

Old Testament History



Classroom Hours: 36 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

The twelve historical books of the Old Testament range from Joshua to Esther. Covering both the political situations of the time and the leading characters involved in each narrative, this course takes a hard look at the history of God's people and its implications for us today.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) List the books of the Old Testament.
- 2.) Differentiate between the circumstances of Israel before and after the conquest.
- 3.) State the conquests of Joshua and their importance.
- 4.) Relate the histories and actions of several key Biblical players such as Joshua, Ruth, Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, King Solomon, Elisha, Elijah, Daniel, and Nehemiah.
- 5.) Describe the Israelites journeys into and out of captivity.
- 6.) Demonstrate the cycle of sin, bondage, repentance, and deliverance as displayed in the book of Judges.
- 7.) Identify the twelve judges and their separate and distinct stories.
- 8.) Express the intricacies of the divided kingdom.
- 9.) Separate the kings of Judah from the kings of Israel.
- 10.) Recite the succession of kings in both kingdoms.
- 11.) Divide the land of Canaan into its proper portions using a map.
- 12.) Explain the system of government the Lord set up under King Saul.
- 13.) Illustrate the importance of Ruth in the lineage of Christ.
- 14.) Emphasize the part prayer and sacrifice played in the story of Samuel.
- 15.) Understand the struggles and triumph of Nehemiah as he rebuilt the city.

Topics / Concepts:

- The lives and deaths of all major players in the story of God's people as related in the Old Testament.
- The practice and process of circumcision.
- The tabernacle at Shiloh and the cities of refuge.
- The six servitudes the people of God fell under.
- The civil wars the Judges fought.
- The Ark of the Covenant and its capture by Philistines.
- The life of Saul: calling, anointing, victories, and failures.
- The life of David: calling, anointing, victories, and failures.
- The life of Solomon: calling, anointing, victories, and failures.
- Solomon's temple.
- The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, as well as the kings of each.
- Elijah, Elisha, and their ministries.
- The captivity of Israel.
- The Babylonian Empire.
- Daniel: the man, the prophet, the statesman, the hero, the one loved of God.

- The return from exile and rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Old Testament History – Ralph Vincent Reynolds

Old Testament History II – Ralph Vincent Reynolds

Recommended Alternatives:

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

- 1.) Before the Conquest
- 2.) Joshua
- 3.) The Conquests of Joshua
- 4.) The Division of Canaan
- 5.) Judges Part I
- 6.) Judges Part II
- 7.) Ruth
- 8.) Eli
- 9.) Samuel
- 10.) King Saul
- 11.) King David Part I
- 12.) King David Part II

- 1.) King Solomon
- 2.) The Temple
- 3.) The Divided Kingdom
- 4.) Elijah
- 5.) Elisha
- 6.) The Kings of Israel
- 7.) The Kings of Judah

- 8.) The Captivity
- 9.) The Babylonian Empire
- 10.) Daniel
- 11.) The Return from Exile
- 12.) Nehemiah

Languages Available:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

Date of Last Revision: