

AN ACTUAL PROCESS

I. What does it say: **observation?**

II. What does it mean? **Interpretation**

3 questions / principles:

1. **Biblical consensus:** What does the **rest** of the Bible say about this **individual** or **event**?

2. **Didactic correlation:** what do the **teaching portions** of the Scripture say about these **actions** / **beliefs** / **practices**?

3. **Author's / editor's comment:** What does the author / editor say about these **actions** / **beliefs** / **practices**?

Author's / editor's comments:

By the author /editor

From outside the story (normally)

About the act / belief / practice of people in the story

A. Universal, book comments:

These are rare

These are probably obvious

These are broad guideline → with obvious exceptions!

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.

We can also find these in other forms of literature:

John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are **not** written in this book: **John 20:31** But these are written, **that** ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and **that** believing ye might have life through his name.

1 Corinthians 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with **all** that in **every** place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **both** theirs and ours:

1 Corinthians 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, **who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.**

1 Corinthians 7:17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. **And so ordain I in all churches.**

1 Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, **neither the churches of God.**

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, **as in all churches of the saints.** **1 Corinthians 14:34** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, **as also saith the law.** **1 Corinthians 14:35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: **for** it is a shame for women to speak in the church. **1 Corinthians 14:36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? **1 Corinthians 14:37** **If** any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, **let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** **1 Corinthians 14:38** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, **as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.**

1 Corinthians 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

2 Corinthians 1:1 PAUL, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with **all** the saints which are in **all** Achaia:

1 John 1:1 THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **1 John 1:2** (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) **1 John 1:3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:4 And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, **but** they were not of us; **for** if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: **but** they went out, **that** they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

1 John 2:26 These things have I written unto you concerning **them that seduce you.**

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

1 Timothy 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, **1 Timothy 1:4** Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. **1 Timothy 1:5** Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Judges has another universal, book comment:

Judges 2:10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. **Judges 2:11** And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: **Judges 2:12** And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. **Judges 2:13** And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. **Judges 2:14** And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. **Judges 2:15** Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. **Judges 2:16** Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. **Judges 2:17** And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

B. Specific comments:

These can be very helpful. There are many in Kings but less in 1 & 2 Samuel.

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.**

1 Kings 18:12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: **but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.** **1 Kings 18:13** Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

1 Kings 18:3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: **1 Kings 18:4** For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

Judges 8:27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: **which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.**

Judges 9:22 When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

Judges 9:56 Thus **God** rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

Judges 9:57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem **did God** render upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

Judges 10:7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, **and** into the hands of the children of Ammon.

Judges 10:16 And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: **and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.**

Judges 14:4 **But his father and his mother knew not** that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

Obviously any text / comment that comes from the Lord / a prophet of the Lord, impacts interpretation!

1 Kings 20:28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Judges 6:7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites, **Judges 6:8** **That the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel**, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; **Judges 6:9** And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; **Judges 6:10** And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

Judges 6:11 And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

The books of I & II Kings and I & II Chronicles are filled with special comments.

1 Kings 13:33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places. **1 Kings 13:34** **And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.**

1 Kings 15:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. **1 Kings 15:2** Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. **1 Kings 15:3** **And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.**

1 Kings 15:11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, **as did David his father.** **1 Kings 15:12** And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. **1 Kings 15:13** **And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because** she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. **1 Kings 15:14** **But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.**

1 Kings 15:25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. **1 Kings 15:26** **And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.**

1 Kings 15:27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. **1 Kings 15:28** Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. **1 Kings 15:29** And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: **1 Kings 15:30** Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger. **1 Kings 15:31** Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? **1 Kings 15:32** And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. **1 Kings 15:33** In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty and four years. **1 Kings 15:34** **And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.**

1 Kings 16:8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. **1 Kings 16:9** And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah. **1 Kings 16:10** And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. **1 Kings 16:11** And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. **1 Kings 16:12** Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against

Baasha by Jehu the prophet, **1 Kings 16:13** For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

1 Kings 16:14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? **1 Kings 16:15** In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah **did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah.** And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. **1 Kings 16:16** And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made **Omri**, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. **1 Kings 16:17** And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. **1 Kings 16:18** And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, **1 Kings 16:19** **For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.** **1 Kings 16:20** Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

1 Kings 16:21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed **Tibni** the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed **Omri**. **1 Kings 16:22** But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. **1 Kings 16:23** In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. **1 Kings 16:24** And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. **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.** **1 Kings 16:27** Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

1 Kings 16:28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and **Ahab** his son reigned in his stead. **1 Kings 16:29** And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. **1 Kings 16:30** **And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.** **1 Kings 16:31** And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. **1 Kings 16:32** And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. **1 Kings 16:33** And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

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 8:16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. **2 Kings 8:17** Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. **2 Kings 8:18** **And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.** **2 Kings 8:19** Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, and to his children.

2 Kings 8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did **Ahaziah** the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. **2 Kings 8:26** Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. **2 Kings 8:27** **And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.**

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.**