

**The Story of God:
The Bible as Narrative**

Recap

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Quiz:

How long SHOULD the trip have been for Israel when they left Egypt to get to the promised land versus the 40 years it took?

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Quiz:

What are the dates Israel and Judah were exiled? How long was Judah in exile before they were allowed to return?

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Quiz:

When Israel and Judah split, which tribe joined Judah?

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Quiz:

What section of the Narrative covers the Time of the Judges? What is the signature statement in the Book of Judges that describes the time period?

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Quiz:

Which are the 3 Major Prophets that work together to handle the period of exile and what order are they in?

Act 1: Scenes 1-5

Act 1:

Scene 1 - Creation

Scene 2 - The Fall

Scene 3 - Cain's Sin

Scene 4 - The Flood

Scene 5 - The Tower of Babel

Genesis 1-11

Act 2

Building a Nation

Scene 1 – The Founding Fathers

3rd of the 6 Main Covenants
Abrahamic Covenant

- 1) Land
 - 2) Descendants = Nation
 - 3) Blessings
 - 4) Curse those that curse you (protection)
 - 5) Bless ALL Nations
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Act 2

Building a Nation

Scene 2 – The Tribal Framework

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- 12 Sons = 12 Tribes

Genesis 12-50

Act 2

Building a Nation

Scene 3 – The Formation of a People

Scene 4 – The Choosing of a Leader

Scene 5 – The Deliverance of Israel

Scene 6 – The Giving of the Torah

*Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers,
Deuteronomy*

Act 2

Building a Nation

Scene 7 – Conquering the Land

Joshua

Scene 8 – Occupying the Land

Judges, Ruth, 1 Sam. 1-7

Act 2

Building a Nation

Scene 9 – The Final Judge (Samuel)

Scene 10 – The Monarchy (King Saul)

Scene 11 – The Theocracy (King David)

I & II Samuel
Parts of Kings & Chronicles

Act 3

The Divided Kingdom

The END of Building a Nation (Solomon)

Act 3 – The Divided Kingdom

- King Solomon's Sin results in:
 - Israel in the North
 - Judah in the South



Act 4

Repairing the Kingdom

Key Dates:

- 722 BC = Israel in North Falls to Assyria
 - Hosea, Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Obadiah
- 612 BC = Assyria Falls to Babylon
- 587/586 BC = Judah Falls to Babylon
 - Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Esther, Hab.
- 70 years = Babylon Falls to Persia, Remnant returns to Promised Land
 - Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Jonah, Malachi

The Narrative

Key Threads:

- Israel AND the Nations
 - The “SINS” – from individuals to society
 - From Oppressed to Oppressor
 - In His Image
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The Narrative

Key Words:

- Kingdom
 - Covenant
 - Glory
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The Narrative

Q & A

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Q & A:

- *If we are saved by faith in Jesus the Messiah in the New Testament, how did it work in the Old Testament?
Has salvation changed?*
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Q & A:

- *You said early on God chooses to not control us via “free will” because it is fundamental to having relationship. Is there free will in heaven? If we won't sin in heaven, does that mean we really don't have free will any more? If we do have free will in heaven, is it possible that we could sin and turn away?*
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The Narrative

Q & A:

➤ *Why Israel?*

The Narrative

Q & A:

- *The OT Story seems pliable enough to be drawn in different directions without violating its integrity. From Jonah one could argue for the embrace of outsiders, yet from Esther or Nehemiah one could argue for their eradication. How does one handle these quite different approaches?*
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The Narrative

Q & A:

- *Was the exiled “remnant” from Judah, Israel or both?*
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The Narrative

Q & A:

- *Especially in Judges, the nation goes through cycles of prosperity (God centered), apathy, then apostasy, then grief (consequences), then repentance, then—back to prosperity, then the cycle repeats! Is this the human condition? How is it ultimately broken (repaired)??*
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The Narrative

Q & A:

When you covered Jacob and Esau, you made the point that God loves a momma's boy...Not the macho men that most of us try to be. So we see (you pointed out) that God loves the guy who stayed home & baked cookies with his mom more than the guy who went out hunting for meat. Can you comment on how you reconcile this with what you did most of this summer? (hint: hunting).

Seriously, does God want men to be "strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:9) or experts at folding fitted sheets??

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*How it has
affected YOU*
