

RUTH!

The book of Ruth invites us to see how God is involved in the day to day joys and hardships of our lives. It is like an oasis of purity in a desert of corruption.



Ruth contains a type of Christ in Boaz, the kinsman– redeemer who redeems to himself a Gentile bride. Ruth is the book that introduces us to the family tree of both David and thereby ‘David’s greater son’ (Christ).

1 and 2 Samuel were originally written as one manuscript. More next time, however, 1 Samuel deals with the last of the Judges - Samuel, and introduces us to the first of the Kings - Saul. The second half of the book deals with David who trusted God to bring about His promises in His way and in His time.



STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

Can be downloaded and watched on the Newcraigs Website



The study guides will be most helpful if you work through them slowly with an open Bible, looking up all the references. Grab some friends and do it together!

Useful information:

Newcraigs Church are grateful for the resources of The Bible Project. The full program can be obtained from thebibleproject.org. We have made the monthly readings and videos alongside the study guides available at our website newcraigs.co.uk/the-bible-project.

	Date	Readings	Psalm	Video
M	3/4	Josh 5-8	66	Joshua
T	4/4	Josh 9-12	67	
W	5/4	Josh 13-21 (skim)	68	
T	6/4	Josh 22-24	69	
F	7/4	Jdgs 1-3	70	Judges
M	10/4	Jdgs 4-6	71	
T	11/4	Jdgs 6-8	72	
W	12/4	Jdgs 9-12	73	
T	13/4	Jdgs 13-15	74	
F	15/4	Jdgs 16-18	75	
M	17/3	Jdgs 19-21	76	
CHAPTER 7 - RISE & FALL OF ISRAEL'S KINGDOM				
T	18/4	Ruth	77	Ruth
W	19/4	1 Sam 1-3	78	1 Samuel
T	20/4	1 Sam 4-8	79	
F	21/4	1 Sam 9-12	80	
M	24/4	1 Sam 13-14	81	
T	25/4	1 Sam 15-17	82	
W	26/4	1 Sam 18-20	83	
T	27/4	1 Sam 21-24	84	
F	28/4	1 Sam 25-27	85	



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THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

PSALMS of PRAYER

One Psalm is listed each day for you to slowly pray through, making its words your own. By the end you’ll have prayed through the book of Psalms 2.5 times.

VIDEOS

Each day you come to a new biblical book there will be a short animated video provided by ‘The Bible Project’ and available on our website www.newcraigs.co.uk. Each one is all about that book’s design and message and what to look for as you read.

You can also sign up to have those videos emailed to your inbox direct from thebibleproject.com. In addition to videos regarding books of the Bible, you will find theme videos relating to several topics that appear throughout Scripture.

Study guides and more information from thebibleproject.com. We also have our online bookstore at newcraigs.co.uk/book-shop.

JOSHUA

Joshua was a man chosen to succeed Moses. He was born in Egypt, trained under Moses, spiritual (Ex.33:11), an active helper (Ex 17:10), and one of the two faithful spies (Num 14:6).

Joshua was originally called ‘Oshea’ (Num 13:8). The meanings of his names remind us that we have to be ‘saved’ - his name means ‘Saviour’ and as he led the Israelites into the Promised Land, in this as well as in his name he is a picture or type of Christ.

In the books of Moses, the Israelites are introduced to a redeemed position; in Joshua they enter a redeemed experience. The last book of Moses is one of anticipation; Joshua is one of realisation. In the former we see a vision of faith; in the latter we see a venture of faith.

CHAPTERS 1-5

The early chapters deal with their getting fully into the land as Joshua leads them.

CHAPTERS 6-12

The central chapters deal with their getting on top of their enemies and battles with the Canaanites.

CHAPTERS 13-22

Joshua divides up the land dealing with their getting sorted out relative to shared responsibilities.

CHAPTER 23-24

Joshua gives two speeches to the people, similar to the final speeches of Moses. Joshua reminds them of God’s generosity in bringing them into the land and how he rescued them from the Canaanites.

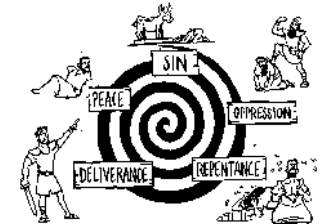
There is a final call to turn away from the Canaanite gods and to be faithful to the Covenant they made and if they do, it will lead to life and blessing in the land. They were to show the other nations around what God was like. How would they respond?



Judges begins with the death of Joshua and sadly tells of Israel’s total failure. Victory gave place to defeat; freedom to bondage; progress to decline; faith to unbelief; and unity to anarchy.

It all starts with compromise, and ends in corruption and calamity. As the book of Joshua ends they are under the rule of God (Theocracy); by the end of the book of Judges they are under the rule of nobody (Anarchy—see 17:6). This situation leads later to them desiring to be under the rule of a king (Monarchy).

Judges contains the recorded history of six apostasies. Each form a cycle of experience: sin to oppression; oppression to repentance; repentance to deliverance; deliverance to peace.



The judges are military heroes who deliver God’s people and then rule over them during their lifetime. They give the people rest from their enemies while they live. In this they point forward to Jesus, our ultimate hero, who fights against our enemies (sin and death) and give us rest from them as long as he lives!