Major Dates of Old Testament Events

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A Study Outline for Ruth

I. Ruth 1 – God brings affliction.
II. Ruth 2 – God arranges circumstances.
III. Ruth 3 – God builds suspense.
IV. Ruth 4 – God provides a redeemer.
    (And soon a kingly redeemer!)

A Study Outline for 1st and 2nd Samuel*

I. 1 Samuel 1-7 – Samuel is a prophet from God’s grace.
II. 1 Samuel 8-14 – Saul is a king in God’s place.
III. 1 Samuel 15-2 Samuel 8 – David is a man after God’s heart.
IV. 2 Samuel 9-20 – David is a servant under God’s rod.
V. 2 Samuel 21-24 – Israel is a kingdom in God’s hands.

*The first four sections end with concluding summations of each central figure’s work.

Next Week: Class 11 – Job

Questions or Comments? E-mail

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Core Seminars—Old Testament  
Class 10: “Israel Has a King”  
Ruth, 1st Samuel, & 2nd Samuel

RUTH

Context

- The time of the Judges
- Redemption History: a king is coming!

Theme: God sovereignly orchestrates all things—even trials—for the good of His people, who He will one day redeem through the perfect rule of the kinsman King.

I. THE BITTERNESS OF SIN—RUTH 1:11-12, 20

II. THE KINDNESS OF KINSMAN REDEMPTION—RUTH 4:9-10

III. THE WISDOM OF GOD’S GOOD PLAN—RUTH 4:13-17
1ST & 2ND SAMUEL

- Historical Context
  
  Events occurred between ca. 1100 and 970 BC

- Redemptive-Historical Context
  
  Another step forward: The king is crowned!

Theme:  

God rules His people through the king who is a representative of the people and whose actions will bring God’s blessing or punishment.

I. KINGSHIP

- 1 Sam. 8:19-20: “We want a king!”

- The “X” Pattern: Leaders’ Decline and Rise
  
    o The Decline of Eli: 1 Sam. 2:29-30
    o The Rise of Samuel: 1 Sam. 3:19-20

- 2 Sam. 21:1: The King = The Representative of the People

- 2 Sam. 8:14-15: David = The Type of Christ

II. REST

- 2 Sam. 7: The Davidic Covenant
  
    o 7:1-3: David desires a “house” for God...
    o 7:5-6: God doesn’t need that kind of house...
    o 7:10-11: God renews promises to Abraham...
    o 7:12-16: God promises David a “house”

- Near and Far Fulfillment of Prophecy
  
    o 7:13 – Solomon builds a “house” (temple)
    o 7:13 – Jesus is the everlasting king
      
      • Heb. 3:6: “Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.”

- Our rest in Christ – Heb. 1:3