

Judges 17-1 Samuel 15

The last chapters of Judges show a moral and spiritual collapse in Israel, by having no king. Everyone did what they thought was right. Proving the rejection of God's authority and leading them to sin and idolatry.

Ruth... only has four chapters but they're powerful. It tells us of Ruth's unwavering devotion to her mother-in-law, Naomi. She left her family to stay and take care of her. These chapters teach us that God watches over us and blesses those that follow him. She was a foreigner and was brought into the royal lineage of King David many years later.

1st Samuel tells us how much God regretted that he made Saul a king because he had not performed his commandments. Saul even admitted to Samuel that he had sinned and violated the commands of the Lord. This part of 1st Samuel shows the need for faithfulness, obedience, righteousness, and leadership to prepare him for the coming of a king.

Prayer... Lord help us to have faith to wait and trust you and your timing. Sometimes we are quick to make decisions and end up regretting them. Help us to listen and hear Your voice and to know Your will, not ours. Amen.