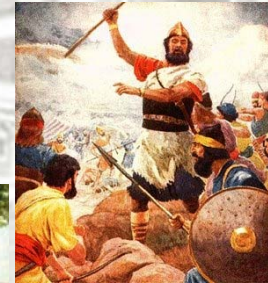
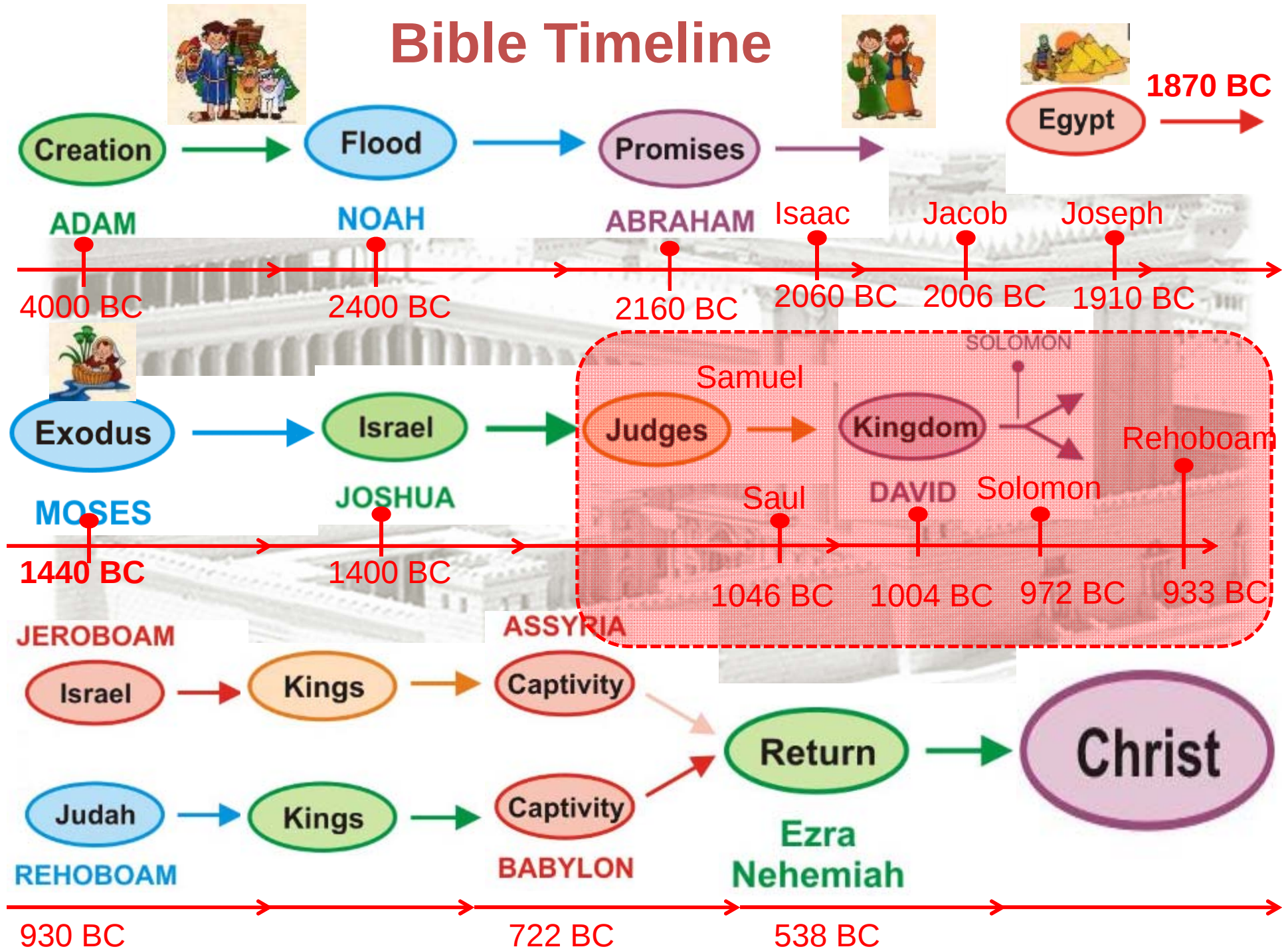


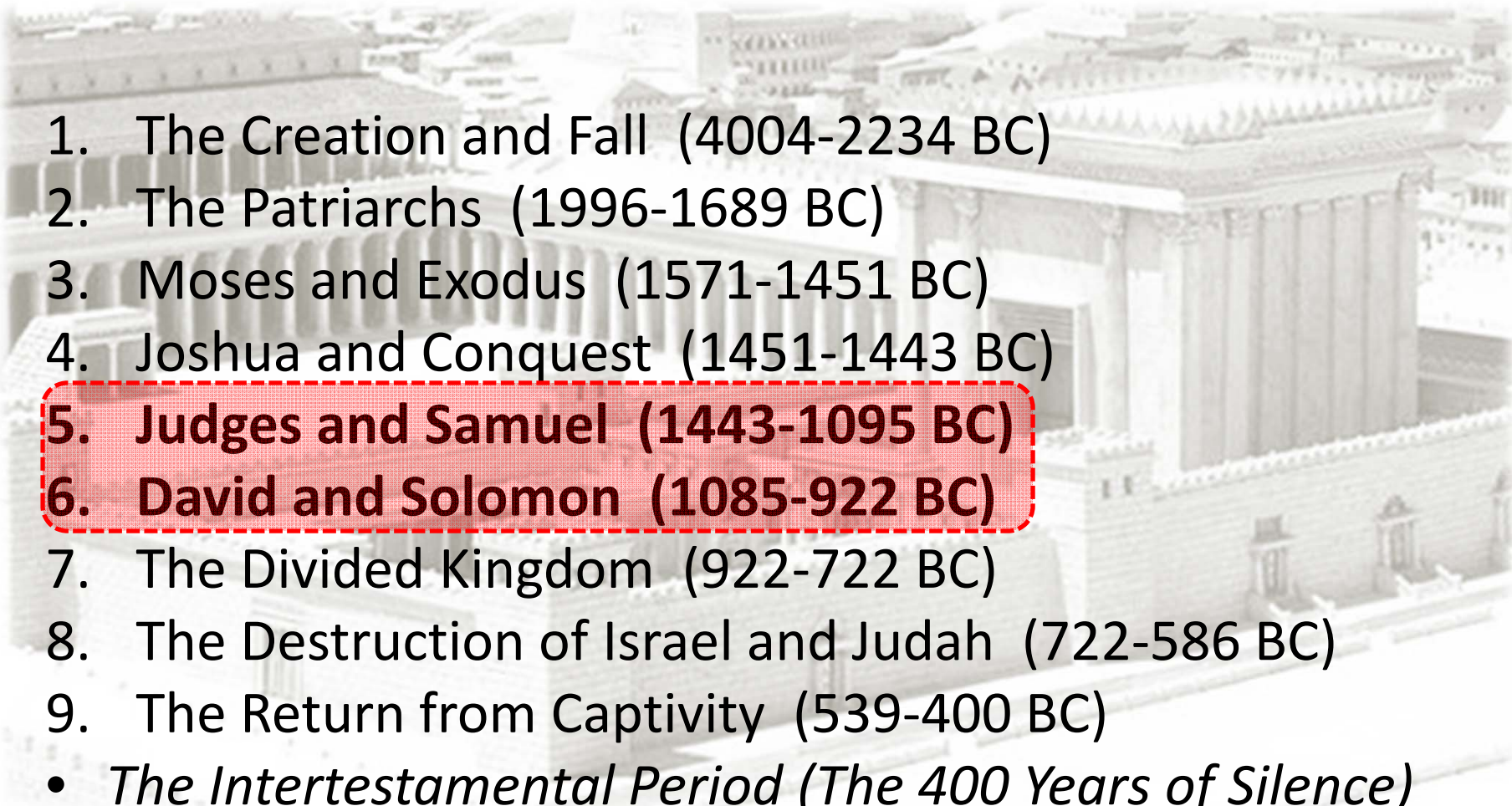
History of the Old Testament 4: Judges to Solomon



Bible Timeline



Historical Periods

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1. The Creation and Fall (4004-2234 BC)
 2. The Patriarchs (1996-1689 BC)
 3. Moses and Exodus (1571-1451 BC)
 4. Joshua and Conquest (1451-1443 BC)
 - 5. Judges and Samuel (1443-1095 BC)**
 - 6. David and Solomon (1085-922 BC)**
 7. The Divided Kingdom (922-722 BC)
 8. The Destruction of Israel and Judah (722-586 BC)
 9. The Return from Captivity (539-400 BC)
 - *The Intertestamental Period (The 400 Years of Silence)*

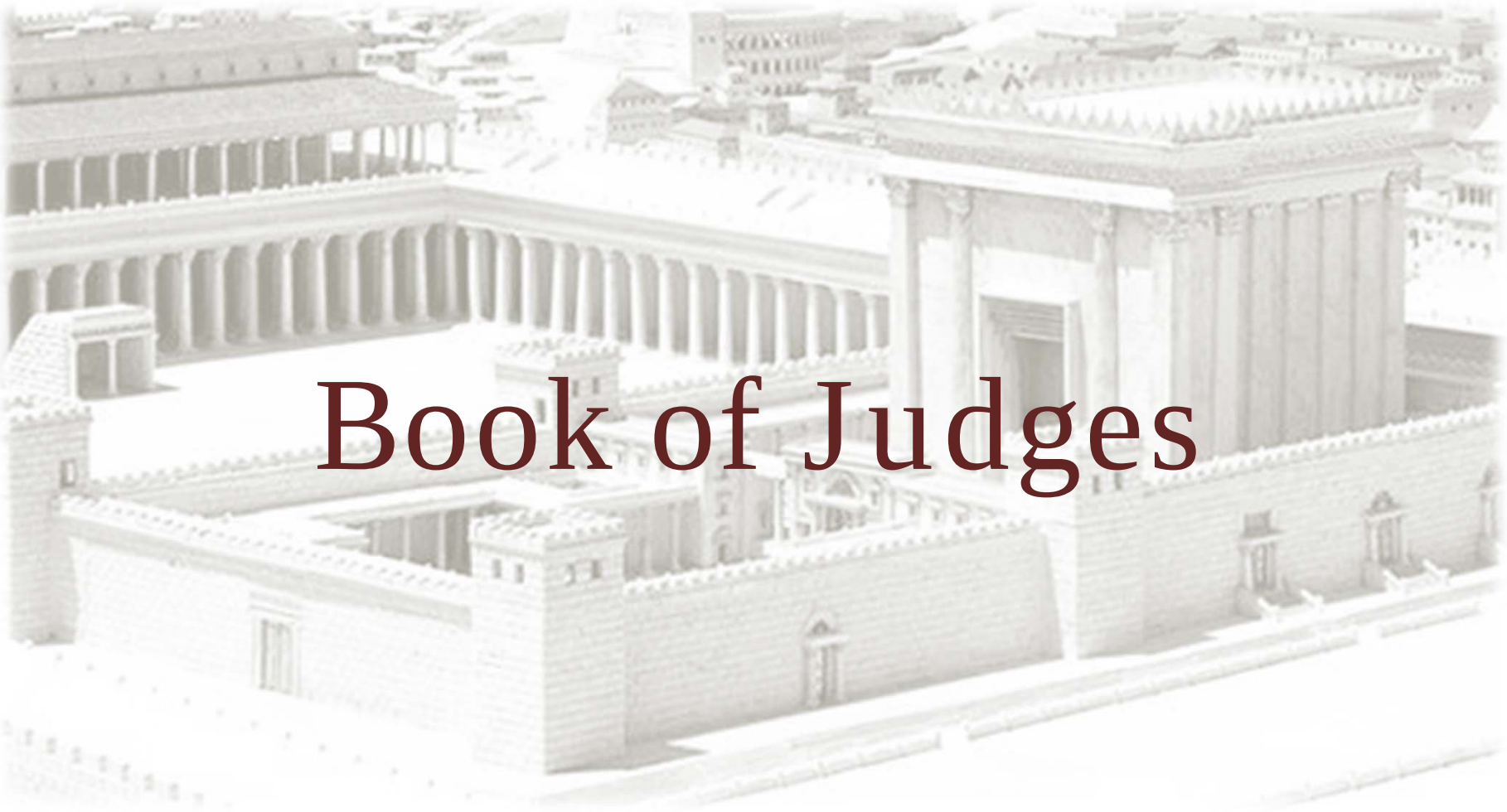
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Judges - Solomon

(1443-922 BC)

Main Characters

- Joshua
- Judges (e.g. Othniel, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson...)
- Ruth
- Eli and His Sons
- Samuel
- King Saul
- King David
- King Solomon



Book of Judges

Hebrews after Joshua (Me after Christ?)

- **Judges 2: 10-19:** *“When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers...and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.....*

Hebrews after Joshua (Me after Christ?)

“...And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies. Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for calamity, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them.....

Hebrews after Joshua (Me after Christ?)

....And they were greatly distressed...And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them....”

Hebrews after Joshua (Me after Christ?)

“...man is inherently sinful and will revert back to his evil ways, and the Lord will always be there for those who cry out to Him, but forgetting God can only result in bondage and defeat.”

The Twelve Judges and Others

The Judge	Reference	Role
Othniel	3: 7-11	Nephew of Caleb, delivered Israel from the Mesopotamians
Ehud	3:12-30	Was left-handed and killed Eglon, king of Moab
Shamgar	3:31	Killed 600 Philistines and saved Israel
Deborah	4:1--5:31	urged Barak to attack the mighty army of the Canaanites
Gideon	6:11-8:35	Led 300 Israelites to defeat the Midianites (70 sons)
Abimelech / Jotham	9:1-57	Abimelech is Gideon's Son from a concubine
Tola	10:1-2	He Judged for 23 years
Jair	10:3-5	He Judged for 22 years (30 sons)
Jephthah	11:1-12:7	Was a harlot's son who defeated the Amorites
Ibzan	12:8-10	He Judged for 7 years
Elon	12:11-12	He Judged for 10 years
Abdon	12:13-15	He Judged for 8 years
Samson	13:1-16:31	delivered Israel from the Philistines
Micah	17:1-18:30	Made a god and hired a priest

The Parable of the Trees

(Judges 9: 7-15)

When Jotham was told about this, he climbed up on the top of Mount Gerizim and shouted to them, “Listen to me, citizens of Shechem, so that God may listen to you. One day the trees went out to anoint a king for themselves. They said to the olive tree, ‘Be our king.’ “But the olive tree answered, ‘Should I give up my oil, by which both gods and humans are honored, to hold sway over the trees?’ “Next, the trees said to the fig tree, ‘Come and be our king.’

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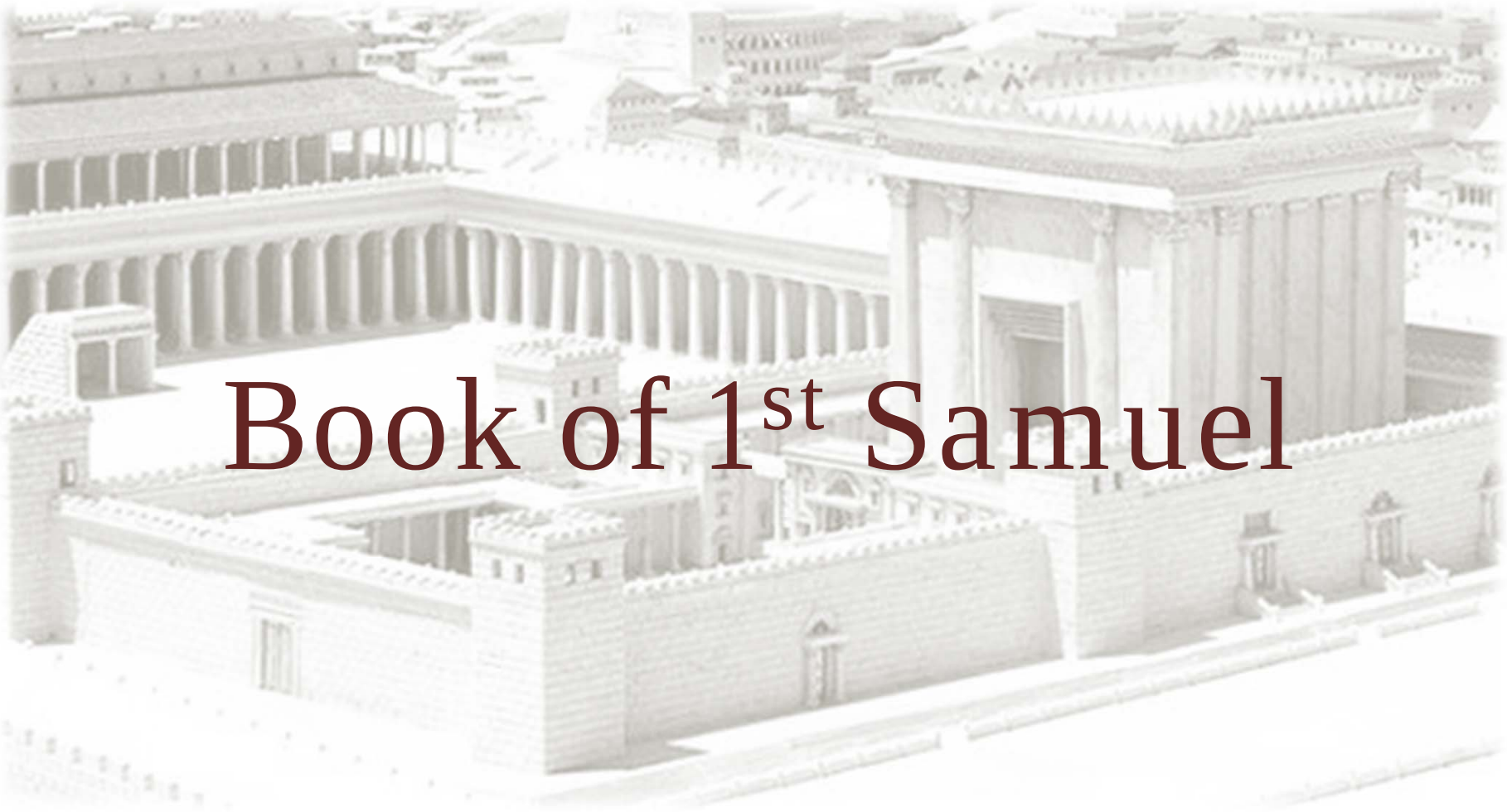
“But the fig tree replied, ‘Should I give up my fruit, so good and sweet, to hold sway over the trees?’

“Then the trees said to the vine, ‘Come and be our king.’ “But the vine answered, ‘Should I give up my wine, which cheers both gods and humans, to hold sway over the trees?’ “Finally all the trees said to the thornbush, ‘Come and be our king.’ “The thornbush said to the trees, ‘If you really want to anoint me king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, then let fire come out of the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon!’

The Parable of the Trees

(Judges 9: 7-15)

- Only the unqualified desires authority
- St. Isaac the Syrian: “A fruitful tree can easily bow down”
- Anba Makarios : “and the passion week has started...”
- **2 Cor 10:18** *“So even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it.”*
- **1 Thessalonians 2:6** *“We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.”*



Book of 1st Samuel

Eli and His Sons

- The book of 1st Samuel starts with the birth of Samuel to Elkanah and Hannah
- We then hear about Eli the priest and his sons



God Appears in a Night Vision to the Boy Prophet Samuel, by Harry Anderson, © 1951

Eli and His Sons

1 Samuel 2: 12-17 *12 “Eli’s sons...had no regard for the Lord. Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest’s servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand....and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself...This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord’s sight, for men abhorred the Lord’s offering”.*

- Who do people see in your service? Where is the problem?

Eli and His Sons

- **1 Samuel 2: 22-26** *“Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. So he said to them, “Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the Lord’s people is not good...”*
- Did PC sneak to our service?
- How firm are we in upholding teaching and faith?

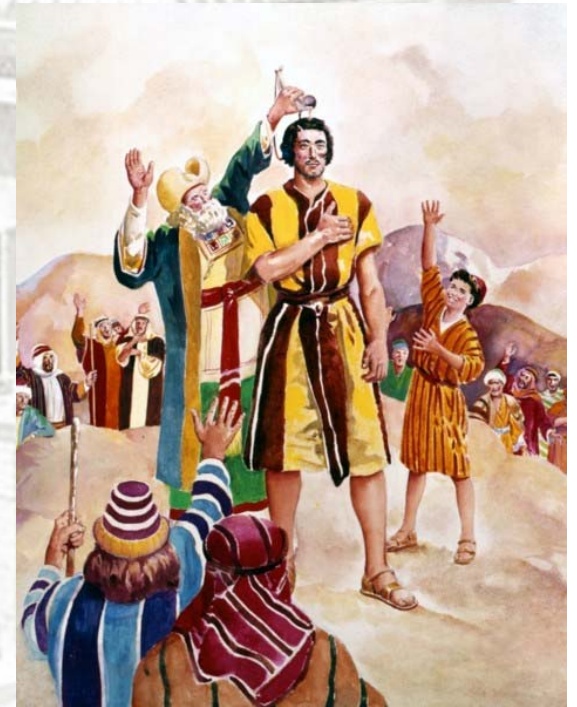
Samuel Chosen

- Samuel called to be the Judge and the prophet
- Israel defeated and the Ark of covenant taken by the Philistines for seven months and then returned to Israel
- Under Samuel, Israel restored all land taken by the Philistines



Saul Chosen

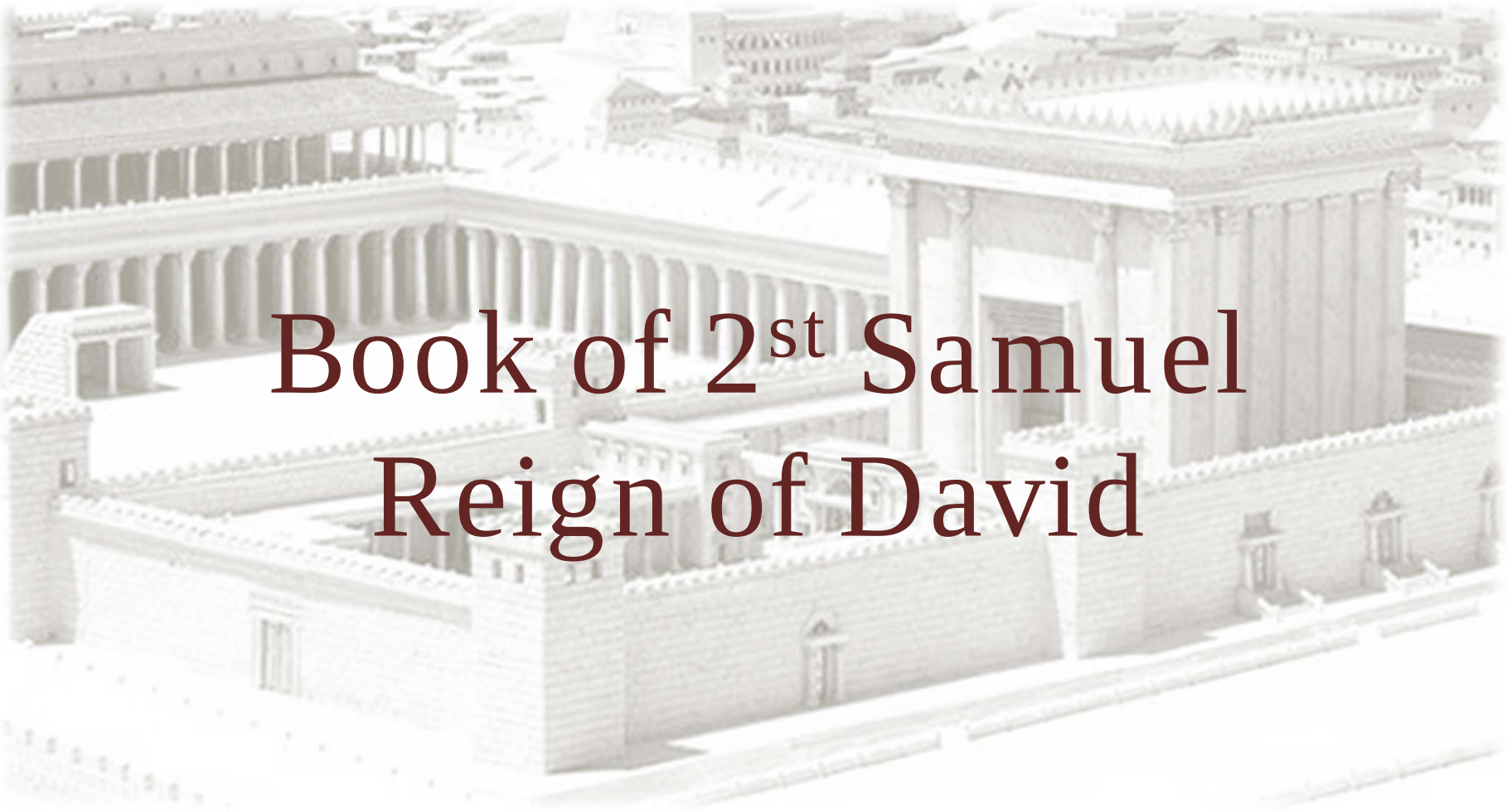
- God wanted to give him a chance (He gave him another heart)
- Samuel grew oldIsrael asks for a king
- His sons, Joel and Abijah were unrighteous and were used as an excuse by the people to ask for a king
- Samuel warning them from the consequences and they would not listen



Saul Refused and David Chosen

- Offered the sacrifice instead on Samuel
- Became self-centered
- Kept for himself forbidden gains from battles
- David Chosen to replace Saul





Book of 2st Samuel

Reign of David

David

- Friendship with Nathan (1st Samuel)
- Saul's persecution (1st Samuel)
- Death of Saul (1st Samuel)
- The war between the house of Saul and the house of David
- **2 Samuel 3:1** *“Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.”*

David

- The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6: 1-11 *“...David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God...So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill... Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah...and he died there”*

- The Ark was to be carried on shoulders not carts
- The ark had stayed for a period of time at Abinadab's house
- He thought that God needs protection



David

- Kindness to Jonathan's Son Mephibosheth



- The fall



Have mercy upon me, O God.
According to Your lovingkindness:
According to the multitude of Your
tender mercies.
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.
And cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1-2

David's Heart

1 Samuel 24: 4-5 *"4 Then the men of David said to him, 'This is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.''" And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 5 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe."*

David's Heart

2 Samuel 12: 1-6 *"Then the Lord sent Nathan to David...and said to him: "There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had ...many flocks and herds. But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb...a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."..So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die...Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!"*

David's Heart

2 Samuel 24: 1-10 *"Again the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, "Go, number Israel and Judah." So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him, "Now go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count the people, that I may know the number of the people."*

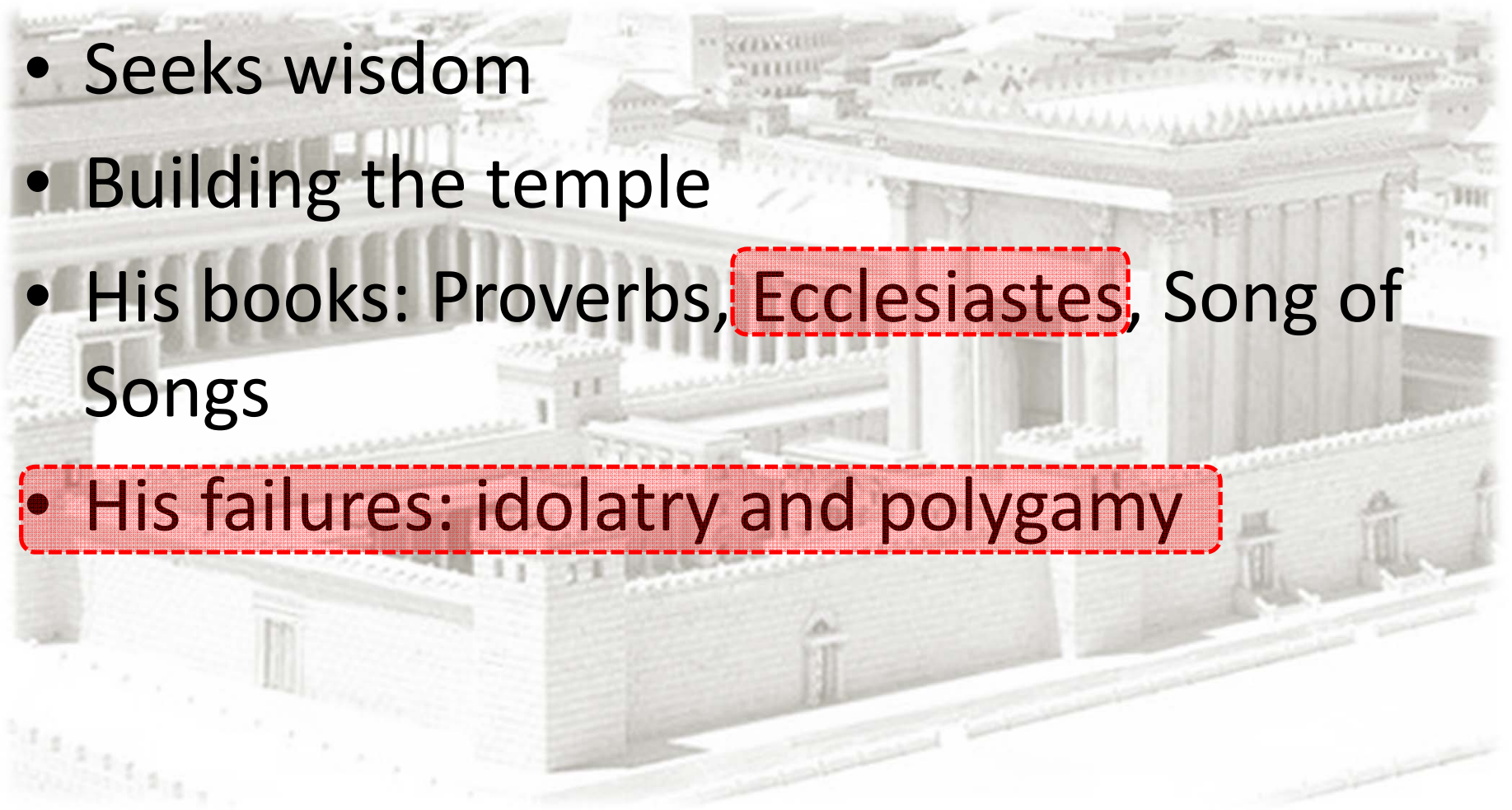
"And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

Book of 1st Kings Reign of Solomon



Solomon

- Seeks wisdom
- Building the temple
- His books: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
- His failures: idolatry and polygamy



Solomon's Failures

- The decision of splitting the kingdom happened due to Solomon's sins and before the reign of Rehoboam (1 Kings 12)

14: *“Now the Lord raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was a descendant of the king in Edom.”*

Solomon's Failures

31-34: *“Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you (but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel), because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess... and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David. However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.*