


## God wants a relationship with a people He created

### **In The Beginning . . .**

- Adam and Eve (**the chosen people**)
- Rejects God by eating the forbidden fruit (**Rejected God**)
- God stays in relationship with the people; but people wanted to be independent from God. They began to build a kingdom for themselves, and acquire their own securities . . . they felt safe, they had a king, and did what they wanted. They didn't need God.
- But there was a man through whom God wanted to start over (Noah), and build a people who would trust in God only (**the chosen people**)

**NOTE\* here, God promises to never start life over again like He did with Noah's family (he'll always provide a way for a person to receive God's promises through His grace)**

- Noah's son's had other sons, and after a few generations, they became pretty smart and wanted to build a tower to make a name for themselves (to call themselves God, and nullify the need for God) (**Rejected God**)
  - God scatters them, and chooses another
  - Abraham is called to build a family that would represent God (**the chosen people**)
  - God tells Abraham to go to the promised land Canaan (Gen 12:5)
  - Abraham gets Isaac as his son, then Jacob (who is then given the name of Israel) – his children go to Egypt and end up settling there (this was not the promised land, but they felt they can prosper there – which they did for a while (**Rejected God**))
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- The map shows the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Nile Delta, and the Nile river flowing into Egypt. A red arrow indicates the journey from Canaan in the north to Egypt in the south. Key locations labeled include Potiphar & Pharaoh in Egypt and Sinai. A yellow arrow points to the location where Joseph was sold to a caravan. The map is credited to NASA Photo.
- They now end up in slavery (Exodus 1), and are cruelly treated by the Egyptians
  - God calls them out through Moses (**again, becomes the chosen people**)
  - They are told to be people who represent God (see Exodus 20) – they are to have no god before God.
  - They build a golden calf (Exodus 32) (**Rejected God**)
  - People repent, and are restored (**chosen people again**)
  - People reach Canaan, 12 spies are sent out – 10 of them comes back and says, we'll never beat these armed men. It would've been better to be slaves in Egypt – some even say let's go back to Egypt. (Numbers 14:1-4) (**Rejected God**)
  - The entire generation was rejected by God (except for the 2 spies, Joshua and Caleb), and the next generation was able to enter the Promised Land of Canaan (**chosen people**) ← **Note, we either succeed as a generation or not – let's succeed together!**
  - Israelites make it to the Promised Land – they are blessed! They have so much that they now put believe their security is in their wealth and their fortified land. Though the parents have experienced what God has done, they fail to tell their children about God. The next generation trusted in the wealth passed down from their parents (Judges 2:10) (**Rejected God**)
  - God's hand was not with the Israelites, and other nations attacked Israel and won. (**Does this relate to us?**)
  - Israelites called out to the Lord repenting of their wayward ways, and put their trust in God again. God saved them by raising up judges (people empowered by God) to win impossible battles (you guys remember the 300 vs 135,000 – with Gideon empowered by God)
  - Cycle occurs here where people put their trust in God (God accepts them to be **chosen people** again), then when things are good, they turn away from God (**Rejects God**)

#### **List of Judges**

Othniel, the son of Kenaz from the tribe of Judah (3:7-11)  
Ehud, the son of Gerah from the tribe of Benjamin (3:12-30)  
Shamgar, the son of Anath from the tribe of Levi (3:31)  
Deborah (and Barak) (4:1-5:31)  
Gideon (also named Jerubbaal), the son of Joash from the tribe of Manasseh (6:1-8:32)  
Tola, the son of Puhah from the tribe of Issachar (10:1-5)  
Jair, from the tribe of Gilead (10:1-5)  
Jephthah, from the tribe of Gilead (10:6-12:7)  
Ibzan, from the tribe of Judah (12:8-15)  
Elon, from the tribe of Zebulun (12:8-15)  
Abdon, the son of Hillel, the Piratoni, from the tribe of Ephraim (12:8-15)  
Samson, the son of Manoah, from the tribe of Dan (13:1-16:31)  
Epilogue: Israel's Decay (17:1-21:25)  
Micah's Idolatry and the Danites (17:1-18:31)  
Crime at Gibeah and War Against Benjamin (19:1-21:25)

- By the end of the book of Judges, Israel is in a terrible state – temples (modern-day churches) are out of shape and they don't have devotion to God – God's not pleased. God raises up prophets to declare His Word, what He needs the Israelites to do to come back to God
- Samuel initially kicks butt, as the last "judge" – but guess what the people felt? They looked at other nations and liked the security other nations had. You see, other nations had kings, fortified cities, the people in this generation didn't know about the mighty power of God (**Kind of like our times?**). They wanted kings, and trust in power of administration, organization, power (**Does this look like modern-day church? – is this why God is not able to work in our churches?**)
- God gave them Saul, one that, with God's strength was unstoppable. Israel was in power again (**Chosen People**). The problem is, Saul didn't rely on the strength of God, but his own strength (**Rejected God**)
- God anointed David to be king in Saul's place. David loved God and God was with him and his people Israel (**Chosen People**).
- David's son Solomon became king. He loved God too, but as he received favor from God (wealth, wisdom, reputation), his heart lusted after foreign women, whom God forbade – they turned his heart toward other gods (1Kings 11:4-8) (**Rejected God**)
- The kingdom split apart – Solomon's son Rehoboam became king, and the other tribes of Israel (11 of the 12) refused to listen to Rehoboam (1Kings 12:16 – see why on verse 11) – Israel (from here on, it refers to the 11 tribes)

<b>Kings of Judah (1 of 12 tribes)</b>	<b>Kings of Israel (11 of 12 tribes)</b>
1 Rehoboam	1 Jeroboam I
2 Abijah	2 Nadab
<b>3 Asa (I Love God)</b>	3 Baasha
<b>4 Jehoshaphat (I Love God)</b>	4 Elah
5 Jehoram	5 Zimri
6 Ahaziah	6 Omri
7 Athaliah (mother of Ahaziah – killed all her sons and other princes to be take throne)	7 Ahab
<b>8 Joash (son of Ahaziah) (I Love God)</b>	8 Ahaziah
<b>9 Amaziah (I kind of love God)</b>	9 Joram
<b>10 Uzziah (Azariah) (I kind of love God)</b>	<b>10 Jehu (I Obeyed God, but not fully loved God) – See 2Kings 10:31</b>
<b>11 Jotham (I kind of love God)</b>	11 Jehoahaz
12 Ahaz	12 Joash
<b>13 Hezekiah (I love God)</b>	13 Jeroboam II
14 Manasseh	14 Zechariah
15 Amon	15 Shallum (one month reign)
<b>16 Josiah (Found the "Book of the Law") (I Love God)</b>	16 Menahem
17 Jehoahaz	17 Pekahiah
18 Jehoiakim	18 Pekah
19 Jehoiachin	19 Hoshea
20 Zedekiah	(Fall of Israel) Assyria takes over No More Israel – 721 BC
(Fall of Judah) Babylon takes over No More Judah – 586 BC	All of God's people (the Jews) are scattered (only a few hold to the belief of God, many (as prisoners of other countries) merge in with other cultures and "religions"

After 586 BC, Judah and Israel were ruined.

DATE	EVENTS	JEWISH WRITING	FOREIGN POWER	JEWISH LEADER	PROPHETS overlap
722	<b>DEPORTATION OF ISRAEL TO ASSYRIA.</b> "Lost tribes of Israel" do not return. Samaritans live in the land of Israel	Isaiah, Micah, Hosea	Assyria	Hosea (Israel) Hezekiah (Judah)	Isaiah, Micah, Hosea
605	Battle of Carchemish – Egypt & Assyria defeated & end of Assyrian Empire. Daniel and group deported to Babylon	Jeremiah	Assyria		Jeremiah
597	Ezekiel and 10,000 captives deported	Lamentations	Babylon		Daniel
586	<b>FALL OF JERUSALEM &amp; TEMPLE BURNED</b>		Babylon		Ezekiel
	40,000 deported to Babylon (II Kings 24:1, 10–16, 18; II Chron. 36:11–21; Jer. 52:1–11; Ezek. 1:1–2; Dan. 1:1–7) Jeremiah and group flee to Egypt (Jer. 42:15–22; 44:26–28)				
538	Babylon surrenders to Cyrus "the Great" <b>RESTORATION PERIOD BEGINS</b>		Medo-Persia		
537	First group return from Captivity under ZERUBBABEL (Ezra 1:2–4). Restore the Altar & worship			Zerubbabel	Zechariah
535	Second year of Return – Foundation of the TEMPLE begun and stopped by opposition			Ezra	
520	Rebuilding of Temple Resumed				Haggai
516	Temple Finished and Dedicated				
473	Esther is Queen of Persia	Esther			
458	Second group returns to Jerusalem. Synagogues & Scribes founded	Ezra		Nehemiah	Malachi
445	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem	Nehemiah			
433	Nehemiah returns and institutes Reforms	Malachi			
	<b>OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY ENDS WITH THE BOOK OF MALACHI</b>				400 silent years

\*Period of Restoration. Retrieved on October 8, 2009 from From <http://www.abideinchrist.com/messages/eznetime.html>

**A good reference with historical dates - [http://www.wordsight.org/btl/000\\_btl-fp.htm](http://www.wordsight.org/btl/000_btl-fp.htm)**

- People are having hard time "finding" God, let alone figure out how to get close to Him or even "serve" him. The religious leaders take the lead and builds administration and "rules" so that they become the ones in power. They were the "scholarly" ones that could interpret the scriptures and translate that into how people "should" live. There was no or very little hope.

**God saw this sadness, and brought forth revival by sending Jesus in a time like this. There was great revival in the land.**

Through Jesus' finished work, we now become the Chosen people, those who choose Christ. **(The Last Chosen People)**