

Bible Essentials



The Historical Books - Part 1

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings

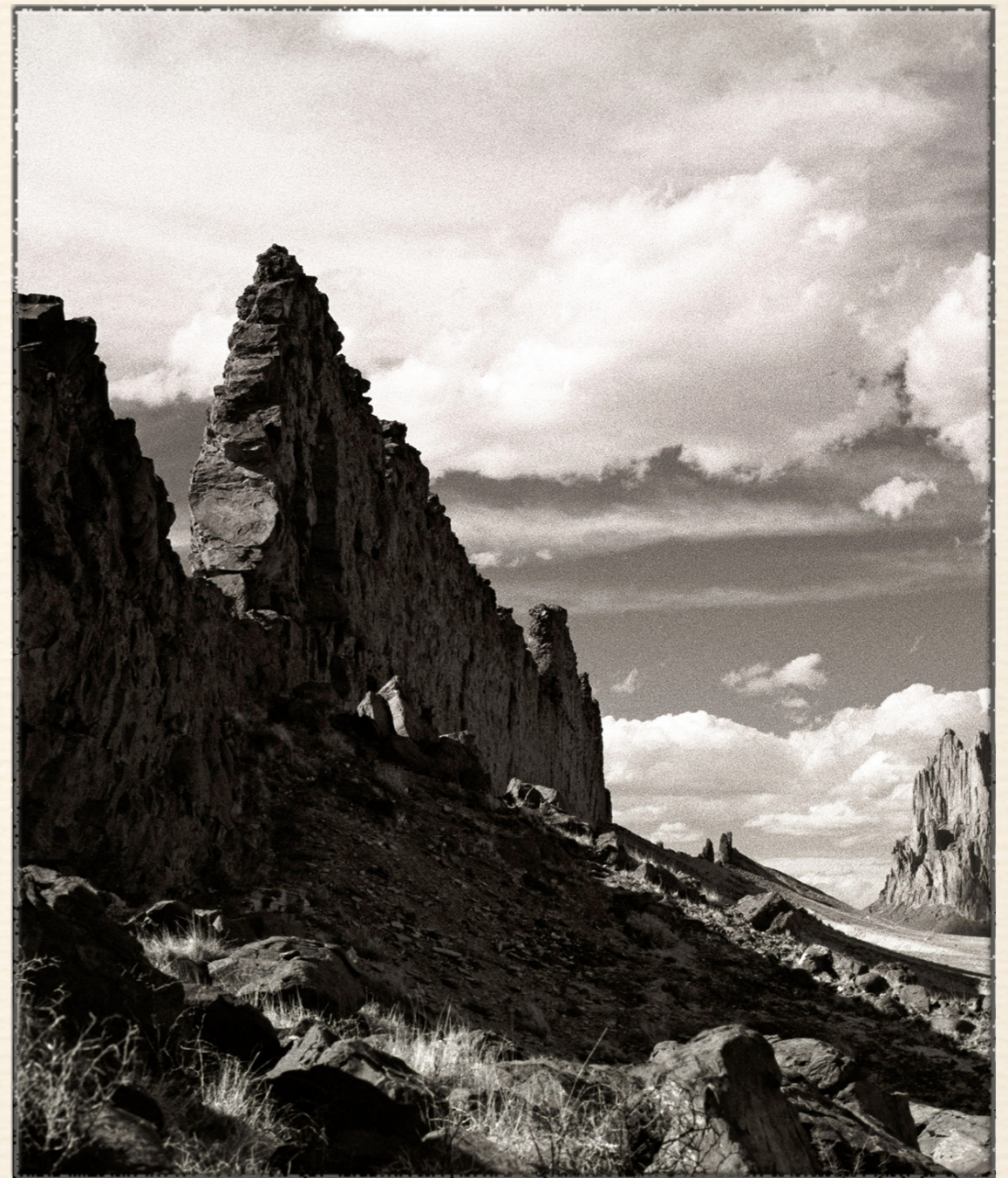
Joshua

❖ **Core Ideas.**

- ❖ Partial conquest and settlement of the Promise Land at the hand of Joshua's leadership.

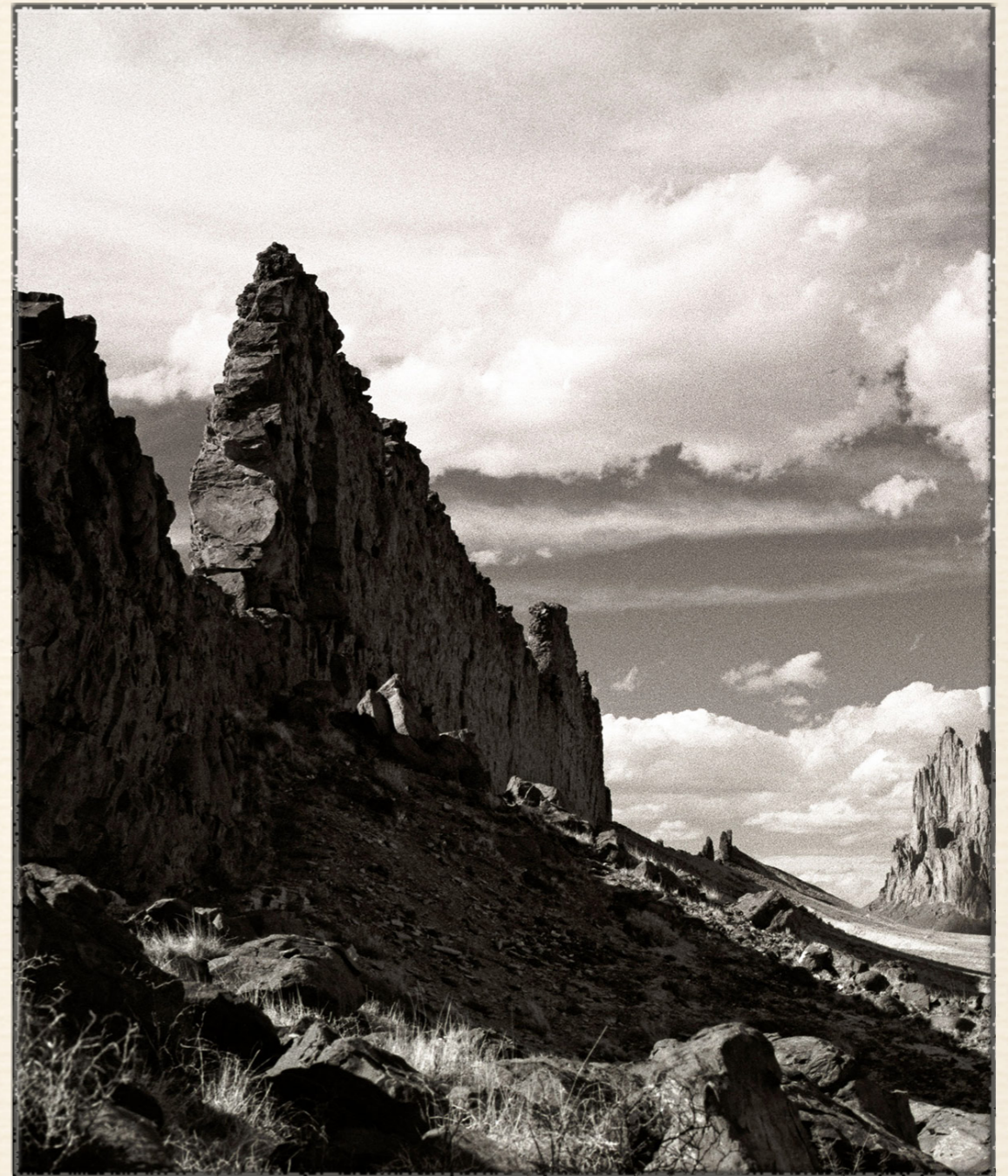
❖ **Book Time Span.**

- ❖ From the beginning of the conquest till the death of Joshua.



Joshua

- ❖ Emphasis.
- ❖ The engagement of the holy war, as God through his people repeatedly defeats the idolatrous Canaanites;
- ❖ the gift of the land to God's people, thus fulfilling his covenant promise to the patriarchs; Israel's need for continuing covenant faithfulness to the one true God



Judges



❖ Core Ideas.

- ❖ God appoints judges over the land of Israel to keep them aware of the covenant God has with them.
- ❖ Lack of discipleship from one generation to the next produces lack of loyalty to the covenant and loyalty of God.
- ❖ Israel's disobedience and idolatry.

Judges



- ❖ **Book Time Span.**

- ❖ From the Death of Joshua till the Monarch.

- ❖ **Emphasis.**

- ❖ God's continual rescue of their people despite their habitual disloyalty and failure towards God and keeping with the covenant.

- ❖ The downward spiral because of lack of discipleship.

- ❖ The need for accountability- A king.

Ruth

❖ Core Ideas.

- ❖ A story from the period of the Judges of loyalty.
- ❖ Naomi's fortunes mirror Israel's during this time.
- ❖ God, who is good and just, through these circumstances begins a lineage through King David and therefore, to Jesus.



Ruth

- ❖ **Book Time Span.**

- ❖ Span of a few years around 1100 BC.

- ❖ **Emphasis.**

- ❖ God story focuses in on the life of a village within the time of the judges.

- ❖ The welcoming of a foreign woman under Yahweh wings, and her conversion.

- ❖ God overseeing and superintending care for his covenant promise of Abraham “seed” through which all people will be blessed. This includes the promise of Genesis 3:15 which states that “the seed of the woman will crush the serpents head”.



1 & 2 Samuel

❖ Core Ideas.

- ❖ Transition from the last Judge to Samuel.
- ❖ Samuel is used by God to pick the first King, King Saul
- ❖ The fall of Saul and Rise and reign of David

❖ Book Time Span.

- ❖ From Samuels birth 1100 B.C. To the end of Davids Kingship 970 B.C.



1 & 2 Samuel

❖ **Emphasis.**

- ❖ The beginning of kingship in Israel and covenant loyalty.
- ❖ The ark of the covenant, representing God's presence
- ❖ Jerusalem is picked as the city of David
- ❖ The Davidic Covenant and its messianic overtones.
- ❖ Davids adultery and their consequences.



1 & 2 Kings

❖ **Core Ideas.**

- ❖ Starts with Solomon
- ❖ The story of the decline of Israel's Monarchy until it is dissolved.
- ❖ Israel's explosion from the land.

❖ **Book Time Span.**

- ❖ From the Death of David 970 BC to the 6th century exile of Judah 586 BC.



1 & 2 Kings

❖ **Emphasis.**

- ❖ God evaluates the monarchy based on the covenant loyalty.
- ❖ National consequences for disloyalty.
- ❖ Expulsion from land, civil wars, and the rise of superpowers foretold by God.

