

J1 Objectives Overview

YEAR 3 BOOK 3 – “ISRAEL: AFTER THE PATRIARCHS”

Book three returns to the narrative of Israel, shifting focus to various judges and kings of the nation, as well as lessons on Lot, Ruth, and Eli. Students will learn of their successes and failures, and how God ultimately used their actions for His purpose. The main objectives for this quarter are:

- To understand the necessity of God’s power and strength when working for Him.
- To learn how to dedicate our lives to God in a way that follows His will, and as a result, may receive His blessings, and pass on His blessings to those around us.
- To learn how our sins may have different consequences, some of which affect others’ lives.

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will [God’s Word]</i>	<i>Knowledge of God [God’s Divine Nature]</i>	<i>Good Works [Behavior]</i>
Lesson 1 – Lot: Entangled in Sin (MV: 1 John 2:15–16)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn about Lot’s choices and the progression of loss that he experienced. 2. Learn about the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. 3. Understand that God’s mercy comes to those who seek Him out. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is righteous. 2. God is merciful. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pitch our tents close to God. 2. Avoid drifting into sin by focusing our vision on Christ and actively seeking God.
Lesson 2 – Deborah: Prophetess, Judge, and Mother in Israel (MV: Judges 4:14a)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God drove out the Canaanites before Israel. 2. Because of Barak’s hesitation, the honor of Sisera’s death went to Jael instead. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is all-powerful. 2. God will give us strength and power. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn to put God first in our lives. 2. Seek God’s power and strength. 3. Learn how to support each other and work together in unity.
Lesson 3 – Gideon: A Mighty Man of Valor (MV: 2 Corinthians 12:9)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gideon doubted himself, but with the Lord’s power, he was able to become a mighty man of valor and defeat the Midianite army. 2. Understand how Gideon failed to build a lasting faith and allowed himself to become ensnared in sin. 	<p>God is all-powerful, and will help us when we rely on Him.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus on the skills that God has given to us by seeing ourselves from God’s point of view. 2. Learn the actions that we can take to build up our trust in the Lord.
Lesson 4 – Samson: A Deteriorating Faith (MV: Judges 13:5)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samson was dedicated to God from birth as a Nazirite, but he ignored his identity and his vows. 2. Despite his weaknesses, God still used Samson to enact His will. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God has His plan for our lives. 2. God is not limited by our weaknesses. 3. The Spirit of God will empower us to do His will. 	<p>Learn to protect our identities in Christ.</p>
Lesson 5 – Ruth: A Heart of Faith (MV: Ruth 2:12)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn how Ruth’s faith was evident in her actions. 2. Learn about Boaz’s godliness, generosity, and moral integrity. 3. Understand how Ruth and Boaz’s faith was connected to God’s blessings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is compassionate. 2. God is loving. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have faith even in difficult times, and also diligently maintain our faith. 2. Understand the extent of God’s loving nature, and learn how this should affect our daily lives.

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Lesson 6 – Eli: Failures as a Priest and a Parent (MV: Proverbs 22:6)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eli failed in his duties as both priest and parent by honoring his sons more than God. 2. As a result, the Lord condemned his family and the Israelites' faith went into decline. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is omniscient. 2. God is just. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept discipline with a humble heart. 2. Avoid despising God in our daily lives.
Lesson 7 – Saul: When Humility Turns to Pride (MV: Galatians 6:3)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God appointed Saul as Israel's first king. 2. The trials he faced revealed Saul to be self-seeking and full of pride. 	<p>God is sovereign. He should be feared and obeyed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obey God by humbling our hearts. 2. Depend on God, and He will protect us.
Lesson 8 – David (I): A Heart Dedicated to God (MV: 1 Samuel 16:7b)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God chose David to serve Him. 2. David served God's purpose. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is all-knowing. 2. God is all-powerful. 3. God knows our thoughts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn to examine our hearts and motives. 2. Strive for a heart that is courageous, diligent, and dedicated to God's purpose.
Lesson 9 – David (II): A Heart that Waits for God (MV: Romans 12:19)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David avoided sin by refusing to lift a hand against Saul. 2. David overcame evil with good. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is sovereign. 2. God is in control of all things. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respect those to whom God has given authority. 2. Remember that vengeance is the Lord's. 3. Wait on the Lord.
Lesson 10 – Absalom: A Heart of Hatred and Conceit (MV: Proverbs 18:12)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Absalom allowed his hatred and conceit to control his actions. 2. Absalom's pride and ignorance of God's ways led to his death. 3. God is the true ruler, and nothing can thwart God from carrying out His will. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is sovereign. 2. God is all-powerful. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Train ourselves to consider God in our daily lives. 2. Exchange worldly desires with godly by resolving conflicts with each other and actively seeking God.
Lesson 11 – Solomon: A Heart Led Astray (MV: Colossians 3:5)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solomon asked for a wise heart, but grew insensitive to God's commands over time. 2. Solomon allowed his own desires to deteriorate his spiritual life. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is a jealous God. 2. God's warnings are always clear and precise. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Idolatry is a danger to our faith when left unchecked. 2. We should search our hearts daily and strive to remove any sin that we find.
Lesson 12 – Rehoboam and Jeroboam: Leading the Nations Into Sin (MV: Colossians 3:1–2)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rehoboam's foolish actions divided the kingdom. 2. Both Jeroboam and Rehoboam failed to follow God's laws and led the Israelites into sin. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is a jealous God. 2. God wants us to follow Him wholeheartedly. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare our hearts to seek the Lord by trusting Him, leaning on His understanding, and acknowledging Him. 2. Make wise decisions in accordance with God's principles.