

Northside Equip Foundations: *Old Testament Overview*

Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Review: Deuteronomy

➤ **Plot:** Following the death of the wilderness generation, Moses prepares a new generation to enter the Promised Land and prophesies of their future to come.

Preview: Joshua

- **Plot:** Joshua leads Israel's conquest of Canaan (the Promised Land). Israel divides the land and renews the covenant with the LORD.

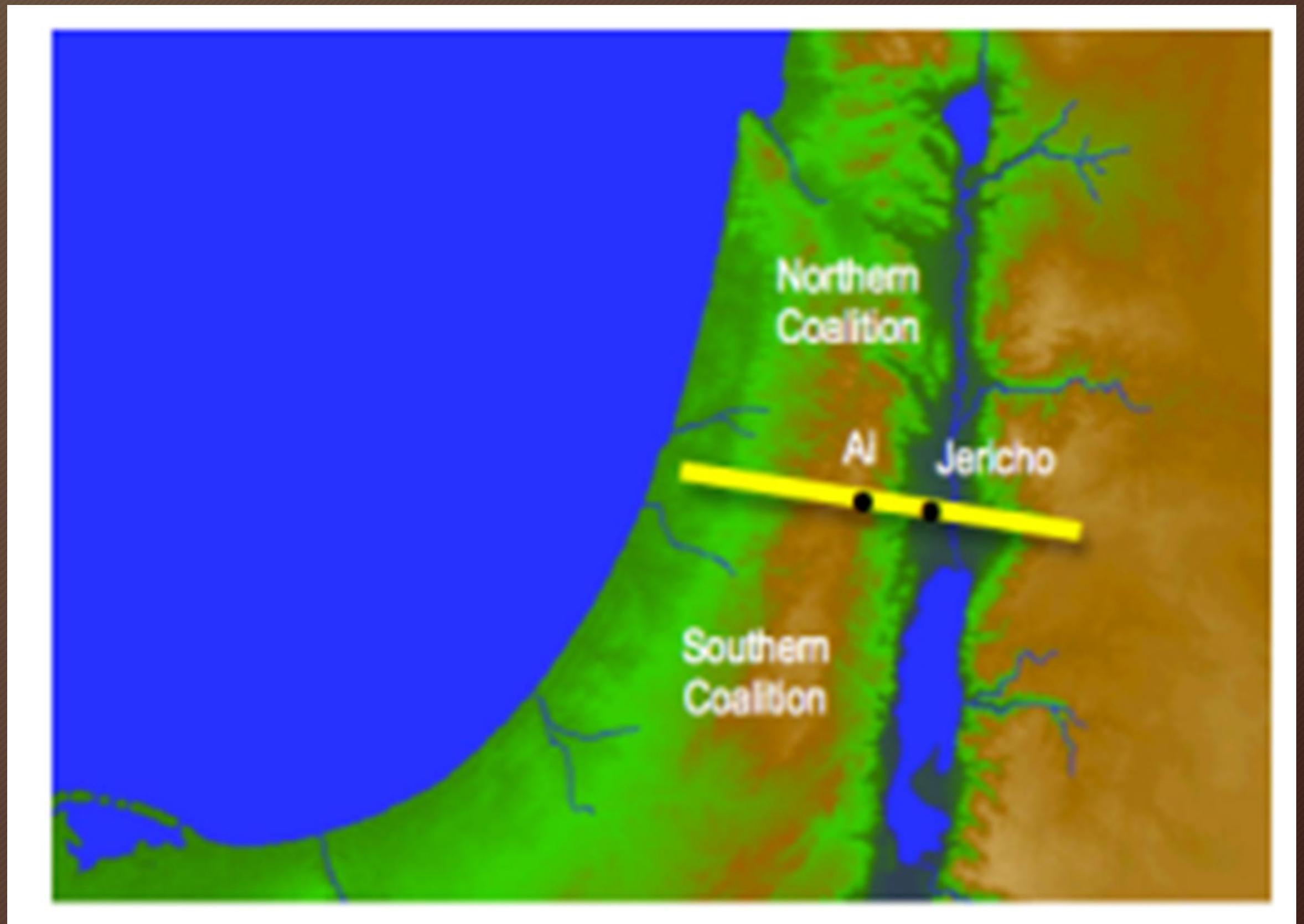
Josh 1-5 | Israel Prepares to Inherit/Conquer the Land

- Josh 1 | God commissions Joshua.
- Josh 2 | Joshua sends spies.
- Josh 3-4 | Israel crosses the Jordan.
- Josh 5 | The Lord establishes his agenda for the conquest.



Josh 6-12 | Israel Inherits and Conquers the Land

- Josh 6 | Israel defeats Jericho.
- Josh 7-8 | Israel first defeated by, then defeats Ai.
- Josh 9-11 | Israel defeats other Canaanite kings.
- Josh 11-12 | Israel is established in the land.



Josh 13-22 | Israel Divides the Land

- Joshua divides all the land among the tribes.
- Josh 13, 15, 16 | There is still work to be done.

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL



Josh 23-24 | Israel Renews the Covenant in the Land

- Josh 23 | Joshua calls Israel to finish the job and warns them of turning from the LORD.
- Josh 24 | The people confirm their allegiance to the LORD and commitment to His covenant.



Preview: Judges

➤ **Plot:** Chaos reigns because Israel disobeys the covenant. God sends enemies against Israel. God sends a series of civil and military leaders called “judges” to rescue them. Israel repeats this cycle with dire consequences.

Judges 1-2 | The Circumstances for Corruption

- Judges 1 | Israel did not drive out all the other nations.
- Judges 2 | Israel followed after all the other nations.
- Judges 2 | Israel entered a spiral (Sin/Idolatry → Punishment → Repentance → Deliverance → Peace)



The Judges of Israel

JUDGE	YEARS OF SERVICE	YEARS OF OPPRESSION	YEARS OF PEACE	BIBLICAL REFERENCE IN JUDGES	PROVINCE OF TRIBAL AFFILIATION
Othniel		8	40	3:8–11	Judah
Ehud		18	80	3:12–30	Benjamin
Shamgar				3:31	Son of Anath; possibly a non-Israelite
Deborah with Barak		20		4–5	Issachar? Ephraim? Barak came from Naphtali
Gideon		7	40	6–8	Manasseh
Tola	23			10:1–2	Issachar
Jair			22	10:3–5	Gileadite; East Manasseh?
Jephthah	6	18		10:6–12:7	Gileadite; East Manasseh?
Ibzan	7			12:8–10	From Bethlehem; most likely in Judah, but possibly in Zebulun
Elon	10			12:11–12	Zebulun
Abdon	8			12:13–15	Pirathonite (Ephraim)
Samson	20	40		13–16	Dan

*Judges 3-16 |
The Corruption of
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Judges 3-16 | *The Corruption of Israel's Judges*

- Judges 4-5 | Deborah, Barak, and Jael deliver Israel.
- Judges 6-8 | Gideon is humbled but ultimately leads Israel to idolatry.
- Judges 13-16 | Samson is used by God but ultimately is an example of folly and disobedience.



Judges 7-21 | *The Corruption of Israel's People*

- Judges 17-18 | The young Levite shows that Israel has fallen into deep idolatry.
- Judges 19-21 | The tale of the Levite and his wife show that Israel is as bad as Sodom and pays the consequences.
- Israel is in need of a king.



Preview: Ruth

➤ **Plot:** The LORD establishes the line of King David through a faithful Moabite woman, Ruth.

Ruth

- Ruth 1 | A Moabite woman, Ruth, pledges allegiance to the LORD.
- Ruth 2-3 | The LORD provides bread and a husband for Ruth through a family redeemer, Boaz.
- Ruth 4 | The line of King David is established and preserved through God's salvation.

