

Listening Guide

Why the Old Testament Confuses Some People

[1] Why do some people find the Old Testament confusing?

[2] How should we read the Old Testament?

[3] What two categories of narrative books are included in the Old Testament?

[4] What is the difference between the two categories?

[5] In this lesson (and course) what will we call the two types of narrative books?

[6] Why do we have the two types of books in the Old Testament?

The Old Testament's Four Eras

[7] What are the four Old Testament eras?

[8] What's the difference between how we look at the Old Testament in this lesson and how we will look at it in future lessons?

[9] What does Genesis mean?

[10] What are the two major “beginnings” described in Genesis?

[11] What major movements in the Old Testament are recorded in Exodus?

[12] Where does the book of Numbers begin and end?

[13] What major events are recorded in Joshua?

[14] What is the major “story” that recurs throughout the book of Judges?

[15] Who are the four main characters of the Kingdom era introduced in this section?

[16] What two Old Testament books tell Israel’s reconstruction story?

Conclusion

[17] What is the best part of the Old Testament story?

[18] How do the “color” books differ from the “time” books?

[19] What are the four eras of Old Testament history?

Reflection

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

Application

Write down two or three “life lessons” you can derive from reflecting on the Old Testament story.