

BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

Learning from Israel's History



Introduction

What is/was your favorite subject to study in school?

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How many would say it was History class?

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Why should we care about Israel's History?

The Time from the Entering the Promised Land to the 400 Silent Years after returning from Exile and ending with the ministry of Malachi was almost exactly 1000 years. [1405 BC -- 415 BC]

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If we were to take out the Book of Genesis, the five Poetical Books, and Jonah and Obadiah, which were directed toward Assyria and Edom, respectively, there would be 80% of the books of the Old Testament that are focused on Israel's history and the prophets that spoke directly to the leaders and the people as a part of that history.

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II. To Instill Hope Through Positive Examples, Rom. 15:1-13

- A. Perseverance and Encouragement
- B. Stories of How God used the Humble, the Overlooked and Unnoticed, and the One Willing to Serve
- C. To Reveal and give Evidence that God's heart always included the Gentiles in His Redemptive Plan

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