST
 - (Job &) Psalms thru Song of Solomon
- Prophecy Books: THE EXPECTATION OF CHRIST
 - Isaiah thru Malachi

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- Walk through overall themes of OT Books of History
- Dig into instances of Messiah in specific passages (group activities)
- Further insights

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History Books: THE PREPARATION FOR CHRIST

- JOSHUA – The Possession of the Nation
 - Conquering the “Ite’s”, didn’t finish the job
- JUDGES & RUTH – The Oppression of the Nation
 - The “Ite’s” fight back, idol worship
 - Judges save Israel, period of peace and deliverance
 - Wash, rinse, repeat
 - Ruth shines
- 1 SAMUEL – The Stabilization of the Nation
 - Israel demands a king (prematurely) → Saul
 - Redo: Anointing of David, the “intended king”
- 2 SAMUEL – The Expansion of the Nation
 - King David, man of bloodshed

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History Books: THE PREPARATION FOR CHRIST

- 1 KINGS (Ch. 1-11) – The Glorification of the Nation
 - Prosperity under King Solomon
- 1 KINGS (Ch. 12-22) – The Division of the Nation
 - Split of Israel (north, all evil kings) and Judah (south, some good kings, some evil)
 - Enter the Prophets
- 2 KINGS (Ch. 1-17) – The Deterioration of the Northern Nation (Israel)
 - More Prophets
 - Israel captured and taken by Assyrians, never to return
- 2 KINGS (Ch. 18-25) – The Deportation of the Southern Nation (Judah)
 - Only Judah remains (~150 years)
 - Judah captured and taken by Babylonians → 70 years of Exile

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History Books: THE PREPARATION FOR CHRIST

- 1 CHRONICLES – The Preparation of the Temple
 - Recap David's reign
 - Man of bloodshed won't build Temple
- 2 CHRONICLES – The (Construction &) Destruction of the Temple
 - Recap Solomon's reign
 - Man of peace builds the Temple
 - Recap Judah's monarchies
 - Northern Kingdom out of the picture
 - Temple in various states of disrepair and restoration
 - King Hezekiah noteworthy
 - Temple (& Jerusalem) ultimately destroyed by Babylonians

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- EZRA & NEHEMIAH– The Reconstructions of the Temple & Jerusalem
 - Persians take over → Remnant of Judah (southern kingdom) returns
 - Temple rebuilt under opposition
 - City wall rebuilt under opposition
 - Great revival!
- ESTHER – The Protection of the Exiles
 - Meanwhile, for those who didn't return...
 - Haman's plans foiled
 - Esther saves the Jews

"400 Years of Silence" follow.

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- JOB – The Aspiration for Mediation by Messiah
 - Job's suffering
 - Questions to why the suffering
 - Job's Friends: Job must have sinned
 - Job is defensive, gains self-righteous attitude
 - Elihu: God is purifying Job
 - God's response to Job

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- Group Discussion

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- More on Job:
 - Job 19:23-27
 - Is Redeemer referring to God singular or God triune?
 - Regardless, Christ fulfills that role more than sufficiently

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- Other evidence or foreshadowing of Messiah in the OT:
 - Joshua – Name means “the Lord saves”, translates to “Jesus” in Greek
 - Joshua 5:13-15 – Commander of the army of the Lord
 - Three types of Judges in Book of Judges (statesman-saviors):
 - Warrior/king judge – e.g. Gideon, Samson
 - Priest judge – e.g. Eli
 - Prophet judge – e.g. Samuel
 - Boaz – Kinsman-redeemer
 - Future Messiah replacing the Temple (Matt. 12:6, Rev. 21:22)
 - God preserving the lineage of Judah/David (esp. case of Athaliah & Joash)
 - Example of Esther