

JOSHUA/JUDGES/RUTH/1,2SAMUEL

conquest judges seed kings

JOSHUA

man

Joshua is the beginning of the conquest of the land and the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham of giving him a land.

JOSHUA

Be Strong and Courageous
Joshua 1:8

brought his insecurities before God and found his strength, identity, and purpose in Him. Took a strong attitude towards sin and holiness, full of faith and obedience to God.

GOD

**VICTORIOUS
FAITHFUL
PERSONAL**

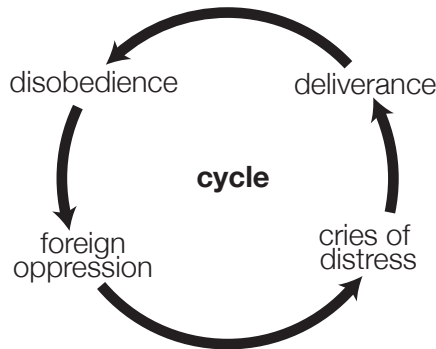
A multitude of miracles in battle. Faith and spiritual warfare as God established a space where his people could shine in the culture around.

JUDGES

Spiraling cycle away from God.. loss of identity, loss of direction. Thirteen judges described in Judges 2:16, "Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders."

the Judges

Othniel
Ehud
Shamgar
Deborah
Gideon
Tola
Jair
Jephthah
Ibzan
Elon
Abdon
Samson



brokencovenant

the Israelites continually broke their covenant with God. Living in the promised land, instead of being a light to the nations, they simply adopted the culture, gods, and lifestyle of the surroundings. Yahweh, became just another god the Israelites seemed to worship.

Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD had compassion on them as they groaned under those who oppressed and afflicted them. But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways
Judges 3:18,19

FATHER
teaching
disciplining
punishing/saving

Judges 2:20-22
Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers and has not listened to me, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did."

FORGIVING

Exodus 3:14
God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

RUTH

Through this one woman's faith and obedience, God uses her to maintain the seed line from which the Messiah will be raised.

ruthboaz

In their daily affairs their lives embody the self-giving love that fulfills God's law. Such love reflects God's love, in a marvellous joining of man's actions with God's. In God's benevolence such lives are blessed and are made a blessing.

PLANNED
has a masterplan
salvation for mankind

LOVE&BLESSING
selfless love
personal involvement

1,2 SAMUEL

The establishment of monarchies, starting with King Saul, then to David, and finally to Solomon, before the division of the kingdom.

humankings

Rejected God as their King. They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."
1 Samuel 8:5
Through the Judges God has been trying to show the people his rightful place as King in their lives, but they rejected him as they reject the judges, the prophets. They demand a King like the nations around them.

david&solomon

Spiritual height of Israel. Nation walked closest to God, and nation expanded as well.

Material height of Israel. But intermarrage and religious syncretism brought about its downfall

DIVINE KING
has a masterplan
salvation for mankind

1 Samuel 8:7-9
Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do.