

Jonathan



*A Great
Friend of the
Anointed King*

*1 Samuel 13
to 2 Samuel 9*

Some dimensions



Enjoyment
Respect
Understanding
Trust
Acceptance
Assistance
Confiding
Availability
Commitment

The language of friendship



*Definition:
A relationship
of attraction
between
people*

Some dimensions: Connection context



*Family
School
Church
Work
Team
Circumstance
Search..*

*Some dimensions:
Balance & durability*



*Mutual
interest*

Give & take

*Strengths &
Weaknesses*

Objectives

Values

Duration

The language of friendship

2. Progression

Stranger

I don't know you.

Acquaintance

Repeated contact with general sharing.

Casual Friend

More frequent contact with shared interests, activities

Close Friend

Share similar ideals, values, and world views.

Intimate Friend

Committed to one another in caring, share in development of character, highest degree of trust in one another.

Mutual interests/goals -together to achieve.



Friendship Progression

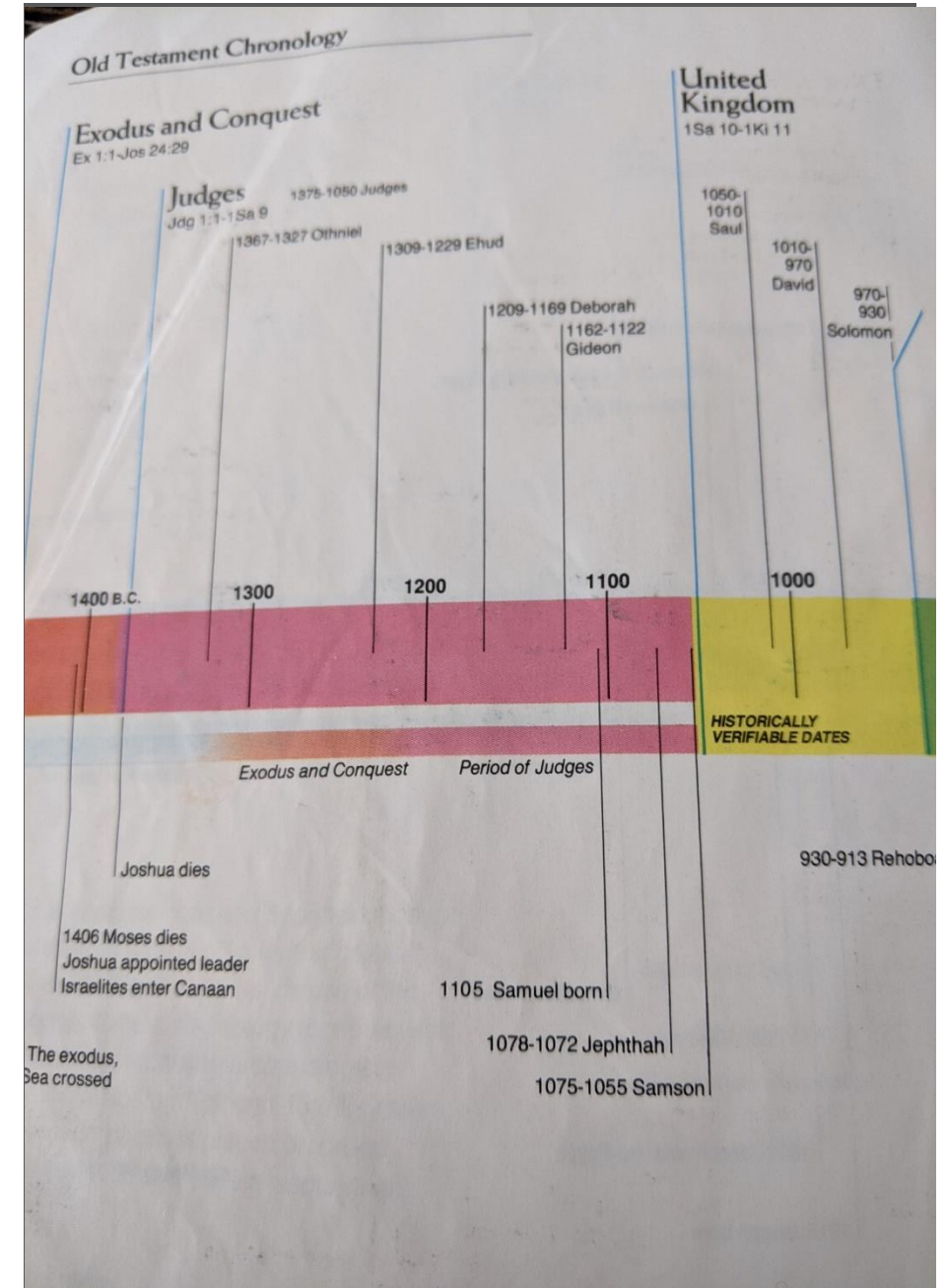


God Prepares the Gardens of Friendship



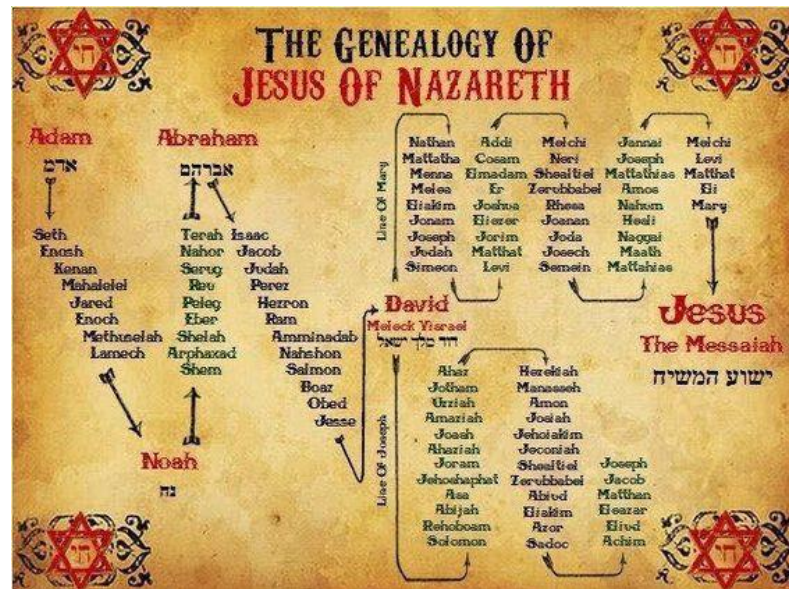
*Genesis 2:20
But for Adam
no suitable
helper was
found. God
made a
woman..*

Context for Jonathan Story



God Prepares the Gardens for Friendship: Jonathan

His father
 His faith
 His fame
 His future



God Prepares the Gardens for Friendship: David



*His father
His faith
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God Prepares the Gardens for Friendship: David

Year	Hilite
1082	Saul born
1067	Jonathan born
1052	Saul becomes king; Jonathan old enough to win 2 battles against Philistines
1040	David born
1025	David kills Goliath, and anointed king
	Friendship begins when Jonathan around 40, and David around 15
1010	Saul/Jonathan die
	David becomes King



Do not consider his appearance or height. The LORD looks at the heart.

*God Frames
Friendships
Through Those Who Are:*



Enlightened

*Endowed to
serve*

*Empowered to
overcome*

God Fosters Friendships Through Covenant Bonds



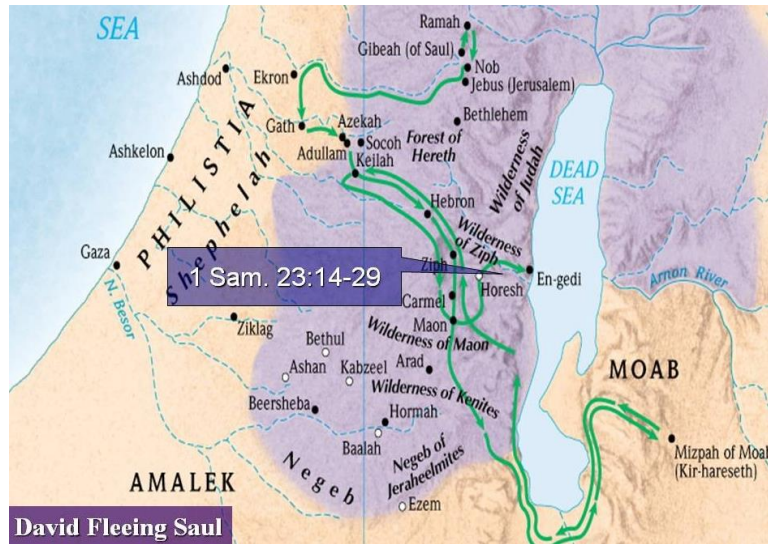
*1 Samuel 18:1
Jonathan
became one in
spirit with
David. They
made a
covenant
together*

God Fosters Friendships Through Protection from External Forces



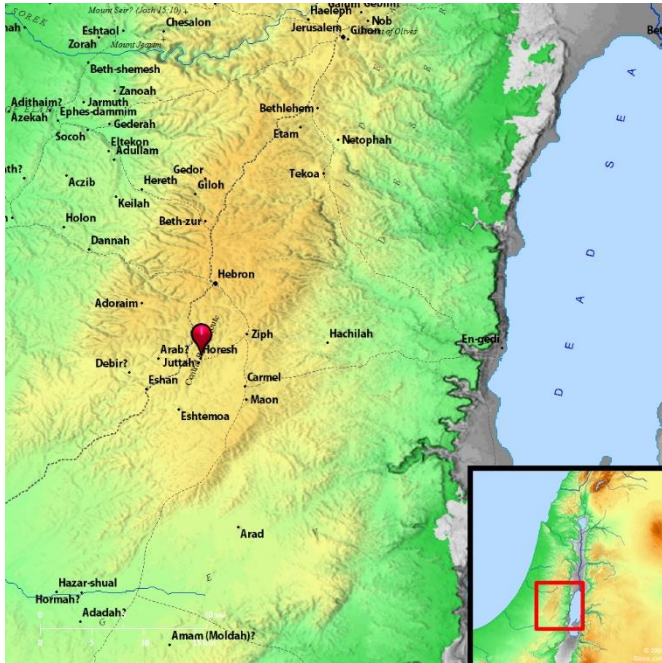
- *1 Samuel 19:1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David*
- *2 and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there.*
- *3 I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."*
- *4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, 5 The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, 6 Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death."*
- *7 So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.*

God Fosters Friendships In Spite of Enduring and Powerful Threats



- *1 Samuel 20: 1 Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to take my life?"¹² Then Jonathan said to David: "By the LORD, the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favourably disposed towards you, will I not send you word and let you know?"*
- *13 But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. 16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD call David's enemies to account."*
- *17 And Jonathan made David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.*
- *41 Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.*
- *42 Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants for ever.'" Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.*

God Fosters Friendships Through the Strength of Covenant Purpose



- *1 Samuel 23:14 David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.*
- *15 While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.*
- *16 And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him to find strength in God.*
- *17 "Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You shall be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."*
- *18 The two of them made a covenant before the LORD. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.*

God Allows the Loss of Friendships to Rescue and Redeem



- *2 Samuel 1:17 David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan,*
- *19 "Your glory, O Israel, lies slain on your heights. How the mighty have fallen!"*
- *23 "Saul and Jonathan—in life they were loved and gracious, and in death they were not parted. They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.*
- *24 "O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet and finery, who adorned your garments with ornaments of gold.*
- *26 I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.*

*Am I a great friend of the
Almighty King?*

*God prepares the gardens for friendship
God frames friendships
God fosters friendships
God allows loss of good friends
God invites us to be His great friend*



*John 15:15 I no longer
call you servants, because
a servant does not know
his master's business.
Instead, I have called you
friends, for everything
that I learned from my
Father I have made known
to you.*

*1 John 4:11 Dear friends,
since God so loved us, we
also should love one
another.*