

THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

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WHY A SURVEY APPROACH?

Why do we study the Bible?

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – It is God's inspired word, it makes us Christ-like.
- Joshua 1:8 – It is our owner's manual for the Christian life.
- John 21:25 – It is the story of the life, death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What's missing?

Studying the Bible as a history book – not just a collection of 66 unrelated works but as a SINGLE book that fits together uniquely and completely.

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Key People

1. Adam & Eve (Gen. 1-3)
 - ❑ Genesis 1:26-27Only creature made in the image of God
 - ❑ Genesis 1:28-30; 2: 15
 - ❑ God gave Adam & Eve a job to do – work is God-ordained!

Key Events

- A. Creation of Adam & Eve
 - ❑ Genesis 2:18-22
 - ❑ Adam looked for a wife among the animals!
- B. Fall of man—“Original Sin”
 - ❑ Genesis 3:6; Romans 5:12
 - ❑ Every person born with a sin nature AND death enters



Key Relationships

- A. The Biblical Family—
One man, one woman,
child(ren)
 - ❑ Marriage was God’s
idea, not man’s!
- B. The Creation
Mandate
 - ❑ Subdue the earth, have
dominion over it (see
Genesis 1:27-30)

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2. Cain & Abel (Gen 4)
- ❑ First two sons of Adam & Eve; more children came after (i.e. Seth)
 - ❑ Genesis 4:1-2

Key Events

- The first murder
- ❑ Genesis 4:3-8

Key Relationships

- The Triad of Evil—Motive + act = consequence
- ❑ James 1:13-15
(For Cain: Jealousy/anger + murder = curse)
 - ❑ Other examples:
David & Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11)
Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5)



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3. Enoch (Gen 5)
- ❑ Not Cain's son; from the line of Seth
 - ❑ Father to Methuselah (who lived 969 years)
 - ❑ Great-grandfather to Noah

Key Events

- Translation into Heaven
- ❑ Genesis 5:22-24

Key Relationships

- Life & Death: "...and he was not, for God took him."
- ❑ God ultimately controls life and death
 - ❑ 1 Thess. 4:17: foreshadow of the rapture
 - ❑ 2 Kings 2:11: Elijah had similar experience via whirlwind



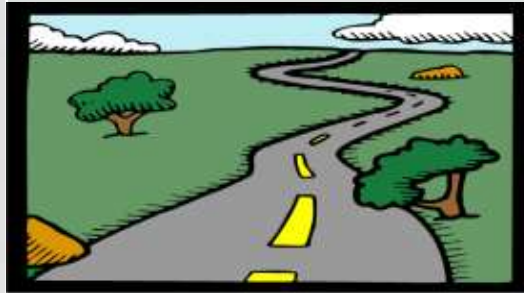
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4. Noah (Gen 6-9)
- His name means "rest"
 - Genesis 6:8-9
 - Righteous, blameless, walked with God—quite a reputation!

Key Events

- Flood—rained 40 days & nights
- Flood lasted 371 days
 - After flood, the atmosphere changed and caused:
 - Decreased life span
 - Decreased vegetation + more effort to tend
 - Decreased stability of Earth's crust (continents shifted)



Key Relationships

- A. God's judgment—Justice
- Genesis 6:5-6
- B. God's salvation—Love
- Genesis 6:18-19
- C. Government—Capital punishment
- Genesis 9:5-7: Based on sanctity of life

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5. Nimrod (Gen. 10-11)
- ❑ Genesis 10:8-12
 - ❑ Noah's great-grandson
 - ❑ Known as a hunter, warrior and leader

Key Events

- Tower of Babel (birth of Babylon)
- ❑ Genesis 11:1-4; Romans 1:25—beginning of false religions
 - ❑ Paganism—attempting to reach God on our terms + worshiping creation rather than Creator



Key Relationships

- A. God's judgment
- ❑ Genesis 11:5-7: Notice the pronoun "us" here
- B. Dispersion of Gentiles
- ❑ Genesis 11:8-9
 - ❑ Genesis 9:1: What had God told them to do after the flood? Did the opposite!

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6. Abraham (Gen. 12-25)
- ❑ Lived around 2000 B.C.
 - ❑ Father of Jewish nation
 - ❑ Genesis 12:4

Key Events

- Abrahamic Covenant
- ❑ Genesis 12:1-3
 - ❑ Covenant provided:
 - Land (Canaan)
 - Nation (Jewish race)
 - Blessing
 - ❑ Circumcision was the sign of the covenant



Key Relationships

- Faith
- ❑ Genesis 15:5-6 (also see Romans 4:1-5, 9-10, 16)
 - ❑ Abraham was not saved by works but by faith.
 - ❑ Salvation is ALWAYS by faith—In OT, looking forward; in NT, looking back.

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7. Isaac (Gen 17-35)
- ❑ Abraham's first son through Sarah (he was 100; Sarah was 90)
 - ❑ Abraham had previously fathered Ishmael through Hagar (Genesis 16:7-14)
 - ❑ Genesis 17:15-19
 - ❑ Abraham's sin started the Arab race

Key Events

- Sacrifice (Genesis 22)
- ❑ God told Abraham to sacrifice his promised son, Isaac



Key Relationships

Type of Christ

- ❑ Genesis 22:12-13; John 1:29
- ❑ The ram took Isaac's place on the altar just as Christ took ours—first example of a substitutionary sacrifice

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8. Jacob (Gen. 25-49)
- ❑ Jacob & Esau were the 1st set of twins
 - ❑ Genesis 25:19-23
 - ❑ Jacob cheated Esau out of his birthright and their father's blessing
 - ❑ Jacob was God's chosen but he couldn't wait for God's plan to unfold

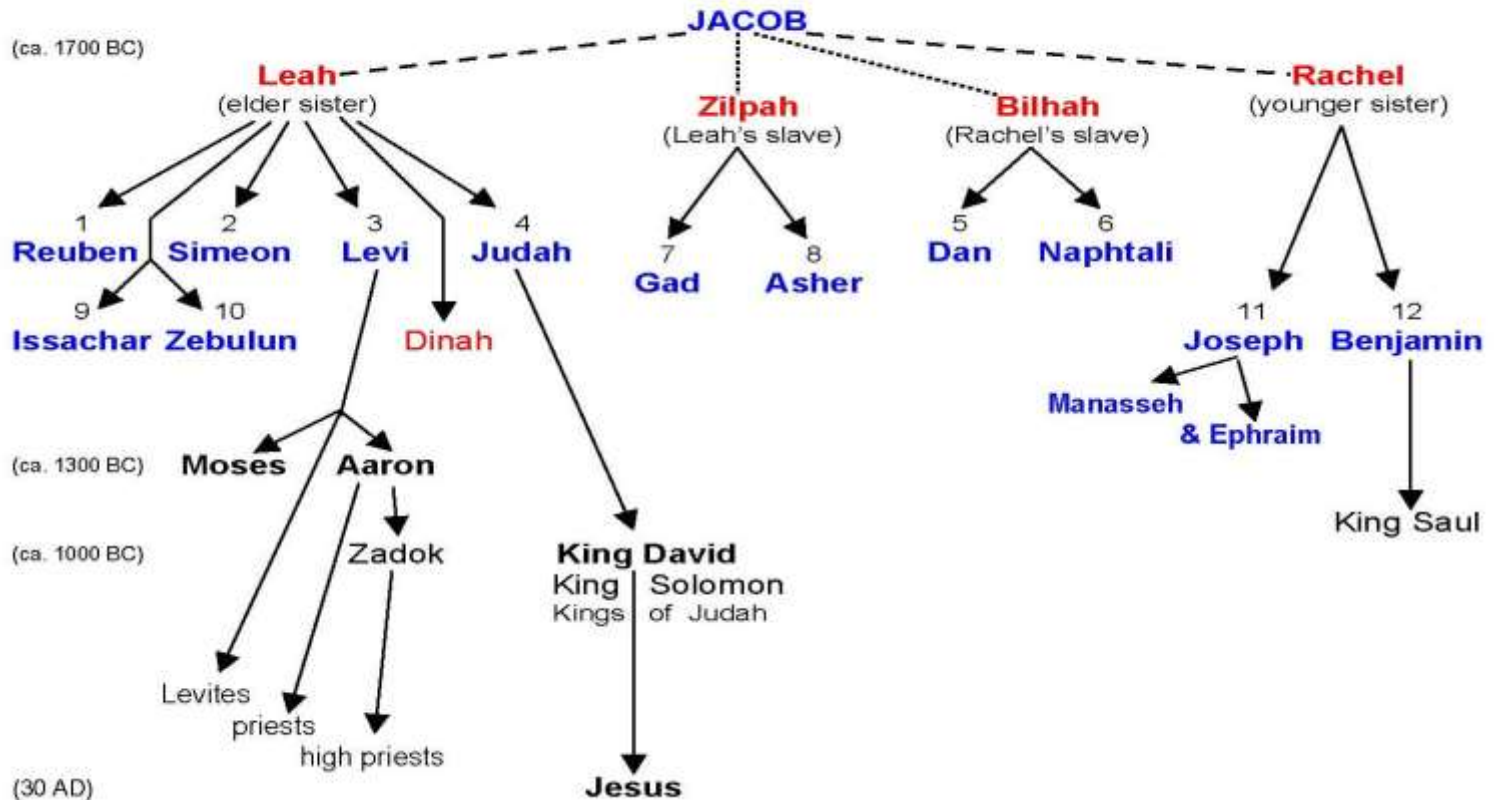
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Sons of Jacob / Tribes of Israel



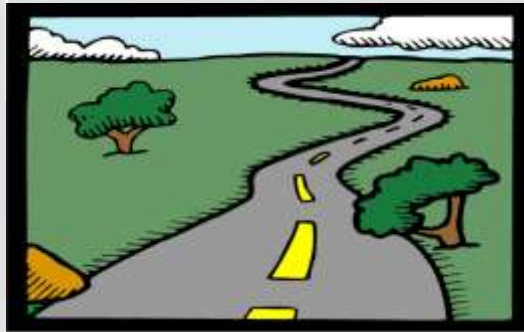
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Key Relationships

- Wrestling with the Lord
- ❑ Genesis 32:24-32: Was it a dream or reality?
 - ❑ As a result, Jacob:
 - Finally received God's blessing
 - Walked with a limp
 - Had his name changed (Israel means "fights or persists with God")

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Key People

9. 12 Sons of Israel (Jacob)
- ❑ Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Naphtali, Benjamin, Joseph, & Levi

Key Events

- A. 12 Tribes of Israel:
- Sons—Joseph + Manasseh + Ephraim (Gen. 48:5-6)
 - Tribe of Levi didn't get land (Joshua 14:3)
- B. Joseph & the famine (Gen. 45:4-14)
- ❑ This is how the nation of Israel ended up in Egypt for 400 years as slaves (Genesis 15:12-16)



Key Relationships

- Seed of Woman/Line of Christ
- ❑ The genealogy of Christ is established (Genesis 3:15)
 - ❑ Important names for Israel:
 - Shem: Semites
 - Abraham: Hebrews
 - Jacob/Israel: Israelites/Israelis
 - Judah: Jews
 - ❑ Genesis 46:12; Ruth 4:18-22; Matthew 1:1-17

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Key People

10. Moses (Exodus-Deut.)
- ❑ Lived around 1500 B.C.
 - ❑ Called by God to lead Israelites out of Egypt **back** to Promised Land (Canaan)
 - ❑ Moses was 1st OT prophet

Key Events

- A. Exodus from Egypt (Exo. 12)
- ❑ Exodus 3:6-10
 - ❑ Numbers 14:33-34: Could have been in Canaan sooner!
- B. Giving of the Law (Exo. 20+)
- ❑ Law did the following:
 - Set Israel apart from nations
 - Pointed out sin
 - Showed need for Savior




Key Relationships

- Preparation for God's Work
- ❑ Moses lived 120 years: 40 studying + 40 wandering then 40 leading
 - ❑ Numbers 20:8-12: Deuteronomy 34:4-6, 10: What an amazing relationship—God buried Moses!
 - ❑ All other leaders & prophets had to go through priests

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THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT EXODUS 7-12

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- **BLOOD** (7:14-24)
The Nile, along with all of the water in Egypt, turns into blood. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.
- **FROGS** (7:25 - 8:15)
Frogs cover the land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
- **GNATS** (8:16-19)
The dust turns to gnats, which cover the people and animals of Egypt. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.
- **FLIES** (8:20-32)
Flies fill the houses and land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
- **LIVESTOCK** (9:1-7)
All of the livestock of the Egyptians die. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.
- **BOILS** (9:8-12)
Festering boils break out on the Egyptians and their animals. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.
- **HAIL** (9:13-35)
Hail strikes down everything in the fields - humans, animals and trees. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness and promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
- **LOCUSTS** (10:1-20)
Locusts devour every tree and plant in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness, but does not let the Israelites go.
- **DARKNESS** (10:21-29)
Darkness covers the land of Egypt for three days. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
- **FIRSTBORN** (11:1-10; 12:29-32)
Every firstborn son and firstborn of the cattle in Egypt dies. Pharaoh finally lets the Israelites leave Egypt, only to change his mind and pursue them to the Red Sea.

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11. Aaron (Exodus 25 - Leviticus)

- He was Moses' brother
- First priest for Israel
- Knowing Aaron's heritage, who was also from the priestly tribe of Levi?

Key Events

Tabernacle

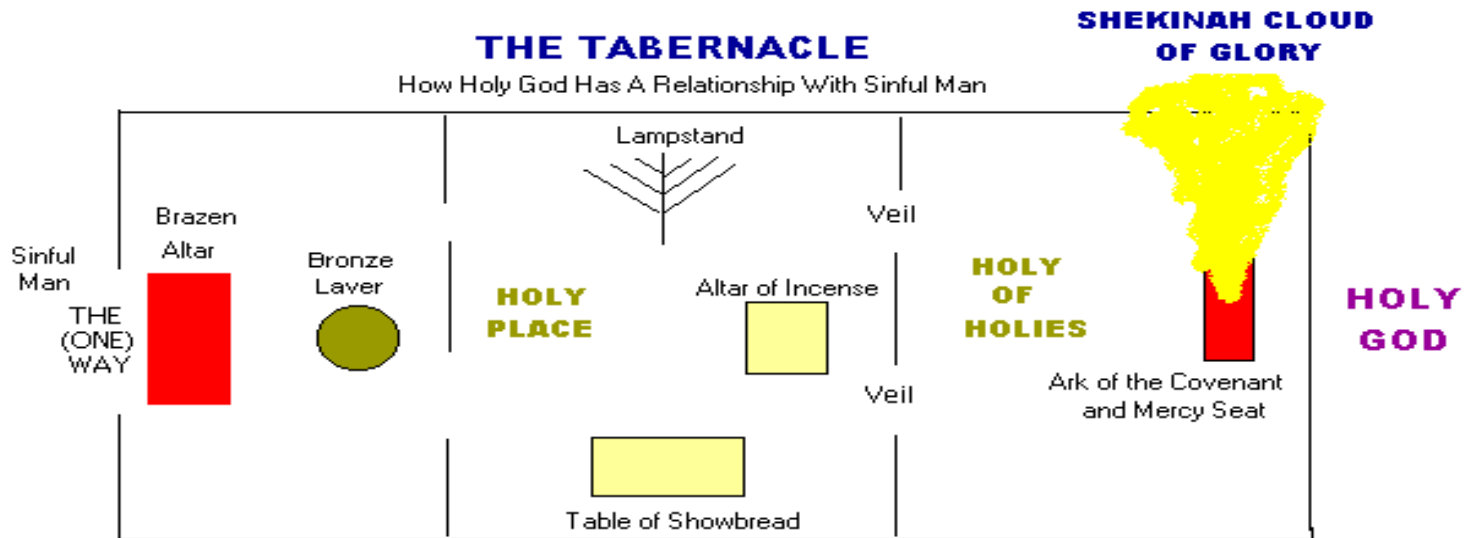
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- See diagrams



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Brazen Altar- The Cross of Christ

Laver- Sanctification

Table of Showbread- Christ is the Bread of Life

Lampstand- Christ is the Light of the World

Altar of Incense- Christ Our Intercessor

Ark of the Covenant- Christ is the Word Personified

Mercy Seat- Blood of Christ

Delivers from the Penalty and Power of Sin

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- A. God instructs—Exodus 25:8-9
- ❑ See diagrams
- B. God inhabits—Exodus 40:32-38
- ❑ God dwelt in the Holy of Holies where only the High Priest could go.
- Who can approach Him now?



Key Relationships

Type of Christ

- ❑ The High Priest was responsible for temporary atonement (covering) of sin, foreshadowing the true High Priest who would remove sin
- ❑ Hebrews 9:11-14

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12. Joshua (Joshua)

- ❑ Joshua 1:1-9
- ❑ One of the 2 faithful spies sent into Canaan when Israel 1st arrived
- ❑ Became the 2nd leader of the nation Israel

Key Events

Conquest of Canaan

- ❑ Joshua was given this privilege and responsibility (began w/ crossing the Jordan River, circumcision, & defeat of Jericho)
- ❑ Joshua 6:1-5
- ❑ Joshua 21:43-45



Key Relationships

Obedience vs judgment

(Leviticus 18)

- ❑ What was happening in Canaan as Israel arrived? Idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, child sacrifice, and worse!

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Key People

13. Judges (Judges)

- ❑ Othneil, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, & Samson (to name a few)
- ❑ Judges were set up by **God** as military/civil/spiritual leaders to govern the tribes
- ❑ Some judges served concurrently in different parts of Canaan

Key Events

A. Gideon (Judges 7-8)

- ❑ Judges 7:2: Gideon fought Midian army with 300 men & won the battle!

B. Samson (Judges 16)

- ❑ He was a Nazirite:
 - No wine to drink
 - No cutting of hair
 - No touching a corpse



Key Relationships

Judgment & Deliverance

- ❑ Judges 3:12
- ❑ Judges 4:1-3
- ❑ Judges 6:1
- ❑ Judges 6:7-10
- ❑ God used everyday circumstances to bring judgment and deliverance

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14. Saul (1 Samuel)
- ❑ 1 & 2 Samuel—links the judges to the monarchy
 - ❑ One book written by Samuel, Nathan, Gad
 - ❑ Samuel was last judge & an OT prophet
 - ❑ 1 Samuel 8:10-22, 9:1-2: Israel wanted a king & God gave them one.
 - ❑ Not God's plan for Israel!

Key Events

- First king of Israel—40 year reign
- ❑ For the first time, Israel no longer led by person seeking God
 - ❑ Offering a burnt sacrifice, disobeying orders, and consulting a witch = one lost kingdom!
 - ❑ 1 Samuel 31:2-4: Saul committed suicide



Key Relationships

- Jealousy—Specifically, Saul's jealousy of David
- ❑ Called cancer of the soul
 - ❑ 1 Samuel 18:6-9

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Key People

15. David (1 & 2 Samuel, the Psalms)

- ❑ Lived about 1000 B.C.
- ❑ 1 Samuel 13:13-14: This characterized his life, not just his sin with Bathsheba

Key Events

- A. Second king of Israel—40 year reign
- B. Davidic Covenant:
 - ❑ 2 Samuel 7:12-16
 - A throne (David's Throne located in Jerusalem)
 - A throne-sitter (David & family, ultimately Christ)
 - A kingdom (Israel)



Key Relationships

- A. Qualities of Leadership (1 Samuel 17)
 - ❑ Dream, desire, determination, discipline, do it!
- B. "Your sin will find you out"
 - ❑ 2 Samuel 12:10, 12-14: coveting + adultery/murder = child's death

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16. Solomon (1 Kings, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)

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- ❑ 1 Kings 3:3-14: Began his reign by following God, but fell prey to worldly influences around him

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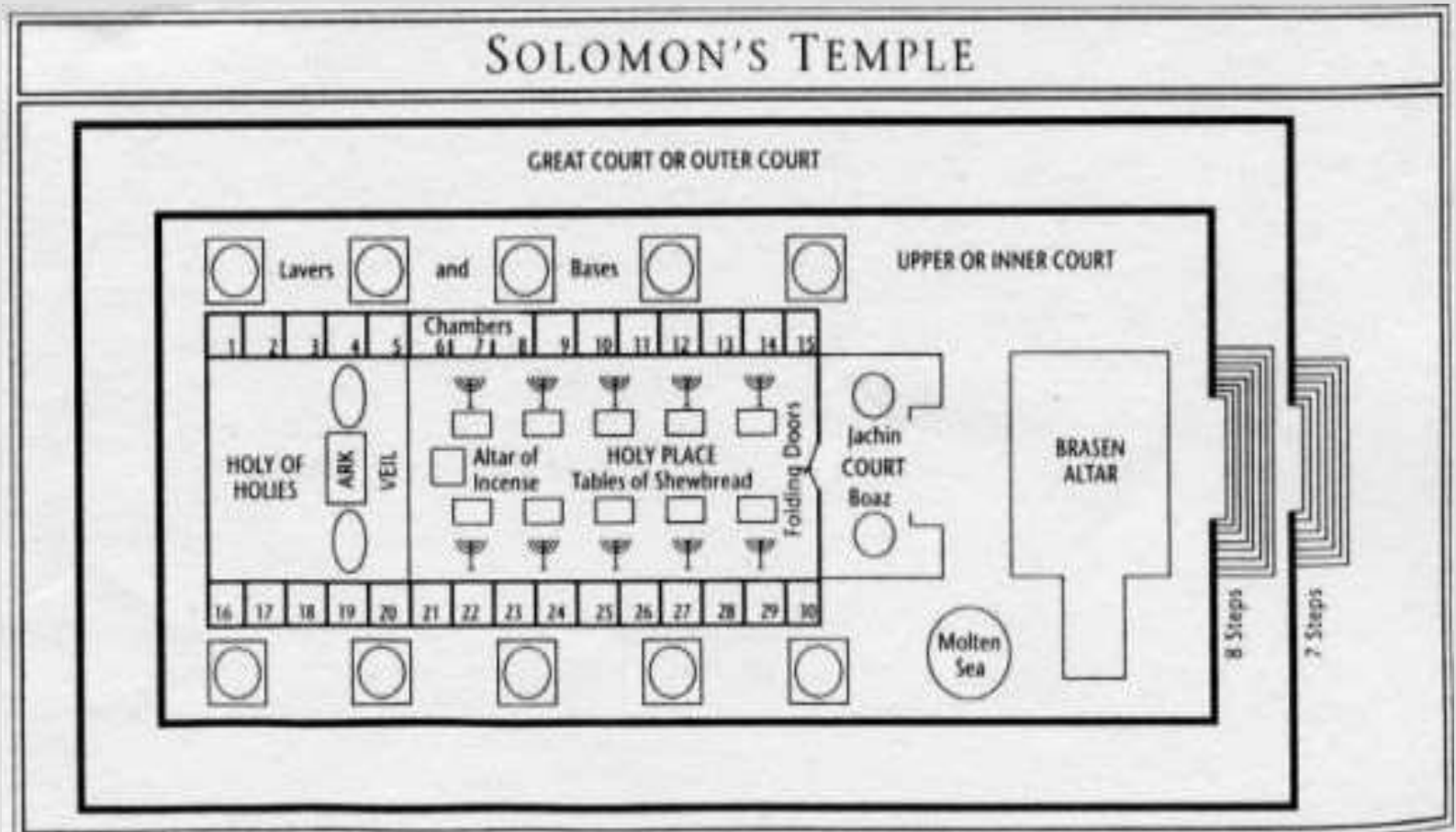
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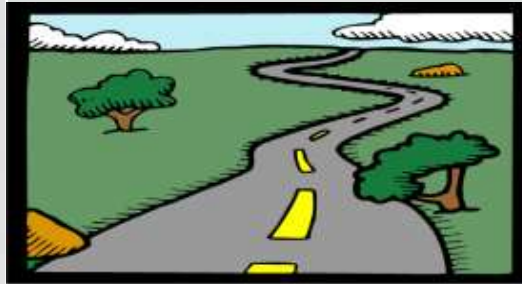
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 - ❑ 2 Chronicles 7:1-3: God inhabits temple



Key Relationships

- Women (1 Kings 11): 1000+
- ❑ Most of these were pagan women involved in idolatry
 - ❑ 1 Kings 11:1-4—Solomon's failure as a spiritual leader in his home = weakened nation

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17. Kings of Israel & Judah
(1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles)

❑ After Solomon's death, tribes' allegiances to their fellow Jews weakened—resulted in split into 2 nations in 931 B.C.



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Northern Kingdom	Southern Kingdom
10 Tribes	2 Tribes (Benjamin & Judah)
Called "Israel"	Called "Judah"
Capital was Samaria	Capital was Jerusalem
1 st King -- King Jeroboam	1 st King -- King Rehoboam
Captured by Assyria in 722 B.C.	Captured by Babylon in 586 B.C.



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Key Events

- Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:3-5)
- ❑ One of many kings of Judah
 - ❑ See Isaiah 6:1-8 (vs 1a)

Key Relationships

- God judges kings by a moral standard
- ❑ God prospered or hindered their reign accordingly



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18. Prophets (Major/minor prophets from Isaiah to Malachi)

- ❑ Major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

- ❑ Minor prophets: Obadiah, Joel, Amos (to name a few)

Key Events

A. Daniel—70 weeks prophecy (Daniel)

B. Elijah—Mount Carmel & the challenge of the prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18)

C. Nehemiah—Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem (Nehemiah)

Key Relationships

Justice & Judgment

- ❑ Recurrent themes:

- Preached faithfulness

- Confronted sin

- Warned of judgment

- Offered hope

- ❑ Weren't exactly most popular folks in Israel/Judah



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Key People

THE SILENT YEARS (400 yrs)

- ❑ Palestine (the Promised Land) was conquered by the following nations during this time: Persians, Syrians, Seleucids, Maccabees, & Romans
- ❑ Rome was in power at the time of Christ. Herod rebuilt/expanded the temple around 20 B.C. (still 2nd Temple)



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The Herods of the Bible

HEROD THE GREAT:

- Father was Idumean (from line of Esau); mother was Arab (possibly from line of Ishmael)
- Appointed procurator of Judea by Julius Caesar 47 B.C.
- Bore the titles "Herod the King" and "King of Judea"
- Renovated the temple in Jerusalem—same temple in which Jesus was presented @ 8 days of age by Mary & Joseph
- Spoke w/ the magi on the way to find the newborn King, then ordered killing of baby boys under age 2 (Matthew 3)

HEROD ANTIPAS:

- Son of Herod the Great by Malthace, a Samaritan* woman
- Married Herodias, the wife of his half-brother, Herod Philip
- Responsible for the death of John the Baptist
- Tried Jesus after Pilate—ultimately he and his soldiers mocked Jesus, then returned Jesus to Pilate to be crucified.

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The Herods of the Bible (continued)

HEROD AGRIPPA, I:

- Dethroned Herod Antipas
- Killed James the apostle/brother of John (son of Zebedee)
- Had Peter arrested—an angel delivered Peter from the prison of Herod Agrippa I and certain death (see Acts 12:1-3)

HEROD AGRIPPA, II:

- Son of Agrippa I
- Put in charge of a region north of Judea
- Present during one of the trials of the Apostle Paul (see Acts 25 and 26)
- Told the Apostle Paul, "You have almost persuaded me to become a Christian."

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- ❑ The numerous outside influences on Israel produces a number of Jewish sects
- ❑ The apocrypha was written. OT was translated into Greek



Key Relationships

THE SILENT YEARS (400 yrs)

- ❑ No direct revelation from God that was to be included in scripture took place during this time period

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19. John the Baptist
- ❑ He was Christ's cousin
 - ❑ He was a Nazirite
(remember the three rules?)
 - ❑ He was the last prophet

Key Events

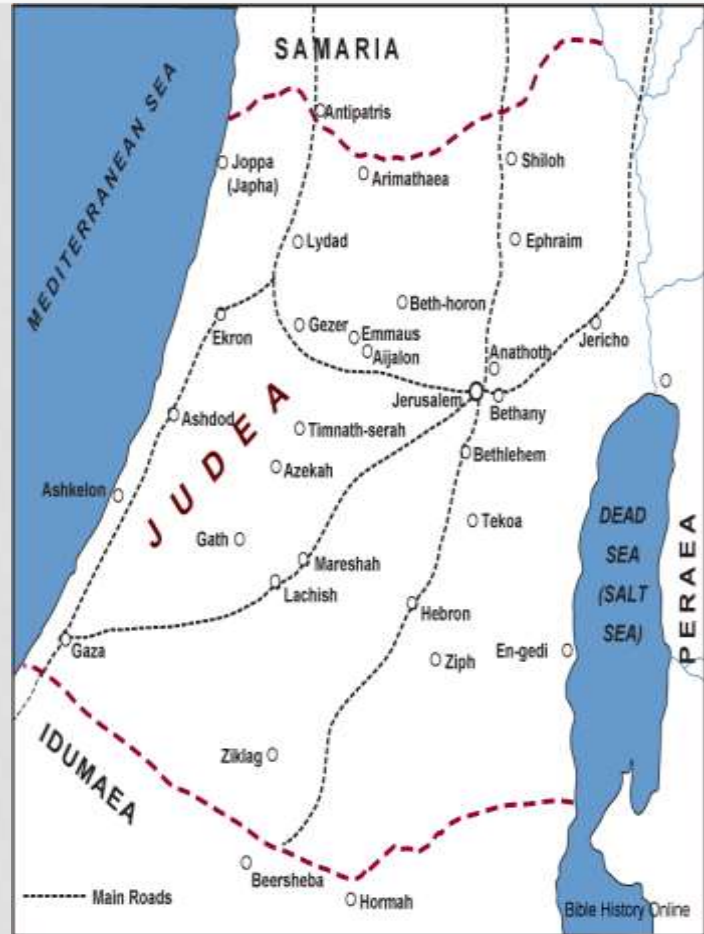
- Forerunner of Christ
- ❑ Isaiah 40:3: Prophesied about in the OT
 - ❑ John 1:19-23; Matt. 3:1-2: Prophecy fulfilled in the NT



Key Relationships

- Kingdom of Heaven offered to the nation Israel
- ❑ John offers the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant:
 - A throne: In Jerusalem
 - A throne-sitter: Christ
 - A kingdom: Israel
 - ❑ Matthew 14:1-12 – Israel's rejection of John (the last prophet) is a rejection of God the Father

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20. Jesus Christ (the Gospels & Acts 1)

- ❑ The arrival of one who was spoken about as far back as Genesis 3:14-15 (the seed of woman has finally come!)
- ❑ Jews wanted a military leader to overthrow Rome; this was not God's plan at this time

Key Events

- A. Incarnation
 - ❑ Conceived by HS: Jesus was 100% man + 100% God
- B. Virgin Birth (Luke 2)
- C. Miracles, including His RESURRECTION from the dead



Key Relationships

- A. Israel rejects Jesus as Savior/King
 - ❑ Luke 19:11; Luke 23:13-23
 - ❑ Israel wanted Jesus' 2nd coming, not His 1st coming
 - ❑ Their rejection of Christ is rejection of **God the Son**
- B. Salvation offered
 - ❑ Christ's death provided access to God the Father

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21. Stephen (Acts 7)

- ❑ Acts 6:1-7: He wasn't an apostle; he was one of the 1st deacons

Key Events

The first martyr

- ❑ Acts 6:8-15: Not a random act of violence
- ❑ Acts 7:1-53: The sermon
- ❑ Acts 7:54-60: The result

Key Relationships

Israel's martyring of Stephen is a rejection of **God the Holy Spirit**

- ❑ Israel has now rejected God the Father (the prophets, John the Baptist), the Son (person of Jesus Christ) and the HS (persecution of believers)
- ❑ This is still true of the nation Israel today



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22. Peter (Gospels, 1/2 of Acts, 1 & 2 Peter)

- ❑ One of Jesus' original disciples, then an apostle
- ❑ Used mightily by God despite his denial of Christ three times

Key Events

- A. Coming of the HS (Acts 2)
 - ❑ John 14:25-26: HS promised
 - ❑ Acts 2:1-4: HS comes
 - ❑ 1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13-14
- B. Apostle to the Jews
 - ❑ Galatians 2:7-8



Key Relationships

God always spares a faithful remnant of His people

- ❑ Despite rejection of God the Father (beheading of John the Baptist), God the Son (crucifixion of Jesus), and God the HS (stoning of Stephen), God appoints Peter apostle to the Jews.
- ❑ God hasn't abandoned the "apple of His eye" (Zech. 2:8)

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23. Paul (Acts 8, & 13 epistles)

❑ Acts 7:59-8:3: Witnessed Stephen's murder with approval

❑ Phil. 3:4-7: A Jew, tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee, persecutor of Christians, follower of the Law

Key Events

A. Conversion of Saul (Acts 9)

B. Apostle to the Gentiles

❑ Initially both Peter & Paul, but later Paul alone ministered to non-Jews

❑ Israel's rejection of the Kingdom resulted in it being offered to Gentiles (us!)

Key Relationships

A. Dispensation of Grace

❑ Law showed sin, Christ took it away. His work on the cross brought GRACE! Eph. 2:8-9

B. Body of Christ (The Church)

❑ 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 1:22-23

- All believers equal in Christ
- Membership based on faith in Christ & nothing else!



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24. Antichrist (Revelation)
- ❑ 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thessa. 1:9-10; 1 Thessa. 5:9-11; Rev. 3:10:
 - ❑ Rapture of church precedes arrival of Antichrist
 - ❑ Antichrist is a living, breathing, human being given supernatural powers by Satan
 - ❑ 2 Thessa. 2:1-4

Key Events

- 7-year Tribulation (Rev. 6-19)
- ❑ Rev. 13:1-8
 - ❑ 3 ½ years of presumed peace (especially in Middle East) + 3 ½ years of unimaginable evil and unrestrained power



Key Relationships

- Judgment of Earth
- ❑ God will unleash His wrath upon the Earth in 7 seal judgments, 7 trumpet judgments, and 7 bowl judgments
 - ❑ Yet, He still will show mercy:
 - Remnant of Jews spared
 - People will accept Christ
 - Remnant of believers spared

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25. John's Revelation of Christ (John, 1-3 John, Rev.)
- ❑ John gives the sequence:
 1. Rapture of Church
 2. Judgment Seat of Christ (believers)
 3. Tribulation (7 year)
 4. Christ's 2nd coming
 5. Satan bound for 1,000 yrs
 6. Millennial Kingdom
 7. Satan's last revolt
 8. Satan judged/cast into Hell
 9. Great White Throne Judgment (unbelievers)
 10. Eternity begins

Key Events

- Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20-22)
- ❑ 1,000 year reign of Christ: A physical, earthly reign
 - ❑ The ultimate fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant
 - ❑ Not everyone in this kingdom will be saved – some will join Satan's last revolt



Key Relationships

Eternity

- ❑ Those who are saved will enjoy eternity with God FOREVER!