


LORD Delivers  
Those Who  
Trust in Him

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- ▶ Prov 14:26; 18:10-11
  - ▶ LORD protects His people when they are unaware of danger (Num 22-24; 2 Kgs 6:8-23; cf. Ps 34:7)
  - ▶ God accomplishes victory

# Exodus from Egypt is paradigmatic (Exod 14-15)

- ▶ LORD delivers his people from oppression
- ▶ LORD delivers his people from most powerful nation in the world
- ▶ Exod 17:8-16
  - ▶ Size of army? Weapons? Trust in God!

# Preparing for battle

- ▶ What is central to Israel's preparations for battle?
- ▶ Deut 20:1-9
  - ▶ Weapons (Deut 20:1-4)
  - ▶ Numbers (Deut 20:8)
  - ▶ LORD's presence (Deut 20:4)

# 1 Chron 1-9

- ▶ Themes in Chronicles introduced in genealogies
  - ▶ Judah
  - ▶ Levites, priests, temple
  - ▶ LORD delivers those who trust in him (1 Chron 5:18-22; cf. 2 Chron 7:13-15)
  - ▶ LORD defeats those who deny him (1 Chron 5:25-26)

# Asa (2 Chron 14:8-15)

- ▶ Zerah attacks with 1,000,000 soldiers (9)
- ▶ Asa prays at battle line (10)
- ▶ LORD strikes Cush (12, 13, 14)
- ▶ Cush does not return to fight (contra 1 Kgs 20:22-27)

# Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 20)

- ▶ Moab, Ammon, and Edom approach to attack Judah (1-2)
- ▶ Jehoshaphat prays to God (5-13)
- ▶ Jahaziel reports that the battle belongs to LORD (17; cf. Exod 14:13-14)
- ▶ Jehoshaphat praises God before battle (2 Chron 20:18-19; cf. Rev 15:2-4)

# Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 20)

- ▶ LORD **ambushes** enemy (22; cf. Josh 8:4; Judg 9:25, 32, 34, 43; 16:2; 21:20)
- ▶ Enemy fights each other (22-23)
- ▶ No one surprises the LORD (Num 22-24; 2 Kgs 6:8-23; Ps 2:1-4; Prov 21:30-31)



# Hezekiah (2 Chron 32)

- ▶ Sennacherib attacks Judah
  - ▶ Besieging Lachish (9)
  - ▶ “Who can deliver from my hand?”
- ▶ Hezekiah prepares Jerusalem for siege
  - ▶ Trust in the LORD (7-8)
- ▶ Hezekiah, Isaiah pray (20)
- ▶ Angel strikes Assyrian camp (21; cf. Ps 34:7)

# Lessons

- ▶ LORD is never outmaneuvered
- ▶ LORD delivers in seemingly impossible circumstances
- ▶ Purpose of Chronicles?
  - ▶ Physical deliverance illustrates spiritual deliverance (cf. Mark 2:1-12)