THE CYCLE OF LIFE (5): HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

What part of Scripture is your favorite? (This might be age related)
Historical narrative is usually the most fun to read, the easiest to read, and the earliest to be read to you.
And then one day you run into interpretation & application questions…& you fall off the edge of the world!
Is - ought fallacy
What happened - what should happen

2 Samuel 3:2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, **of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess**; **2 Samuel 3:3** And his second, Chileab, **of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite**; and the third, Absalom the **son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur**; **2 Samuel 3:4** And the fourth, Adonijah **the son of Haggith**; and the fifth, Shephatiah **the son of Abital; 2 Samuel 3:5** And the sixth, Ithream, **by Eglah David's wife**. **These were born to David in Hebron.**

2 Samuel 5:12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. **2 Samuel 5:13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.**

1 Kings 11:1 But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; **1 Kings 11:2** Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall **not** go in to them, **neither** shall they come in unto you: **for** surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. **1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.**

2 Samuel 11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, **that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah**. **But** David tarried still at Jerusalem.
2 Samuel 12:26 And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. **2 Samuel 12:27** And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters. **2 Samuel 12:28** Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: **lest I take the city, and it be called after my name. 2 Samuel 12:29** And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. **2 Samuel 12:30** And he took their king's crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. **2 Samuel 12:31 And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon.** So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 20:2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. **1 Chronicles 20:3** And he brought out the people that were in it, **and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so** dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

How do we read Biblical Narrative?

3 guiding principles:

1. Biblical consensus

What does the rest of the Bible say about this individual or event?

1 Samuel 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall **not** continue: **the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart**, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

Psalm 78:70 He chose David also his servant, And took him from the sheepfolds:

Psalm 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psalm 89:19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. **Psalm 89:20** I have found David my servant; With my holy oil have I anointed him:

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, **he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

2 Samuel 23:1 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, And the man who was raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, **2 Samuel 23:2** The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, And his word was in my tongue.

Matthew 1:1 THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, **the son of David**, the son of Abraham.
Revelation 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

Ezra 3:10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, **after the ordinance of David king of Israel.**
1 Chronicles 6:31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest.
Nehemiah 12:24 And the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, **according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward.**
Nehemiah 12:36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, **with the musical instruments of David the man of God**, and Ezra the scribe before them.
Nehemiah 12:45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, **according to the commandment of David,** and of Solomon his son.
Nehemiah 12:46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

Thoughts:

- **This is most helpful in the big picture**

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart**, which shall fulfil all my will.

Acts 3:24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.
Acts 13:20 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, **until Samuel the prophet.**

Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of **Barak**, and of **Samson**, and of **Jephthae**; of **David** also, and **Samuel**, and of the prophets: **Hebrews 11:33** Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **Hebrews 11:34** Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. **Hebrews 11:35** Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: **Hebrews 11:36** And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: **Hebrews 11:37** They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; **Hebrews 11:38** (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Moses and David are central to the OT & the NT and are referenced 784x & 930x

- **This gives us a big picture evaluation**

Good guy – bad guy
Godly - ungodly
Saved - unsaved

- **This is not as helpful / not always helpful with the details**

AN EXAMPLE: ACTS 15:36-41

Acts 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. **Acts 15:37** And Barnabas **determined** to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. **Acts 15:38** But Paul thought **not** good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. **Acts 15:39** And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; **Acts 15:40** And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. **Acts 15:41** And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

- **This is always a good place to start**

1 Kings 8:46 If they sin against thee, (**for there is no man that sinneth not**,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;
Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; And in sin did my mother conceive me.
Psalm 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.
Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isaiah 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, And with the rich in his death; Because he had done no violence, **Neither was any deceit in his mouth.**
Luke 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: **but this man hath done nothing amiss.**
Luke 23:47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, **Certainly this was a righteous man.**
John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, **who knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:
Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin.**
1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; **and in him is no sin.**

2. Didactic correlation

What does the Bible actually teach / require as opposed to record?

Several thoughts:

- **The teaching (didactic) sections of the Scripture instruct us what to believe & how to live**
- **The stories & characters in Scripture are not necessarily sinless**

In fact, we know of only one character who is sinless!

- **All of Scripture is God-given / God-breathed & is profitable / helpful**

- **Historical narratives contain good examples, bad examples, and mixed examples.**
- **Historical narratives must be evaluated and the teaching sections are the evaluator (plumb line, standards, controls)**

- **Didactic sections: Torah → specifically Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Prophets, Gospel teachings, Epistles….**

2 Chronicles 24:1 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. **2 Chronicles 24:2** And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. **2 Chronicles 24:3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives**; and he begat sons and daughters.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Deuteronomy 17:14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; **Deuteronomy 17:15** Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, **whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren** shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest **not** set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. **Deuteronomy 17:16** But he shall **not** multiply horses to himself, **nor** cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. **Deuteronomy 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. Deuteronomy 17:18** And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: **Deuteronomy 17:19** And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: **Deuteronomy 17:20** That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Summary:

Historical Narrative	Didactic Correlation
Descriptive	**Prescriptive**
What happened	**What should happen**
Is / was	**Ought**
Recorded	**Required**

3. Editorial **comment**

What does the author / editor say about this individual or event?

The author / editor speaks **outside** the story to give you God's perspective!

- ## As an aside

Joshua 9:1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof; **Joshua 9:2** That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. **Joshua 9:3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, Joshua 9:4** They did work wilily, and went and made **as if** they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; **Joshua 9:5** And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. **Joshua 9:6** And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, **and said** unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: **now therefore make ye a league with us. Joshua 9:7** And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? **Joshua 9:8** And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? **Joshua 9:9** And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come **because** of the name of the LORD thy God: **for** we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, **Joshua 9:10 And** all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth. **Joshua 9:11** Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: **therefore now make ye a league with us. Joshua 9:12** This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: **Joshua 9:13** And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.

Joshua 9:14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.

Joshua 9:15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them. **Joshua 9:16** And it came to pass at the end of three days **after** they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. **Joshua 9:17** And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. **Joshua 9:18** And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. **Joshua 9:19** But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. **Joshua 9:20** This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. **Joshua 9:21** And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

2 Samuel 5:17 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. **2 Samuel 5:18** The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. **2 Samuel 5:19 And David inquired of the LORD**, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. **2 Samuel 5:20** And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. **2 Samuel 5:21** And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them. **2 Samuel 5:22** And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. **2 Samuel 5:23 And when David inquired of the LORD**, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. **2 Samuel 5:24** And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. **2**

Samuel 5:25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

2 Samuel 11:27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.**

Esther 6:6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? **Now Haman thought in his heart,** To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?

1 Samuel 31:1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. **1 Samuel 31:2** And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, Saul's sons. **1 Samuel 31:3** And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. **1 Samuel 31:4** Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. **1 Samuel 31:5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead**, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.
1 Samuel 31:6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

2 Samuel 1:1 NOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; **2 Samuel 1:2** It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. **2 Samuel 1:3** And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. **2 Samuel 1:4** And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. **2 Samuel 1:5** And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? **2 Samuel 1:6** And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. **2 Samuel 1:7** And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. **2 Samuel 1:8** And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. **2 Samuel 1:9** He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. **2 Samuel 1:10** So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord. **2 Samuel 1:11** Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: **2 Samuel 1:12** And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. **2 Samuel 1:13** And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. **2 Samuel 1:14** And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? **2 Samuel 1:15** And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. **2 Samuel 1:16** And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

- ## As a direct comment

This is the most common - especially in the Book of Kings.

1 Kings 16:25 But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him. **1 Kings 16:26** For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

2 Kings 3:1 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. **2 Kings 3:2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother:** for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. **2 Kings 3:3** Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

2 Kings 12:1 In the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. **2 Kings 12:2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 2 Kings 12:3 But** the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

2 Kings 13:1 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years. **2 Kings 13:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.**

2 Kings 14:1 In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. **2 Kings 14:2** He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. **2 Kings 14:3 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did. 2 Kings 14:4 Howbeit** the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burnt incense on the high places.
2 Kings 15:8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. **2 Kings 15:9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done**: he departed **not** from the

sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. **2 Kings 15:10** And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. **2 Kings 15:11** And the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. **2 Kings 15:12** This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass. **2 Kings 15:13** Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; **and he reigned a full month in Samaria. 2 Kings 15:14** For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. **2 Kings 15:15** And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. **2 Kings 15:16** Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that were therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up. **2 Kings 15:17** In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. **2 Kings 15:18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.**

2 Kings 16:1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. **2 Kings 16:2** Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, **and did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. 2 Kings 16:3 But** he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. **2 Kings 16:4** And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

2 Kings 15:30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

2 Kings 17:1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began **Hoshea the son of Elah** to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. **2 Kings 17:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 2 Kings 17:3** Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. **2 Kings 17:4** And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. **2 Kings 17:5** Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. **2 Kings 17:6** In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

This is very helpful for the e of the Judges

Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.
Judges 18:1 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day all their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.
Judges 19:1 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.
Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

Ruth 1:1 NOW it came to pass **in the days when the judges ruled**, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. **Ruth 1:2** And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

- **In the development of the story**

This is the most difficult to detect – especially for "inspirational readers" & "favorite verse readers!"

Hebrews 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Judges 8:22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. **Judges 8:23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.**

Verse 23 is exceptional, it's humility, it's godliness, it's servant leadership…& it's a lie!!!
8:24-26

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Judges 8:31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called **Abimelech (אֲבִימֶלֶךְ).**

Ruth 1:1 NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. **Ruth 1:2** And the name of the man was **Elimelech (אֱלִימֶלֶךְ),** and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli (Ἠλί), Eli (Ἠλί),** lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called **Abram (אַבְרָם),** but thy name shall be **Abraham (אַבְרָהָם);** for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, **Abba (Ἀββα), Father (ὁ πατήρ).**

Mark 14:36 And he said, **Abba (Ἀββᾶ), Father (ὁ πατήρ),** all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

1 Samuel 21:1 Then came David to Nob **to Ahimelech (אֶל־אֲחִימֶלֶךְ)** the priest: and **Ahimelech (אֲחִימֶלֶךְ)** was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?

Genesis 4:2 And she again bare **his brother (אֶת־אָחִיו) Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Judges 8:32-35 What happens (almost) immediately?

Judges 8:32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites. **Judges 8:33** And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after **Baalim (הַבְּעָלִים),** and made **Baal-berith (בַּעַל בְּרִית)** their god.
Judges 8:34 And the children of Israel **remembered not** the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: **Judges 8:35 Neither** shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

Judges 9:1-6

What is their first question?
What should have been their question if they didn't already have a king???

Judges 9:1 And **Abimelech** the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, **Judges 9:2** Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, **Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign**

over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. **Judges 9:3** And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. **Judges 9:4** And they gave him threescore and ten pieces of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. **Judges 9:5** And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. **Judges 9:6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.**