

Bible Top 5

God Empowers His People

Week 2

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Last Week's Top 5

1) Genesis 1 - *Creation*

Genesis 1 = God created all things good

2) Genesis 2 - *Divine Intentions*

Genesis 2 = Divine intentions

3) Genesis 3 - *Disharmony*

Genesis 3 = The fall

Genesis 4 = Brother's keeper

Genesis 7 = The flood

Genesis 11 = Tower of Babel

4) Genesis 12 - *Pronouncement of a Destiny* (SELECTION)

Genesis 12 = Blessed to be a blessing

5) Genesis 12-50 - *Ardent Dreams of a Destiny* (SEPARATION)

Genesis 13 = Separation within families (Abram-Lot)

Genesis 16 = Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 17 = Circumcision instituted

Genesis 24 = Deliberate ethnic separation (Isaac marries Rebekah)

Genesis 47 = Geographic separation in Goshen

Genesis 50 = God can use evil for good

Exodus 2 = Birth of Moses

Exodus 4 = The Excuses of Moses when faced with a Challenge

Concept Question - Why was it important for God to Unite His chosen people Israel?

United for a Destiny

Mortar bowl and pestles = Israel was united into a people by specific experiences

Pestle with sharp rock = Circumcision

Pestle with separation symbol (blue ring) = Ethnic, Within Family & Geographic Separations

Pestle with land and throne = Common hopes & dreams for the future

Pestle with yoke = Oppression Under Pharaoh

Pestle with law symbol = The law received at Mount Sinai

Prism symbol on manuscript = Israel's United Destiny was "to be a blessing"

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Concept Question - What lessons did the Israelites need to learn during their 40 years in the desert?

An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland

What did God ask of the Israelites as they migrated? = TRUST IN THE LORD

Crisis and Trials

God, a constant presence in Israel's midst = Exodus 40

Organization

Jethro's advice to Moses to delegate responsibility = Exodus 18

God equips people for specific tasks = Exodus 31

Law & Legislation = 3 Types – Civil (Changes), Ceremonial (Changes), Moral (Unchanging)

The Ten Commandments = Exodus 20

Civil Law for nomads = Exodus 21-23

An eye for an eye code = Exodus 21

Instructions to build a tabernacle = Exodus 25-27

Inauguration of the priesthood = Exodus 28-29

Rigid Discipline

The Golden Calf = Exodus 32

Visiting the Iniquity of the fathers upon the children = Exodus 34

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Concept Question - Why was it important that God ensured Israel's Destiny?

A Destiny Ensured

Manuscript and its message = After Egypt - The destiny still stands

Manuscript tied to anchor = The destiny must be ensured

Anchor lodged in sand = Ensuring factors were critical at infancy stage

Lightning streaks = Divine Intervention developed confidence & trust

Scales of justice = Civil & Moral Laws prevented chaos & destruction

Separated figures = Visual Aids reminded of separation & obedience (Nazirites, tassels)

Wine chalice & bread = Memorial Feasts reminded of past, present & future

Tent = The Tabernacle was a constant reminder of God's presence (also tent of meeting, ark, temple)

Mace = Leaders were provided who had proper credentials

Land scene = The land was to be conquered to fulfill the destiny

All rocks attached to manuscript = Ensuring factors were meant to help insure the destiny

Memory Concepts

Second Decalogue (Ten Commandments)	= Deuteronomy 5
The law of the tithe	= Deuteronomy 14
Hebrew creed	= Deuteronomy 6
Vow of the Nazirite	= Numbers 6
Teach children the law	= Deuteronomy 11
Exhortation against pure nature worship	= Deuteronomy 4
Rock and Water Incident	= Numbers 20
Review of events from Horeb to Moab	= Deuteronomy 1
War as an Instrument of God's Vengeance	= Numbers 31
Aaronic Benediction	= Numbers 6
Star Out of Jacob	= Numbers 24

Concept Question - Why was Atonement important for Israel to be able to fulfill her destiny?

Empowered for a Destiny

Figure = Israel

Murky Stream = Israel lived in a world where evil was a reality

Spotted Tunic = Evil splashes on Israel, Israel unclean with sin

Broken Note = Disobedience leads to disharmonies

Burden = Sin leads to guilt and sense of guilt

Extended Hands = Israel was called to minister to all on the earth

Figure Clutches Burden = Preoccupied with own burdens, Israel unable to minister

Lamb Between Figure & Hands = God's atoning acts free Israel to fulfill its mission

Manuscript Message = God's atonement was provided to empower Israel to "be a blessing"

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Memory Concepts

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)	= Leviticus 16
Scapegoat for Sins and Iniquities	= Leviticus 16
Life is in the Blood	= Leviticus 17

Concept Question - What important lessons did God try to teach Israel during the Conquest?

The Conquest

Masses Emerging From Desert = Israel comes to conquer
Great Sword East of Jordan = Kingdoms of Sihon and Og are crushed
Dual Swords West of Jordan = Jericho and Ai crumble
Sword Attached to Five Crowns = Southern coalition is defeated
Sword at Base of Sea of Galilee = Northern coalition is routed
Figure on Rock Ledge = Israel is master of Canaan, Joshua urges loyalty to true God
Red Tinges on Western Seacoast = Some areas remain untaken and threaten Israel's destiny

Memory Concepts

Jericho Captured	= Joshua 6
Destruction of Ai	= Joshua 8
Gibeonite Plot	= Joshua 9
Southern Coalition	= Joshua 10
Northern Coalition	= Joshua 11
Choose this day who you will serve	= Joshua 24

Top 5 Concepts - God Empowers His People

United for a Destiny (Uniting Factors)
An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland
A Destiny Insured (Insuring Factors)
Empowered for A Destiny (Atonement)
The Conquest

Closing Prayer

Next Week - God's People Turn From Him