



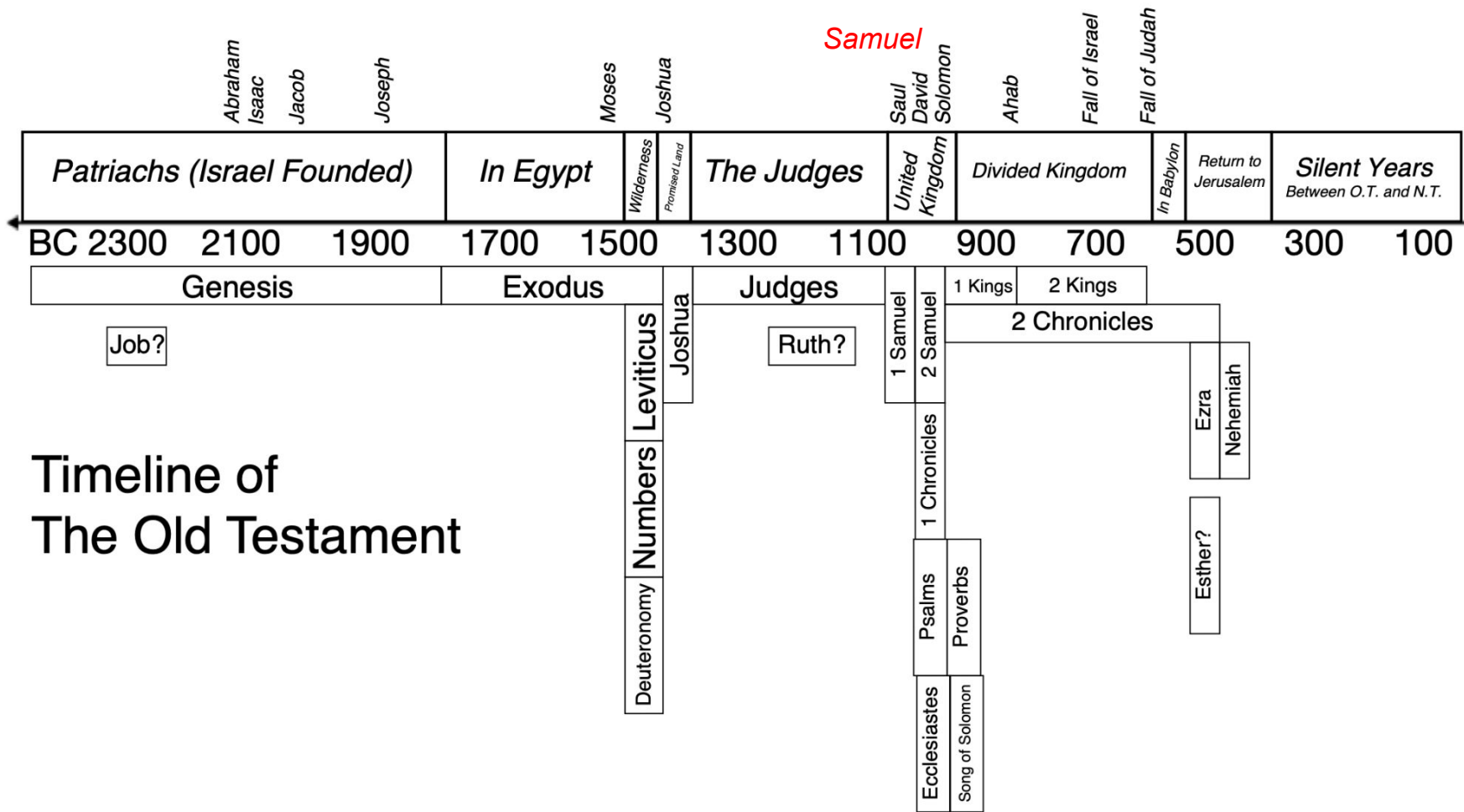
BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS

THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND THE
BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

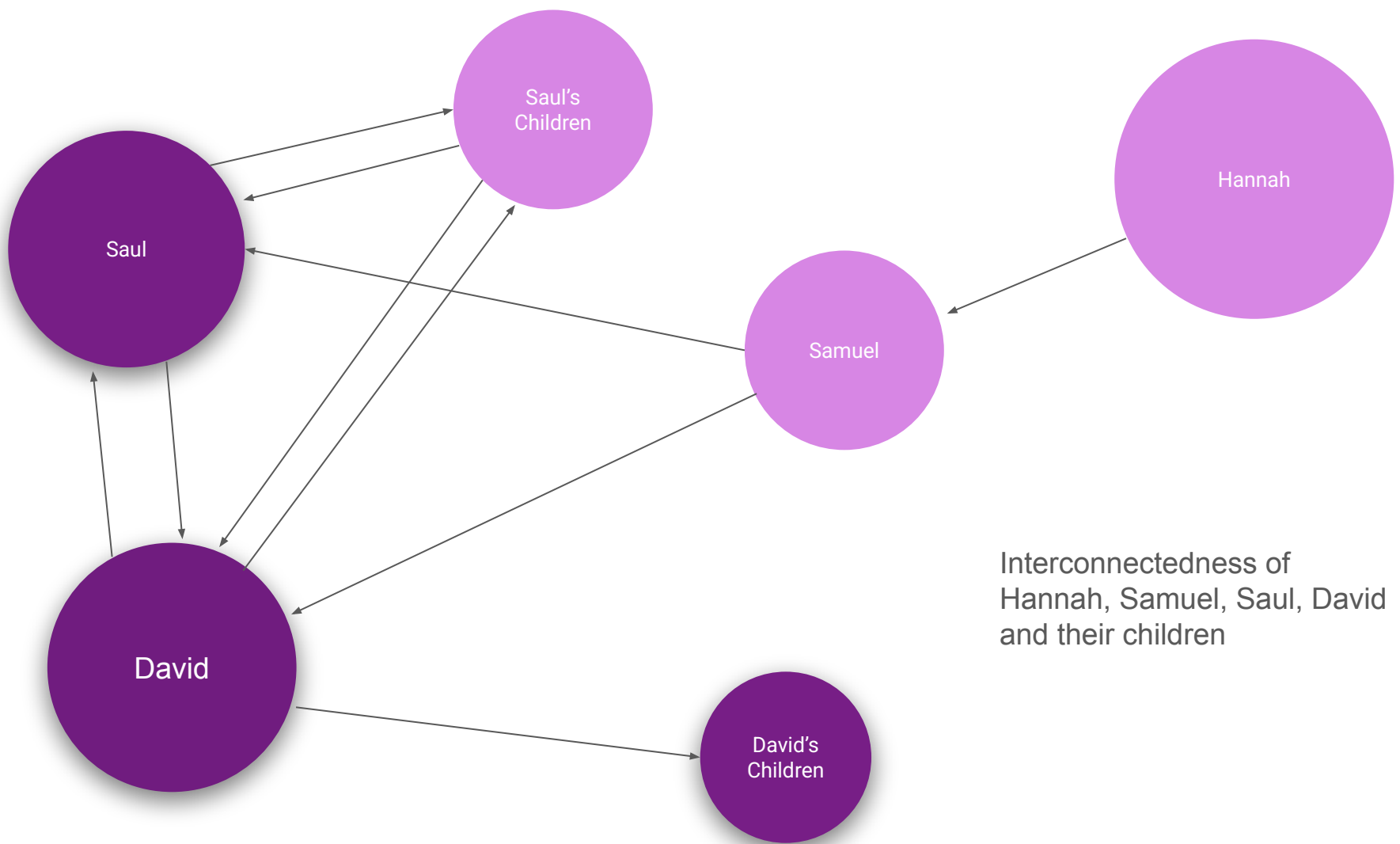


The Second King

The Story of Saul



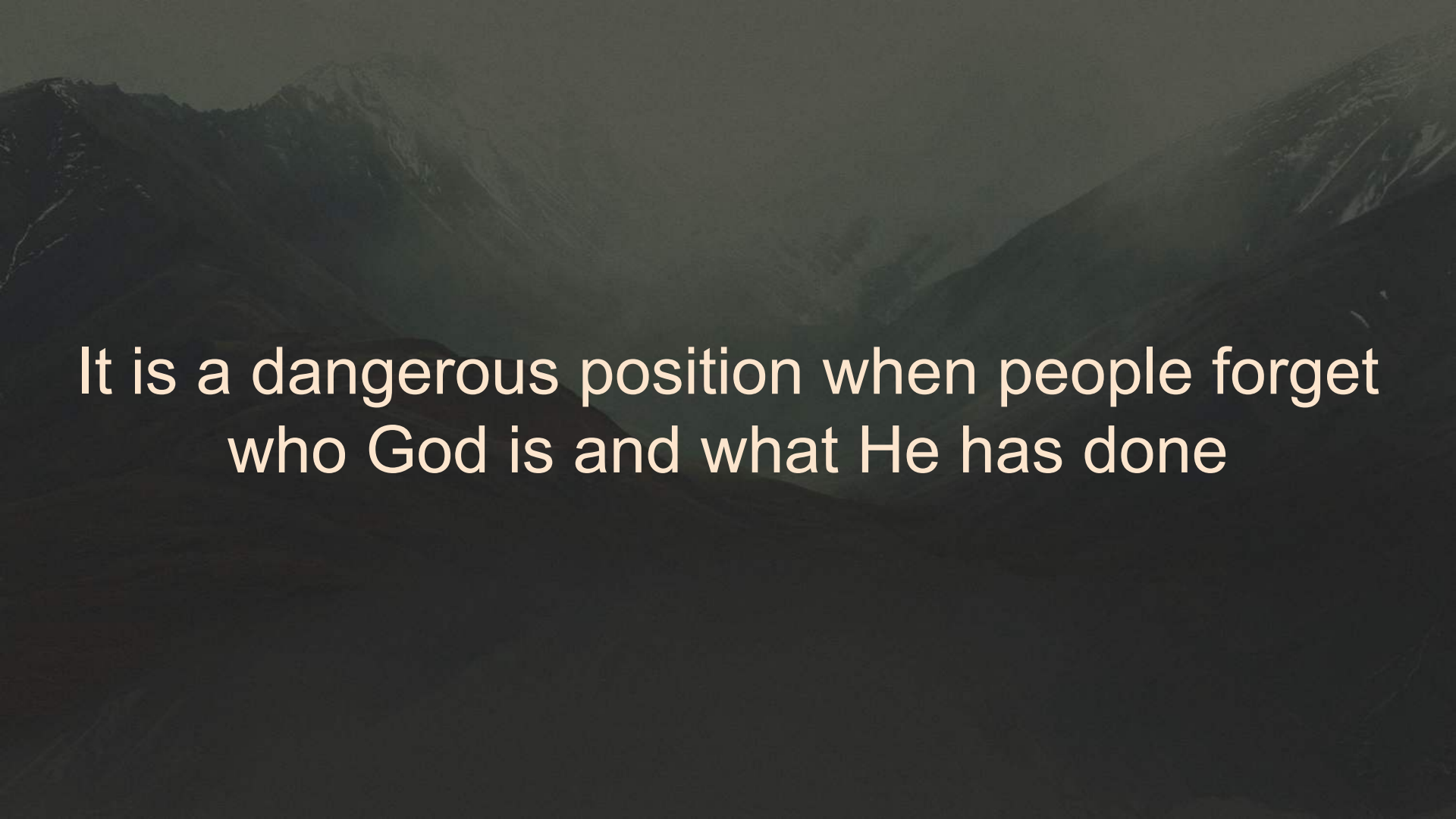
Timeline of The Old Testament





1 Samuel 8

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah 5 and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD.



It is a dangerous position when people forget
who God is and what He has done

1 Samuel 8

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. 9 Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

1 Samuel 8

10 So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking for a king from him. **11** He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. **12** And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

1 Samuel 8

13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. **15** He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. **16** He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. **17** He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

1 Samuel 8

18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

1 Samuel 8

19 But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, **20** that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

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- Saul's first victory - 1 Samuel 11
- Saul officially crowned - 1 Samuel 11:14-15
- Saul's unlawful sacrifice at Gilgal; he is rejected by God - 1 Samuel 13 (slide)
- Saul's disobedience in the Amalekite war - 1 Samuel 15
- God chooses David - 1 Samuel 16-18
- Saul tries to kill David - seven times! (slide)
- Saul consults the witch of Endor - 1 Samuel 28
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1 Samuel 13

13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. **14** But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

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Saul's Attempts to Kill David



Saul Throws a Spear at David (Twice) 1 Samuel 18:10–11



Saul Plots to Kill David via the Philistines 1 Samuel 18:17, 21, 25



Saul Sends Men to Kill David at Home 1 Samuel 19:11–17



Saul Tries to Kill David with a Spear Again 1 Samuel 19:9–10



Saul Sends Messengers to Naioth to Capture David 1 Samuel 19:18–24



Saul Pursues David in the Wilderness of Ziph 1 Samuel 23:19–29



Saul Hunts David at En Gedi 1 Samuel 24

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Lessons Learned from Saul's Life

1. Leadership without obedience leads to a tragic end
2. Jealousy destroys relationships and legacy
3. Partial obedience is still disobedience
4. God honors humility but rejects pride



Who or what is the king of your heart?





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