

Exam 2—The Books of History

Books of History

1. Label the peaks and valleys found in the books of history.



Joshua

2. What does *Joshua* mean?
3. Where in the New Testament is Rahab mentioned? How is she portrayed?
4. What do the consequences of Achan's sin (7:1–5, 10–12, 19–26) teach us?
5. Why did Caleb receive a special inheritance from the Lord (14:6–15)?
6. What personal lessons may be learned from Joshua's life (24:1–27)?

7. What was the significance of recording the burial of Joseph's bones (24:32; Genesis 50:24–25)?

Judges

8. Give one specific example of the three-part cycle—disobedience, discipline, deliverance—in the book of Judges.
9. What are the key factors in Israel's failure in Judges (2:10–31)?
10. What were the main elements of the Nazirite vow (13:5; Numbers 6:1–8)? How did Samson break them?
11. How do you think the last verse of Judges summarizes the message of the book and prepares us for later books?

Ruth

12. What were the responsibilities of a kinsman-redeemer? (See Leviticus 25:25–28, 47–49; Deuteronomy 25:5–10.)

13. What purposes for Ruth do the beginning and ending of the book reveal?

1 Samuel

14. Why did the Israelites say they wanted a king (8:4–5, 19–20)?

What was the real reason behind Israel's desiring a king (8:6–8)?

What did Samuel warn would happen if the Israelites chose a king (8:11–18)?

15. What were the main reasons God took the kingdom away from Saul (15:22–26)?

16. Why didn't David take Saul's life, even though he had more than one chance (24, 26)?

2 Samuel

17. What are the two ways the term *house* is used in 2 Samuel 7:5–13?

18. What are the basic promises of the Davidic covenant (7:12–16)?

19. What lessons may be learned from David's sin and repentance in 2 Samuel 11–12?

1 and 2 Kings

20. How did Solomon demonstrate his devotion to the Lord?

21. How did Solomon drift away from the Lord?

22. Why did the kingdom split after Solomon's death?

23. Who was the first ruler of the northern kingdom? Who was the first ruler of the southern kingdom?

24. What countries carried the two kingdoms (Israel and Judah) into captivity (2 Kings 17, 25)?

1 and 2 Chronicles

25. Name three kings of Judah who followed the Lord (partially or completely). Name three who did not.

26. What reason did God give for allowing the people of Judah to be taken into captivity?

Ezra

27. Why were the mixed marriages such a threat to the returnees in Ezra (9)?

28. Why do you think Ezra 7:10 is such an important statement about Ezra?

Nehemiah

29. Outline and analyze the response of Nehemiah to Jerusalem's trouble in chapter 1.

Develop an outline of his response and describe parts that set an example for us today.

30. List the reforms Nehemiah pursued (13). Suggest why you think these reforms might be important to the remnant living in Jerusalem.

Esther

31. What very important character is never mentioned in Esther? Why do you think this person's name is missing?

32. Describe the different ways God worked behind the scenes to save Esther and the Jews. In what ways does God work behind the scenes in our lives as well?