

**Genesis to Revelation: The Greatest Story**  
**Life Group Notes Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Q. Think about the events in the OT – Can you give an example of an event and how it points forward to Jesus?

Q. Abraham is promised a land in the OT – In what way does that point forward to what Christ will accomplish? What might the land represent?

Moses and the people, having been freed from slavery, are ready to enter the land. Moses sends in some spies...

READ Numbers 13:26-33

Q. What happened? What report did the spies bring back?

Fear crippled the Israelites despite the promise God had made ...

Q. Fear can be crippling for us too – In what ways might we overcome fear and doubt in our own lives? Think about what the Israelites should have done.

Because of disobedience the Moses generation (apart from Caleb and Joshua) are told they will never enter the land. Joshua eventually leads the people into the land.

READ Judges 2:6-15

Q. What do the early verses in this passage tell us regarding the people?

Q. What happened after Joshua died?

Q. What does this tell us about the nature of humanity?

READ on into Judges 2:18+19

Q. Describe the situation

God raised up leaders but the disease of sin was destroying God's people and they were drifting further from the Lord.

The Lord gives kings to Israel the best of which is David...

READ 2 Samuel 7:8-17

Q. What promises does God make to David?

Q. In what way will David's throne last "forever"? Clearly David died, so how is this true?

Just as the “land promise” points forward to the reality that God’s people will one day dwell with God in a land.....so too David the king pointed forward to Jesus, the King of Kings.

David was the best Israel had up to that point, the majority of the other kings either compromised or completely went away from the Lord’s ways.

Q. David was not perfect, dramatically demonstrated in the act of adultery and murder – How might we draw encouragement from the fact that the OT heroes were far from perfect?

We all stand on the same ground before God – sinners in need of a rescuer.

David’s son Solomon takes over as king and builds the first temple. The temple represented God’s presence on earth and was the location of the sacrificial system...

Q. In what ways does the temple and the sacrificial system point to Jesus?

After more years of Israel’s rebellion God allows neighbouring nations to conquer them and the people are taken off to foreign lands....the promise of a rescuer is yet to be fulfilled.....to be continued!

Reflect on how Jesus fulfils the longing and expectation of the OT (some examples given below)....

**The land**.....points to a place (the new earth) where Jesus will dwell with all who have trusted in Him.

**The kings, particularly David**.....points to the King of kings, Jesus, who will one day reign perfectly over the new earth.

**The temple**.....points to Jesus, the fulness of God’s presence with us and the perfect sacrifice given to rescue us from sin and death.

Next time we will explore the prophets and the message they brought ... a saviour is on his way!

Pray for one another. Reflect and then give thanks for all that Jesus has accomplished and all that he means to us.

God bless. Paul ☺