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Unit 2 Preassessment

The Pentateuch and the Deuteronomistic History

Genesis

Recounts the stories of the patriarchs and matriarchs, our ancestors in faith.	Sarah gets a good laugh!
Contains many stories of sibling rivalry, including that of the twin brothers Jacob and Esau.	Contains the amazing story of Joseph and his journey to Egypt.

Exodus

Moses is the hero of these stories.	God appears as a burning bush.
The Israelites journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom.	The Israelites receive the Ten Commandments and other laws at Mount Sinai.



Leviticus and Numbers

<p>Most of the 613 laws of the Torah are found here.</p>	<p>Contains instructions for the Israelites' ritual sacrifices, including animal sacrifices.</p>
<p>Is the source for kosher laws (dietary laws).</p>	<p>God declares that the Israelites will wander forty years before arriving in the Promised Land.</p>

Deuteronomy

<p>Contains Moses' final instructions to the Israelites before they cross into the Promised Land.</p>	<p>Is a Greek word meaning "second law."</p>
<p>Contains a Jewish prayer called the "Shema" that Jesus quotes in the New Testament.</p>	<p>Tells about the death of Moses.</p>

Joshua and Judges

<p>The Israelites cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land.</p>	<p>Recounts the Israelites' conquest of Canaan.</p>
<p>Military leaders like Deborah and Gideon provide guidance and authority.</p>	<p>Contains the famous story of Samson and Delilah.</p>



Ruth

<p>Contains the story of a Moabite woman who was unexpectedly faithful to her mother-in-law.</p>	<p>Contains the story of King David's great-grandmother.</p>
<p>Three women from a same family are widowed—a dangerous situation for women.</p>	<p>Helped the Israelites to see that God's love also extended to people of other nations.</p>

First and Second Samuel

<p>Hannah offers a prayer very similar to Mary's prayer, the <i>Magnificat</i>.</p>	<p>The nation of Israel becomes a monarchy.</p>
<p>The boy David kills Goliath.</p>	<p>Israel's greatest king commits adultery and murder.</p>

First and Second Kings

<p>Israel's third and final king ascends to the throne.</p>	<p>God appears to Solomon in a dream and promises to give him wisdom.</p>
<p>Contains a detailed description of the Temple in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>The nation of Israel splits in two.</p>

