

# The Key Tool for Bible Study

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Historical Books  
Joshua - 2 Kings

# REVIEW

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MOST LITERAL

PARAPHRASE

Interlinear Texts  
New American Standard Bible  
King James Version  
New King James Version  
English Standard Version  
Revised Standard Version

New International Version

Contemporary Version

New Living English Version  
New Living Translation  
The Message

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- The best translation to use during in-depth Bible study is multiple translations.

# The Historical Books

## Joshua - 2 Kings

- The key to understanding the Old Testament is understanding the Biblical Covenants.
- In the Torah, there are two main covenants:
  - Abrahamic Covenant
    - Genesis 12:1-3
    - Grant Covenant - Unconditional Promises.

# The Biblical Covenants in the Torah

- MOSAIC COVENANT – THE Law
  - Ex 20, Deut 7, Deut 28-30, Lev 26
  - National – to Israel as a whole.
  - It is concerned with blessing and cursing.
  - The blessing and cursing is CONDITIONED upon Israel's faith and obedience to God.
  - The Mosaic Covenant is BUILT UPON the Abrahamic Covenant.

Job	Genesis	Creation
	Exodus	Patriarchs
	Leviticus	Exodus
	Numbers	
	Deuteronomy	Conquest
	Joshua	
	Judges	Judges
	Ruth	
Psalms	1 Samuel	Kingdom
	2 Samuel	
Prov, Ecc, SS	1 Kings	
The prophetic Books: Pre-exilic, Exilic, Post-Exilic	2 Kings	
	1 Chronicles	Exile
	2 Chronicles	
	Esther	
	Nehemiah	Return
	Ezra	
		Silence

# The Torah

## *Promise*

## *Question*

**Creation**

**Fall / Curse**

**Flood**

**Patriarchs**

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob / Israel

(Joseph)

**Exodus**

“The Seed”

Noahic Covenant - Gen 9

Abrahamic Covenant - Gen 12

- I will bless you

- I will make you a great nation

- I will give your descendants  
the land of Canaan

- I will bless all men through you.

- I will be your God and you  
will be my people.

Who will crush the devil?

Will God destroy man?

How will God keep His  
promises to Abraham?

How will God bless  
Abraham's descendants  
and bring them  
back to Canaan?

Mosaic Covenant

National Faithfulness = Blessing  
National Faithlessness = Cursing



# Joshua

- Israel's conquest of the Land of Canaan, which God promised to Abraham's descendants.
  - Cross into the Land (1-5)
  - Take the Land (6-12)
  - Divide the Land (13-21)
  - Serve the Lord in the Lord (22–24)

# Judges

- The shocking downward cycle of Israel's sin in the period of time before Israel had a king.
- The Roots of Israel's Sin (1-3:6)
- The Downward Spiral of Israel's Sin and the Judges (3:7 – 16)
- The Depths of Israel's Sin (17-21)

# Ruth

- The sovereign, redeeming love of God pictured in the kinsman redeemer. Written particularly to show the line of David the King of Israel.
- Intro: Naomi's Grief
- Scene 1: Naomi returns to Bethlehem with Ruth
- Scene 2: Ruth gleans in Boaz's field
- Scene 3: Ruth at the threshing floor, asks Boaz to marry her
- Scene 4: Boaz arranges redemption at the gate
- Conclusion Naomi's blessing and extended blessing

# 1 Samuel & 2 Samuel

- 1 Samuel Summary: The establishment of kings in Israel and the preparation of David to rule following Saul.
- Outline of 1 Samuel
  - 1. The story of Samuel (1-8)
  - 2. The story of Saul (9-15)
  - 3. The story of Saul and David (16-31)
- 2 Samuel Summary: The story of David, the king of Israel, and the Davidic Covenant

# 1 Kings & 2 Kings

- Summary: The failure of Israel's kings to live under God's laws leads to the division of the kingdom and the exile of the nation.
- Keys:
  - Deuteronomy
  - Exile
  - God's promise – Davidic Covenant

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