

9. (Week of October 30, 2011)

ACT 1: REDEMPTION PREPARED: ISRAEL

Scene 2: Formation of a Nation: Israel

Second Giving of the Law (Deuteronomy)

Memory Verse: *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength* (Deut. 6:5 NIV). *Love your neighbor as yourself* (Lev. 19:18b).

- Sun:** Deuteronomy 1:1-4; 5:1-22 – Why did Moses review the Ten Commandments with Israel? Do you need this reminder?
- Mon:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 – What responsibility is given here to parents? Are you fulfilling this responsibility?
- Tue:** Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 18:9-22 – What do you learn here about the future kings and prophets of Israel?
- Wed:** Deuteronomy 29:1, 9-28 – What warnings does Moses give to Israel in this renewal of the covenant in Moab?
- Thu:** Deuteronomy 30 – Why should God's people "choose life" (v. 19)?
- Fri:** Deuteronomy 31:1-13, 24-26 – What provisions did Moses make for the future of the Israelite nation?
- Sat:** Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34:1-12 – Why was Moses barred from the Promised Land? What is Scripture's overall assessment of his life?

10. (Week of November 6, 2011)

Scene 2: Formation of a Nation: Israel

Conquest and Settlement of Canaan (Israel) under Joshua (Joshua)

Memory Verse: *"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD* (Josh. 24:15 NIV).

- Sun:** Joshua 1:1-11 – What was the key to Joshua's success?
- Mon:** Joshua 2 – How is Rahab a fulfillment of Genesis 12:3b?
- Tue:** Joshua 3:1-11, 13-17; 4:14-18, 23-24 – Compare the crossing of the Jordan under Joshua with the crossing of the Red Sea under Moses.
- Wed:** Joshua 6:1-5, 8-11, 15-17, 20-25 – What impresses you about this victory over Jericho? What lessons are transferrable to your own life?
- Thu:** Joshua 11:16-20; 12:1-24 – Skim this summary of the conquest of Canaan. Why was Israel so successful in battle?
- Fri:** Joshua 14:1-5; 15:1; 16:1; 18:1-10; 21:43-45 – How was this allotment of the land a fulfillment of God's promises to Abraham?
- Sat:** Joshua 24:1-18, 25-28 – What is the main point of Joshua's recital of Israelite history? Whom do you choose to serve (v. 15)?

11. (Week of November 13, 2011)

Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel

The Period of the Judges (Judges)

Memory Verse: *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit* (Judg. 21:25).

- Sun:** Judges 1:1-11, 17-21 – To what does the author attribute Israel's success in these battles?
- Mon:** Judges 1:22-36 – Compare these verses with yesterday's reading. What evidences do you see of declining success?
- Tue:** Judges 2:1-19 – Trace the repeating cycle of defeat in verses 11-19. Have you ever been a victim of this cycle in your own life?
- Wed:** Judges 2:20-3:11 – Show how Othniel is an example of the cycle of defeat.
- Thu:** Judges 10:6-11:11 – Repeat yesterday's question, using Jephthah.
- Fri:** Judges 11:12-29, 32-33; 12:7 – What interpretation does Jephthah give to the last 300 years (11:26) of Israel's history (11:14-27)?
- Sat:** Judges 17:1-6; 18:1a; 19:1a; 21:25 – Why might the book of Judges be viewed as a prelude to the establishment of Israel as a kingdom? Are you ever tempted to do as you see fit?

12. (Week November 20, 2011)

Scene 3: Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel

Ruth (Ruth)

Memory Verse: *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel* (12 Tim. 2:8 NIV).

- Sun:** Ruth 1:1-14 – List the afflictions that came upon Naomi's family. What afflictions are you now experiencing?
- Mon:** Ruth 1:15-22 – How is Ruth an example to us in verses 16-17?
- Tue:** Ruth 2:1-13 – How is the providence of God evident in the meeting between Ruth and Boaz?
- Wed:** Ruth 2:14-23 – How is the steadfast love of the LORD evident in the lives of Ruth and Naomi?
- Thu:** Ruth 3 – Why does Boaz describe Ruth as "a woman of noble character" (v. 11)?
- Fri:** Ruth 4:1-12 – How is the entire story of Ruth an example of Romans 8:28? Has God worked for the good in your own afflictions?
- Sat:** Ruth 4:13-22 – How is the story of Ruth a preparation for the kingdom of David? How is the story of Ruth a significant step in God's plan of redemption?