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THE CRY OF THE SOUL OF

*Nehemiah*

**This Weeks Sermon**  
*“Prayer of Perseverance”*  
*Nehemiah 5:1-19*

## Nehemiah 6:1-13

When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it—though up to that time I had not set the doors in the gates—<sup>2</sup>Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.”

But they were scheming to harm me; <sup>3</sup> so I sent messengers to them with this reply: “I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?” <sup>4</sup> Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.

<sup>5</sup> Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter <sup>6</sup> in which was written:

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<sup>11</sup> But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”  
<sup>12</sup> I realized that God had not sent him, but that he had prophesied against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. <sup>13</sup> He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.

Gossip is a sin

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“It’s the first-ever study to dig deep into who gossips the most, what topics they gossip about, and how often people gossip – 52 minutes a day on average.”

~UC Riverside Study

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<sup>8</sup> The words of a gossip are like choice morsels;  
they go down to the inmost parts.

TRIANGULATION IS A  
TOXIC FORM OF GOSSIP  
THAT CONTAMINATES  
EVERYONE INVOLVED.



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## Matthew 18:15-17

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

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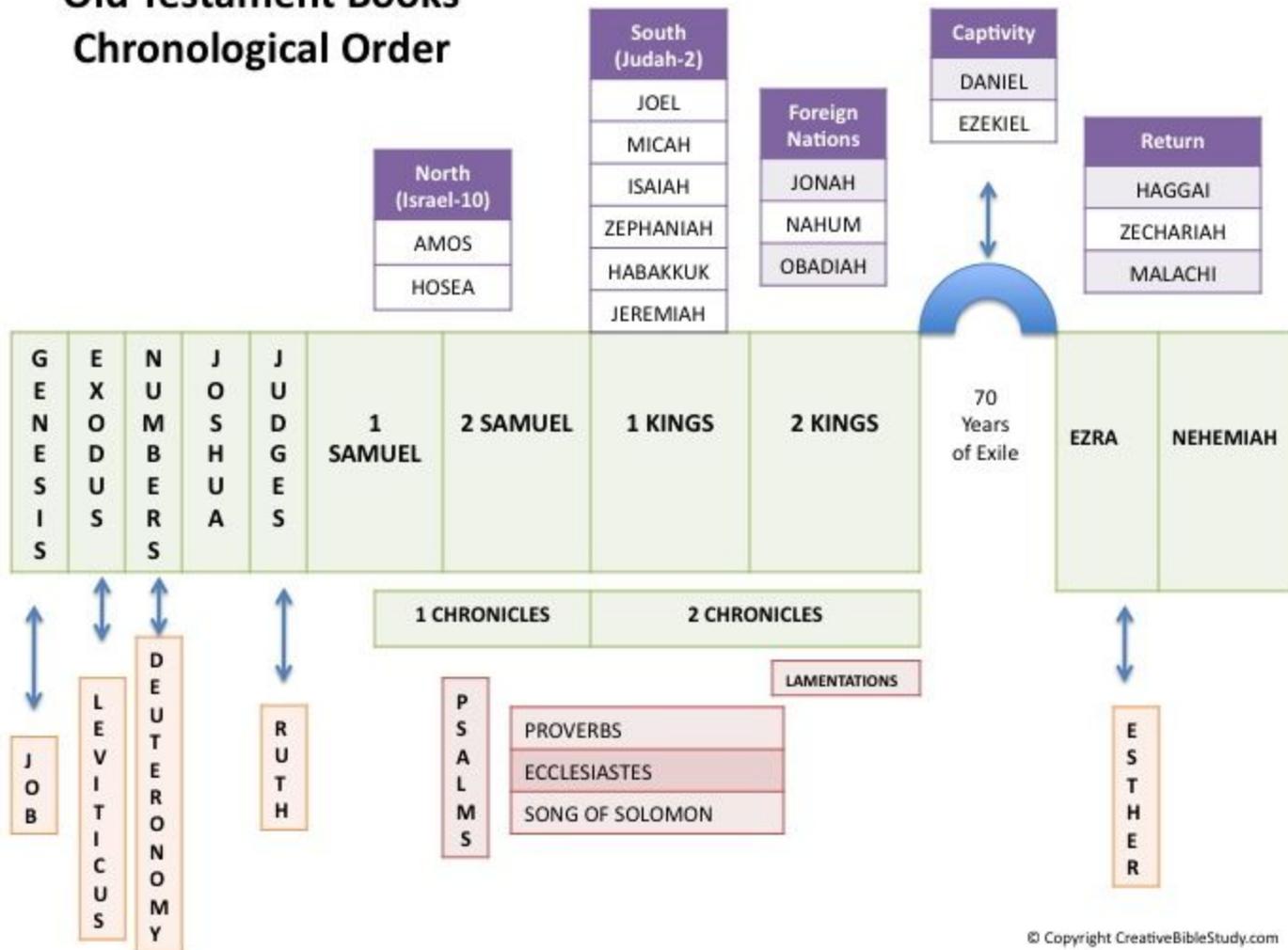
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# Chronological Order of the Bible

# Old Testament Books Chronological Order



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# Promise Made

## 2 Samuel 7:11-16

“ ‘The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’ ”

## Amos 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup> “In that day

“I will restore David’s fallen shelter —

I will repair its broken walls

and restore its ruins —

and will rebuild it as it used to be,

<sup>12</sup> so that they may possess the remnant of Edom

and all the nations that bear my name, <sup>v</sup>”

declares the LORD, who will do these things.

<sup>13</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman

and the planter by the one treading grapes.

New wine will drip from the mountains

and flow from all the hills,

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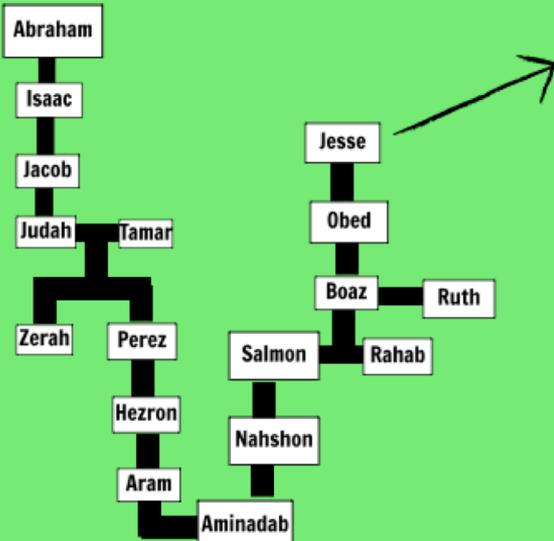
- 14 and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. <sup>e</sup>  
“They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them.  
They will plant vineyards and drink their wine;  
they will make gardens and eat their fruit.  
15 I will plant Israel in their own land,  
never again to be uprooted  
from the land I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

Promise Kept

# Matthew 1:1

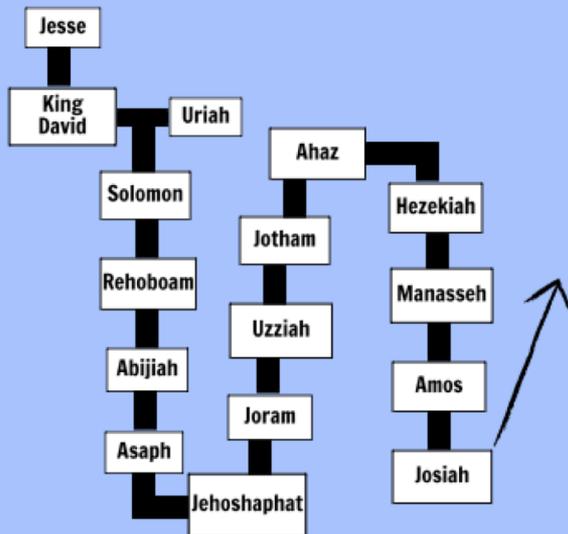
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## The Genealogy of Jesus: Matthew 1:2-5



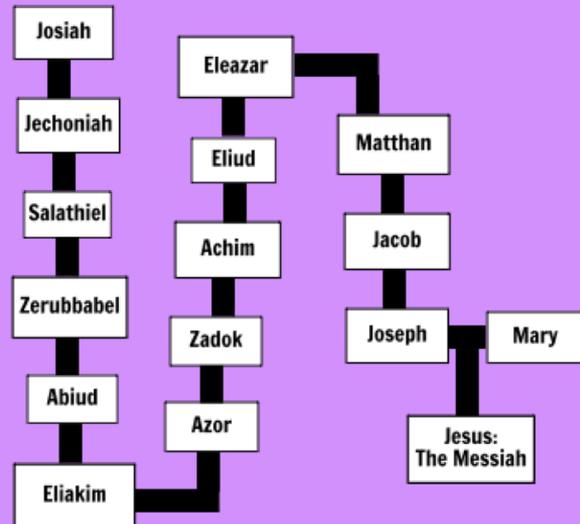
Abraham is Isaac's father. Isaac is Jacob's father. Jacob is Judah's father. Judah is Perez and Zerah's father, by Tamar. Perez is Hezron's father. Hezron is Aram's father. Aram is Aminadab's father. Aminadab is Nahshon's father. Nahshon is Salmon's father. Salmon is Boaz father, by Rahab. Boaz is Obed's father, by Ruth. Obed is Jesse's father.

## The Genealogy of Jesus: Matthew 1:6-10



Jesse is David's father. David is Solomon's father, by Uriah. Solomon is Rehoboam's father. Rehoboam is Abijah. Abijah is Asaph's father. Asaph is Jehoshaphat's father. Jehoshaphat is Joram's father. Joram is Uzziah's father. Uzziah is Jotham's father. Jotham is Ahaz's father. Ahaz is Hezekiah's father. Hezekiah is Manasseh's father. Manasseh is Amos' father. Amos is Josiah's father.

## The Genealogy of Jesus: Matthew 1:11-17



Josiah is Jechoniah's father. Jechoniah is Salathiel's father. Salathiel is Zerubbabel's father. Zerubbabel is Abiud's father. Abiud is Eliakim's father. Eliakim is Azor's father. Azor is Zadok's father. Zadok is Achim's father. Achim is Eliud's father. Eliud is Eleazar's father. Eleazar is Matthan's father. Matthan is Jacob's father. Jacob is Joseph's father. Joseph is Jesus' father by Mary.

## Matthew 2:1-6

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Established When? Where? How?

## Matthew 20:17-19

<sup>17</sup> Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup> and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

## Matthew 20:20-23

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

<sup>21</sup> "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

<sup>22</sup> "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them.

"Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

## Matthew 26:36-39

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

<sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

You said so, and you know it!

## Matthew 26:20-25

<sup>20</sup> When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

<sup>22</sup> They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?”

Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

## Matthew 26:63-64

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

<sup>64</sup> "You have said so,"

## Matthew 27:11

<sup>11</sup> Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”  
“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

## Luke 23:36-38

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup> and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

<sup>38</sup> There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Established Forever

## Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

# Gospel Application

*Are you guilty of Triangulation/gossip?*

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*You have said it...*

## Matthew 26:26-30

<sup>26</sup> While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.