

## OT over 2 Years - helps

As we read the Bible, it can help to have questions in our minds as we read each chapter. These questions are designed to help those who would like to do this.

Questions to consider as you read Genesis:

As the name implies: Genesis is about the origins of the universe, the world, people, sin and suffering. It also tells us of God's grace and His involvement with His people.  
*What does this chapter tell us about God and His grace to His people?*  
*What does it reveal about why the world is as it is?*

Questions to consider as you read Exodus:

The book's name means 'going out'. We see God as Judge and Rescuer as He brings His people out of Egypt.

In chapters 1-18: *How do we see God acting as Rescuer and Judge?*

In chapters 19-40: *What does God teach about the way He wants His rescued people to live?*

*As Christians, rescued by Christ, how does this point us to how he wants us to live?*

Questions to consider as you read Leviticus:

This follows on from Exodus, showing how being rescued by a holy God will mean that we are different from those around who are not.

*How does each chapter show God's holiness, so that we might reflect that holiness?*

*How does each chapter point us to the cross of Jesus?*

Questions to consider as you read Numbers:

The name of this book comes from the various 'numberings' of God's rescued people in the wilderness.

*How does each chapter show the Lord's greatness?*

*How does each chapter reveal the folly of grumbling against such a great Lord?*

Questions to consider as you read Deuteronomy:

Much of this book is the preaching of Moses: reviewing the journey from Egypt to the edge of the Promised Land, reflecting on the people's rebellion and also proclaiming the Lord's faithfulness.

*Ask: how does this show the need to listen and act upon God's word?*

*Ask: as a Christian how am I pointed beyond the Promised Land to God's New Creation?*

Questions to consider as you read Joshua:

The first 12 chapters tell us of God's people coming into the Promised Land. The remainder teach us how the land was divided up between the 12 tribes.

*What does each chapter teach us about the Lord and His promises?*

*How are we urged to trust the Lord in our own situations?*

Questions to consider as you read Judges:

This book continues with the conquest of the land by Israel and the opposition they face. There is a repeated pattern of the people turning from the Lord and then turning back to Him as God provides 'judges' to rescue the people.

*How does each account challenge His people not to turn from Him?*

*How does each judge / rescuer point us to Jesus as the perfect Saviour?*

Questions to consider as you read Ruth:

Ruth is set in the same time period as Judges. The story tells us of God's provision for Ruth who was not an Israelite but came to believe in God. Through Ruth's marriage to an Israelite called Boaz came the line to David and to the Lord Jesus

*What does each chapter teach us about God's sovereign care?*

*How does each chapter remind us of God's purposes?*

Questions to consider as you read 1 Samuel:

1 Samuel follows on from Judges. God's people were in the Promised Land, but despite God providing Judges to rescue them, they still refused to obey Him. Samuel is used by the Lord to anoint the first two kings (Saul & David).

*How does each chapter remind us of the tragedy of rebellion against God's rule?*

*How does each chapter point us ahead to Jesus as God's perfect King?*

Questions to consider as you read 2 Samuel:

2 Samuel tells us about King David, about civil war following Saul's death and finally the issue of succession by David's sons.

*What do we learn of God's great plan & purposes?*

*How does each chapter point us ahead to Jesus as God's perfect King?*

Questions to consider as you read 1 Kings:

The two books of Kings cover nearly 400 years. 1 Kings begins with Solomon, the building of the Temple and the division of the kingdom into Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Solomon's rule begins well, but ended poorly. A succession of mainly bad kings followed.

*What are we taught about God judging rebellion against Him?*

*How do we see God calling His people back to Him (& for us to King Jesus)?*