



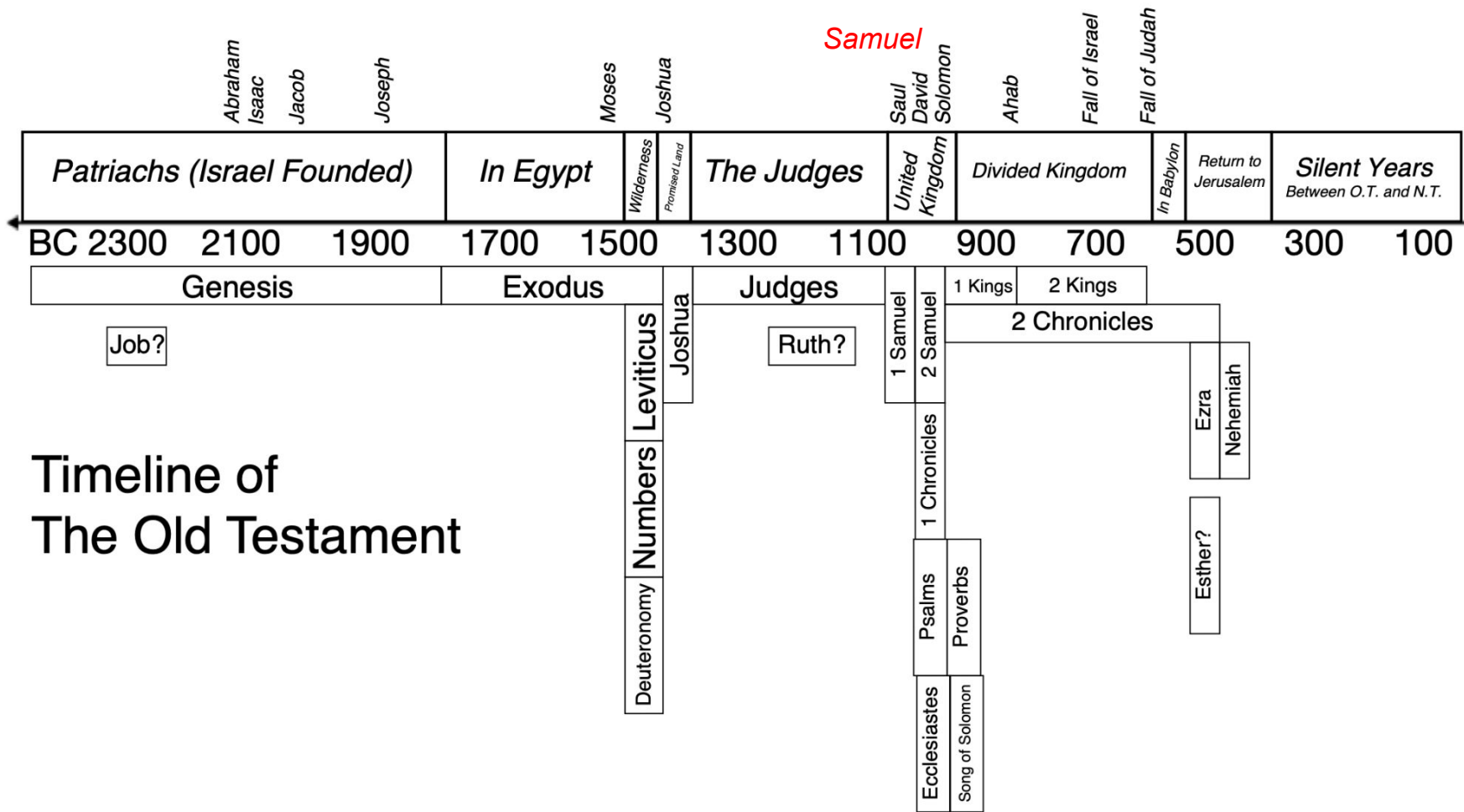
BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS

THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND THE
BIRTH OF THE CHURCH



SAMUEL:

The Last Judge & The First Prophet



Timeline of The Old Testament

THE CYCLE OF CHAOS THROUGHOUT THE 400-ISH YEARS OF THE JUDGES

JUDGE
DIES

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HARDSHIP **TO GOD** **THROUGH JUDGE**

JUDGES 2:18

Four Noteworthy Events in the Life of Samuel

1. His birth and dedication to the Lord. (1Sam 1)
2. His calling as a young boy. (1Sam 3)
3. His role in leading Israel back into a covenantal relationship with God. (1Sam 7)
4. His anointing of both Saul and David as the first kings of Israel. (1Sam 10 & 16)

Samuel is often called a “type” of Christ which means a foreshadowing of Christ to come.

Biblical Context

Judges 21:25 (last verse) In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did whatever he wanted.

1Samuel 3:1 The boy Samuel served the LORD in Eli's presence. In those days the word of the LORD was rare and prophetic visions were not widespread.

Biblical Context

1Samuel 3:19 Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and He fulfilled everything Samuel prophesied. 20 All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a confirmed prophet of the LORD. 21 The LORD continued to appear in Shiloh, because there He revealed Himself to Samuel by His word.

1Samuel 4:1 And Samuel's words came to all Israel.



1Sam. 7:1 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. 2 From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

1 Samuel 7:2 Time went by until 20 years had passed since the ark had been taken to Kiriath-jearim. Then the whole house of Israel began to seek the LORD. 3 Samuel told them, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your heart, get rid of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths that are among you, dedicate yourselves to the LORD, and worship only Him. Then He will rescue you from the hand of the Philistines." 4 So the Israelites removed the Baals and the Ashtoreths and only worshiped the LORD.

1Samuel 7:5 Samuel said, "Gather all Israel at Mizpah, and I will pray to the LORD on your behalf." 6 When they gathered at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out in the LORD's presence. They fasted that day, and there they confessed, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the Israelites at Mizpah.

1Sam 7:13 So the Philistines were subdued and did not invade Israel's territory again. The LORD's hand was against the Philistines all of Samuel's life. 14 The cities from Ekron to Gath, which they had taken from Israel, were restored; Israel even rescued their surrounding territories from Philistine control. There was also peace between Israel and the Amorites.

Application

1. Israel had Samuel as prophet, priest and shepherd. You have Jesus.
2. What are the cycles of chaos to which Christ needs to bring peace, deliverance and rest for you?
3. The Cycles of Chaos can be transformed by Christ into the Cycle of Sanctification!

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HARDSHIP TO GOD THROUGH JUDGE

**CHRIST
LIVES!**

SIN → GRACE → CONFESSION → TRANSFORMATION → PEACE
ABOUNDS TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST

**THE CYCLE OF CHAOS IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE
CYCLE OF SANCTIFICATION BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES!**