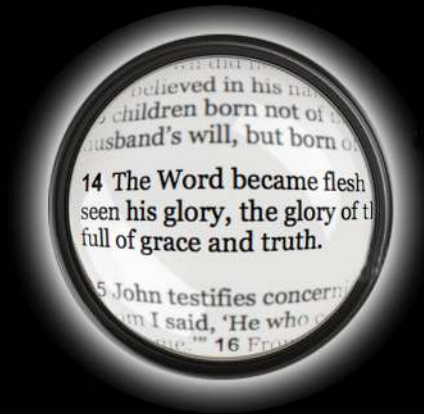


The Jesus Lens

Reading Scripture in the Light of His Revelation



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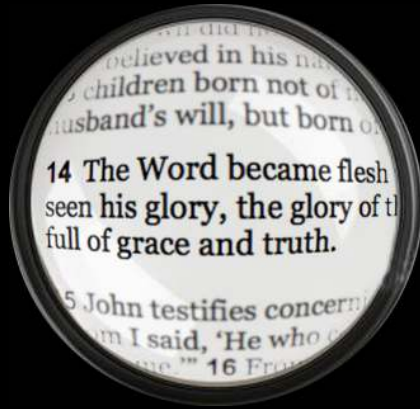
The Rescue

Old Testament History

- **Asaph in Psalm 78 – the Exodus and beyond**
- **Jesus in Luke 15 – The Parable of the Incredible Father**
- **Stephen in Acts 7 – from Abraham through David how God kept reaching out and mankind kept resisting the Holy Spirit. Does not live in buildings made with hands.**
- **Paul in Acts 13 – Jesus as the fulfillment of all that came before, offering us forgiveness and true freedom**

The Old Testament Focus on Love

- **“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” Psalms and others.**
- **“Do not be afraid” When God/angel appears**
- **Deut 6 – fulfillment of law: Love God and neighbor**
- **Lovingkindness (184 x in NAS)**
- **Use of love with God 100s of times**
- **“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23**



Session 16

How It All
Got Started



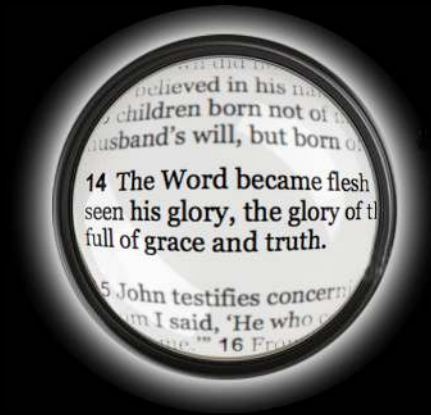
Adam

Abraham

Moses

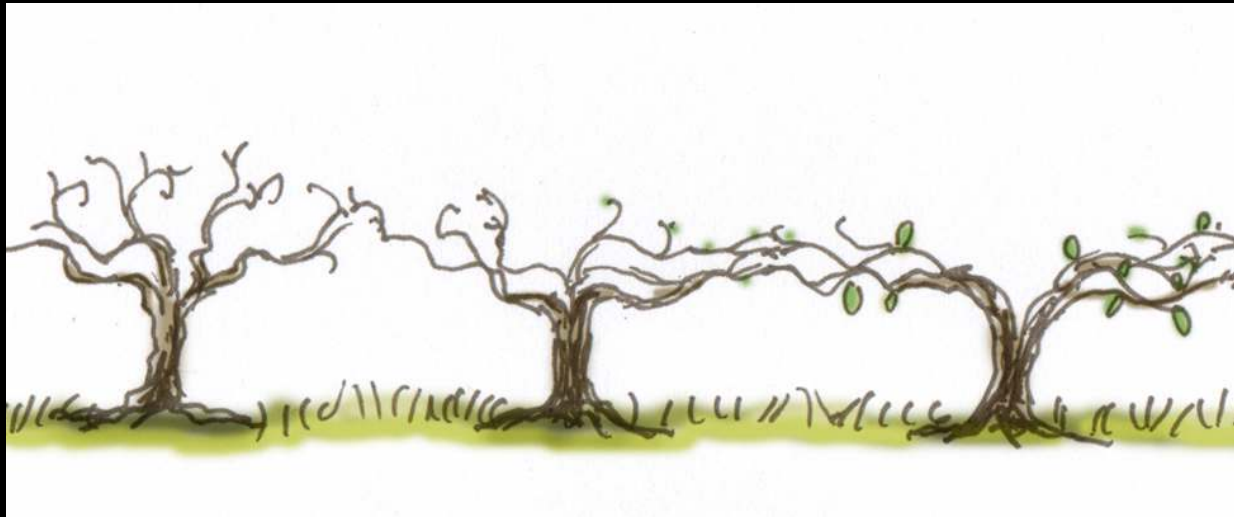
Genesis —————→

Job



Session 17

The Rise of A Nation



Abraham

c. 2100 BC

Moses

1446 BC (Exodus)

David

c. 1000 BC

Exodus →

Leviticus →

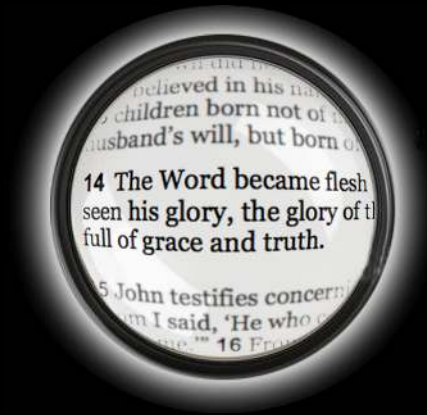
Numbers →

Deuteronomy →

Joshua →

Judges → Ruth





Session 18

What Was
God Thinking?

Some Questions to Consider

What if God wasn't as offended at our sin, other than by the damage it does to us, than we thought he was?

What if God gave Israel a better religion than the one they had, to hold them in check until he could take it from them?

What if sin's destruction is its own punishment?

Why do we fear judgment, when creation exults at its mention?



Old Testament Misconceptions

- **Some foods are unclean**
- **God needs our sacrifice (Psalm 51, Hebrews)**
- **God does not live in buildings made with hands**
- **People's sin is the cause of their own pain — James 1, John 9, Tower of Siloam (Luke 13:4)**
- **God is responsible for everything that happens**
- **God lies, sleeps, burns with anger, and destroys instead of being the rescuer**



Living the Life

Old Covenant

21st Century Christianity

New Covenant

Priesthood

Clergy

Every one

Temple

Sanctuary

Every place

Sabbath

Sunday

**Ceasing from our
own labors**

Sacrifice

Tithes and offerings

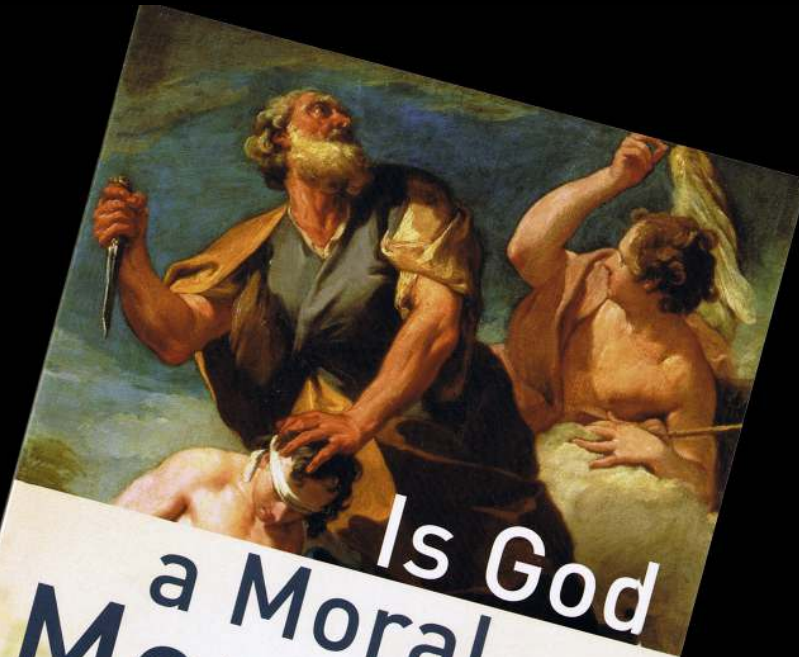
Generosity

Law

NT principles

Living by the Spirit

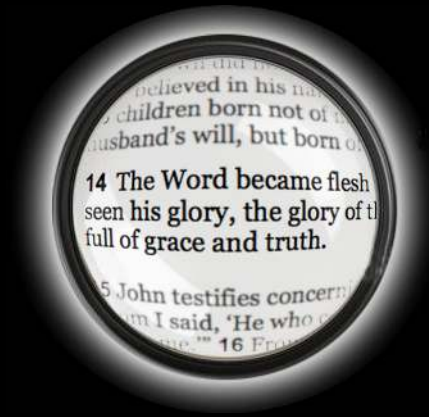




Is God a Moral Monster?

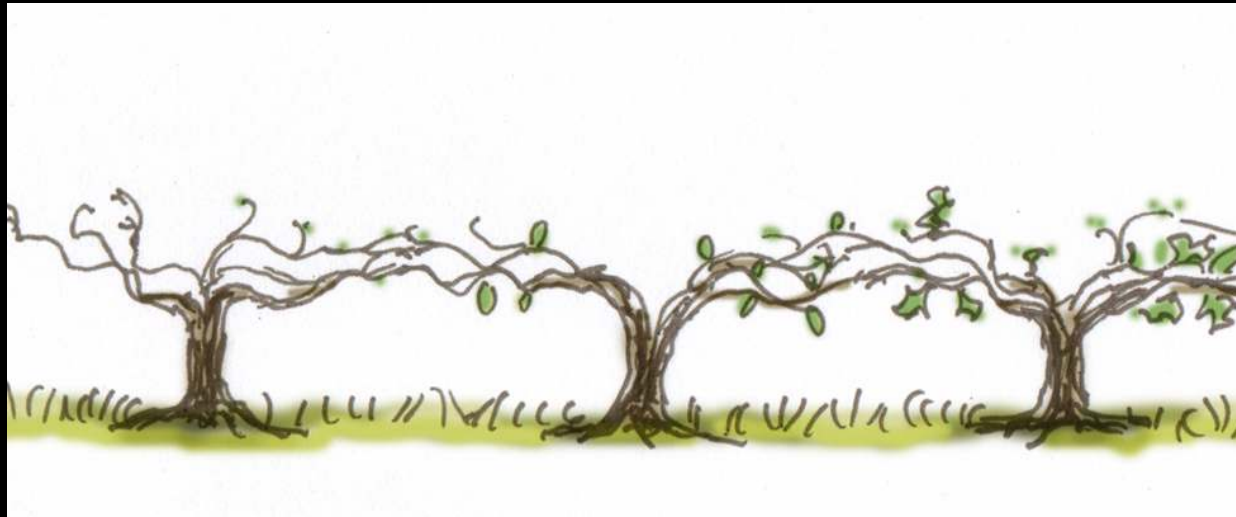
MAKING SENSE OF
THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD

Paul Copan



Session 19

The United Kingdom



Moses

1446 BC

David

1000 BC (Exodus)

Isaiah

c. 700 BC

1 & 2 Samuel →

1 & 2 Kings

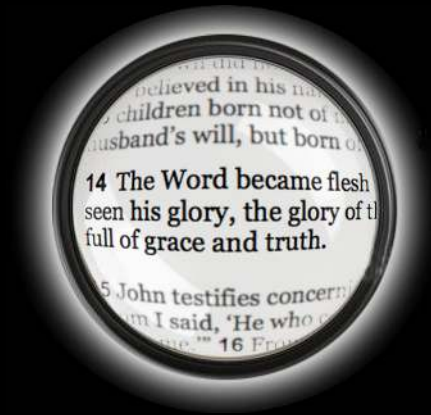
1 & 2 Chronicles

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Songs



Session 20

The Books of Wisdom

Psalm 119:44-48

**I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.**

**I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.**

**I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,**

**For I delight in your commands
because I love them.**

**I lift up my hands to your commands,
which I love, and I meditate on your decrees.**

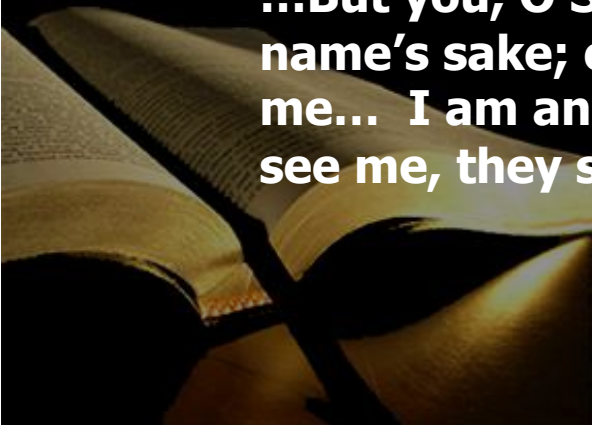


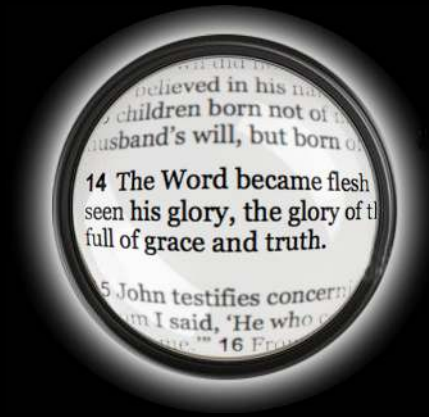
Psalm 109

Of those who have attacked David with lies:

...Appoint an evil man to oppose him; let an accuser stand at his right hand.... May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership. May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow. May his children be wandering beggars; may they be driven from their ruined homes. May a creditor seize all he has; may strangers plunder the fruits of his labor. May no one extend kindness to him or take pity on his fatherless children... May their sins always remain before the LORD, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

...But you, O Sovereign LORD, deal well with me for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver me... I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.





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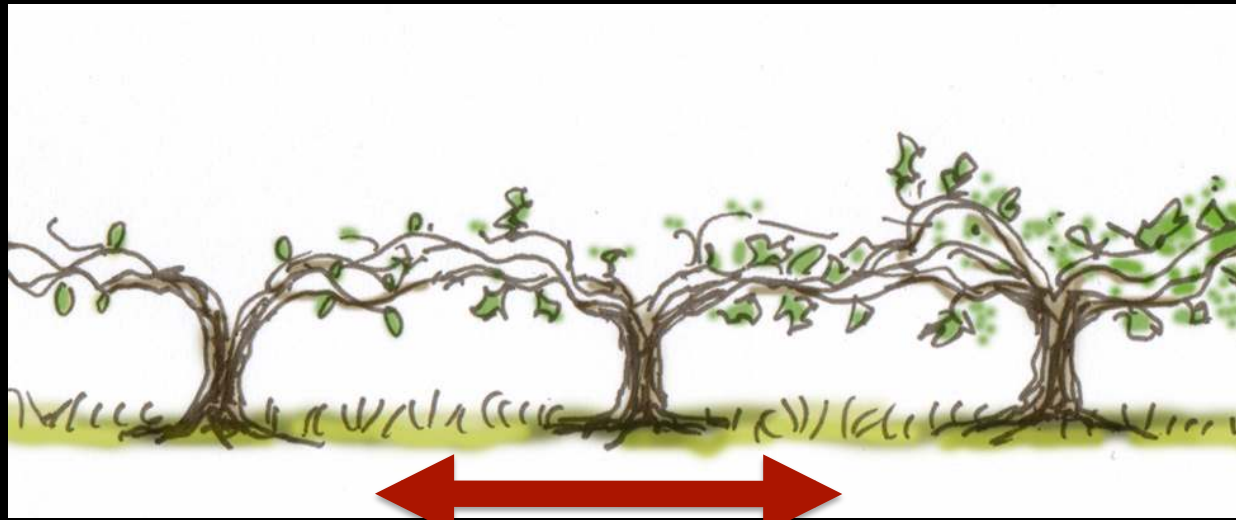
The Kingdom Divided

The Divided Kingdom

Split 922 BC

Israel	Judah
10 tribes	2 Tribes (Judah and Simeon)
First King: Jeroboam	First King: Rehoboam
Northern	Southern
Capital in Samaria	Capital in Jerusalem
Timeline of Kings (notes)	Timeline of Kings (notes)
Conquered by the Assyrians in 722 BC	Conquered by Babylon in 586 BC





David

c 1000 BC

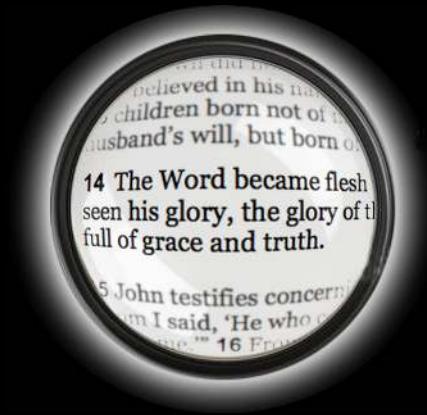
Isaiah

700 BC

Nehemiah

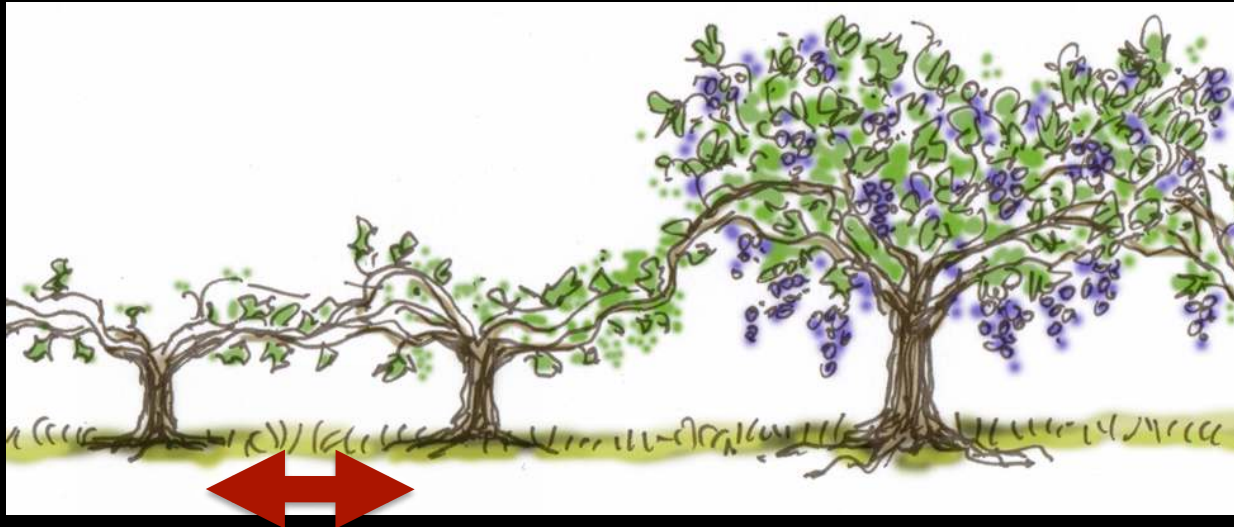
c. 450 BC

- **Amos – (Israel) Jeroboam (2 King 14) c 793-753**
- **Hosea – (Israel) 10 years after Isaiah – (c 680 AD)**
- **Jonah – (Assyria) (2 Kings 14:25) c 800-750**
- **Isaiah – (Judah) c 722–700, 100 years before Jerusalem falls**
- **Zephaniah– (Judah) Josiah's reign (640-690)**
- **Micah – (Both) (740-687) 2 Kngs 15-20; 2 Chro. 27-32**
- **Habakkuk – (Judah) c. 600 after fall of Nineveh**
- **Joel (no clear date)**



Session 22

The Collapse of the Kingdom



Isaiah

700 BC

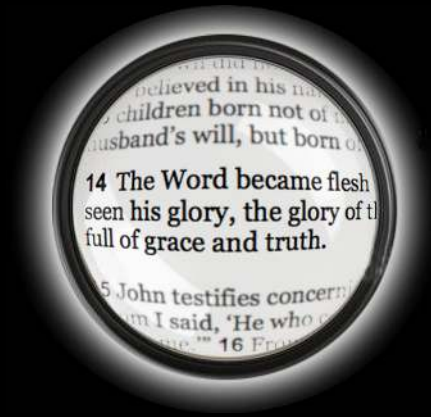
Nehemiah

450 BC

Jesus

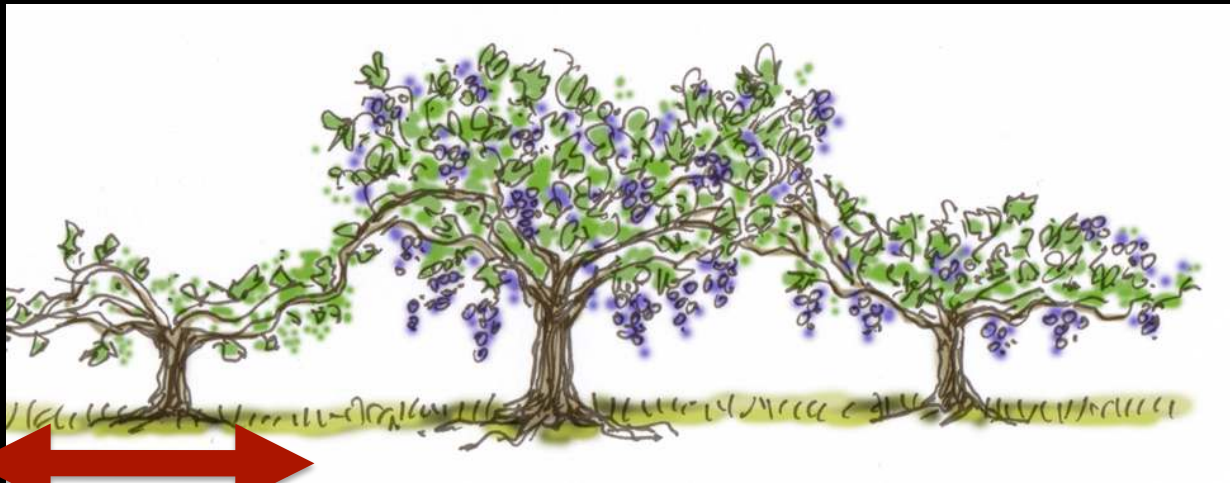
c. 6/5 BC

- **Jeremiah – (Judah) (2 Kings 23:31-25:30, 2 Chron. 36:2-23) b. 640 BC, and lived beyond the Exile**
- **Lamentations – fall of Jerusalem 586 BC (2 Chron 35:25)**
- **Obadiah – to Edom, but time-frame not clear**
- **Nahum – Between fall of Thebes (663) and Nineveh to Babylon & Media (612)**
- **Ezekiel – first part of Exile - 2 Kings 24:11-16 (586/597)**
- **Daniel – in Babylon during captivity 5th & 6th centuries**
- **Esther – Susa, in Persia probably during Xerxes 485-465**



Session 23

Return To the Land of Israel



Nehemiah

450BC

Jesus

6/5 BC

Paul

c. 35-68 AD

538 return under Zerrubabel

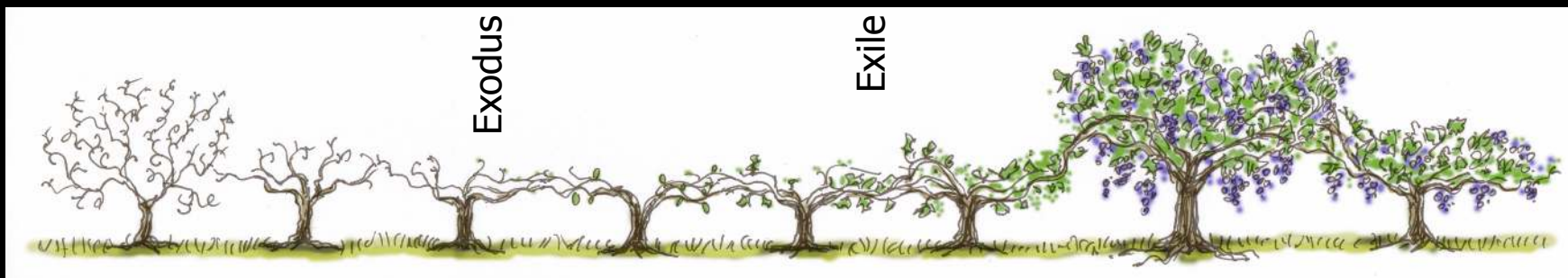
- Haggai 520 BC to finish the nation-building (Ezra 6:14)
- Zechariah (contemporary of Haggai) (520/480ff)
- Malachi after completion of the temple during Persian rule (515BC ff)

458 return under Ezra

- Ezra c 458 (2 Chronicles 36:22-33, Isaiah 44:28-45:13)
a priest who called Israel back to God

432 return under Nehemiah

- Nehemiah c 432 governor of Judah, rebuild Jerusalem



Adam Abraham Moses David Isaiah Nehemiah Jesus Paul

C. 2100 BC

1446 BC
(Exodus)

C. 1000 BC

C. 700 BC

C. 450 BC

6/5 BC
– 27 AD

35-68 AD

Genesis

Exodus -
Deuteronomy

Samuel & Kings
Chronicles

Ezra & Nehemiah

Matthew

Acts

Job

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Psalms
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Song of
Songs

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Minor Prophets
Pre-exile
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Luke
John

Letters
James'
Paul's
Hebrews
Peter's
Jude's
John's
Revelation

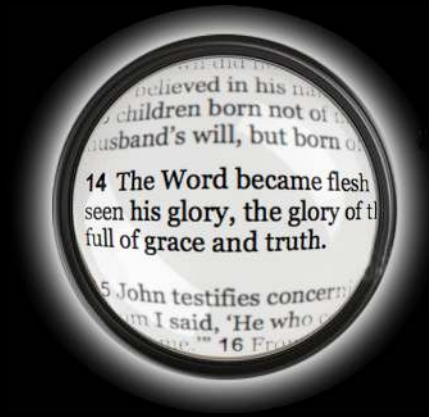
Between Nehemiah and Matthew

- **Persian Rule, where high priest emerged as the political leader, synagogue as the focal point of their religious life, and baptism emerged as a form of cleansing**
- **Alexander the Great (332-301), where the Jewish culture was Hellenized**
- **Syrian (198-167) Antiochus Epiphanies**
- **Maccabean Revolt (167-63)**
- **Roman Rule (63-)**



Apocryphal Literature

Book	Date	Type
Ecclesiasticus	32 B.C.	Didactic
Tobit	c. 200 B.C.	Religious Novel
1 Esdras	c. 150 B.C.	Historic &
1 Maccabees	c. 110 B.C.	Legendary
2 Maccabees	c. 100 B.C.	Historic
Judith	c. 150 A.D.	Historic &
Baruch	c. 100 A.D.	Legendary
Letter of Jeremiah	c. 200 B.C.	Romantic Novel
2 Esdras	c. 100 A.D.	Prophetic
Additions to Esther	c. 130 B.C.	Prophetic
Prayer of Azariah*	c. 100. B.C.	Prophetic
Suzanna (Dan. 13)	c. 100 B.C.	Legendary
Bel & the Dragon (Dan. 14)	c. 100 B.C.	Legendary
Prayer of Manasseh	c. 150 B.C.	Legendary
		Legendary



Session 24

Let the Journey Continue

