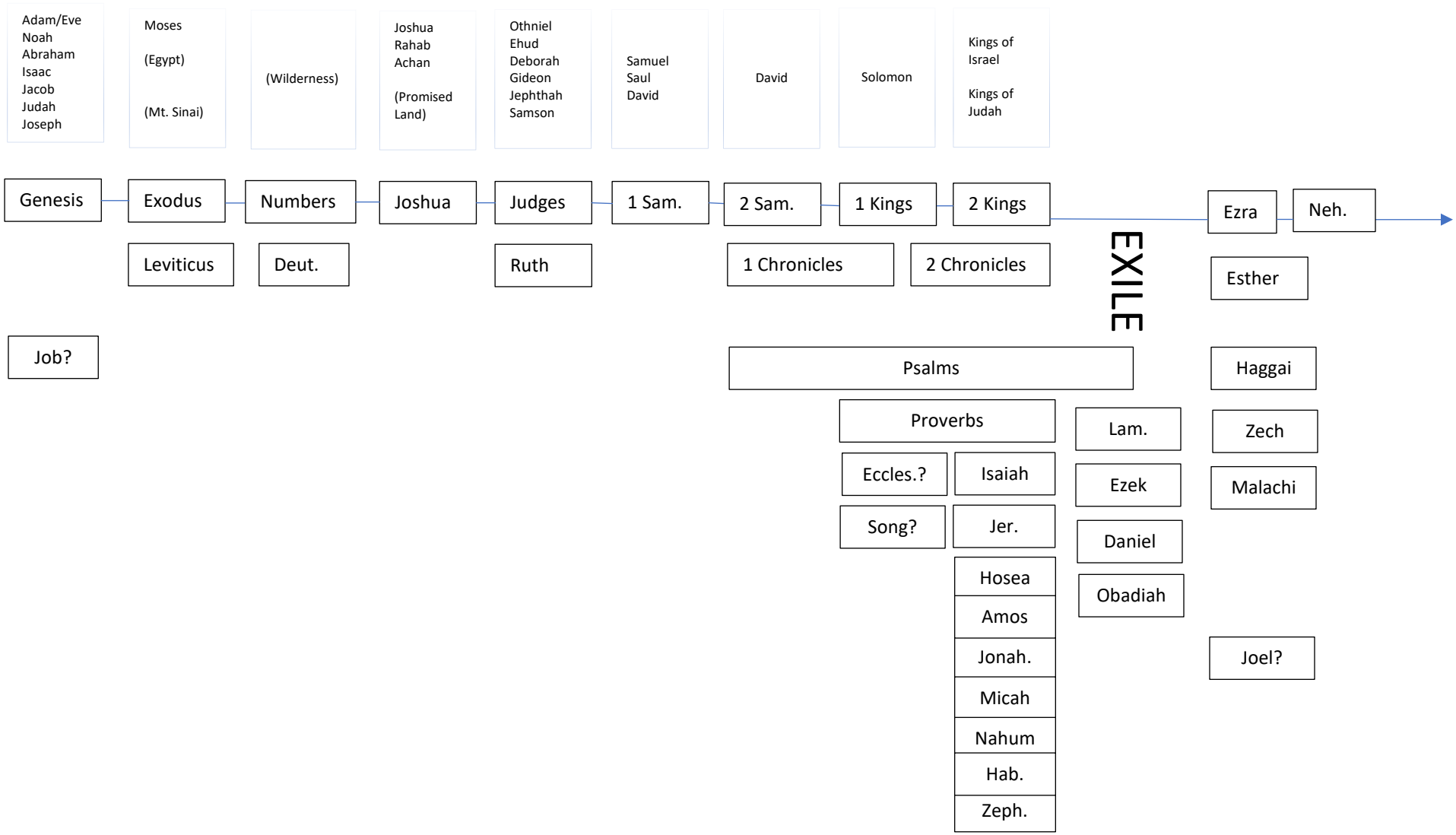
Deuteronomy North Suburban Church (Tully) March 24, 2024 Tully

Chronology of the Books of the Bible (Old Testament)



Deuteronomy as an Expansion of the LORD's Covenant with Israel

	Commandment	Reference	Main Issue	Expansion
Divine	1] You shall have no other gods before me	Ch. 6-11	**Authority** of God	Not individual laws but examples of how to obey Point: God should be first priority and final authority
	2] You shall not make for yourself an idol	Ch. 12	**Dignity** of God	Not allowed to take over Canaanite shrines or worship God in their ways Point: not manipulative or self-serving but recognize God's unique nature
	3] You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God	13:1-14:21	**Commitment** to God	E.g. chapter 14 (dietary laws) as an example of one who takes God seriously even in subtle areas of life
	4] Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy	14:22-16:17	**Rights & Privileges** of God	Moves beyond Sabbath to other areas where God has a claim on his people (e.g. tithes)
Human	5] Honor your father and your mother	16:18-18:22	**Authority** of Humans	Section expands to other forms of human authority such as judges, kings, priests, true prophecy
	6] You shall not murder	Ch. 19-21	**Dignity** of Humans	*Dignity of existence* – places where life *may* be taken without violating the commandment (death penalty, war) = rules
	7] You shall not commit adultery	22:1-23:14		*Dignity of homogeneity*? – integrity of the group not infiltrated by outsiders – reflected in not mixing seed, thread, etc.; different categories of adultery (22:12-30)
	8] You shall not steal	23:15-24:7		*Dignity of Personhood* – issue is dignity & vulnerability; e.g. even kidnapping is concerned with how victim was treated (24:7)
	9] You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor	24:8-16	**Commitment** to Humans	Responsibility of mutual trust {ME: uncertain about this category}
	10] You shall not covet	24:17-26:15	**Rights & Privileges** of Humans	Protecting rights of people; should not be taken for granted

See John Walton and Andrew Hill, *Survey of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009).