

That the World May Know – The Promised Land: Session 1 – Standing at the Crossroads

That the World May Know Set Titles

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God Carries Out His Plans

The Bible, especially the Old Testament, teaches that God is “sovereign”—in absolute control of all things. He has the power and patience to carry out through human history everything He has planned and promised to do.

- 1 Who did God choose to be the founder of Israel? What did God promise to do?
Genesis 12:1 – 3
- 2 What plot did Haman plan for the Hebrews? How did God plan to use Esther—the Hebrew queen of the King of Persia?
Esther 3:1 – 13
Esther 4:1 – 14
- 3 At times, God's plans seem doomed to failure. One such instance was during King Hezekiah's reign when King Sennacherib of Assyria threatened to destroy Jerusalem. In light of God's plan to make Himself known to the world, what significant truths are revealed in Isaiah 37:15 – 36?

Verse 16
Verse 17
Verses 18 & 19
Verse 20
Verse 26
Verses 32 – 34
Verse 35
- 4 What is God's plan of salvation?
Galatians 4:4 – 5

God's Plan for His People

- 1 What did God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, say that His people were to be?
Isaiah 43:10 – 13
- 2 According to Solomon, what was the reason God's people were to obey Him?
1 Kings 8:56 – 60
- 3 What motivated each of the key people in the story?
Joshua 4:19 – 24
1 Kings 18:21 – 39
Matthew 15:29 - 31
- 4 What do the words of Rahab, the prostitute in Jericho who protected the Hebrew spies, reveal about the effectiveness of God's plan when His people fulfill their part?
Joshua 2:8 - 11

The City Gates

During the Biblical times, the city gate protected the entrance to the city and also functioned as the 'city hall'. So rulers, judges, or other officials "sat in the gate."

Look up each of the following Scriptures and note what you learn and their function in relationship to the city gates.

- Genesis 18:16 - 33
- Genesis 19:1 – 29
- Deuteronomy 21:18 - 21
- Ruth 4: 1 – 11
- 1 Samuel 4:10 – 18
- 2 Samuel 18: 1 – 5
- 2 Samuel 19:1 – 18
- Esther 2:5 – 8
- Esther 2:19 - 23

Standing Stones

God's work in the past—the distant past or in our own past—is the foundation on which our belief in God and commitment to Him are built. Recognizing the importance of remembering what God had done for them, God's people in the Bible erected standing stones as memorials to God's supernatural acts on their behalf. The Canaanites also erected standing stones to their gods.

- 1 What is the difference between the standing stones mentioned in Genesis 28:22 and those described in 1 Kings 14:22 - 23?
- 2 Look up the following verses. What do they say about the pagan use of standing stones?
 - Leviticus 26:1
 - Deuteronomy 16:21 - 22
 - Exodus 23:24
- 3 For each of the following passages, summarize the story or event and note the event and note the work of God that the standing stones commemorate or represent.
 - Genesis 35: 1-3
 - Genesis 35:14 - 15
 - Exodus 24: 1 - 5
 - Joshua 3:14 - 17
 - Joshua 4:4 - 9
 - Joshua 24:19 - 27
- 4 In what ways is a believer like a living stone?
1 Peter 2: 4 - 12.

Scripture References

Genesis 12	2 Samuel 19
Genesis 13	1 Kings 8
Genesis 18	1 Kings 9
Genesis 19	1 Kings 14
Genesis 35	1 Kings 18
Exodus 23	1 Kings 22
Exodus 24	1 Chronicles 20
Leviticus 26	Esther 2
Deuteronomy 16	Esther 3
Deuteronomy 21	Esther 4
Joshua 2	Isaiah 37
Joshua 3	Isaiah 43
Joshua 4	Isaiah 62
Joshua 10	Jeremiah 25
Joshua 16	Joel 3
Joshua 24	Zechariah 14
Ruth 4	Matthew 15
1 Samuel 4	Galatians 4
1 Samuel 17	1 Peter 2
2 Samuel 18	Revelation 21