

The Former Prophets

Answer each question as you think a qualified biblical scholar would answer.

- Which of the following is *not* a part of the literature often called the *Former Prophets*?
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - Ruth
 - Samuel (First and Second)
 - Kings (First and Second)
- The Former Prophets tell the story of the people of Israel from their entry into the Promised Land to what event?
 - The destruction of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) by the Assyrians?
 - The destruction of Judah by the Babylonians
 - The destruction of the Assyrian Empire by the Babylonians
- Which of the following *best* describes the theological perspective of the authors of the books of the Former Prophets?
 - Obedience to the Lord brings blessing, while disobedience brings disaster.
 - God is not always fair. Sometimes life brings disasters that are not deserved.
 - God's commitment to Israel is absolute. Even abandonment of the covenant will not cause God abandon Israel.
- The **main** job of a *prophet* in ancient Israel was to
 - predict the future
 - speak the will of Yahweh to Yahweh's people
 - defend God against the doubts and questions of unbelievers
- Which two of the Former Prophets discuss the way in which the Hebrew people took possession of the land of Canaan?
 - Joshua and Judges
 - Judges and First Samuel
 - First and Second Samuel
 - First and Second Kings
- Which part of the book of Judges is a collection of short stories about charismatic heroes who rescued Israel in times of trouble?
 - 1:1—2:5
 - 2:5—chapter 16
 - Chapters 17—21
- The book of _____ describes the conquest of Canaan in ideal terms, emphasizing Israel's successes and the faithfulness of the people to the covenant?
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - First Samuel
 - Second Samuel
- Which book describes the attempt to conquer Canaan in more negative terms, emphasizing the Hebrew people's failures and lack of faithfulness to the covenant?
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - First Samuel
 - Second Samuel