

# Bible Top 5

## God's People Turn From Him

### Week 3

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

#### Top 5 Concepts - God Prepares His People

Creation  
Divine Intentions  
Disharmony  
Pronouncement of a Destiny (Selection)  
Ardent Dreams of a Destiny (Separation)

#### 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

**Concept Question** - Why did God raise up judges during Israel's early years in the promised land?

#### *Judges Forestall Threats*

*Disheveled Figure on Bottom Right* = Israel's political enemies during period of judges  
*Figure Holds Stone Axe* = Israel's enemies were small powers of the immediate locale  
*Figure with Ripped Tunic & Broken Axe Handle* = Small powers were defeated by judges  
*Six Figures in Center* = The six major judges of Israel  
*Scrap of Tunic in Hands* = Judges defeated specific enemy, didn't eliminate all enemies

*Judge with Raised Arm* = Othniel delivered Israel from Mesopotamians  
*Judge with Sword* = Ehud saved Israel from Moabites, Sword was secret gift to Eglon  
*Judge with Tent Spike* = Deborah defeated Canaanites, Tent spike killed Sisera by woman  
*Judge with Lamp and Trumpet* = Gideon defeated Midianites using 300 with lamps & trumpets  
*Judge with Manuscript* = Jephthah defeated Ammonites after making rash vow  
*Judge with Jawbone* = Samson defeated Philistines (1000 with jawbone, thousands at his death)

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**Concept Question** - Why did Israel want a king? Why hadn't they had a king in their early years?

### *The Philistine Menace*

*Massive Army Posed in Background* = Israel was threatened by a major power, Philistia  
*Warriors with Iron Weapons* = Philistia was well-organized military power, diff than other enemies  
*Gloating King & Arrogant Warriors* = Philistia captures Israel's most prized possession, the ark  
*Figure with Tears in Eyes* = The loss of the ark created a feeling of hopeless despair  
*Figure Clasping Cloak of Weeping Man* = Others saw answer in government  
*Vision of Throne with King* = Philistine experience led to concept of king

**Concept Question** - What positives and negatives did Israel realize from having a king?

### *The United Kingdom*

*Banner entwines self around & through crowns* = 12 tribes are United under kings  
*Inscriptions on banner* = Symbols of the 12 tribes

<i>Bull</i>	Ephraim	Hosea 10:11
<i>Tent</i>	Gad	Joshua 13:24
<i>Serpent</i>	Dan	Genesis 49:17
<i>Thistle</i>	Reuben	Genesis 49:4
<i>Lion</i>	Judah	Genesis 49:9
<i>Gate</i>	Simeon	Ezekiel 48:33
<i>Tree</i>	Manasseh	Genesis 49:22
<i>Burden bearer</i>	Issachar	Genesis 49:14
<i>Ship</i>	Zebulun	Genesis 49:13
<i>Fox</i>	Benjamin	Genesis 49:27
<i>Mountain goat</i>	Naphtali	Genesis 49:21
<i>Grain</i>	Asher	Genesis 49:20

*Pillars rising from throne base to heavens* = Kings selected by God, not by succession

*Crown on far left* = The reign of Saul

*Crown is dark* = Saul's kingship met violent opposition

*Crown in center* = The reign of David

*Star of David, mace & light over crown* = David's reign was Israel's golden age

*Three diamonds and one dark pearl on crown* = Four major events in David's reign

*First Diamond* = Jerusalem was made capital city of Israel

*Second Diamond* = Philistine menace & other political threats removed

*Third Diamond* = Jerusalem was made religious center of nation

*Dark Pearl* = Disunity in kingdom resulted from David's sin with Bathsheba

*Crown on far right* = The reign of Solomon

*Yoke attached to third crown* = Solomon's policies led to heavy taxation & forced labor

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### Memory Concepts

History in Poetic Media	= Judges 5
Hannah's Prayer	= 1 Samuel 2
Saul made King over Israel	= 1 Samuel 11
King and Nation to Follow God	= 1 Samuel 12
David Appointed King over Judah	= 2 Samuel 2
David King over United Israel	= 2 Samuel 5
Jerusalem Made the Capital	= 2 Samuel 5
David Makes Jerusalem Israel's Religious Center	= 2 Samuel 6
Seeds of Trouble-Bathsheba	= 2 Samuel 11
Nathan's Rebuke	= 2 Samuel 12
Solomon Reigns and Begins His Rule Well	= 1 Kings 3
Solomon's Reign Deteriorates and Paves The Way For a Divided Kingdom	= 1 Kings 11

**Concept Question** - What happened to the northern kingdom of Israel and why?

### *The Crumbling North*

How did Solomon's unfaithfulness lead to a split kingdom? = Foreign wives & gods

Where did Israel set its political capital? = Shechem, Tirzah, Samaria

Did Jeroboam "walk with the Lord"? = No. Made calves, created festivals, appointed priests

*Golden calf on Jeroboam* = Jeroboam established religious shrines at Dan & Bethel

How faithful were the other kings of Israel? = Evil in God's eyes like Jeroboam

*Dark section of crumbling earth* = Age of Civil Strife

*Volcano on Omri* = Israel threatened by Syria in reigns from Baasha to Omri

*Snake on Ahab* = Baalism cult gained solid foothold during Ahab's reign

*Elijah & Elisha banners* = Prophets denounce Israel's Baalism

Why are the prophet banners black and white? = Black - doom, White - hope

*Golden section of crumbling earth* = Age of Wealth and Prosperity

*Amos & Hosea banners* = Prophets warn against spiritual laxness during Golden Age

*Orange and red section of crumbling earth* = Age of Rapid Decline

*Erupting volcano on Menahem* = Assyria becomes a violent threat to Israel's freedom

*Two coins at base of volcano* = Israel forced to pay tribute to Assyria

*Manuscript peg on Pekah* = Pekah aligned himself with Aram (Syria) against Judah & Assyria

*Isaiah banner* = Isaiah prophesies destruction of northern kingdom

*Manuscript peg on Hoshea* = Hoshea attempts military alliance with Egypt against Assyria

*Dark red color of Hoshea* = Full-scale destruction comes to North during Hoshea's reign

*Overall portrayal of crumbling kingdom* = Assyria destroys Northern Kingdom in 722 BC

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**Concept Question** - What happened to the southern kingdom of Judah and why?

### *The Crumbling South*

How did the nations compare geographically? = Israel - fertile land, trade routes  
How did the nations contrast in their faithfulness? = Israel - bad, Judah - some good

Which of the 4 *Civil Strife* kings were faithful? = Asa & Jehoshaphat  
*Volcano on Rehoboam* = Egypt threatens Judah (Shishak raids Jerusalem)  
*Peace flag on Jehoshaphat* = Civil strife between north & south end during Jehoshaphat  
*Wedding ring under flag* = Peace results from marriage between North & South royalty  
*Smudge on ring* = Marriage brings Baalism to Southern kingdom

Which of the 3 *Baalism* rulers were faithful? = None  
*Snake on Jehoram, Ahaziah & Athaliah* = Baalism embraced during all 3

Which of the 4 *Golden Age* kings were faithful? = Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham (all 4)  
*Golden color of Uzziah* = Wealth & prosperity reaches peak under Uzziah  
*Isaiah & Micah banners* = Prophesied to Judah from Uzziah to Hezekiah

Which of the 4 *Decline* kings were faithful? = Hezekiah  
*Manuscript peg on Ahaz* = Alliance with Assyria against Syria & Israel  
*Coins on Ahaz* = Judah became vassal to Assyria  
*Volcanos on Hezekiah* = Allies with Egypt & Babylon against Assyria

### **Top 5 Concepts - God's People Turn From Him**

Judges Forestall Threats  
The Philistine Menace  
The United Kingdom  
The Crumbling North  
The Crumbling South

Closing Prayer

Next Week - God Restores His Fallen People