

Bible Overview 4: The King and His Kingdom

1. Joshua: The Conquest of the Land:

- Genesis 15:16 “In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here for the **sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure**”

Joshua 2:

1 What does Rahab (and the inhabitants of the Land) already know? V9-11

2 In the light of that what does she ask the spies? V12-13

3 What do the spies promise Rahab? V17-19

4 “unless you have brought your father and mother...all your family into your house...”(v18)
What is ‘Rahab’s house’?

5 Why do you think this incident might be at the beginning of the book of Joshua?

2. Judges:

The People are in the Land – but a repetitive downward spiral

- People turn away from God & worship false idols
 - God ‘delivers’ them into the hands of their enemies
 - They cry out to God for help
 - He raises up a ‘Judge’ who rescues God’s People
 - The people live in peace and safety until the Judge dies

A Series of ‘Unlikely Rescuers’ – Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Samson

The Problem?

“So the land had peace for forty years **until Othniel son of Kenaz died**” Judges 3:11

“Moab was made subject to Israel and the land had peace for eighty years...Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead” Judges 3:30, 4:1

“Thus Midian was subdued before the Israelites and did not raise its head again, during Gideon’s lifetime, the land had peace for forty years...no sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals” Judges 8:28,33

Israel needs.....

4 times at the end of Judges we are told “in those days Israel had no king” 17:6, 18:1 19:1 21:25 – X2 everyone did as they saw fit

Setting Up the transition to the monarchy.

3.1 & 2 Samuel

1 Samuel 8:20-28 READ Compare Mark 10:45

The First King: Saul – is a failure

1 Samuel 10:1 “Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?”

“Anointed” = Messiah (Hebrew) = Christ (Greek)

David then becomes King

“This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day...” Luke 24:46

Where is this verse found in the Old Testament?

4. 2 Samuel 7 God’s Covenant with David

God promises:

- I will make your name great (v9b)
- I will provide a place for my people to dwell in safety (v10)
- I will give my people rest from all your enemies (v11)
- I will establish a ‘house’ for you (v11)
- I will establish the kingdom of your offspring (v12)
- He will build a house for my name (v13)
- I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever (v13)
- Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me, your throne shall be established forever (v16)

READ v11b-16 – Who does this refer to?

As the Bible unfolds we are given more details about this coming King and his Kingdom

Isaiah 9:6-7

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this”

- An eternal kingdom
- Characterised by justice, peace and righteousness
- Governed by a Wise, Powerful, Eternal and Gracious King

READ Mark 8:27-33

What does Peter get right – what does he get wrong? Why is Peter so confused?

Different OT figures – also

“Suffering Servant”

Isaiah 4 “Servant Songs”

42:1-4 (v2-3 = Matt 12:21)

49:1-6 (see v6 = Acts 1:8)

50:4-7

52:12-53:12

Revelation 5