



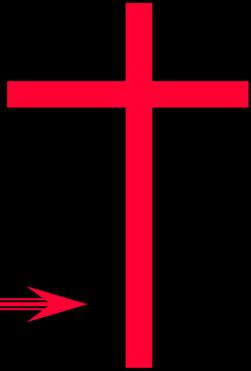
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The Books
Of
Old Testament History



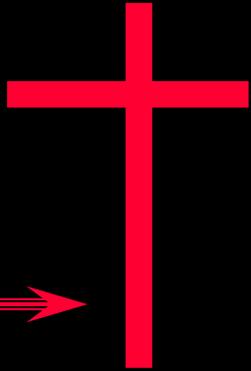


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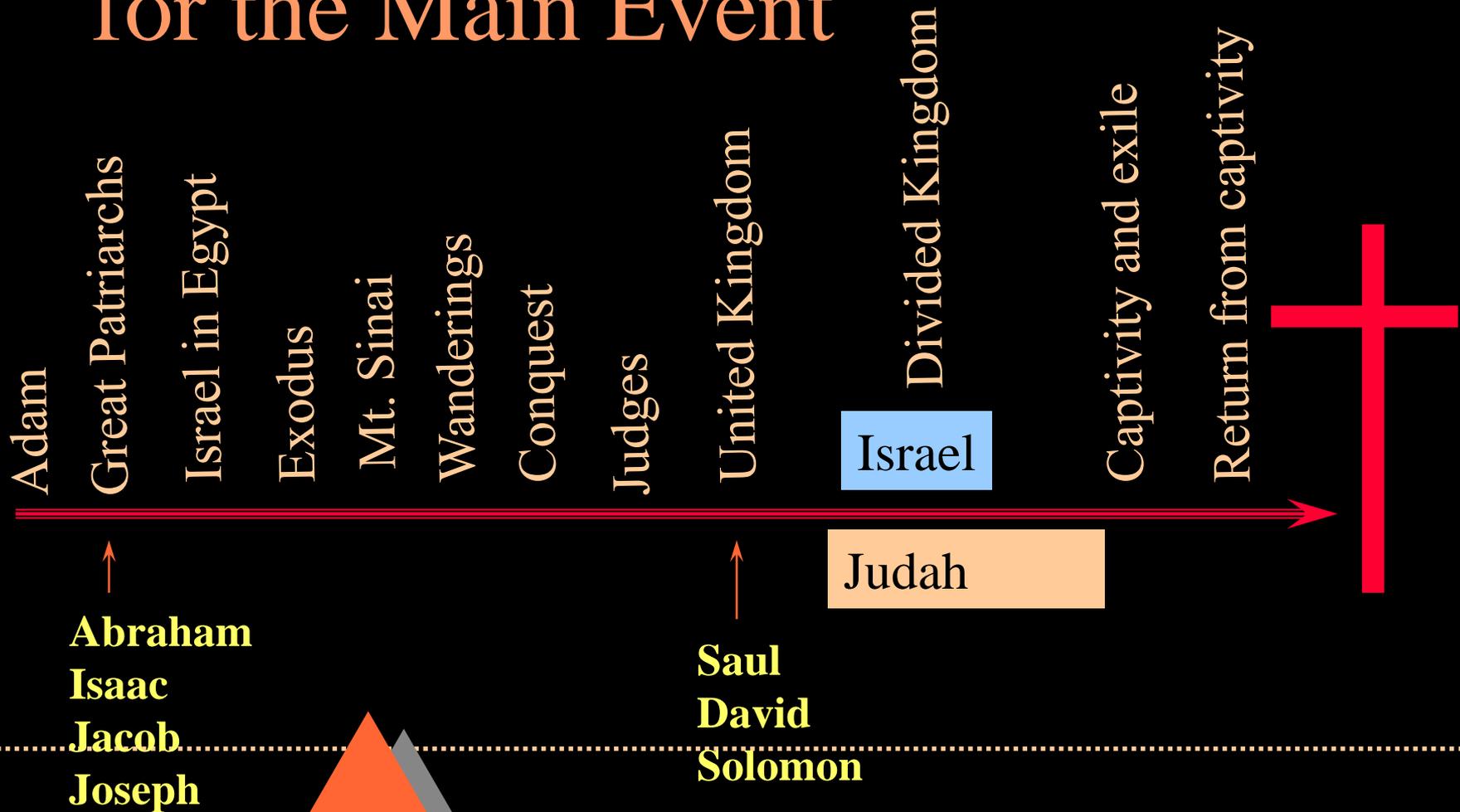


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In a sense biblical history starts with the creation but the History of Israel as a nation in the land starts with Joshua.

The Old Testament Is the Foundation for the Main Event



Books of History



Joshua: Conquering a place to live

- Preparing to enter the land 1-5
 - Conquering the land 6-13:7
 - Central campaign
 - Southern Campaign
 - Northern Campaign
 - Settling the land 13:8-24
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Books of History



Judges: The struggle for faithfulness

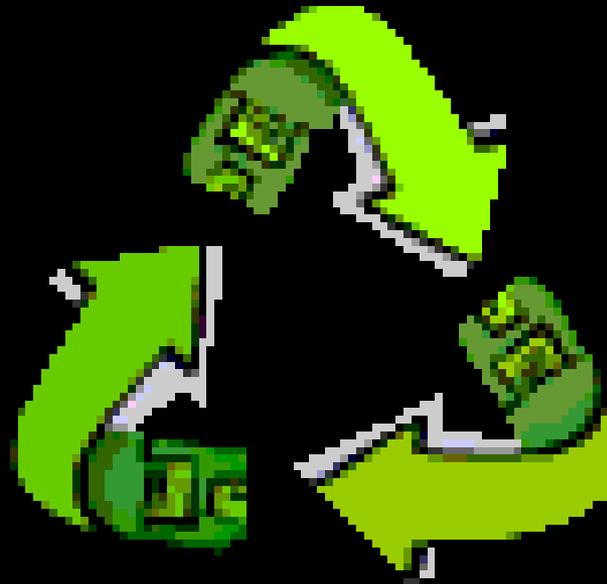
- Key Passage: (Judges 17:6 NIV) *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.*
- There are seven cycles of Judges in various parts of the country beginning in chapter 3.
- The book ends with a look at Israel's failure to be a righteous people because of idolatry, immorality, and the brutality of war.

The Cycle of Judges

Favor with God

Deliverance

Sin



Oppression

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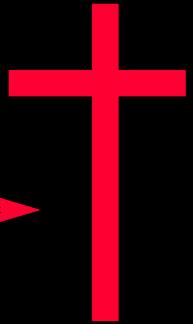


Ruth:

- A Moabite woman
- King David's great grandmother

The inclusion of this story shows God's interest in people of other nations and his inclusion of them in redemption.

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1 Samuel: Saul to David

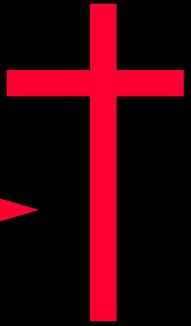
- Samuel: Judge of Israel.
- Saul: First king of the United Kingdom.
- David: His popularity increases among the people.

 Key individuals: Eli ... Samuel ... Saul ... David

 Key Passage: David's reluctance to kill Saul

(1 Sam 24:6 NIV) He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."

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2 Samuel: David as king

- David's successes
- David's sins
- David's troubles

The Lord said to David ...

"When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom." (2 Sam 7:12)

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1 Kings:

- Solomon as king (1-11)
- Civil war and the divided kingdom

**United
Kingdom**

Israel

Judah



Books of History

2 Kings:

- Divided kingdom continues
- Israel exiled to Assyria (17)
- Judah exiled to Babylon (25)

Israel captured by Assyria 722 BC

Judah captured by Babylon 586 BC





Books of History



1 & 2 Chronicles:

- Retelling of history
- Written after the exile

1 Chronicles

Adam to David

2 Chronicles

Solomon to end of the exile





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Ezra and Nehemiah

- Return from exile in a series of returns.
- Written after the exile

Ezra

Return of Zerubbabel

Census and rebuilding of the temple

Return of Ezra

Nehemiah

Rebuilding of the walls
Strengthening of the people



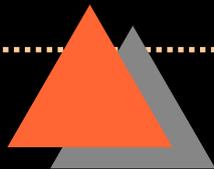


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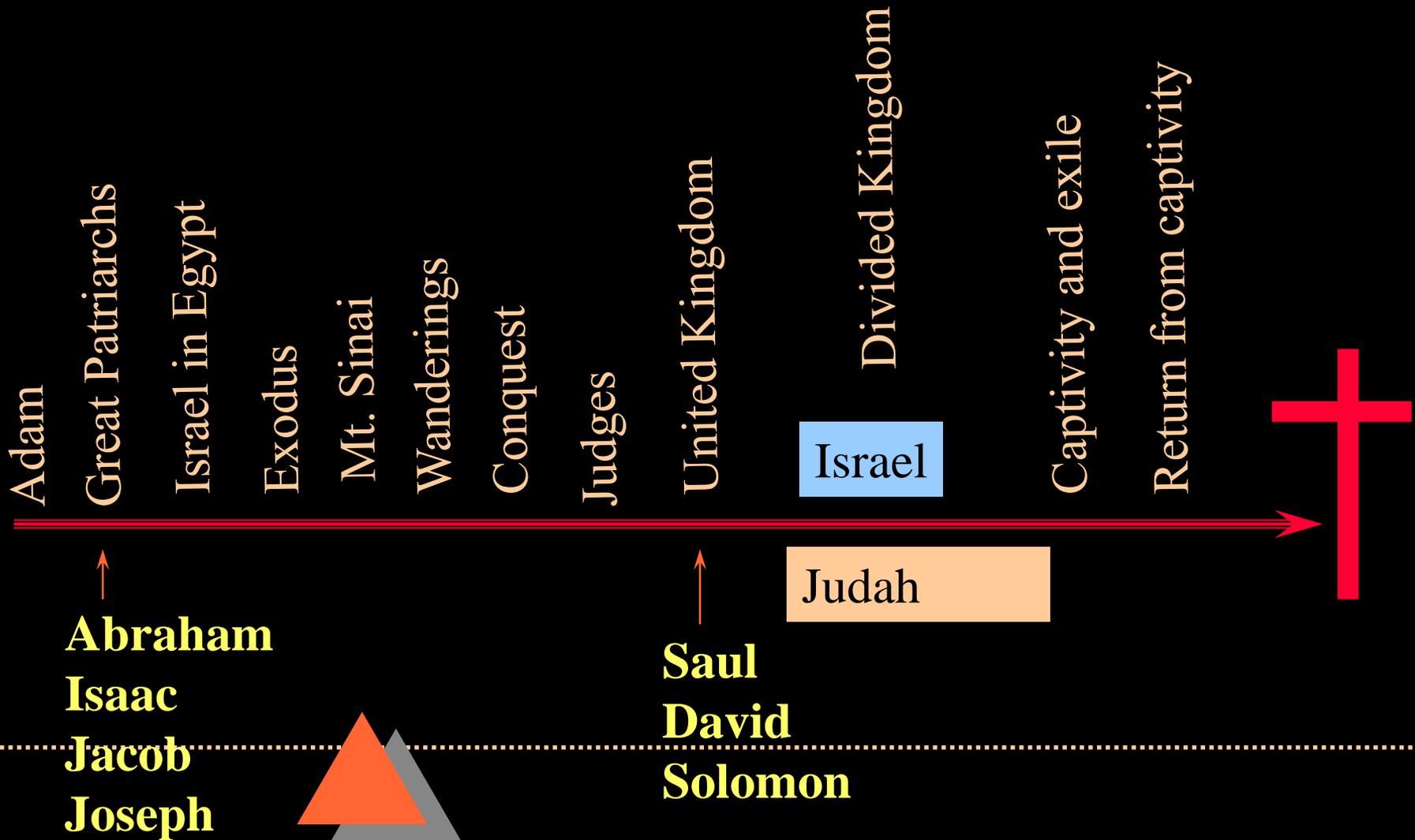


Esther

- A Jewish woman who became queen of Persia
- Her actions saved the Jewish people and preserved the family through which the messiah would come.



Brief Look At History



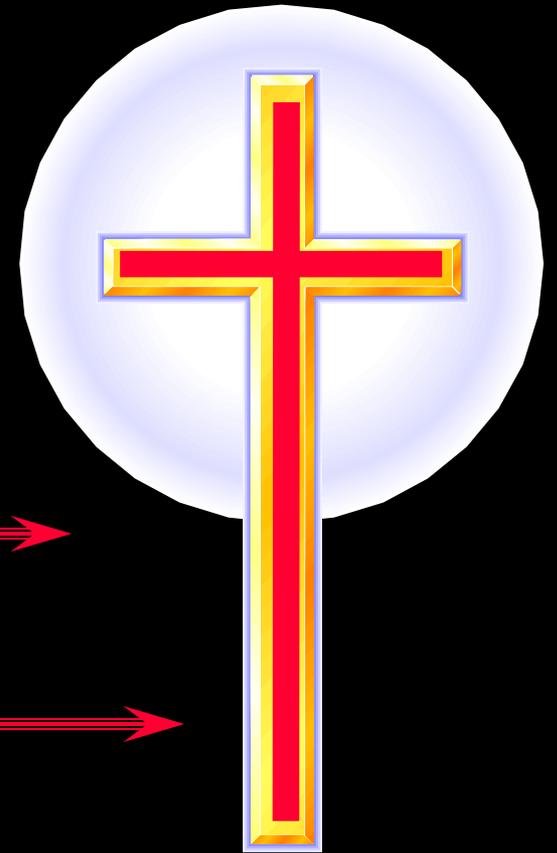
The Bible Books Have A Purpose

□ Law

□ **History**

□ Poetry

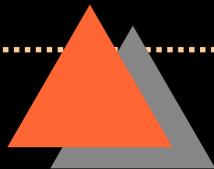
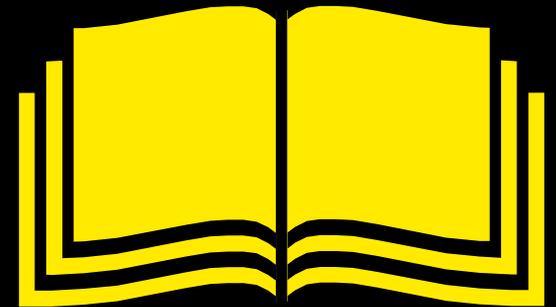
□ Prophecy





Overview of Bible Structure

- Old Testament: Foundation for the story
- Gospels: They tell the story of Jesus
- Acts: Tells the results of the story
- Letters: Encouragement
Course correction





On the discussion board respond to these questions. Follow the treads under my initial postings.

- ❑ What is the purpose of the books of 1 & 2 Chronicles?
 - ❑ What is the most intriguing part of the books of history and why?
 - ❑ What do you think would allow you to understand the books of history better?
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