In order to fully understand the bible you need to know the basic outline of the theme that ties all the books together. In doing so you'll be able to see the big picture, you'll grow in understanding and soon you'll find it too restrictive or boring at the standard church that is only preaching in a small box that avoids the big picture.

The big picture is that the bible is a story about a certain group of people and follows them thru history from the old testament to the new testament. These people are defined as God's people and he has given them blessings but he also allows other people to receive blessings that are not his people as long as they follow God's laws.

So here's the story....

RSV Genesis 12:1-3

- 1. NOW THE Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
- 2. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.
- 3. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

This is the first sign that identifies who God's people are today that his people will bless, assist come to the aid of the other people. It also mentions that there are families which means race

The word Families is defined as:

Strong's Ref. # 4940 mishpachah Pronounced mish-paw-khaw'

a family, i.e. circle of relatives; figuratively, a class (of persons), a species (of animals) or sort (of things); by extens. a tribe or people: KJV--family, kind(-red).

God was the first racist, he created all the races and then selected 1 race to be his standard bearer to draw all the other races to him.

RSV Genesis 17:1-4

- 1. WHEN ABRAM was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.
- 2. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."
- 3. Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
- 4. "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

RSV Genesis 17:6-7

- 6. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you.
- 7. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

RSV Genesis 17:19

19. God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

The covenant began with Abraham then passed on to his son Isaac which is where Saxon comes from or Isaac's son

RSV Deuteronomy 14:2

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the <u>peoples</u> that are on the face of the earth.

The peoples is defined as a tribe or distinct group of people like Asian, Black, Caucasian..... Peoples is defined as:

Strong's Ref. # 5971 Romanized `am Pronounced am

from HSN6004; a people (as a congregated unit); specifically, a tribe (as those of Israel); hence (collectively) troops or attendants; figuratively, a flock:

RSV Exodus 19:3-8

- 3. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:
- 4. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.
- 5. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine,
- 6. and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."
- 7. So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him.
- 8. And all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

God was to be the leader of his people but the people began to want to be ruled like how the other nations around them were being ruled with a king so they went to Samuel who was a judge or leader and said

RSV 1 Samuel 8:4-7

- 4. Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,
- 5. and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint for us a king to govern us like all the nations."
- 6. But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord.
- 7. And the Lord said to Samuel, "Hearken to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

After 40 years of King Saul, 40 years of King David and 40 years of King Solomon the people wanted a rest from the taxation. They came to the newly appointed king, King Solomon's son: Rehoboam and requested:

RSV 1 Kings 12:4

4. "Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke upon us, and we will serve you."

Rehobeam didn't listen to his father's advisors which said to lower taxes. Rehobeam listened to his generation of advisors who advised him to stick it to the people.

RSV 1 Kings 12:14-17

- 14. he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions."
- 15. So the king did not hearken to the people; for it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfil his word, which the Lord spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.
- 16. And when all Israel saw that the king did not hearken to them, the people answered the king, "What portion have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, David." So Israel departed to their tents.
- 17. But Rehoboam reigned over the people of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah

The nation of Israel split into 2 nations, the northern 10 tribes became the house of Israel and the southern 2 tribes became the house of Judah. God divorced the 10 northern tribes

RSV Jeremiah 3:8

8. She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a <u>decree of divorce</u>; yet her false sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the harlot.

RSV Hosea 1:4

And the Lord said to him, "Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

The house of Israel was the 10 northern tribes

RSV 2 Kings 17:6

6. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

The entire 10 northern tribes was carried off to Assyria which was right of the black sea. When Jesus divorces you he kicks you out of the house

RSV Hosea 1:8-9

- 8. When she had weaned Not pitied, she conceived and bore a son.
- 9. And the Lord said, "Call his name Not my people, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

During Jesus' time they knew where the tribes were living at since a lot of the books call out them in their greetings

RSV James 1:1

1. JAMES, A servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greeting.

RSV 1 Peter 1:1

1. PETER, AN apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the <u>Dispersion</u> in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

Dispersion was an Israelite living outside of Jerusalem as it's stated in this definition

Strong's Ref. # 1290 Romanized diaspora Pronounced dee-as-por-ah'

from GSN1289; dispersion, i.e. (specially and concretely) the (converted) Israelite resident in Gentile countries:

RSV John 7:35

35. The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

RSV Romans 9:23-24

- 23. in order to make known the riches of his glory for the vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory,
- 24. even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Even though God divorced his people, he planned to remarry them.

RSV Hebrews 8:8

8. For he finds fault with them when he says: "The days will come, says the Lord, when I will <u>establish a</u> new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

RSV Hosea 1:10-11

- 10. Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Sons of the living God."
- 11. And the people of Judah and the people of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head; and they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

RSV Matthew 15:24-27

- 24. He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
- 25. But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
- 26. And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
- 27. She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

The lost sheep was the divorces 10 tribes of Israel, notice also that Jesus calls a certain race of people dogs. The law of marriage is described in:

RSV Deuteronomy 24:1-4

- 1. "WHEN A man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a bill of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house,
- 2. and if she goes and becomes another man's wife.
- 3. and the latter husband dislikes her and writes her a bill of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies, who took her to be his wife,
- 4. then her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the Lord, and you shall not bring guilt upon the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance.

Once the husband has divorced his wife and she goes off and marries another man then by God's law, the ex-husband can't marry his wife again. This confused the people since they knew that they were divorced but they also knew that sometime in the future they would be remarried but didn't know how.

RSV Hebrews 8:8

8. For he finds fault with them when he says: "The days will come, says the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

RSV Romans 7:1-4

- 1. DO YOU not know, brethren--for I am speaking to those who know the law--that the law is binding on a person only during his life?
- 2. Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies she is discharged from the law concerning the husband.
- 3. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.
- 4. Likewise, my brethren, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God.

RSV Romans 3:23

23. since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Since everyone has sinned and has married to the god of this world, aka Satan's system, we have to get a divorce however only a husband can initiate a divorce according to God's law and Satan doesn't divorce. Jesus death broke his side of the marriage and when he was resurrected 3 days later

he could marry again the people who he divorced – the 10 northern tribes. The 10 northern tribes can't marry Jesus unless they also break their present the marriage to the Satan. Jesus is our example so when he physically died he broke the divorce law so we too have to die, not physically but spiritually by being buried under water just as Jesus was buried under the ground for 3 days. When we come out of the water we imitate Jesus resurrecting after 3 days and now we are free to marry him.

RSV Acts 2:36-39

- 36. Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
- 37. Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"
- 38. And Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- 39. For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls to him."

Once you do hear, believe, repent and get baptized then God will remarry you.

RSV Romans 9:24-26

- 24. even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?
- 25. As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'my beloved."
- 26. "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.""

RSV Romans 9:27

27. And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved;

Why only a remnant is saved out of the many? Because the masses of people didn't hear the word being preached, didn't believe, didn't repent and didn't get baptized.