

Getting Inside Your Bible #2

**FAILURE:
FRACTURED FELLOWSHIP**

The Fickleness of God's Family

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An Overview of the Hebrew Scriptures

- Torah – The Formation of God's People
- History – The Fickleness of God's People
- Poetry – The Feelings of God's People
- Prophecy – The Future of God's People

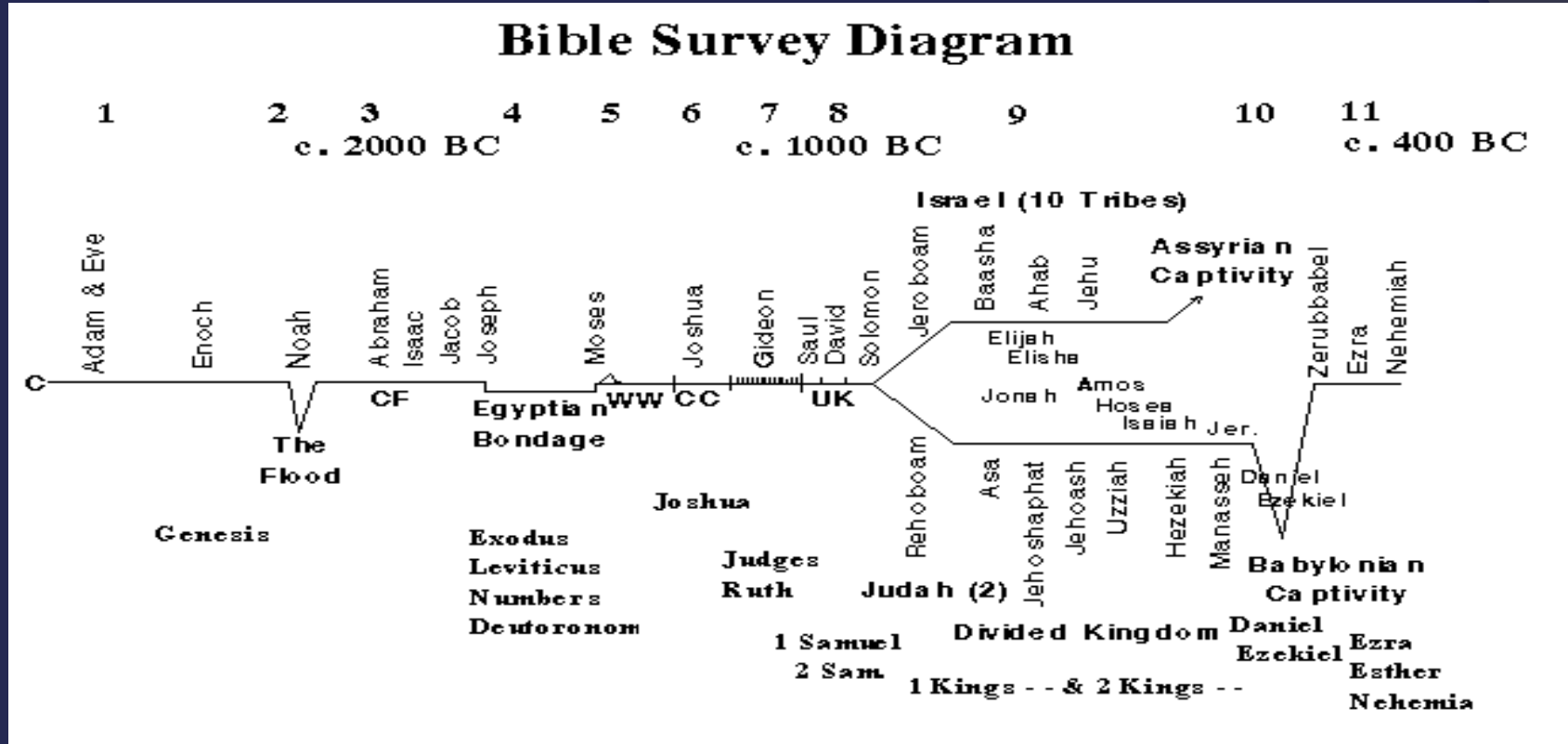
Verse – Psalm 19

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Summarize Our Verse

- ① What are the three most important concepts?
- ② Can you re-state it in 10 words?

A Historical Overview



A Fractured Family

- ⦿ 1 Kings 12:1-17
- ⦿ Rehoboam went to ^bShechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ² And as soon as ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for ^bhe was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from ¹Egypt. ³ And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam,

- ④ 4 ^a"Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you." ⁵ He said to them, ^a"Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.
- ④ 6 Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷ And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.

- ⑧ ⁸ But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him. ⁹ And he said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰ And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus shall you speak to this people who said to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten it for us,' thus shall you say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's thighs

- ① 11 And now, whereas ^amy father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."
- ② So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king said, ^a"Come to me again the third day."

- ① ¹³ And the king answered the people harshly, and forsaking the counsel that the old men had given him, ¹⁴ he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, ^a"My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

- 5 So the king did not listen to the people, for ^ait was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfill his word, which ^bthe LORD spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ¹⁶ ¶ And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. ^aTo your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, David." So Israel went to their tents. ¹⁷ But Rehoboam reigned over ^athe people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

Lessons From Rehoboam

- ⦿ Israel always had good information
- ⦿ Israel often chose to act on bad information
- ⦿ Our anti-community actions have ripple effects



What Do You Learn?

- Class Rehoboam Lessons

Putting Historical Books in Context

- Who writes history?
- What is their purpose?

Why Did God Write History?

- ① What is the factual reason?
- ② What is the emotional reason?
- ③ What is the volitional reason?

Final Devotional Takeaway

- ⦿ Israel regularly stepped out of God's plan
- ⦿ God was always ready to re-bless a repentant Israel

- ◎ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus (Acts 3:19-20 NIV).