

Ron Gannon - David the Man - David the King

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[0 : 0 0] Well, good morning. We're going to start a new study here this morning. And the study is called David the Man and David the King. And I don't know exactly how long this study will last, but it's going to go on for probably at least 13 weeks.

Okay? So there's a lot of material to cover. And when I started this, I was just going to be in 1 and 2 Samuel. Which is where King David appears the first time.

And the more I got into it, the more I thought about it, I'm thinking, why did we even need kings to begin with? And I had other questions, and I'm thinking, well, I need to go back another book.

And then I went back another book. So we're going to get to David, believe me. But we're also going to cover some material before we get to there, which gives a historical background about David and why David, why King Saul, and all this.

And we're getting into some of the similarities and some of the confusion a lot of people get into when they get into the Old Testament.

[1 : 1 8] And I say that from my experience. So I think a lot of other people probably have the same thing. And that's, if you just get into there, it's kind of confusing.

How the books are laid out. When I first started, I'd read and I'd get into the prophets and how the kings and the chronicles and all that stuff was laid out.

And I'm thinking, what is going on? Then it finally dawned on me, this stuff is just repeating history. And all this stuff was going on in the same time period.

And that's where the confusion comes in for, and I'm sure, for a lot of people. Because you've got to realize the major prophets, the minor prophets, all those people were there during kings and chronicles.

And those prophets were there as those kings came in to rule. The prophets were there to warn them, to give them prophets about what was going to happen.

[2 : 2 9] And, of course, as they died off, new prophets came along, new kings came about. So we're going to get into all that as we get started. But before we do, I want to have a word of prayer this morning.

And, yes, Sharon's sister died this week. What was her name? Christine. Christine. So was that unexpected?

Yes. Okay. So if we can lift up Sharon and her family this morning, that would be great if we could do that. So is there any other prayer requests this morning?

I guess Holly had her surgery. Yes. And she's doing well? It went well, yes. Okay. She's recovering. She can't drive for two weeks. She said that she, other than her vocal cords, which they go in through the neck, she said last night that she doesn't have any pain.

So that's really great. So you're going to be the taxi driver for the next couple weeks? Maryland. Okay. Well, that's good. Okay, let's have a word of prayer then. Father, we thank you this morning.

[3 : 39] We thank you for your love, Father, and for the grace that you give to us each and every day. We just thank you for that. We thank you for what you did at the cross, Lord Jesus. And, Father, we just lift up Sharon and her family this morning with the loss of her sister.

Just give them peace and understanding. And, Father, we pray for Holly this morning, Father, also with her recovery from the surgery that she had. Just guide her through the process.

So, Father, we thank you for your word this morning. Guide us as we study this morning. And, Father, we just thank you in all things and ask it in our Lord and Savior's name, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Amen. So, it gets started this morning. Many people love David's story. You know, it's taught in many children's Sunday school. If you go into Sunday schools, you're going to see the boards, the whatever they call those type things they put on the wall or the boards.

But, David, what he did, Goliath. So, David's story is exciting. David's encounter with Goliath is probably one of the best known Bible stories of all time.

[4 : 50] I think all of the kids when they're in Sunday school hear about David and Goliath. And, for a good reason. I mean, a lot of people will read that and say, we're just talking fantasy here, aren't we?

That can't be real. I mean, here is a giant and David goes up against him and he has a slingshot. I've seen David here bring his slingshot to church before.

I don't know if he could bring down a giant with him or not. But, David did. Just a few stones. So, it's an amazing story. A lot of people say, wow, dang it.

That's fantasy. That's what the Bible is all about. All these stories just don't make sense. And, you're right. It doesn't make sense to us.

But, in God's eyes, it does make sense. And, God had a purpose for all these things that you see, these miracles that we see from the Old Testament.

[5 : 52] And, there's just too many to even categorize the abilities he gave these men in the Old Testament. It's just amazing.

And, as we're going to see, David with Goliath. There was a reason for that. And, we'll see that when we get to it. There are chance encounters in caves and deserts.

Beautiful women and places of intrigue. There are last minute escapes due to pursuits by two kings. First Saul and then his own son Absalom. So, there's a lot of things going on in the books of Chronicles, or not Chronicles, but, yeah, I was Chronicles, but also Samuel.

And, 2 Samuel. Ultimate David prevails to conquer and administer a huge empire in the Middle East. So, second, the story is inspiring.

This mighty warrior is both a committed believer and a great singer-songwriter, whose lyrics still inspire readers 3,000 years after they were written. So, he learned to trust Yahweh, God, in the depths of depression and extremes of danger.

[7 : 06] David points us to God the whole time. David's story is human. He has flaws that threaten to destroy his spirit and his family. And, we'll see that as we go.

You know, David's a man of God. Matter of fact, there's words that God spoke to Samuel about David. And, we'll get to that, too, here in a little bit.

That he was a spiritual man. He was a man loved by God. But, you know what? He was just like you and me. He was a man.

And, that manhood, he does the same thing other men do and all of us do. We sin. It just comes about that way.

Even though God is using him. And, we're going to see other examples. Well, Samson's another great example. My goodness. Samson. Samson. The life that he lived.

[8 : 05] But, God used him, didn't he? God used Samson. So, David is human. He had his flaws. David's story is manly. David's life helps us see how a great warrior and a leader of men works to integrate the faith into his own life.

So, even though he was a man of a warrior. A great warrior. He could take men out and conquer the Philistines.

All kinds of conquering that King David or David did while he was under Saul and, of course, under his own kingship. But, through all that, he did not lose that initial love of God that he got.

Clear back there as a young man. And, we'll get into that also. David's story is mortally challenging. He is guided by moral principles that find a root in God.

He rules righteously rather than selfishly. And, he sets standards of righteousness and government that changes us today. He lives in a world far from our own with places and harms as well as giants.

[9 : 15] Finally, David's story is ongoing. God chose him to be the ancestor and type of Messiah, the son of David, the son of God. Jesus of Nazareth, the fundamental Davidic covenant, one of the most important themes in the whole Bible, finds its fulfillment in Christ, who declaimed that the kingdom of God is at hand.

To understand Jesus, we need to start with David. Because, that's where it starts. So, let's turn to 2 Samuel. 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 12.

Well, let's go through 18. And, it starts.

When your days are complete, and you lie down with your fathers, I will rise up. Your descendants after you will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me. When he commands inequity, I will correct him with the rod of men, and the strokes of sons of men.

[10 : 32] But my beloved, my love kindness shall never depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will shall endure before me for how long?

Forever. Your throne shall be established forever. So, that's the start of the Davidic covenant.

And, we'll get into that more as we go on. But, the great covenant with God made with David. David included these type of provisions. David would have a son.

And, the son would succeed him and establish this kingdom. And, of course, we know about that because, after King's death, it was King Solomon. And, he's the one that finally built the temple. There was no temple.

David didn't get to build the temple. He just didn't get to do that. That son, Solomon, rather than David, would build the temple. The throne of Solomon's kingdom would be established forever. However, through David's sins justified chastening, God's love kindness and steadfastness would be forever.

[11 : 43] David's house, kingdom, and throne would be established forever. This covenant does not guarantee uninterrupted by the rule of David's family.

And, we're going to see that also. You know, by the way it's saying, he said, this will be your kingdom forever. Wow, it's set up and it's there.

Well, no, it wasn't. It was started. But, it wasn't finished, was it? And, we're going to see that even it was disrupted during the Babylonian captivity.

I mean, there was no temple. At that point, the temple was gone. It was destroyed. So, those 70 years, that kingdom was not there.

Physically, in place. Because, the nation of Israel wasn't there to rule. They weren't in a foreign country. And, we'll see how that all came about.

[12 : 43] And, later on, when Ezra brought the people back. And, of course, everything started again. But, anyway, Jesus Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of these promises.

Although, he is not, at this time, ruling from the throne of David. At his second coming, he will assume this throne. He will talk more about that than also in 2 Samuel.

So, David is the most recognized Old Testament saint, along with Abraham and Moses. The name David appears to be connected with the Hebrew word beloved or loved.

And, here's something to keep in mind. I think I mentioned it earlier. But, there's five words, or maybe six words, I guess it is. Remember these words as we go through this study.

Because, it's about King David. And, it says there in 1 Samuel 13, 14. You don't have to turn to it right now. We'll see it later on. But, he is talking to King Saul.

[13 : 41] Samuel is talking to Saul at this point. But, now, your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for himself a man after my own heart.

So, that's what King David was all about. God sought him out as a man after his own heart. And, in his early age, God came to him.

And, he was in his life. And, David grew up with this in him. And, we're going to see that through his life also. Also, in Acts 13, the Apostle Paul is talking to the Galatians.

And, there, in that chapter, he's given the Galatians a history about Israel. And, what Israel has gone through all these years.

And, now, he's coming to the Galatians. And, he's telling them about this story. How their people survived. And, he wants them to act according to what God wants them to do.

[14 : 38] But, he also said to them, he said, After God removed Saul, he raised up David to be the king whom he was also testified. I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart.

So, we see that all the way through the Testaments. As a young man, he became a court position for Israel's first king, Saul.

But, as he grew, he began to write down the inspired psalms or psalms that he wrote. And, of course, we see that today in the book of Psalms. And, I believe there, I think there were 75 psalms in the book of Psalms.

Now, some people think all of them are written by David. But, no, they weren't. 75 of those psalms were written by King David during his lifespan. So, we see that as we get into the book of Psalms.

How God was with him during this whole time. And, even though all the things that David was going through in his life, he still had that heart desire to be with God.

[15 : 50] And, he would sing and establish these psalms. And, not record. Well, he did record them because he wrote them down. And, that's how they got there. So, that's just the beginning.

And, just to give you some little background of what we're going to be talking about. But, to get back to the history part, we'll start with, and we'll do a little bit of that.

And, the first thing, I already mentioned this, is that the confusion that I always had, when I got into the Old Testament, and that was why there was differences, and why there was confusion between Samuel, Kings, and the Chronicles.

And, there's good reason for it. Because, again, they're talking all about this same time span. Of all the stuff that God was doing with his people, during those many years, that all the kings came in.

And, you know, we're talking about King Saul, and King David. But, if you really read into the kings, and the second kings, you see all the other kings that came after them.

[17 : 00] So, this is just not King Saul, and King David. Now, King David had the kingdom that's going to last forever. But, when he died, God hadn't got there yet, so there's other kings.

So, it goes on like that. And, of course, until we get to the, where they are put into, what I want to say, they were captured, and sent to a foreign land.

So, there are differences. The book of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, cover a similar time period. Much of their narrative, both sets of books, cover the basic periods between King Saul, and the exile.

They both provide the history of the kings of Judah, describing their reigns, and encouraging the people to remain faithful to God. Both highlight David as being special ruler, and the measure by which later kings are judged.

Both sets of books are included in both the Jewish, and the Christian canons. Now, I read this article, I didn't realize this, but there's a difference. The difference between Chronicles, and Samuel, Kings, and Samuels, and Kings, to begin with, they do not appear in the same sections, of the Hebrew Bible.

[18 : 15] The Jewish order of the books is different from the Christian order, which is based on the Greek Old Testament. The Hebrew Bible has three sections, Law, Prophets, and Writings.

Samuel and Kings are found in the Prophets section, specifying, specifically, the former prophets, along with Joshua and Judges. Chronicles is found within the writings, along with the books, such as Psalms, Proverbs, and others.

When you read Samuel and Kings and Chronicles, there is an obvious difference. The earlier books deals with both kingdoms, Israel and Judah, and we even have the division, where we have the tribes.

You have the Judah tribe, broke away from the northern tribes, and you're going to see that going all the way through Kings, and second Kings. So, God basically deals, a lot with, and the Chronicles, he's dealing with just, the nation of Israel.

Unless there's a specific thing, where the other nations get involved, mostly Chronicles is dealing with, the nation of Judah. So, Israel is only dealt with, when it is immediate impact, of the events in Judah.

[19 : 32] Why do these differences exist? It comes down to the historical context. Samuel Kings was written, at the beginning of the exile. It was a time of repentance, and reflection of how they had come, to the terrible situation.

Chronicles was written, after the exile was over, and the Jews were trying, to reestablish themselves. So, it would be good, it would do no good, to go over the sinful past, they needed to have renewed faith, in their leadership, to start this, kingdom back again.

Chronicles was written, Chronicles was written, for a Jewish people, who needed encouragement, and strengthening. That is exactly what Chronicles does.

And we're going to see, through this study, how the nation of Israel, I don't even know how to describe it, except it's probably like us today.

They were just, God would get their attention, and say, all I want you to do, is follow me. Yes, God, we'll sign up, and we are going to follow you, follow you, in every way you teach us to go.

[20 : 51] How long did it last? Not very long. Not very long. And we're going to see that, we're going to see that, over and over, and over again.

One final note, in the Hebrew Bible, the final book, is 2nd Chronicles. That would make the final verse, of the Bible, 2nd Chronicles 36, 23.

Thus, says Cyrus, king of Persia, the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me, all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me, to build him, house of Israel. At Jerusalem, which is in Judea.

Whoever is among you, all of his people, may the Lord, his God be with you. Let him go up. Here, is where Israel, is being restored, after they're coming back, from the land, where they were captured.

In the New Testament, the Christian Old Testament, the final verse, is what? In Malachi, Malachi, and what does Malachi say?

[21 : 58] It says, Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet, before the great, and awesome day, of the Lord comes, and he will turn, the hearts of fathers, to their children, and the hearts of children, to their fathers, least I come, and strike the land, with a decree, and utter destruction.

Who was he talking about? Well, I believe, he was talking about, John the Baptist, but, John the Baptist, of course, was going to bring in, Jesus the Christ, and that's what this, is all about.

There's a difference, going on here. You know, the way they're put out, in the Bible, and the way the Bible, ends for the, for our Bible, is something new, is coming, and where for the Jewish Bible, and this may be why, that they have a problem, with Jesus Christ, and with the Christian theme, and all that, they're still thinking, hey, we're back, and we're starting again, and for some reason, they just didn't get the fact, well, why isn't all this stuff, coming true then, that they've been promised, all these years.

They got lost somewhere, in between, but at the part, when they wrote these, these books, I think this might be, what was going on. There's some things, in the, Samuel and the Kings, in Samuel, that talks about David, or no, it was in Kings, David, and Bathsheba.

You're not going to see that, in Chronicles. You're not going to see that. You also, Solomon, Solomon was a great ruler, he rebuilt the temple. Well, what happened to Solomon, in the old years, of his life?

[23 : 50] Well, he turned against. He had, all kinds of things going on, was not right. Those things, are not mentioned. in Chronicles. So, that might be a reason.

The Chronicles, that we see, wanted to paint the picture, that there's something new, coming back, and you're going to get back, into your old land. God has given you, that second chance.

Take it. Where, with Malachi, it's saying, all that stuff happened, but it's not working, and, this new thing, is going to come about.

And, it's going to come about, because, of John the Baptist, who's going to come, preaching, for the kingdom, is, at, hand. And, of course, then, from there, we're going to see, that Jesus Christ, comes in, and new things, do start happening.

So, a little bit. At the Tower of Babel, God said, come, let us go down, and there, confuse the language, that they may not understand, one another's speech.

[24 : 58] And so, the Lord scattered them abroad, from over the face of the earth, and they stopped building, the city. Genesis, chapter, 11. God created his people.

He created, he created them for one purpose. Do, be with me. Do the things, that I've laid out. That time period, from, from Noah, or from Adam, to Noah, to this point, that, enormous population existed, but they were, following other things, than God.

And they turned into, a very, bad people. And God says, I'm finished. I'm going to do away, with these people. And of course, what happened? The flood. But at that time, after that flood, he said, I will never destroy, this earth, with water again.

Start over. And that's exactly, what happened to Noah's sons, as they got out. They started over. But of course, we're going to see things, continue on.

In Genesis 15, or no, Genesis 12, God calls Abraham, and told him to go forth, from his country, to a land that will show you, and make you a great nation. I will bless you, and make your name great.

[26 : 16] And I will bless those, who bless you, and the ones who curse you, I will curse. In you, all the families, the earth will be blessed. In Genesis 15, God says, or makes a covenant with Abraham.

This is the Abrahamic covenant. In verse 5, he will take him outside, he took him outside, and says, look forward to the heavens, and count the stars. If you are able to count them, have you looked up to a good, moonlit night, with all the stars out there?

How do you count them? You can't. And he said to him, you shall, those shall be your descendants. Verse 18, On this day, the Lord made a covenant with Abraham, saying, To your descendants, I have given this land, from the river of Egypt, as far as the great river of Euphrates.

Of course, what that's going to turn out to be, is Canaan. And we'll see that, as we get into it also. God also told Abraham, that his descendants would be, strangers in the land, that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved, for 400 years.

However, in the fourth generation, they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites, all the sites, is not yet complete. That's what happened, to the nation of Israel.

[27 : 35] They were captured, by the Egypt, and they were sent there, and they spent 400 years. And that land, that they were on, all these Canaanites, all the ites, put it that way, came in, and they did nothing, as God would want them to do.

They were very, Tetris, disgraceful type people. Well, basically, Gentiles. They were Gentiles, and that's what we are, right?

So, that's what was going, we know this happened, and Moses became the one, to lead them out of Egypt, after the period, they spent there in Egypt.

God came to Moses, gave him the ability, to get the people, out of Egypt. And of course, we have the millions, that's marching out of Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the going, through the different things there, in Exodus.

what happens, but we know this happened, and Moses came to one, to lead them out. Exodus 19, at Mount Sinai, now this is later on, Mount Sinai, Israel becomes a nation, unto God.

[28 : 51] We see, that's where God, called Abraham, or God called Moses, to go up into the mountain. And he was up there, for those many days, and God, laid out, for him, how he wanted, the nation of Israel, to live, from this point on.

And, he gave him, all the instructions. He wrote it down. God said, write this down, or it, maybe God wrote it down, because it was done, on the rocks. And he took it down.

After those many days, he went down, and as he got down there, what did he see? Idols. The people said, why?

Why would you take us, out of Egypt, and put us here? All these things, that are happening, we don't have any food, we don't have any water. Why? Would you take us away? We want to be, like the other.

Give us all your gold, Aaron said. We'll build it all. And that's what they did. Made it out of cap. When Moses came down, wow. What did they say?

[29 : 58] It hit the fan. Moses, Moses, why would you do these things? And he took it, and he threw it in the fire, and all the people were, uh, dead, or killed at that point.

And God called him back up, instructed him again, said, write these down. These are the commandments, that I've given you, to give to the people.

And I want you to go down, and get commitments. And, that's what he did. And it's, you know, during those commitments, that we see the Ten Commandments, that were written there, in Exodus 20.

Uh, how many commands? Did God give Moses? Well, the Ten Commandments, yes, that was part of it.

But, he gave Moses, over 613 commandments. Uh, they're all out there somewhere. I've never taken the time, to try to get them, to see if that matches that figure.

[31 : 00] But, that's what, most of the transcripts says, God gave Moses, 613, and 13, commands. And if you go through, the books, what am I talking about?

I'm talking about the books, of Deuteronomy, Leviticus, all that time in Exodus, where they were coming out, and they were in, in the, uh, in the desert. 613, 613, different type, of laws, that his people, were to follow.

Now, the people said, we have no bread, we have no water. What did God do? He said, okay. You want bread? Tomorrow morning, it's going to be out there, on the ground.

It's going to be out there, for you to take. Take what you need today, because tonight, it's going to be gone. So, take what you need. On the weekend, it's supposed to be Sabbath.

Take enough, to take care of that day also. Water, they went to places where, they had water. uh, but they grumbled all the time.

[32 : 07] So, that's the way. Two years post, Red Sea Crossing, then Moses sent out 12, from each tribe.

They were to look at the land of Cana. They came back and said, we should not try to take the land, because the people of Cana, are too strong, for us to conquer.

Now, Moses, selected one man, from each tribe. So, 12 men, they were getting close, to Cana now.

All they had to do, was conquer these people, right here at the border. And if they could conquer them, they could go into the promised land, which God has promised them, for all those ages. the 12 people went out.

What was the report, when he came back, to give to Moses? Now, this is like, like the day. You know, we got a new job, that we want to do. Hey, you 12, go out there, look at the site, see what's going on.

[33 : 09] Come back, and report to me. Moses sent these 12 out, one from each tribe, says, now, come back, and tell me, what the country looks like. Is there, really, all this fruit, and stuff, that's there for us, to take?

All this land, with the crops, this is going to be ours? Is it true? They came back, and how many, told the truth?

Two. Two. Two. The rest said, oh, no, Moses. They're too strong. They're giants. We can't go over there, we can never win.

So, we know the rest of the story. God says, you will never, you generation, this generation, will never reach, the promised land.

You will die, in this desert, and that's what happened, for 40 years. This generation, marching through the desert, evidently, going in circles, and, we see this, what happened.

[34 : 20] And, after that generation passed, then God told Moses, so of course, we know the story of Moses, and how he didn't get to go, to the promised land, because, they went to this one place, to get water, and God said, strike the, the rock once, and the water will flow through.

But, you know what God, or, Moses got mad, and he struck it twice. And he said, Moses, I gave you instructions, it was very simple. But, you had to do it your way.

You know, that's what God was, expecting from his people, the whole time. Do it my way. I've created you. I will give you, all this stuff. Your life will be great.

Just follow, what I want you to do. But, Moses didn't follow. He struck the rock twice, and he said, you, Moses, will never, enter, the promised land.

And of course, we know, as, that, the books end, Moses goes up, on top of the mountain, and he sees, God did give him, a view of the country.

[35 : 27] So, he saw, the land of Canaan, but he didn't get to enter. And, during that time, he passed the torch. Who did he pass the torch to? Joshua.

Okay. Before Moses' death, he commissioned Joshua to be his successor. We see that in Numbers 27, chapter 27, to lead the people across, into Canaan, and to conquer the promised land, that they've been promised all these years.

Moses gave them commands about warfare. Now, they weren't going to go into this land, and just, have the people say, oh, well, welcome. Welcome.

We've been expecting you for all these years. Come on in. No, they knew they had to fight. They were going to have to fight, and kill the people, to get their land. And, so, what was the, well, we see it in, well, let's go to Exodus, chapter 34, verse 11.

Yeah. Yeah. Okay, I'm going to start in verse 11, in chapter 34.

[36 : 52] And, God said, be sure to observe what I'm commanding you this day. Behold, I'm going to drive out the Amorite, before you, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, the Prisarite, the Hivite, and the Jebusites.

Watch yourself, that you make no, no covenant, with the inhabitants of the land, into which you are going, or will become a snare, in your midst.

But, rather, you are to tear down the altars, and smash their sacred pillars, cut down their, as, as room. You shall not, worship any other God, for the Lord, whose name, or, whose name is jealous, is jealous, and is a jealous God.

Otherwise, you might make a covenant, with the inhabitants, of the land, and they would play, the harlot, with their gods, and sacrifices, to their gods, and to some, and someone, may, might invite you, to eat of his sacrifice.

And you might take, some of his daughters, or your sons, and his daughters, might play the harlot, with their gods, and cause your sons, also, to play the harlot, with their gods.

[38 : 01] And also, let's turn to, Deuteronomy 20, verses 16 and 18. Can you get me?

got to be in the right chapter okay verse 16 Deuteronomy 20 only in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God has given you as an inheritance you shall not leave anything that breathes but you shall utterly destroy them the Hittite and the Amorite the Canaanite the Perzonite all those sites in order that they may not teach you to do according to all their despicable things which they have done for their gods so that you so that you sin against the Lord your God so these people were given instructions you've been in this desert all these years you're getting ready to cross remember one thing when you cross that Jordan River it's not going to be a party you go in there and you destroy every living creature every living creature that means men also women also children that seems awful bad doesn't it can our God do that again a lot of people have problems when they're reading the Bible what kind of God are you guys worshipping he told these people go into a country and completely destroy everything

I'm talking men women children animals even the animals destroy everything and take the plunder take what's there the crops the fruits the vegetables all these things that you've been promised take those things so that's what the marching order was when they were to cross the Jordan River and so they were to destroy everything so they go about trying to conquer the land and spend years in winning and losing battles for this land Joshua takes them across the river again it's the river is parted they get to walk across on dry land they build an altar as they cross saying yes God we will obey we will obey and that's before all the time that Joshua goes over there they have their battles and even the first battles we see some things where

I can't even remember the people's names but some of the first cities they went into they were doing this great battle and they were winning and winning and all of a sudden they started losing what's going on all this stuff was supposed to happen automatic for us well they found out that one of the guys took one of their idols hid it in his tent they found out and said okay we were to go in and not take anything of worship that these people had but though he had to take it so of course they got rid of him right there at the tent but they also sent them in and out and then conquered and continued doing that Joshua divided up the land of Canaan he gave this tribe this type of country he gave this tribe some country he gave this tribe country he had them spread out all over Canaan go out conquer these lands for yourselves and you know most of these tribes were pretty large we're talking thousands of people now in each one of these tribes that went into the country so they went about doing this some had success a lot of the battles were won they conquered some of the land but before Joshua's death they still hadn't conquered all the land and he tells them not to cling to these nations and intermarry with them or they will be a snare and a trap to you until you perish from off this good land what your Lord God has given you

I don't know how many years that Joshua was there with these people and all this stuff was going on but as it was going on the nation was slipping back they were starting to okay they didn't take all the people from this town they didn't kill them all maybe they kept some of the women they started intermarrying what was the main thing that happens if you intermarry well what do you worship ah well maybe I can do the same thing it probably won't be that bad but yeah it turned out to be pretty bad so wow we're getting didn't get as far as I thought it would get which is not uncommon but the people have now entered the land they started conquering and they have not conquered all of it and Joshua's death comes about and he gives this final warning folks I've told you before when you go out and get these people that's in your in your part of the country the Jebusites or one of the tribes that you've got to destroy them and take your land and God will be with you and he will give you what he's pictured for you all these years of all the fruit and the and the good things that's going to happen for the nation of Israel it's there take it but do it the way I asked you to do it and we're going to see as it goes on that this just doesn't happen so we're going to end

[44 : 49] Judges or Joshua and we'll get into Judges we probably won't have that much time to do that but as we start Judges well I'm not going to start is there any questions or any comments for what we've covered so far because it's already past quarter until okay this is well I do want to get into the main part of the study but I wanted to give just a little bit of history of Israel and the things that they were supposed to do and the things that they didn't do and it's going to become apparent when we get into Samuel with Saul these people just never learned they just didn't and but I can't I can't say too much because today today we as a people a lot of us just do not learn we inherited that we did and you know you pick up this book and you go through it and it ties together it does tie together so I don't know

I don't know why but it doesn't matter because God is going to deal with us and in the future those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ into our life has a new life we don't have to worry about all those commands back there in the Old Testament we don't have to worry about all the things that was going there in the Old Testament because we have something new we have this new life that's in Jesus Christ our Savior and as soon as we accept Jesus into our life all the benefits and there's I read one or I did Marv I think brought one time he had a thick book 214 I believe things that happen to a believer when he accepts Jesus Christ into his life and when you go through those things it's amazing I mean it was it blows your mind really that God has set things up all we have to do is read

God's word take it in but that's not enough once it's in there now you got to take it out you got to live it you got to pass it on to other people so they can get it into their hearts they can take it and live it out in their life so that's what the Christian life is all about it's a great life being a Christian just changes you completely my own experience I did not have a wild breaking type thing happen when I accepted Jesus Christ matter of fact I knew something happened but my life didn't change right like that there was several quite a few years where those old things that I were doing they didn't disappear they did not disappear and some of them even slip out today so but the new life is great it's something that we know that Jesus Christ died on that cross he took those sins he put them down there in the deepest part of the ocean they're not going to come back because the ocean is deep the ocean is deep so we've been forgiven of those sins we've been forgiven even for the things that we haven't done yet which I'm sure I'm going to do one of them but I know that

God loves me and he saved me and he's going to give me a new life and we're going to see that at the second coming so if there is no other questions thank you for the time and we'll see you next week Heart you you you you you you