

# Legacy Bible Study

*Kings & Prophets of Ancient Israel*

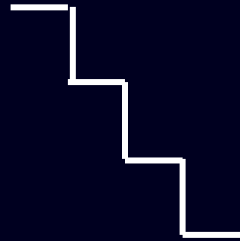
Lesson 1: Overview



# History of Israel's



Primeval



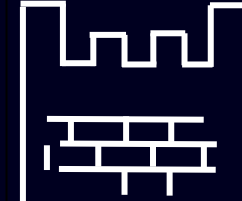
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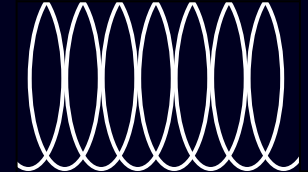
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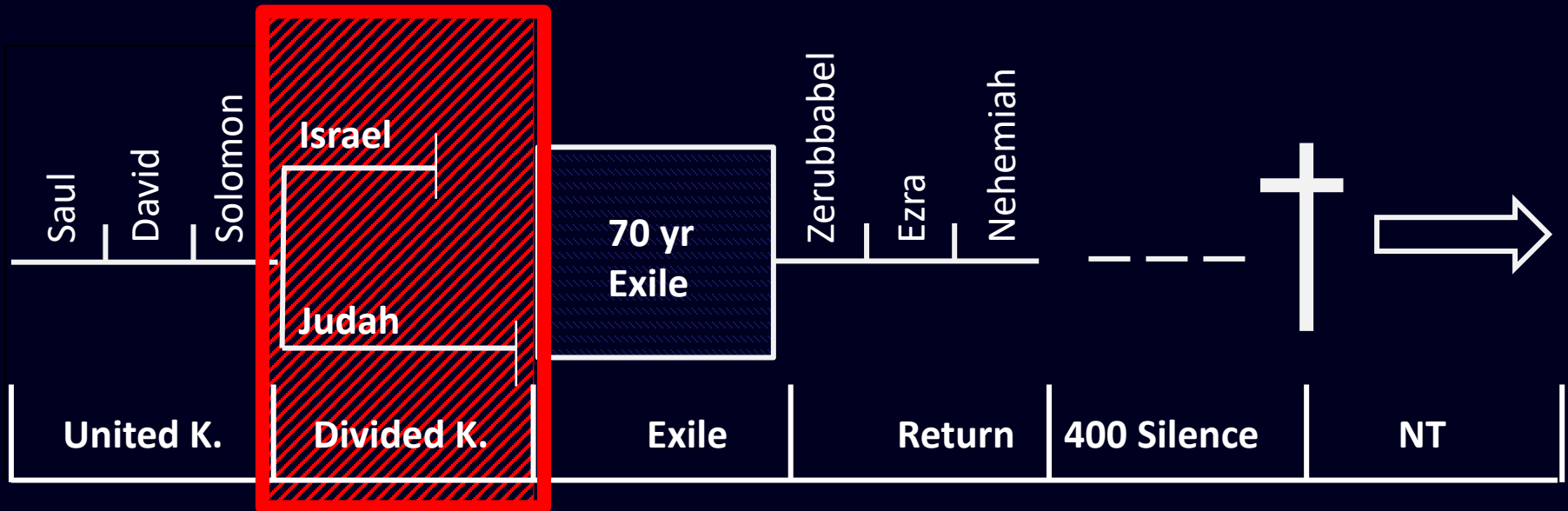


Conquest



Judges

## *Divided Kingdom*



# Kings & Prophets: Overview

**I. Overseers**

**II. Kings**

**III. Prophets**

# Map – Location of Ur



Present-day  
geography

# Imperatives

Leave your country (cf. Matt 19:21; Luke 9:62):

- The old life with its ambitions, loyalties, desires, idols and desire for wealth;

Leave your kindred (cf. Luke 14:26):

- Moral values, opinion of others, traditions of men, family pressures, employer attitudes;

Leave your father's house (cf. Mark 7:20-23):

- Our Adamic nature, intelligence, skills, talents, looks;

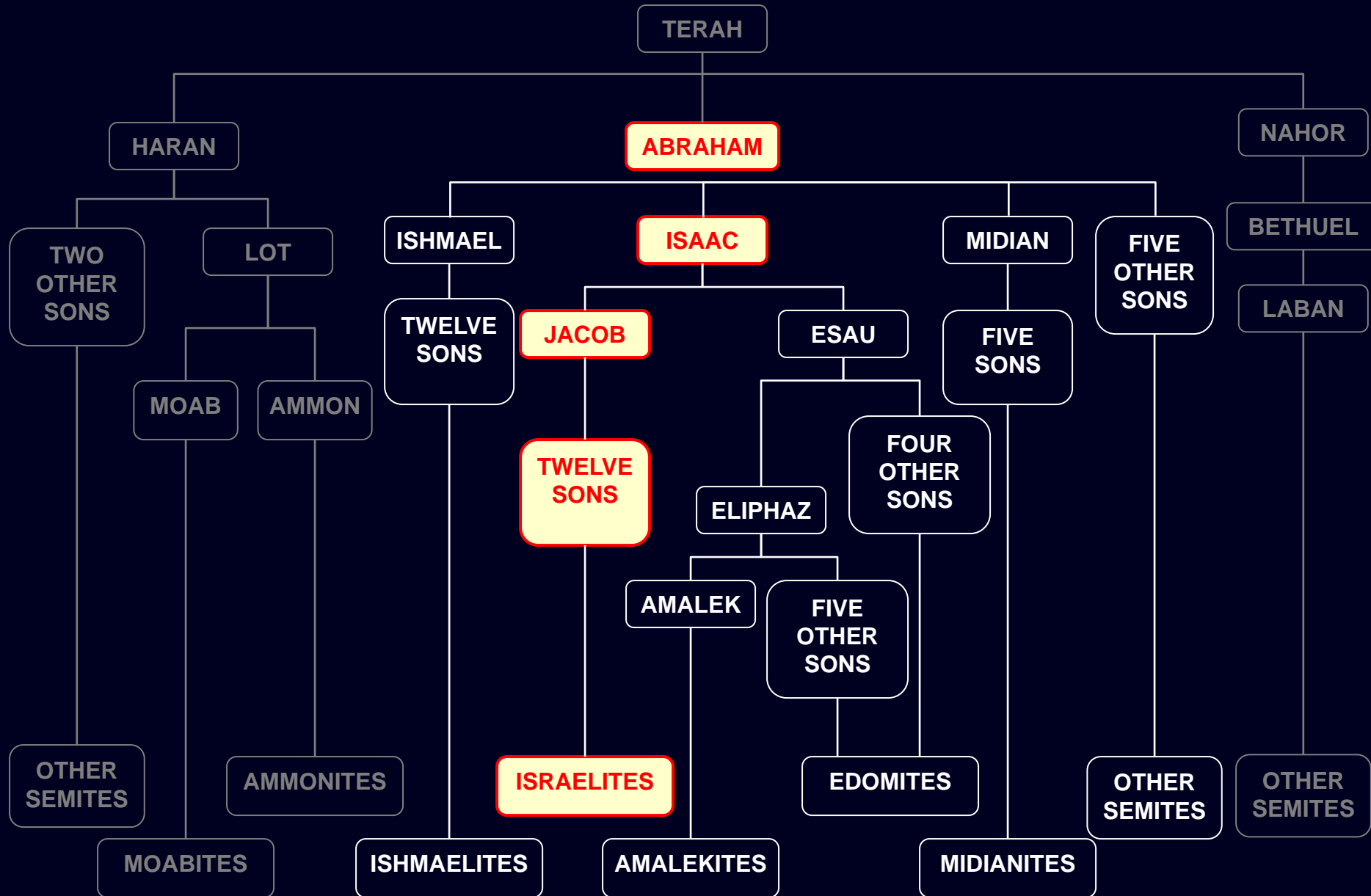
Go where I will show you:

- Leave this degenerate place;

# Abrahamic Covenant

<b>Covenant / Reference</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Between God &amp;</b>	<b>Sign</b>
<b>Edenic</b> Gen 1:28-30 & 2:16-17	Propagate, subdue, rule, tend and abstain from fruit of Tree of knowledge of good & evil	Conditional	Adam (as representative of Mankind)	Abundant provision
<b>Adamic</b> Gen 3:15-19	God's gracious provision of salvation	Un-conditional		Sabbath
<b>Noahic</b> Gen 9:8-17	Never again destroy all life on earth by Flood	Un-conditional	Mankind	Rainbow
<b>Abrahamic</b> Gen 12:1-3	Land, seed and a blessing	Un-conditional	Nation of Israel	Circumcision
<b>Mosaic</b> Ex 19:5	Israel will be the chosen people	Conditional		Sabbath
<b>Palestinian</b> Deut 30:1-10	Gathering of exiled people & restore the nation	Un-conditional		Possession of the land
<b>Davidic</b> 2 Sam 7:8-16	David's line & kingdom would last forever	Un-conditional		Sun, moon & stars (Ps 89:36)
<b>Nehemaic</b> Neh 9:32-10:39	Re-commitment to walk in God's law	Conditional		Signed seal
<b>New</b> Jer 31:31-34	Forgiveness of sin, & universal knowledge of God	Un-conditional	Mankind	Baptism / Cup

# God's Chosen People



# The Hebrew Incubator





# Mosaic Covenant

Moral: How to live individually (Ex 19-20)

Civil: How to live as a nation (Ex 21-24)

Ceremonial: How to worship (Ex 25-40)

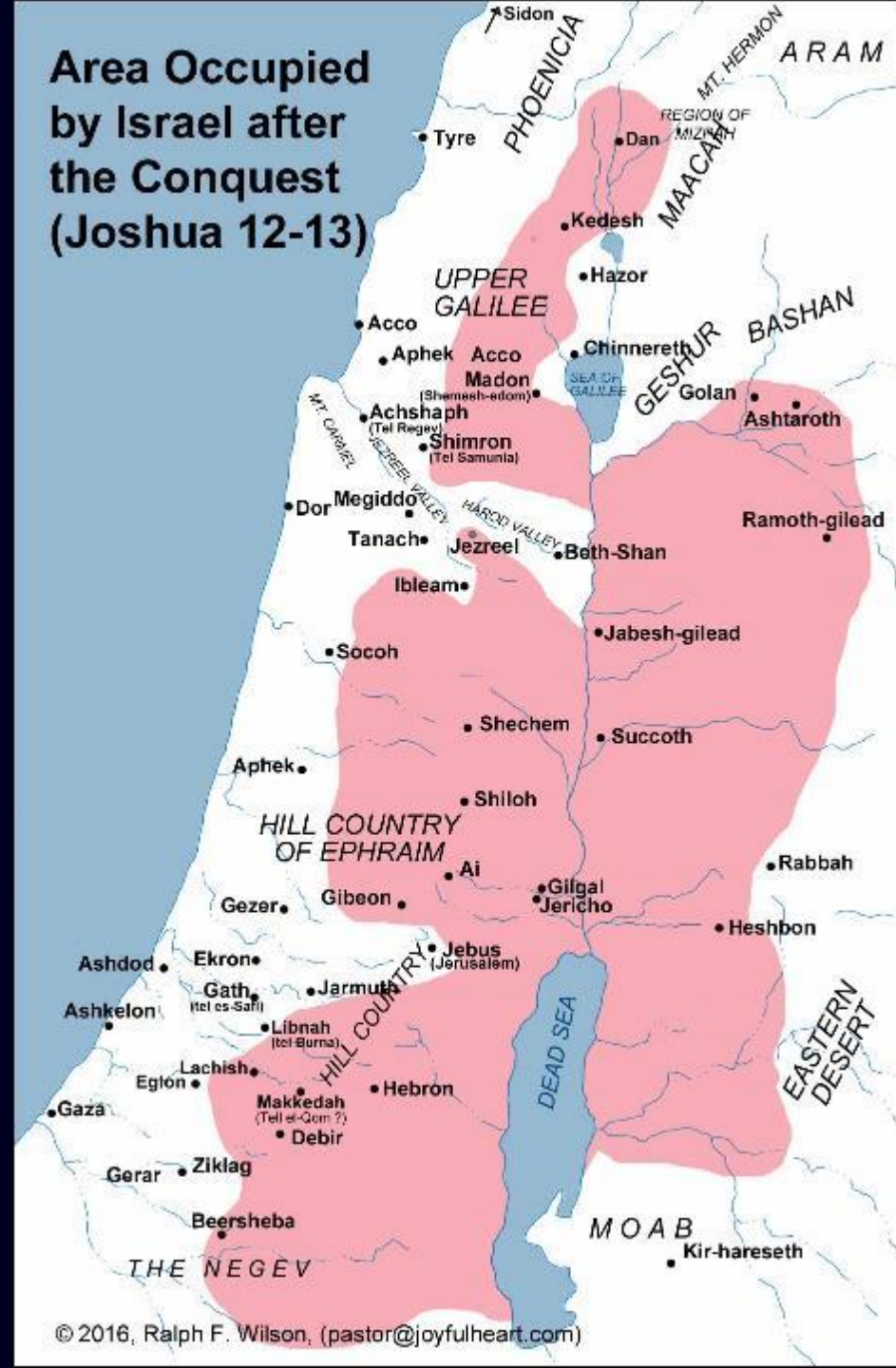
The 10 Commandments				
	OT Ref	Simplified	Summary	NT Parallel
1	Ex 20:3	NO OTHER GOD	RESPECT FOR GOD:	Luke 4:8; Acts 14:15
2	Ex 20:4-6	NO IMAGES	<i>Mt 22:37-40 states "Jesus said . . . Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.</i>	1 Corinthians 10:7 1 Jn 5:21
3	Ex 20:7	NO MISUSE OF GOD'S NAME		1 Timothy 6:1 James 5:12
4	Ex 20:9-10	KEEP THE SABBATH		<i>Man's relationship to God</i>
5	Ex 20:12	HONOR PARENTS	RESPECT FOR PEOPLE:  <i>Mt 22:37-40 states "Jesus said . . . And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."</i>	Mat 15:4; Eph 6:1
6	Ex 20:13	DO NOT MURDER		1 John 3:15
7	Ex 20:14	DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY		Heb 13:4; 1 Cor 6:9
8	Ex 20:15	DO NOT STEAL		Eph 4:28; Mk 10:19
9	Ex 20:16	DO NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY		Colossians 3:9
10	Ex 20:17	DO NOT COVET	<i>Man's relationship to his community</i>	Rom 7:7; Eph 5:3



# Israel did not take all the land

God promised ALL the land to the Israelites:

- But they failed to take it all;
- Canaanites remained & co-existed with Israel;
- Partial fulfillment;
- Final fulfillment in the last days;



# Cycle of Judges



# Principle 1

## 1. God's chosen people were far from perfect.

### Applications:

- *How has God used your less-than-perfect history for His glory?*
- *What can God accomplish through imperfect you?*

Genesis	<b>CHRISTIAN</b>	<b>Pentateuch (Laws of Moses)</b>	Genesis	<b>HEBREW</b>	<b>Torah Law</b>
Exodus			Exodus		
Leviticus			Leviticus		
Numbers			Numbers		
Deuteronomy			Deuteronomy		
Joshua	<b>History</b>	<b>History</b>	Joshua	<b>Nevi'im Prophets</b>	
Judges			Judges		
Ruth			Samuel (I & II)		
1 Samuel / 2 Samuel			<b>Kings</b>		
1 Kings / 2 Kings			Isaiah		
1 Chronicles / 2 Chronicles			Jeremiah		
Ezra			Ezekiel		
Nehemiah			12 Prophets		
Esther			Psalms		
Job			Proverbs		
Psalms	<b>Poetry / Wisdom</b>	<b>Poetry / Wisdom</b>	Job	<b>Ketuvim Writings</b>	
Proverbs			Song of Songs		
Ecclesiastes			Ruth		
Song of Solomon			Lamentations		
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekial, Daniel			Ecclesiastes		
Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi			Esther		
			Daniel		
			Ezra-Nehemiah		
			<b>Chronicles</b>		
			<b>Prophets (Major &amp; Minor)</b>		<b>Prophets (Major &amp; Minor)</b>

**CHRISTIAN**

**HEBREW**

1 Kings / 2 Kings  
1 Chronicles / 2 Chronicles

**Kings**

Ezra-Nehemiah  
**Chronicles**

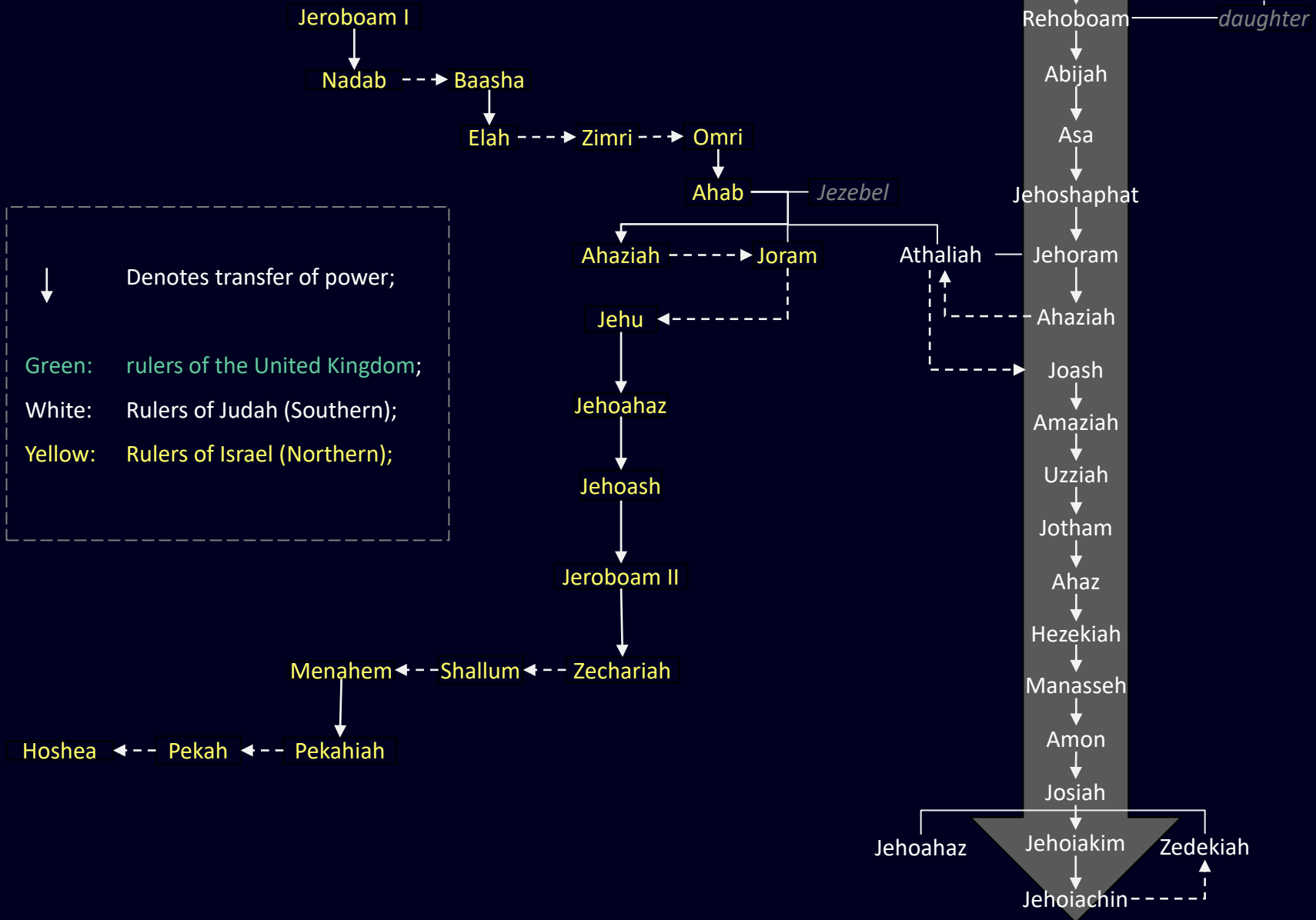
# 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles

	1 Chronicles			2 Chronicles	
	God's view: Chosen			... and Preserved	
CONSECRATION	GENEALOGIES	SAUL	DAVID & THE TEMPLE	SOLOMON The King	JUDAH The Nation
	CHAPTERS 1-9	CHAPTER 10	CHAPTERS 11-29	CHAPTERS 1-9	CHAPTERS 10-36
<i>Process</i>	Little made great			Great becoming little	
<i>Emphasis</i>	Personal determination			National deterioration	
<i>History</i>	Creation of world to creation of kingdom			Solomon's temple to rebuilding of the temple	
<i>Theme</i>	Temple - the structural state of the temple corresponds to the spiritual state of the people.				
<i>Key verses</i>	1 Chronicles 17; 29:10-13; 2 Chronicles 7:12-22; 16:9				
<i>Christ in Chronicles</i>	Christ is foretold in the Davidic Covenant (1 Chronicles 17) & prefigured in the idealized kings David & Solomon; also the ark & the temple typify Christ's power & presence with us.				

# Omissions from Chronicles

- Samuel's part in choosing kings;
- Nearly all Saul's reign;
- David's struggles with Saul, 7-year reign in Hebron, his many wives, Absalom's rebellion, and the episode with Bathsheba;
- Solomon's many wives, bringing idols into palace, faulty relationship with God, his failure to remove the high places/pagan temples;
- The kings of the Northern kingdom;
- Bad kings of the South are hardly mentioned;

# Kings: Family Tree





# Common Threads in Chronicles

- Only concerned with the royal line of David;
- Hence, only the Southern Kingdom in focus;
- Not “idolizing” royalty, he is “idealizing” royalty;
- Concentrates on the ark and temple;
- “Good” kings promoted the ark and temple;
- Emphasis on 8 good kings, largely ignores 12 bad kings;
- Good kings: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, Josiah (all opposed idolatry);
- Bad kings practiced idolatry (condemned by the prophets);

# Kings vs Chronicles

## Kings (& Samuel)

## Chronicles

500 years	Starts earlier, finishes later
Written soon after events	Written long after events
Political history	Religious history
Prophetic viewpoint	Priestly viewpoint
Northern & Southern kings	Southern kings
Human failings	Divine faithfulness
Royal vices	Royal virtues
Negative	Positive
Moral-righteousness	Spiritual ~ ritual
PROPHET	PRIEST

# Tribal Split in Divided Kingdom

Tribe (son of Jacob)		Mother	Birth	Order	Kingdom	Ref
Reuben		Leah	29:32	1	Israel	1 Kgs 12:20
Simeon		Leah	29:33	2	Israel	
Levi		Leah	29:34	3	Judah	2 Chron 11:13-14
Judah		Leah	29:35	4	Judah	1 Kgs 12:20
Dan		Bilhah Rachel's maid	30:6	5	Israel	1 Kgs 12:20
Naphtali		Bilhah Rachel's maid	30:8	6	Israel	
Gad		Zilpah Leah's maid	30:11	7	Israel	
Asher		Zilpah Leah's maid	30:13	8	Israel	
Issachar		Leah	30:18	9	Israel	
Zebulun		Leah	30:20	10	Israel	
Joseph	Ephraim	Rachel	30:24	11	Israel	
	Manasseh				Israel	
Benjamin		Rachel	35:18	12	Judah	1 Kgs 12:21 2 Chron 11:12

# Principle 2

1. God's chosen people were far from perfect.
2. **God uses good and bad leaders to fulfill His purposes.**

## Applications:

- *What lessons is God teaching you through the leadership of this country?*
- *How can you support God's plans through local & national government?*

# The Christian Bible

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<b>Pentateuch</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>Major Prophets</b>	<b>Minor Prophets</b>
5 books	12 books	5 books	5 books	12 books
<i>Moses</i>	<i>Judges-Esther</i>	<i>Job-SoS</i>	<i>Isaiah-Daniel</i>	<i>Hosea-Malachi</i>
<b>OLD TESTAMENT: 39 books</b>				

*[“OLD TESTAMENT:” 3 letters & 9 letters == 39 (books in Old Testament)]*

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<b>Gospels</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Letters</b>	<b>Prophecy</b>
4 books	1 book	21 epistles	1 book
<i>Matthew-John</i>	<i>Acts</i>	<i>Romans-Jude</i>	<i>Revelation</i>
<b>NEW TESTAMENT: 27 books</b>			

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# Aspects of the Person & Work of God

Isaiah	<i>The holiness of God</i>	Jonah	<i>The compassion of God</i>
Jeremiah	<i>The judgment of God</i>	Micah	<i>The leadership of God</i>
Lamentations	<i>The sorrow of God</i>	Nahum	<i>The wrath of God</i>
Ezekiel	<i>The glory of God</i>	Habakkuk	<i>The trustworthiness of God</i>
Daniel	<i>The sovereignty of God</i>	Zephaniah	<i>The day of God</i>
Hosea	<i>The love of God</i>	Haggai	<i>The zeal of God</i>
Joel	<i>The severity of God</i>	Zechariah	<i>The agent of God</i>
Amos	<i>The righteousness of God</i>	Malachi	<i>The patience of God</i>
Obadiah	<i>The justice of God</i>		

# Prophets (after Solomon)

Prophets	Prophesied to	Date (BC)	Location
Elijah	Israel	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	Israel	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	Judah	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	Judah	650-582	Anathoth
Ezekiel	Exiles	620-570	Babylon
Daniel	Babylon	605-540	Babylon
Hosea	Israel	758-725	Israel
Joel	Judah	835-796	Jerusalem
Amos	Israel	765-754	Tekoa
Obadiah	Edom	845	Jerusalem
Jonah	Nineveh	781	Gath Hepher
Micah	Judah	738-698	Moreseth-gath
Nahum	Nineveh	658-615	Elkosh
Habakkuk	Judah	608-598	Unknown
Zephaniah	Judah	640-626	Unknown
Haggai	Judah	520	Jerusalem
Zechariah	Judah	522-509	Jerusalem
Malachi	Judah	465-432	Jerusalem

# Priests & Prophets in Israel

Priests	Prophets
<u>Their threefold task</u> Offer sacrifices for the people Teach God's Word to the people Lead the people in cultic worship	<u>Their threefold task</u> Receive messages from God Deliver messages to the people Lead them in heartfelt worship
Teachers of the people Appealed to the mind Goal: understanding by the people	Preachers to the people Appealed to the emotions and will Goal: obedience by the people
Inherited their ministry	Were called by God to their ministry
Didn't foretell the future	Foretold the future occasionally
Lived in assigned towns ideally	Lived anywhere
Were very numerous	Were not as numerous
Came from one tribe and family	Came from any tribe or family
Were males only	Were males and females
Later were divided by "courses"	Later lived in "schools"
Were gifts from God to the people	Were gifts from God to the people



# Principle 3

1. God's chosen people were far from perfect.
2. God uses good and bad leaders to fulfill His purposes.
- 3. God uses regular people to carry His message.**

## Applications:

- *What truth is God asking you to share with others?*
- *How could God be using your daily routine to reach the lost?*

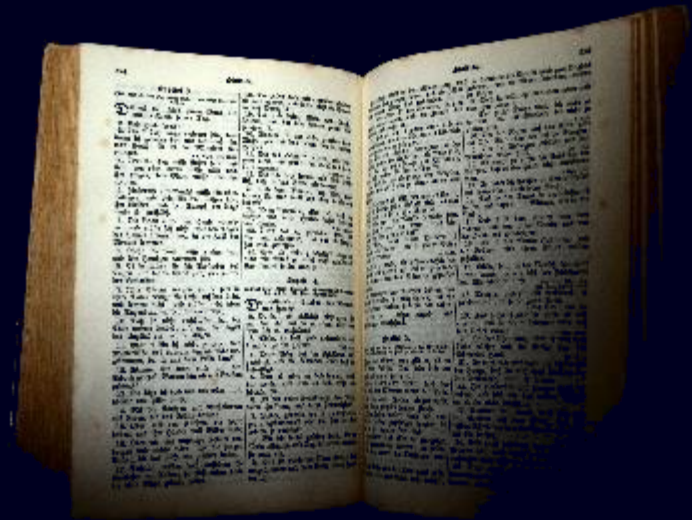
## Main Truth:

**Israel's story matters to believers today.**

# Reading for Next Week (25-Sep-22)

1 Kings 11–14;

2 Chronicles 10–12



# Discussion

- What excites or intimidates you about studying the Old Testament?
- How do you see the Old Testament fulfilled in the New Testament?
- How might Israel's story of successes and failures apply to life in today's world (hint: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13)?
- How does knowing that God has been faithful to keep His promises throughout history encourage you or comfort you in what you are experiencing today?
- What are some practical ways you can remind yourself and those around you this week about God's faithfulness?
- How does God use times of transition to accomplish His purposes? How has He done this in your life?