

6TH GRADE

FOUNDATIONS

Old Testament: Ruth – 2 Chronicles

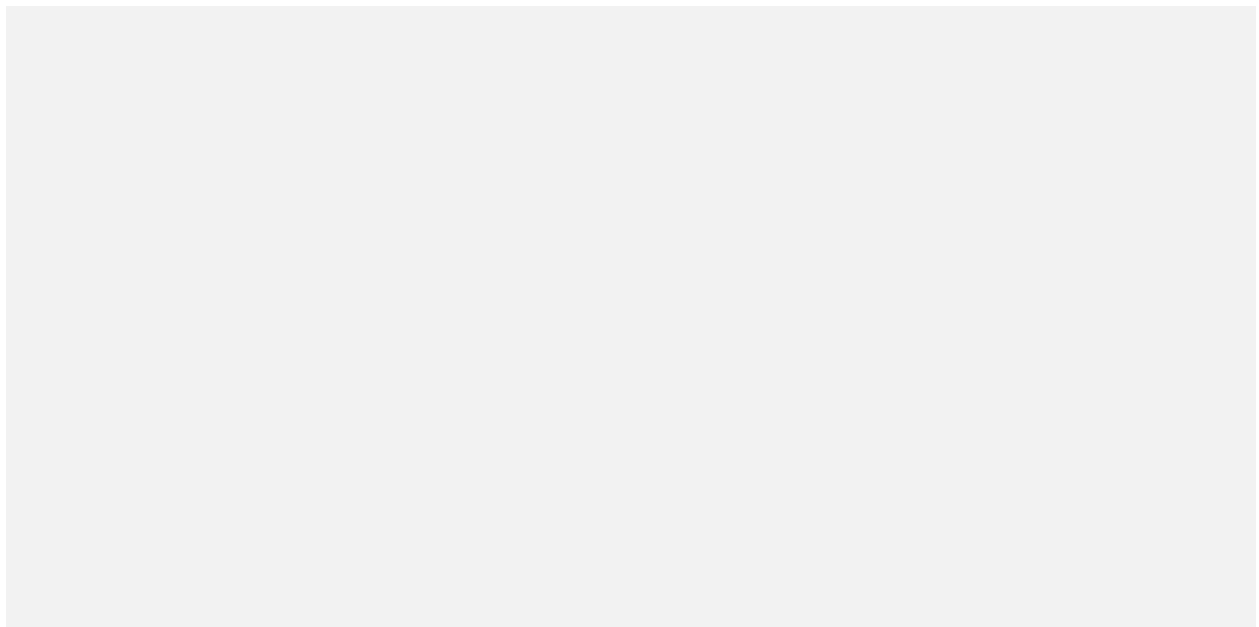
OVERVIEW

The Old Testament is filled with 39 books with many different genres, such as historical narrative, wisdom, poetry, and prophecy. The Old Testament starts in the beginning, introduces the Abrahamic Covenant, and continues the historical documentation of God's chosen people, the Israelites. Joshua through Esther are considered *historical books* because they detail the historical events from entrance into the Promised Land to the destruction of Israel (722 BC) and Judah (586 BC) to the return to their land to rebuild the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. The major theme we see through these narratives is **God is Faithful**, even when we are not.

ON YOUR OWN

You have heard the statement *God is faithful* many times, what does this mean?

List the 12 Historical books and write what you know about them:



LARGE GROUP

1. Ruth

- Know
 - Ruth is a Moabite during the time of Judges
 - line of King David, therefore part of God's **Messianic** plan
- Purpose: explains God's *providential* work to make David king of Israel
- **Reveal**

2. 1 & 2 Samuel

- Know
 - Samuel is a prophet
 - anoints the first and second king of Israel
 - David is main character throughout
- Purpose: show God's Sovereignty over the kingdoms of this world, and specifically His **Messianic** kingship to come
- **Reveal**

3. 1 & 2 Kings

- Know
 - describes the monarchy of Israel from 970-586 BC
 - King David dies early in 1 Kings narrative
 - good kings/bad kings and the cycle of rebellion and repentance continues
 - God allows Israel and Judah to be defeated
- Purpose: God will keep His promises and accomplish His purposes to bring about the **Messiah** through His nation of Israel
- **Reveal**

4. 1 & 2 Chronicles

- Know
 - written by a different author and parallels the events of 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings
 - 1 Chronicles focuses on King David
 - 2 Chronicles focuses on 400 years of kings and the fall of Israel and Judah (brief biographies and hero stories)

- Purpose: Show God's mercy in providing a way back to Himself as Israel continues to *forsake* Him, specifically through the ***Messianic promise*** in the Davidic Covenant
- **Reveal**

GO DEEPER

What do these books mean for us in today's time? How can you apply this meaning to your own life?

The nation of Israel was in a cycle of rebellion and repentance, where are you in your relationship with God?

Jesus came to break this cycle and offer freedom. *Read Romans 6:9-11 and Hebrews 10:12*, what does this mean for you and this cycle?

TAKE IT HOME (ACTUALLY DO IT)

Read the book of Ruth with a parent, what does it mean?

Boaz is called a kinsman redeemer, how does that relate to our relationship with God?