

1 Checklist

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Speeches

- Why include this speech or dialogue?
- What does it add to the message?
- How does this speech relate to other speeches in this book?
- Joshua – Kings key speeches establish the theology by which the narratives are to be judged.
 - These speeches are anchored in the speeches of Moses in Deuteronomy.
 - Joshua 1, 12, 23
 - Judges 2
 - 1 Samuel 12
 - 2 Samuel 7
 - 1 Kings 8
 - 2 Kings 17

Speeches – Acts 4

"Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead that this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone the builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (4:8-12)

"Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (4:20).

Terms

- **Creation** based terms.
- These terms stress wisdom.
 - Good
 - Evil
 - Bless
 - Curse
 - Life
 - Death
 - Rest
 - Land



Terms

- **Covenant** based terms
 - Seed
 - Land
 - "I will be your God and you will be my people"
 - Integration of creation-based terms
 - Blessing v cursing
 - Good v evil
 - life v death



1 Now a man named Micah from the hill country of Ephraim 2 said to his mother, “The eleven hundred shekels[of silver that were taken from you and about which I heard you utter a **curse**—I have that silver with me; I took it.”

Then his mother said, “**Yahweh bless you**, my son!”

3 When he returned the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother, she said, “I solemnly consecrate my silver to Yahweh for my son to make **an image overlaid with silver**. I will give it back to you.”

4 So after he returned the silver to his mother, she took two hundred shekels[of silver and gave them to a silversmith, who used them to make **the idol**. And it was put in Micah’s house.

5 Now this man Micah had a **shrine**, and he made an **ephod** and some household **gods** and installed **one of his sons as his priest**.

6 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

7 A young **Levite** from Bethlehem in Judah, who had been living within the clan of Judah, 8 left that town in search of some other place to stay. On his way he came to Micah’s house in the hill country of Ephraim.

9 Micah asked him, “Where are you from?”

“I’m a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah,” he said, “and I’m looking for a place to stay.”

10 Then Micah said to him, “Live with me and **be my father and priest**, and I’ll give you ten shekels of silver a year, your clothes and your food.” 11 So the **Levite agreed** to live with him, and the young man became like one of his sons to him. 12 Then Micah installed the **Levite**, and the young man became his **priest** and lived in his house. 13 And Micah said, “**Now I know that Yahweh will be good to me, since this Levite has become my priest.**”

- Observing the theologically significant terms in the text help you recognize the author’s intended message.
- The ignorance of Torah led people to be fools who confused what Yahweh would bless and what He would curse.
- The ignorance of the Torah extended even to the Levites who should have been teaching people the Torah.
- Conclusion: A king was needed to restore the Torah to the center of Israelite society. David would be that king.

Order – flood story

- 7 days waiting for the flood (7:4-5)
- 7 days waiting for the flood (7:7-10)
- 40 days of flooding (7:17)
- 150 days of water prevailing (7:21-24)
- God remembers Noah (8:1)
- 150 days of water abating (8:3)
- 40 days of flood ending (8:6)
- 7 days waiting to leave (8:10-11)
- 7 days waiting to leave (8:12-13)

Order – John 9

Blind man gradually gains spiritual sight while Pharisees end up spiritually blind.

Man is **blind** from birth (9:1)

9:11 – Jesus is a **man**.

9:17 – Jesus is a **prophet**.

9:27 – Do you want to be his disciples?

9:28 – We are disciples of Moses!

9:33 – Jesus is **from God**

9:38 – Jesus is **worshiped as God**.

The pharisees are **blind** (9:41)

Repetition

Repetition is the author's highlighter.

It can be a signal to how he orders the material.

It can be a signal to core themes.

Intros

Luke 1:1-4 - "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught." Luke's introduction leaves no doubt that he has an apologetic intention. Whether Theophilus is a new convert or a seeker, Luke's purpose is to give him a reliable account of the life of Jesus based on eyewitness testimony and careful research.

Intros

John 20:30-31, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." In this concluding statement to the resurrection narrative, John makes his purpose pretty clear.

Intros

Revelation 1:9, "I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." John introduces himself as a "brother and partner" in suffering and patient endurance. This gives us a clue that the message of the book of Revelation is related to the idea of how to overcome the trials and tribulations that afflict those who are citizens of the kingdom.

Edits

Judges 2-3

10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. 11 Then the Israelites did **evil** in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. 12 They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the LORD's **anger** 13 because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 In his anger against Israel the LORD gave them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He **sold** them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. 15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

16 Then the LORD raised up **judges**, who **saved** them out of the hands of these raiders. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the LORD's commands. 18 Whenever the LORD raised up a judge for them, he was with the **judge** and **saved** them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the LORD relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.

20 Therefore the LORD was **very angry** with Israel and said, "Because this nation has violated the covenant I ordained for their ancestors and has not listened to me, 21 I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. 22 I will use them to **test** Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their fathers did." 23 The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua.

1 These are the nations the LORD left to **test** all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan 2 (he did this only to **teach warfare** to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience): 3 the five rulers of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the Lebanon mountains from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath. 4 They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the LORD's commands, which he had given their fathers through Moses.

5 The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 6 They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

Edits

2 Kings 17

7 All this took place because the Israelites had **sinned** against Yahweh their God, who had **brought them up out of Egypt** from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They **worshiped other gods** 8 and followed the practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. 9 The Israelites secretly did things against the Yahweh their God that were not right. From watchtower to fortified city they built themselves **high places** in all their towns. 10 They set up **sacred stones** and **Asherah poles** on every high hill and under every spreading tree. 11 At every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom Yahweh had driven out before them had done. They did **wicked things** that aroused Yahweh's anger. 12 They worshiped **idols**, though Yahweh had said, "You shall not do this." 13 Yahweh warned Israel and Judah through all his **prophets** and **seers**: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."

14 But they would not listen and were as **stiff-necked** as their fathers, who did not **trust** in the LORD their God. 15 They rejected his decrees and **the covenant** he had made with their fathers and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although Yahweh had ordered them, "Do not do as they do."

16 They forsook all the commands of Yahweh their God and made for themselves two **idols** cast in the shape of calves, and an **Asherah** pole. They bowed down to all the starry **hosts**, and they worshiped **Baal**. 17 They **sacrificed their sons and daughters** in the fire. They practiced **divination** and sought **omens** and sold themselves to do **evil** in the eyes of Yahweh, arousing his anger.

18 So Yahweh was very **angry** with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left, 19 and even Judah did not keep the commands of Yahweh their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. 20 Therefore Yahweh **rejected** all the people of Israel; he **afflicted** them and gave them into the hands of plunderers, until **he thrust them from his presence**.

21 When he **tore** Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following Yahweh and caused them to commit **a great sin**. 22 The Israelites persisted in all the **sins of Jeroboam** and did not turn away from them 23 until Yahweh **removed them from his presence**, as he had warned through all his servants **the prophets**. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into **EXILE** in Assyria, and they are still there.

Shifts

- Genre
- Location
- Time period