

Listening Guide

Introduction

[1] Where was Israel when the Beginnings era ended?

[2] What books are included in the Settlement era?

[3] What events open and close the Settlement era?

[4] What three major stories are told in the Settlement era?

Joshua

[5] What is Joshua's purpose?

[6] What is Joshua's big idea?

[7] What are the three major movements in Joshua?

[8] Briefly describe Joshua the man.

[9] What major events are recorded in Joshua 1–12?

[10] What does this central portion of Joshua’s book deal with?

[11] How does the book of Joshua close?

Judges

[12] How does Judges begin?

[13] What great shift occurs in the first chapter?

[14] What is the big idea of Judges?

[15] What is the purpose of Judges?

[16] How many judges are listed in the book?

[17] Who are the “major” judges?

[18] Name the three sections of Judges.

[19] What is the four-step cycle that characterizes the central portion of Judges?

[20] What does the final section of Judges tell us about Israel?

[21] When was the book written?

[22] What phrase opens and closes the final section of Judges?

Deuteronomy

[23] Why is Deuteronomy one of the Old Testament's most important documents?

[24] What is the big idea of Deuteronomy?

[25] How do the books of Joshua and Judges relate to the book of Deuteronomy?

[26] What is the book of Deuteronomy organized around?

[27] Briefly summarize each of Moses's speeches.

[28] How does Moses's third speech help us understand the rest of the Old Testament story?

[29] What story does the end of Deuteronomy tell us?

[30] To whom did Moses give his three speeches?

[31] What was the purpose of these speeches?

[32] What does Israel's great Shema deal with?

Ruth

[33] When did the events recorded in Ruth occur?

[34] Why is that important?

[35] Who are the major characters in Ruth?

[36] What is the central part of Ruth about?

[37] How does the book end?

[38] What is Ruth's purpose?

[39] Summarize the truth of the Settlement era in your own words.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

If ever there was a period in Israel's history that teaches us the value of obedience and the dangers of disobedience to God's laws, it's this Settlement era. Of all that you processed in this lesson, what would you name as your most important "takeaway"?