

People: Abigail, Achish, Ahimelech, David, Eli, Goliath, Hannah, Hophni, Ichabod, Jesse, Jonathan, Michal, Nabal, Phinehas, Samuel, Saul

Places: Shiloh, Beersheba, En-dor, Gath, Gilgal, Gibeah, Jabesh-gilead, Ziklag

Things: Ebenezer

Bible Survey II

Class 2—2 Samuel

Discussion Questions

1. What lessons can we learn about those who mistreat us from David's lament over Saul (2 Samuel 1:17-27)?
2. List the promises in God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:8-17).
3. What immediately preceded God's revelation of this covenant and His decision to bless David in such a magnificent way? What application can you draw from this for your own life?
4. What parallels can you list between what David did for Mephibosheth in 2 Samuel 9 and what God has done for us?
5. David's sin with Bathsheba changed the course of his life. List the steps in David's life that led up to this sin as recorded in 2 Samuel 11.
6. List the consequences of David's sin.

Things to Know and Remember

People: Abiathar, Abishai, Abner, Absalom, Adonijah, Ahimelech, Ahithophel, Ahimelech, Amasa, Amnon, Asahel, Bathsheba, Gad, Hiram, Ish-bosheth, Joab, Mephibosheth, Nathan, Sheba, Shimei, Tamar, Uriah, Uzzah, Zadok, Ziba

Places: Hebron, Jerusalem, Jezreel, Kidron

Bible Survey II

Class 3—1 Kings

Discussion Questions

1. What do David's last instructions to Solomon reveal about David's character in his final years?
2. What do we learn about the character of Solomon in 1 Kings 1-10?
3. List the sins and weakness in Solomon's life that led to his downfall (1 Kings 11). How could a man with the wisdom of Solomon act so foolishly?
4. Describe how King Rehoboam contributed to rebellion in his kingdom (1 Kings 12:1-24). Does this have any application in our homes or in the workplace?
5. What do we learn about God from Elijah's showdown with the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)?
6. As recorded in 1 Kings 19, though Elijah was a great prophet of God, he became greatly discouraged? Describe his condition. What contributed to it? How did he overcome it?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Abijam, Ahab, Asa, Ben-hadad, Elijah, Elisha, Hiram, Jehoshaphat, Jeroboam, Jezebel, Micaiah, Prophet of Judah, Queen of Sheba, Rehoboam, Solomon

Places: Aram, Jezreel

Bible Survey II

Class 4—2 Kings

Discussion Questions

1. How do some people view salvation the same way that Naaman viewed bathing in the Jordan (1 Kings 5)?
2. What lesson can we learn from the four lepers (2 Kings 7:8-20)?
3. Describe Hezekiah's relationship with the Lord (2 Kings 18-20:21).
4. Why did Hezekiah spread the letter from Rabshakeh before the Lord (2 Kings 18:13-19:37)? Have you ever done something similar?
5. Evaluate Hezekiah's reaction to the news that he was to die (2 Kings 20)? Was it a godly or sinful response?

Things to Know and Remember

People: Athaliah, Gehazi, Hezekiah, Jehoiada, Jehu, Joash, Josiah, Manasseh, Naaman, Nebuchadnezzar, Rabshakeh, Sennacherib, Shalmaneser, Tiglath-pileser, Uzziah

Places: Assyria

Bible Survey II

Class 6— 1 Chronicles 21-29 and 2 Chronicles 1-9

Discussion Questions

1. Why was God so angry with David for counting the people of Israel? How might we similarly offend the Lord today?
2. Consider David's last instructions to Solomon and the people (1 Chronicles 28:1-21). Select one admonition or exhortation from this chapter that you think is especially important for you. Explain the reason for your choice.
3. Next select one of the items for which David praises God in 1 Chronicles 29:1-21 that especially struck you. Explain your choice. Then pause and give praise to God in your own words for this same thing.
4. In 2 Chronicles 1, God makes a great offer to Solomon, saying, "Ask what I shall give you" (2 Chronicles 1:7). Solomon requested wisdom. What did God think of his choice? How much do you value wisdom? How is this shown by your life choices?
5. What events led to the manifestation of the glory of God in 2 Chronicles 7:1-3? Might God pour out His Spirit among us in a similar manner? What conditions might we need to meet?
6. Did you find many references in 2 Chronicles to Solomon's many wives who led him into idolatry? How is this in keeping with the emphasis and purpose of 1 and 2 Chronicles?

Survey II

Class 8—Ezra

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the old men wept when the foundation of the temple was laid (Ezra 3:11-13)? What application does this have for our lives?
2. What reason did Zerubbabel give for turning down the offer of assistance from the people of the land (Ezra 4:1-4)? Compare this to 2 Corinthians 6:15. What offers for assistance from people today should we, as Christians, decline?
3. Sometimes what appears at first as a trial ends up as a blessing from the Lord. Describe the trial recorded in Ezra 5 that Zerubbabel faced in building the temple. Then explain how this trial turned into a blessing, as recorded in Ezra 6.
4. Describe how Ezra reacted in chapter 9 when he became aware of sin among the Jews. Is this how you would want the elders to react to sin in the assembly? Is this how you react to sin in your own life?
5. Ezra is one of the great spiritual leaders of the Bible. List two positive character traits that you see in his life, explaining how he portrays each. Give references.

Things to Know and Remember

People: Artaxerxes, Cyrus, Darius, Ezra, Nehemiah, Sanballat, Zerubbabel

Bible Survey II

Class 9—Nehemiah

Discussion Questions

Nehemiah was both a spiritual man and a spiritual leader. Review chapters 1-4, looking for four examples of each. Then complete the tables below.

1. Table 1

	Nehemiah: A Spiritual Man
Reference	Summary of how it was demonstrated in chapters 1 and 2

2. Table 2

	Nehemiah: A Spiritual Leader
Reference	Summary of how it was demonstrated in chapters 3 and 4

3. How did Sanballat oppose Nehemiah? How did Nehemiah respond (Nehemiah 6)?

4. Describe the reaction of the people to the reading of the Law by Ezra (Nehemiah 8). What does this indicate about these people?

5. How did Nehemiah respond to the Jews marrying Gentile wives (Nehemiah 13:23-31)? Why did he consider this sin so serious?

Bible Survey II

Class 10—Esther

Discussion Questions

1. As you read the book of Esther, make a list of the events, which demonstrate, to you the providence of God (His supernatural care, guidance, and provision).
2. List the positive character traits that you see in Mordecai.
3. List the positive character traits that you can see in Esther.
4. How can Mordecai's words to Esther recorded in 4:14 be applied to our own lives?
5. Has there ever been a time in your life when God asked you to speak up at a difficult time and you obeyed? If so, describe the situation.

Things to Know and Remember

People: Ahasuerus, Bildad, Elihu, Eliphaz, Esther, Haman, Job, Mordecai, Uz, Zophar

Places: Susa
Things: Purim

Summary of the Book of Job Classes 11

Briefly summarize the content of the following sections. Try to capture the main arguments of each speaker. Write your summary in the same person and tone as the speaker. Use the original wording whenever possible. In class we will review the book through role-play, using these summaries.

1. The events leading to Job's trial (Job 1-2)

2. Job's Lament (Job 3:1-26)

3. Eliphaz' first speech (4:1-5:27)

4. Job's reply to Eliphaz (Job 6:1-7:21)

5. Bildad's first speech (Job 8:1-22)

6. Job's reply to Bildad (Job 9:1-10:22)

7. Zophar's first speech (Job 11:1-20)

Summary of the Book of Job Classes 11

8. Job's reply to Zophar (Job 12:1-14:22)

9. Eliphaz' second speech (Job 15:1-35)

10. Job's reply to Eliphaz (Job 16:1-17:16)

11. Bildad's second speech (Job 18:1-21)

12. Job's reply to Bildad (Job 19:1-29)

13. Zophar's second speech (Job 20:1-29)

14. Job's reply to Zophar (Job 21:1-34)

Summary of the Book of Job Classes 12

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15. Eliphaz's third speech (Job 22:1-30)

16. Job's reply to Eliphaz (Job 23:1-24:25)

17. Bildad's third speech (Job 25:1-6)

18. Job's reply to Bildad (Job 26:1-14)

19. Job's last reply to his three counselors (Job 27:1-31:40)

20. Elihu's first speech (Job 32:1-33:33)

21. Elihu's second speech (Job 34:1-37)

Summary of the Book of Job Classes 12

22. Elihu's third speech (Job 35:1-16)

23. Elihu's fourth speech (Job 36:1-37:24)

24. God's first speech (Job 38:1-40:2)

25. Job's reaction to God's speech (Job 40:3-5)

26. God's second speech (Job 40:6-41:34)

27. Job's reaction to God's speech (Job 42:1-6)

28. The closing events (Job 42:7-17)

