

Vocabulary for Unit 5

Ark of the Covenant: A sacred chest that housed the tablets of the Ten Commandments. It was placed within the sanctuary where God would come and dwell.

Baal . . . Asherah: Two Canaanite gods of earth and fertility that the Israelites worshipped when they fell away from the one true God.

Canaan: The land God promised to Abraham and his descendants.

First and Second Kings: These books present the history of the monarchy until the destruction of the northern kingdom in 701 BC and of the southern kingdom and Jerusalem in 587 BC.

First and Second Samuel: These books are concerned with the creation of the monarchy.

genealogy: A type of family tree. More than a bloodline, a genealogy was a literary form used during biblical times as a proclamation to make connections with important ancestors.

judges: The eleven men and one woman who served the Hebrew people as tribal leaders, military commanders, arbiters of disputes, and enliveners of faith.

king: The ruler of Israel was to follow the vision of justice and monotheism called for by the Israelites' primal Covenant relationship with God. The true king of Israel was forever to be the Lord God, King of Kings (1 Samuel 2:1–2).

servant leadership: A type of leadership based on humble service to all God's people.

