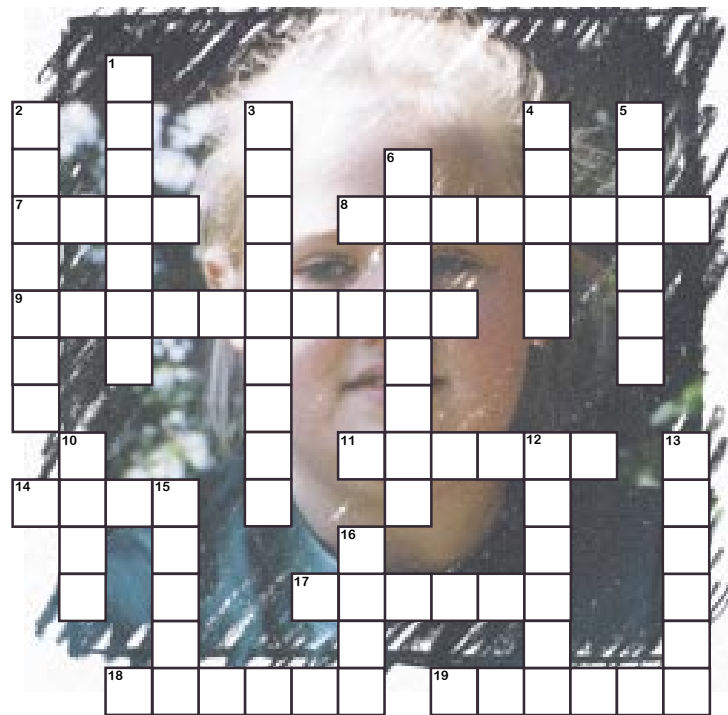


# Crossword Puzzle

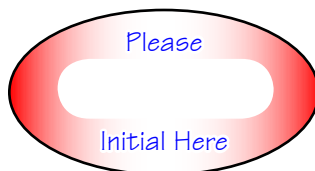


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| 7. She married Boaz.   | 1. The books of _____.   |
| 8. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe the _____.            | 2. The city where the walls fell down.                               |
| 9. The books of Kings and _____ record the history of the kings. | 3. After many kings, Israel fell into _____.                         |
| 11. Hannah's son.  | 4. _____ The second king of Israel.                                  |
| 14. The _____ of Esther is about a Jewish queen in Persia.       | 5. Esther was queen in _____.  |
| 17. Samuel's mother.   | 6. One of the leaders in the recovery from the Babylonian captivity. |
| 18. After many kings _____ fell into captivity.                  | 10. He married Ruth.   |
| 19. In the book of Joshua, Israel crosses the _____ River.       | 12. She was a queen in Persia.                                       |
|  | 13. The good land.   |
|  | 15. Saul and David were _____.                                       |

*Parent's Initials:*



## The Bible - Lesson Eight -

### *The Bible The Books of History*

#### I. Overview.

**F**ollowing the books of law the Bible includes the books of history. There are only five books of law, but there are twelve books of history. The books of history encompass the time from when Israel crossed the Jordan river to enter into the good land of Canaan until the time shortly before the coming of Jesus Christ.



There are twelve books of history in the Bible.

The names of the books of history are Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First Samuel, Second Samuel, First Kings, Second Kings, First Chronicles, Second Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther. Many important things that occurred during the history of the nation of Israel are recorded in these books of history. Also, the lives of many important people are described in the books of history, such as Joshua, Samuel, David and the other kings, Ezra, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel. God intends that we would learn from what is written.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our admonition, unto whom the ends of the ages have come.”**

(1 Cor. 10:11)

### III. Lesson.

#### Joshua

The book of Joshua is a description of how the children of Israel entered the good land by crossing the Jordan River. It includes the story of the battle of Jericho, where God caused the walls of the city to fall down.



We must learn from history.

#### Judges and Ruth

The book of Judges records the terrible history of Israel after the death of Joshua. Without a strong leader like they had with Moses and Joshua, Israel went astray. Judges records several cycles where Israel turned away

from God and turned back again. The book of Ruth tells the story of Moabitess named Ruth who gains an inheritance in Israel by marrying Boaz, a godly man of royal lineage. She eventually becomes an ancestor of Jesus Christ as the great-grandmother of David.

#### 1 & 2 Samuel

The books of First and Second Samuel record how the Lord raised up the prophet Samuel because of the prayer of his mother, Hannah. The history of Israel's first king Saul and the second king David, are recorded in these books.

#### 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles

The books of Kings and Chronicles record the history of the kings of Israel and Judah. During this time David's son Solo-

mon had a glorious reign in Israel. Under Solomon's reign the temple was built. Following Solomon, the kingdom was divided into Israel in the north and Judah in the south. After many other kings, most of them evil, Israel fell into captivity in Babylon.

#### Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe the recovery from the Babylonian captivity under the leadership of Ezra, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel. The book of Esther is about a Jewish queen in Persia who saves the people of Israel from destruction while they are still in captivity.

### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How many books of history are in the Bible?  
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2. Who was Samuel's mother and what did she do that was important?  
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3. What books describe the kings of Israel?  
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4. Who were the leaders of the recovery from captivity?  
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