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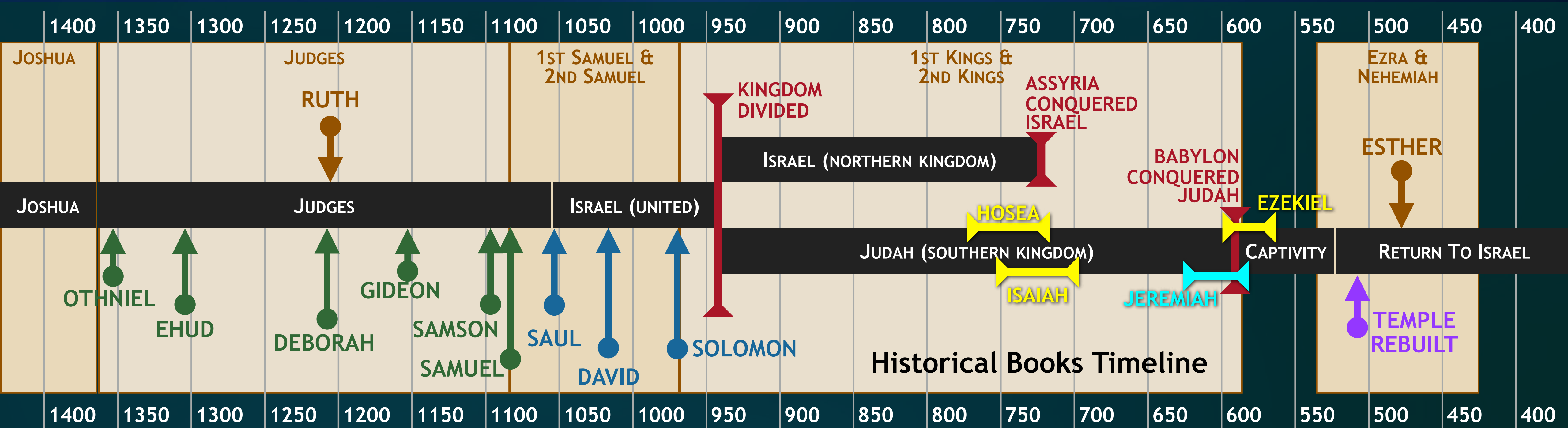
The Lord commanded His prophet never to marry and rear children. In contrast, God commanded Hosea to marry and have children. This difference reflects God's sovereignty over His servants. His will for one may not be the same as His will for another.

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9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,
10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

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10 But for those who are married, I have a command that comes not from me, but from the Lord. A wife must not leave her husband.

11 But if she does leave him, let her remain single or else be reconciled to him. And the husband must not leave his wife.

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7 But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. **8** So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. **9** But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

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1 Timothy 5

NLT

9 A widow who is put on the list for support must be a woman who is at least sixty years old and was faithful to her husband.

11 The younger widows should not be on the list, because their physical desires will overpower their devotion to Christ and they will want to remarry.

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David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

We should suppose that like most others, Jeremiah looked for the blessings and benefits of marriage and parenthood. These were legitimate desires for him to have; yet in order to fulfill the call of God upon his life, he may need to deny such things to pursue the higher call.

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Jeremiah 23

NLT

17 They keep saying to those who despise my word, 'Don't worry! The Lord says you will have peace!' And to those who stubbornly follow their own desires, they say, 'No harm will come your way!'

18 "Have any of these prophets been in the Lord's presence to hear what he is really saying? Has even one of them cared enough to listen?"

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2 Corinthians 1

NLT

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

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The reason for this antisocial behavior, Israel's sovereign God explained, was that He would soon end all rejoicing in the land. Jeremiah was to reflect the attitudes of His God in all these situations. His withdrawal from village life pictured Yahweh's withdrawal and estrangement from His people.

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Matthew 11

NLT

16 “To what can I compare this generation? It is like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends,

17 ‘We played wedding songs, and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn’t mourn.’

18 For John didn’t spend his time eating and drinking, and you say, ‘He’s possessed by a demon.’

19 The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, ‘He’s a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!’ But wisdom is shown to be right by its results.”

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Romans 14

NLT

- 1** Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong.
- 2** For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables.
- 3** Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them.
- 4** Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval.
- 5** In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable.

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1 Corinthians 1:1 NLT

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

Ephesians 1:1

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:1

This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus.

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Ephesians 6

NLT

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

6 Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart.

7 Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

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