

COVENANT

Episode Summary

CONFIRMED: 2166 TO 931 BC



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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First About This Era?

SPAN: 2166–931 BC: Abraham to Solomon

BOOKS: *Genesis–1 Kings*: Plus Psalms & Wisdom

COVENANTS: *Abraham, Moses, David*: Faith, Law, King

KEY PEOPLE: *Patriarchs & Kings*: Plus Moses & Joshua

SETTING: *Canaan & Egypt*: The Promised Land

PURPOSE: *God's Faithfulness*: Promises Confirmed

2. STORYLINE

Where Does This Era Fit in the Story of the Bible?

From One Man to One Nation

- Begins: Abram's Call (Genesis 12)
- Patriarchs, Then Egypt
- Exodus, Wilderness, Conquest
- The Judges' Cycle, Then Kings
- Ends: Solomon's United Kingdom

KEY VERSES

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- Genesis 12:1-3

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in This Era?

- God's Faithfulness to His Covenant
- Abraham, the Father of Faith
- God Preserves the Promised Seed
- Deliverance from Bondage
- Disobedience & Unbelief
- The Cycle: Idolatry to Rest
- A King Like the Nations
- A Man After God's Own Heart

4. TURNING POINTS

What are this era's 4 turning points?

2166-1876 BC: 5. The Patriarchs

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph carry the promise

1446-1360 BC: 6. Exodus & Conquest

God rescues Israel and brings them into the land

1360-1051 BC: 7. The Tribes, Cycle & Judges

Israel repeats a cycle of idolatry and deliverance

1051-931 BC: 8. The Nation of Israel

One nation under Saul, David, and Solomon



4. TURNING POINTS

4. What happens at each turning point?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

2166-1876 BC: 5. THE PATRIARCHS

Four men chosen by grace: the covenant seed passes from one generation to the next

GEN 12-25: Abraham, Father of Faith

Called out of idolatry, Abram trusts God, receives a new name, and fathers Isaac, the son of promise

GEN 25-50: Isaac, Jacob & Joseph

Deceitful Jacob becomes Israel, father of 12 tribes; God uses Joseph to preserve the line in Egypt

1446-1360 BC: 6. EXODUS & CONQUEST

Moses leads them out, unbelief keeps them wandering, and Joshua leads them in

EXODUS: Out of Bondage

After about 430 years in Egypt, God hears their cry and sends Moses to Pharaoh: "Let my people go"

LEV-JOSHUA: Wilderness to Promised Land

Unbelief costs 40 years in the wilderness, yet God gives his law, and Joshua leads Israel into Canaan

1360-1051 BC: 7. THE TRIBES, CYCLE & JUDGES

Each time they cry out, God raises up a judge, until Samuel and the demand for a king

JUDG 2-16: The Cycle

Idolatry, judgment, repentance, deliverance, and rest, again and again, as God raises up Deborah, Gideon, and Samson

1 SAM 1-8: Samuel & the Demand for a King

The last judge links the eras as the people ask for a king to be like the nations

1051-931 BC: 8. THE NATION OF ISRAEL

Man looks on the outside, God on the heart, and David receives the promise of an everlasting king

1 SAM 9-31: Saul

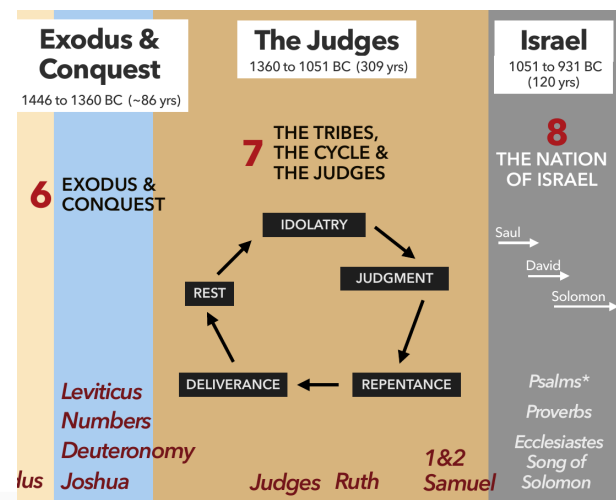
Tall and impressive outwardly, but God looks on the heart, and Saul forfeits his throne

2 SAM-1 KGS 11: David & Solomon

A man after God's own heart receives the Davidic Covenant; Psalms, Proverbs, and wisdom flourish

5. HOW THIS ERA POINTS TO CHRIST

- Isaac on the altar: God provides himself the sacrifice
- Joseph, rejected by his own, whom God uses to save many
- Joshua leads them in: Jesus, our Joshua, has the victory
- David's Son, the King whose kingdom will never end



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