

# History of the Faith

## Part I

### A. Primeval History (Genesis 1—11)

1. Creation (Gen. 1—2)
2. Rebellion & Promise (Gen. 3) *\*\*Read Genesis 3:14-19\*\**
3. Noah's Ark & the Flood (Gen. 6—9)
4. The Table of Nations (Gen. 10)
5. The Tower of Babel and Scattering of Humanity (Gen. 11)

### B. The Covenant Begins (Genesis 12—50)

1. The Everlasting Covenant to Abraham (Gen. 12—25) *\*\*Read Gen. 12:1-3; 15:12-21; 17:4-14\*\**
  - a. Isaac Is Born (Gen. 21:1-7)
  - b. The Passion of Isaac (Gen. 22)
  - c. Esau and Jacob Are Born (Gen. 25)
2. The Everlasting Covenant to Isaac (Gen. 26) *\*\*Read Gen. 26:2-5\*\**
3. The Everlasting Covenant to Jacob (Gen. 27—36) *\*\*Read Gen 27:26-29; 28:3-4; 28:13-15; 35:10-12*
  - a. Jacob's Children Are Born (Gen. 29—30)
  - b. Jacob Given the Name "Israel" (Gen. 32)
4. To Whom Should the Everlasting Covenant Go Next? (Gen. 37—50)
  - a. Judah's Disgusting Sin (Gen. 38)
  - b. Joseph's Death & Resurrection (Gen. 39—44:13)
  - c. Judah's Self-sacrifice (Gen. 44:14-34)
  - d. Israel & Sons Settle in Egypt (Gen. 47)
  - e. Judah Blessed as Ruler of His Brothers (Gen. 49:8-12)

### C. The Exodus and Wilderness Wandering (Exodus – Deuteronomy)

1. The Birth of Moses (Ex. 2)
2. Yahweh's Revelation to Moses (Ex. 3)
3. Yahweh's Ten Plagues in Egypt (Ex. 5—11)
4. The Passover of Yahweh (Ex. 12)
5. Israel's Baptism into Moses at the Red Sea (Ex. 13—15)
6. Israel Arrives at Mount Sinai (Ex. 19)
7. The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:1-17)
8. The Book of the Covenant (Ex. 20:18—23:33)
9. A **Conditional** Covenant Is Made in the Blood Ceremony (Ex. 24)
10. Israel Worships the Golden Calf as Yahweh (Ex. 32)
11. The **Conditional** Covenant Is Renewed (Ex. 34)
12. The Book of Leviticus "Be holy for I, Yahweh your God, am holy"
13. Israel Prepares to Leave Mount Sinai (Num. 1—10:10)
14. Israel's Journey to and Events in the Plains of Moab (Num. 10:11—36:13)
15. The Book of Deuteronomy "Torah times Two"- Moses final sermon  
Who is the King of this great nation? *\*\*Read Deut. 33:5\*\**

### D. Nation Formation (Joshua – 1 Samuel 7)

1. Conquest across the Jordan (Josh. 1—12)
2. Allotment of Land to the Twelve Sons of Israel (Josh. 13—22)
3. The **Conditional** Covenant Is Renewed (Josh. 24)
4. The Acts of the Judges (~1379 – 1050 BC)
5. Samuel Serves as Judge and Prophet (1 Sam. 1—7)
6. Israel Is Not Happy with Prophets and Judges *\*\*Read 1 Samuel 8 & Deut. 28:36-37, 45-48*

### E. Kings and Prophets (1 Samuel 8 – 2 Kings 25:30; also 1 – 2 Chronicles)

1. The United Monarchy (1 Sam. 9 – 1 Kings 11)
  - a. Saul Becomes King (1 Sam. 9) and reigns from 1050 – 1010 BC
  - b. David anointed for Kingship (1 Sam. 16)
  - c. David Becomes King (2 Sam. 5) and reigns from 1010 – 970 BC
  - d. The Prophet Nathan's Messianic Oracle (2 Sam. 7) *\*\* Read 2 Sam. 7:13-16*
  - e. Solomon Becomes King (1 Kings 2) and reigns from 970 – 930 BC
  - f. The Temple in Jerusalem Is Dedicated (1 Kings 8)
2. The Divided Monarchy (1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25:30) *\*\*Read 1 Kings 11:9-13*
  - a. Rehoboam Reigns in Judah *\*\*Read 1 Kings 12:13-15*
  - b. Jeroboam Reigns in Israel *\*\*Read 1 Kings 12:28*
  - c. The Wicked King Ahab & Jezebel (874-853 BC) versus the Prophet Elijah (875-848 BC)
  - d. King Jehu reigns in Israel (841-814 BC)
  - e. Israel falls to Assyria in 722 BC *\*\*Read 2 Kings 17:6-13*
  - f. The Assyrian Empire has dominion from 900 – 607 BC
  - g. Judah survives by paying tribute to Assyria but the battles do not stop
  - h. Sennacherib attacks King Hezekiah and Judah (701 BC; 2 Kings 18) *\*\*Read 2 Kings 19:6-7*
  - j. Yahweh defends Jerusalem, Sennacherib assassinated at home *\*\*Read 2 Kings 19:35-37*
  - k. Hezekiah gives a tour to Babylonian spies (2 Kings 20)
  - l. Jerusalem is captured and Judah exiled (2 Kings 24—25) *\*\*Read 2 Kings 24—25*
  - m. Judah falls to Babylon in 586 BC and is deported

### F. The Remnant of Judah Is Preserved and Returned (Ezra; Neh.; Ezek.; Dan.)

1. The Exile in Babylon
  - a. The Babylonian Empire has dominion from 606 – 536 BC
  - b. King Nebuchadnezzar succeeded by Belshazzar (Dan 5)
2. The Persian Conquest
  - a. King Cyrus the Persian defeats Babylon in 539 BC (Dan. 5:30-31)
  - b. The Persian Empire has dominion from 536 – 332 BC
3. The Return to Jerusalem and Rebuilding of the City and the Temple
  - a. In 538 BC King Cyrus issues a decree to resettle Judah (Ezra 1:1-4)
  - b. In 516 BC the Second Temple is completed (Ezra 6)
  - c. In 445 BC the walls of Jerusalem are completed (Nehemiah 6—7)
4. The **Conditional** Covenant Is Renewed (Read Nehemiah 8—9)

### G. Four Hundred Years of Silence (after Malachi – Luke 1)

1. The Great Peloponnesian War between Greece & Persia 431 – 404 BC
2. In 332 Alexander the Great takes Judea away from Persia
3. The Greek Empire has dominion from 332 – 63 BC
4. The Roman Empire has dominion from 63 BC – 135 AD