



Intro to History – Study Guide



Textbook Reading

(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 10

- ☐ Intro
- ☐ Contents of the Historical Books
- ☐ The Role of History in the Bible

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 10

Intro

- What time period does the historical books cover?
- How does the textbook summarize the history covered in the historical books?
- What do the historical books teach us beside history? What difference does this make?

Contents of the Historical Books

- How does the textbook summarize the content and message of each book?
- How is Joshua contrasted to Judges?
- What does the books of Kings contrast? What does that teach us? How should we respond?
- How does the textbook describe the books of Chronicles? How does this help us read and understand these books well?

The Role of History in the Bible

- How does the textbook define the terms “myths” and “aphorisms”? How is Scriptural history different from these things? Why is this significant? What does it tell us about God and His way of working in this world?

Herodotus, the Father of History?

- How does the textbook answer this question? Why? What point is the textbook making about the Old Testament historical books? Why is this significant?

The Jewish Canon and the Christian Canon

- What are the “Former Prophets”? Does the textbook think this term is appropriate and accurate? What evidence does it give for this argument?

History and Theology

- What point does the textbook make about “objectivity”? What does this tell us about the historical books and how to read them? How should we respond?
- How does the textbook define “Heilsgeschichte/Salvation History”? What does this tell us about the nature and character of the historical books? Why is this significant?
- What point does the textbook make about the connection between historical events, theology, and faith? Why is this important?
- What point does the textbook make about the truthfulness of the Old Testament’s history and theology? How should we respond?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter