

Introduction to the Old Testament

GENESIS

WHEN GOD BEGAN CREATING the earth, he first made the sky to preside through the night; he also made the sun, the moon, and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the sky to give light to the earth, ¹⁸ and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God was pleased. ¹⁹ This all happened on the fourth day. ¹

² Then God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. ³ God saw that the light was good, and he called the light "daytime," and the darkness "nighttime." Together they formed the first day. ⁴

⁵ And God said, "Let the vapors separate to form the sky above and the ocean below." ⁶ So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the second day. ⁷

⁸ Then God said, "Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so that the dry land will emerge." And so it was. ⁹ God named the dry land "earth," and the gathered waters "seas." And God was pleased with what he had done. ¹⁰

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth vegetation—seed-bearing plants and every kind of fruit tree." And so it was. ¹² God made all sorts of wild animals—cattle and reptiles. And God was pleased with what he had done. ¹³

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let us make a man in our image, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies, and to have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every kind of animal and every kind of reptile." And God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ¹⁵ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Give them in hand, as you would a beast of the field. Only the flesh of the wild animal and the bird of the sky shall not be eaten. Only what is eaten by the wild animal shall you eat, as you eat the flesh of the wild animal. This is the law of the animals." ¹⁶ And God blessed them, and he said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and over every living creature that moves on the ground. Give them in hand, as you would a beast of the field. Only the flesh of the wild animal and the bird of the sky shall not be eaten. Only what is eaten by the wild animal shall you eat, as you eat the flesh of the wild animal. This is the law of the animals." ¹⁷

How Well Do You Know Your Old Testament?

An open scroll of the Old Testament with Hebrew text, flanked by two wooden rollers. The scroll is unrolled in the center, showing two pages of dense Hebrew script. The rollers are made of light-colored wood and have decorative patterns on their ends. The background is dark, making the scroll and rollers stand out.

- Take out a blank piece of paper (or use a blank page in your notes or call up a blank screen on your computer)
- List the OT books in order

How can
you
remember
all these
books?



Books of the Bible

Old Testament

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

LAW

JOSHUA

JUDGES

RUTH

1 SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL

1 KINGS

2 KINGS

1 CHRON

2 CHRON

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

HISTORY

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

POETRY

ISAIAH

JEREMIAH

LAMEN-
TATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

MAJOR PROPHETS

SONG OF
SOLOMON

ECCLESIASTES

POETRY

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECCHARIAH

MALACHI

MINOR PROPHETS

New Testament

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

GOSPELS

ACTS

HISTORY

ROMANS

1 COR

2 COR

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1 THESS

2 THESS

1 TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

PAULINE EPISTLES

HEBREWS

JAMES

1 PETER

2 PETER

1 JOHN

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

REVELATION

GENERAL EPISTLES

Old Testament *Genesis - Malachi*

**Law
(5)**

**History
(12)**

**Prophecy
(17)**



**Poetry
(5)**

Major 5 Minor 12

(Yes, it is an ORGANIZED book!)

THE BIBLE... BASICALLY®

PART SIX

THE "OPENED BIBLE"

By Dr. John Fryman

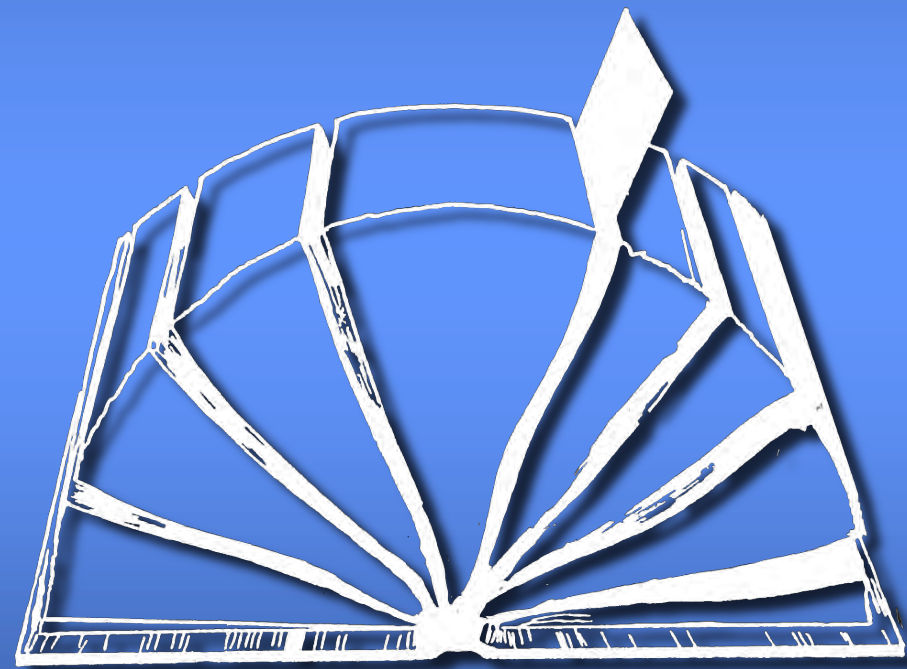
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NOW
LET'S SLICE AND DICE

THE "OPENED"

BIBLE

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Organized... Progressive... Timeless

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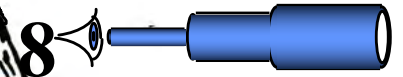
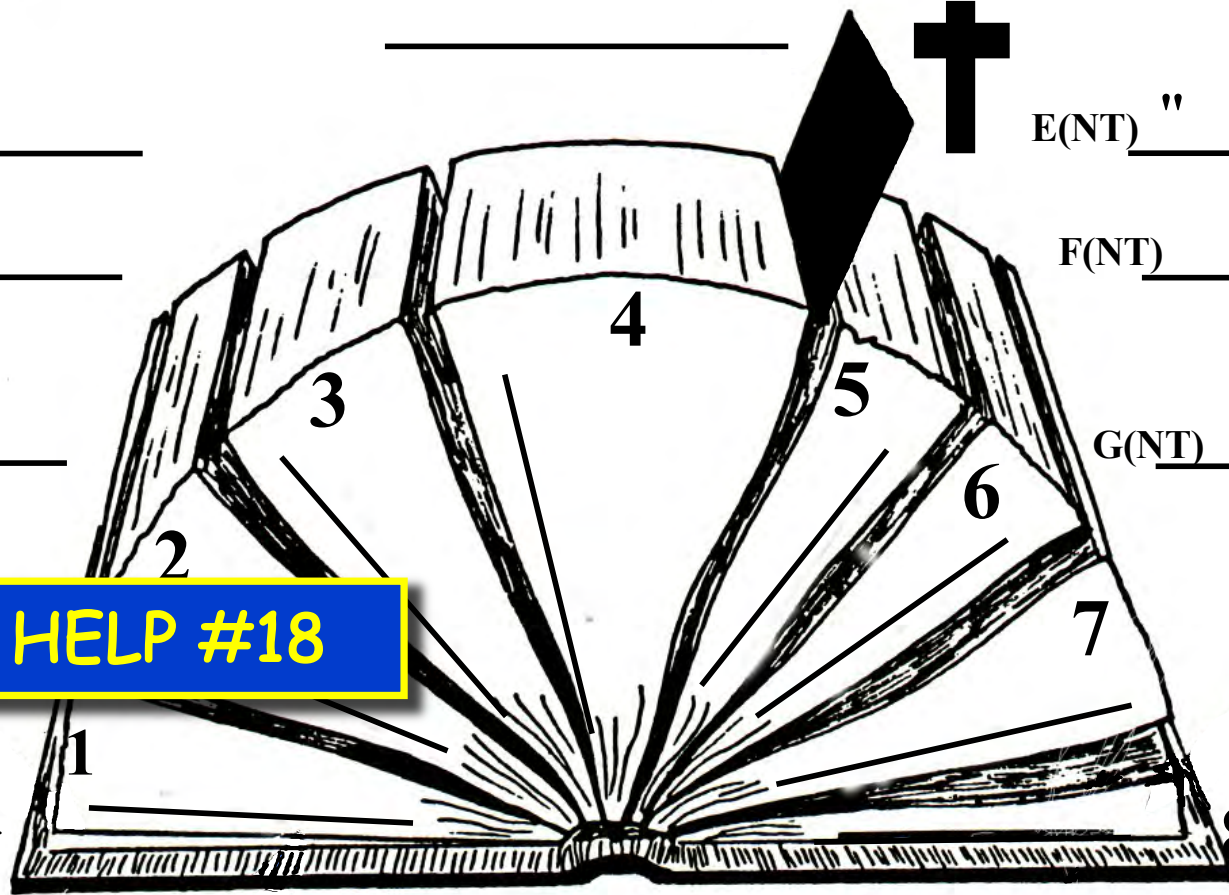
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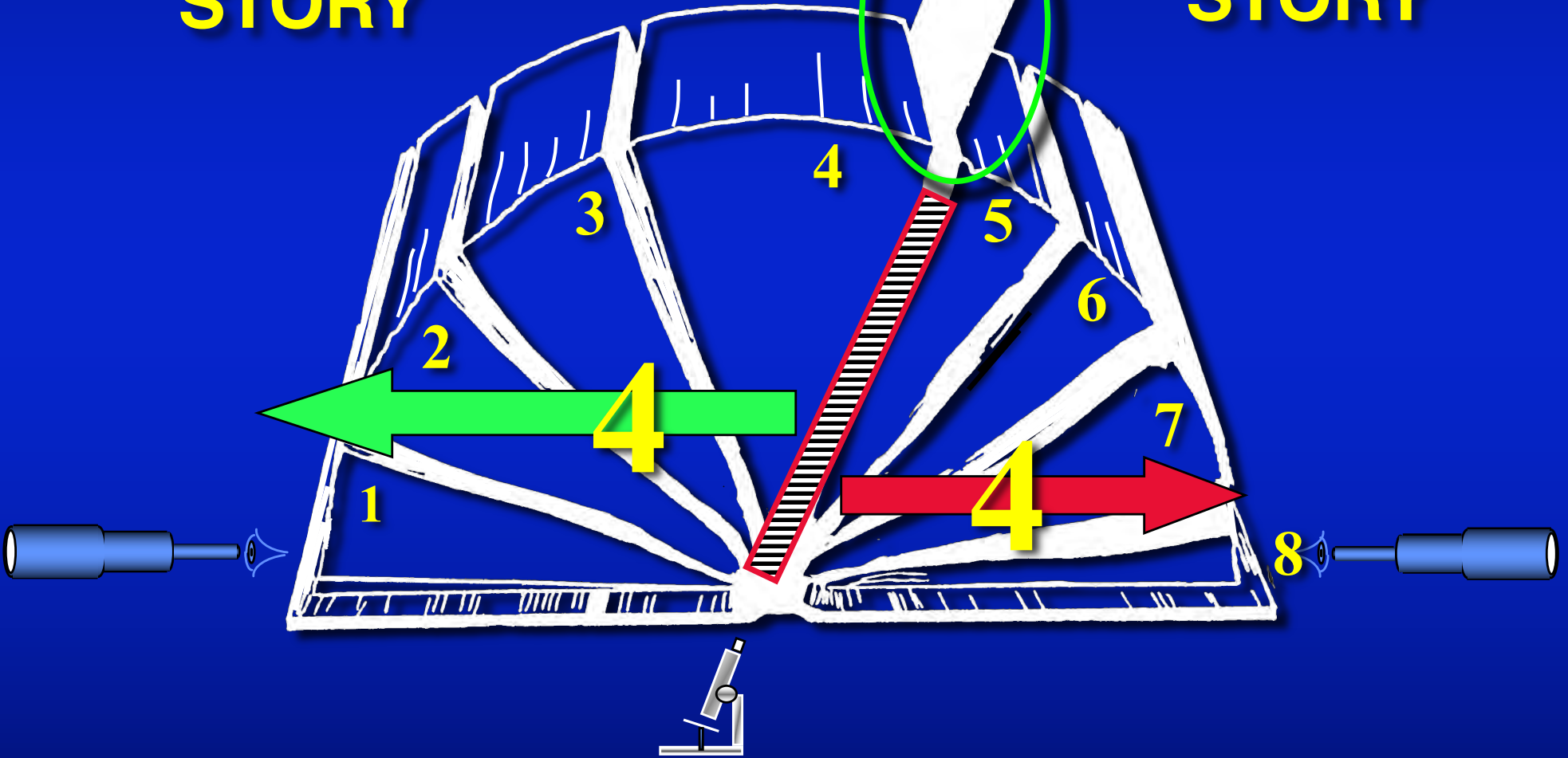


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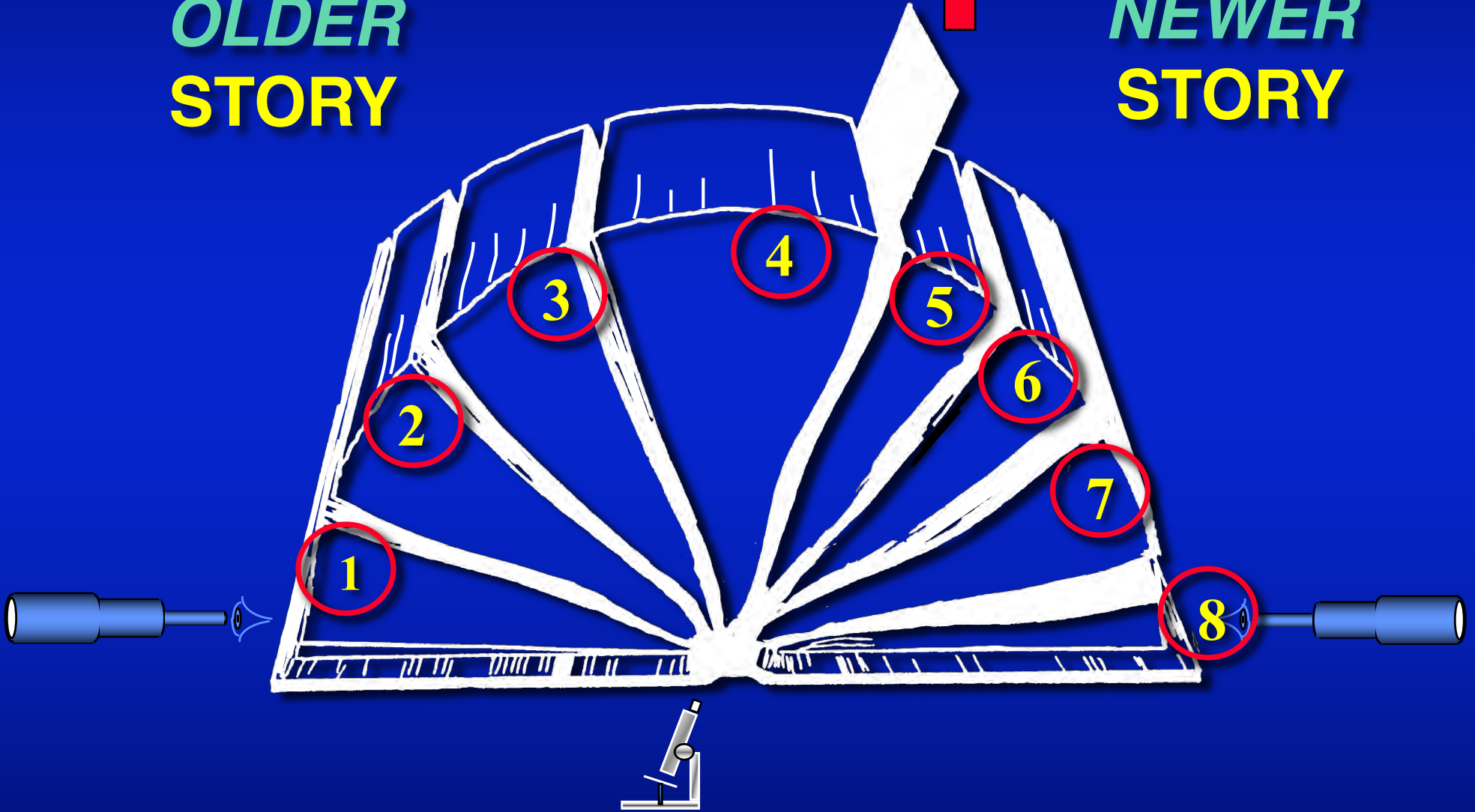
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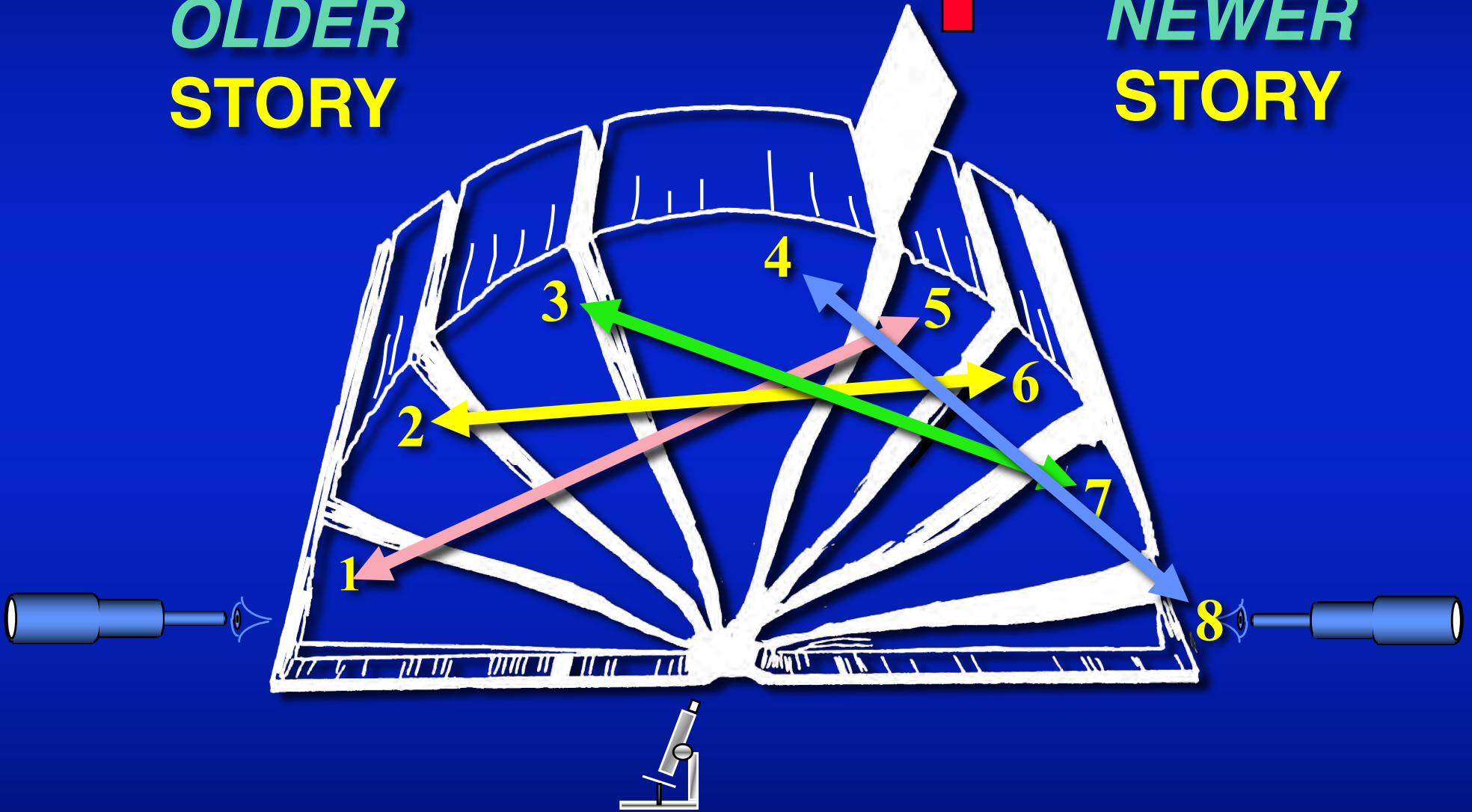
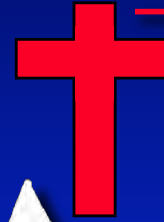
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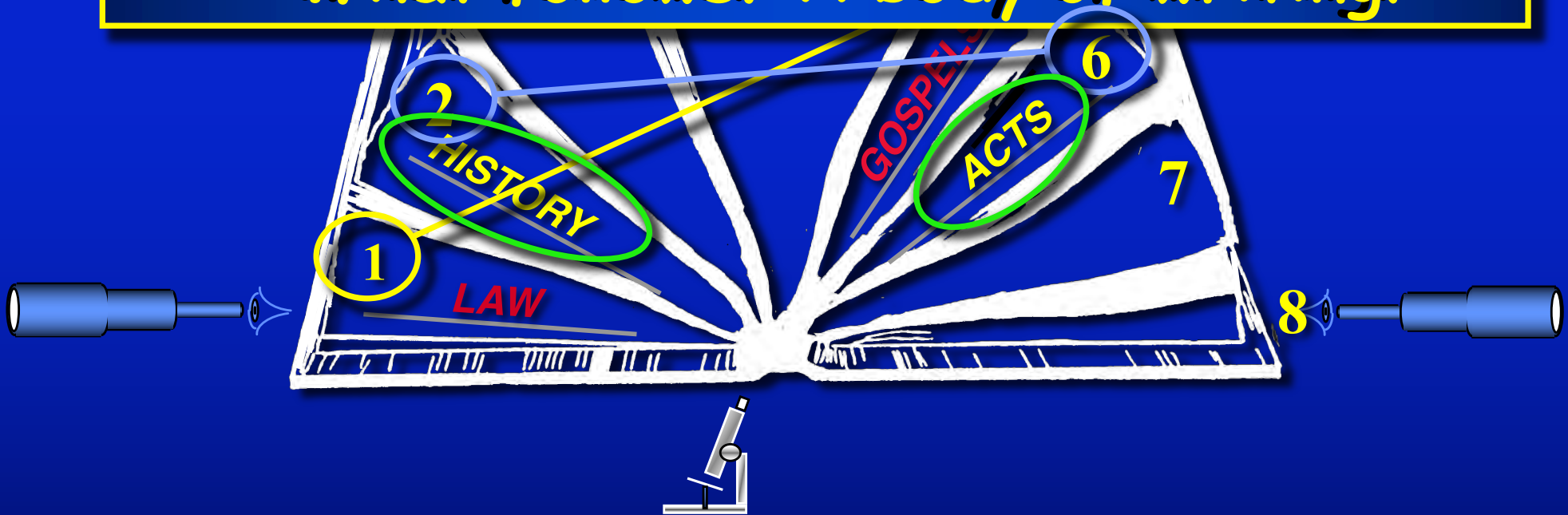
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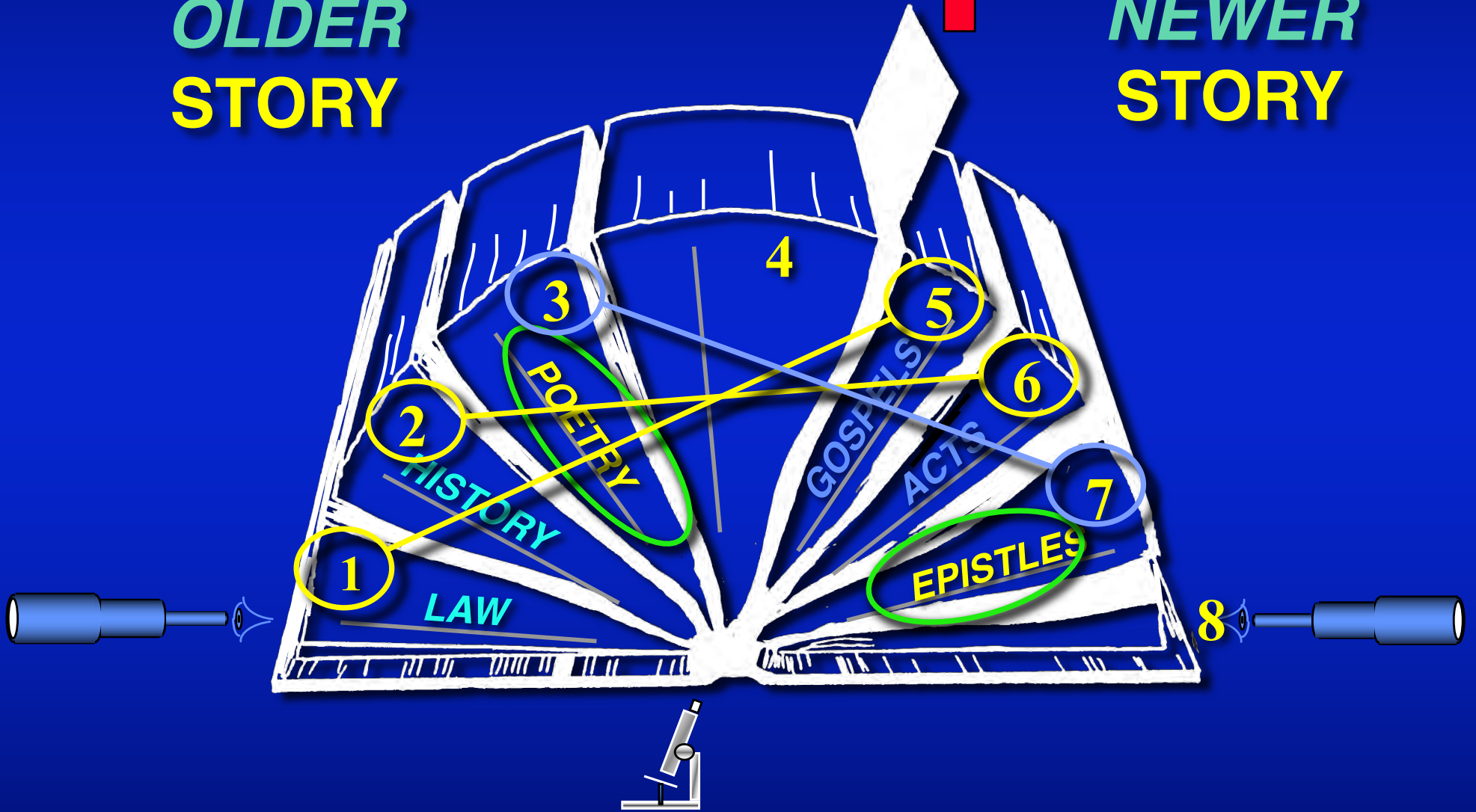
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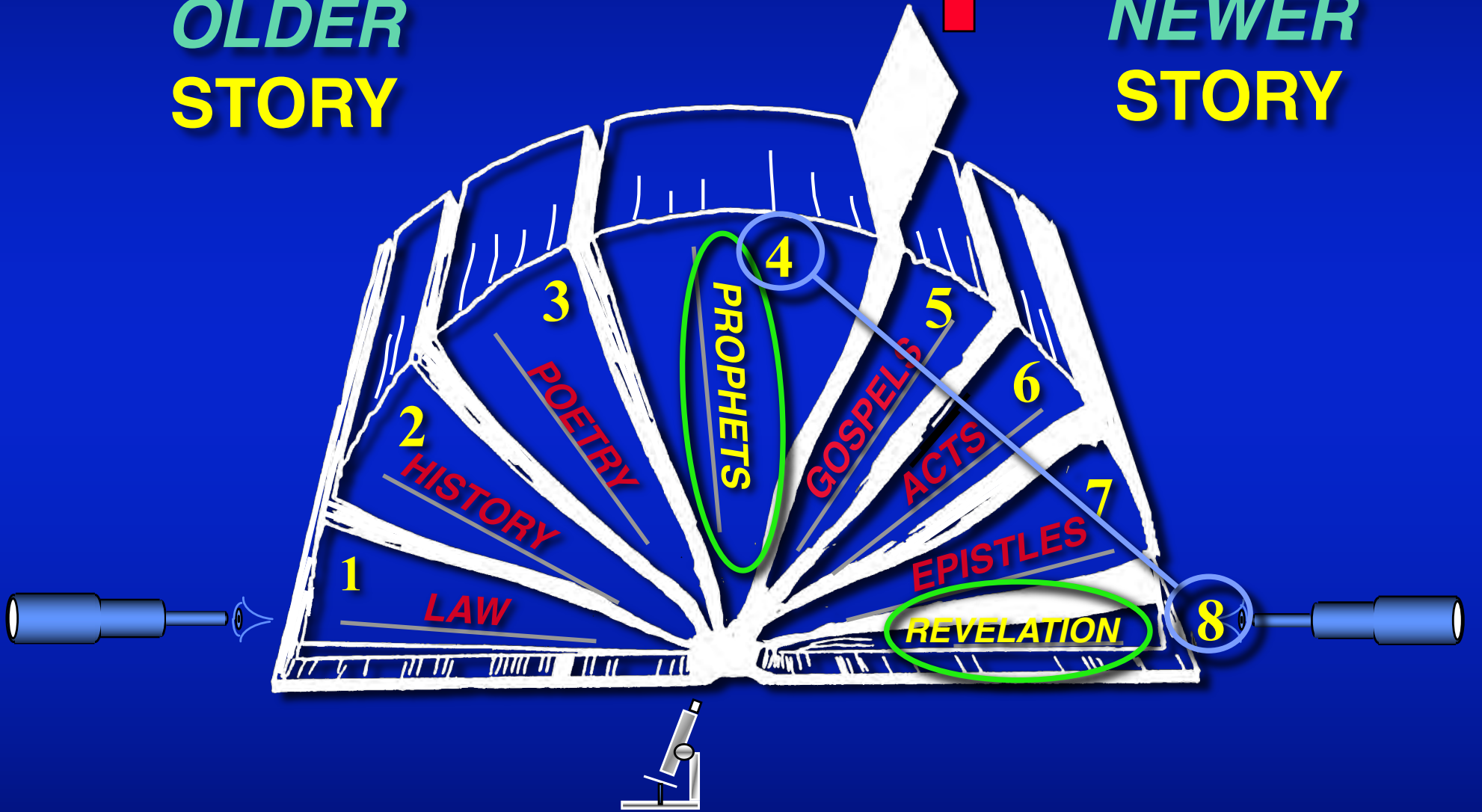
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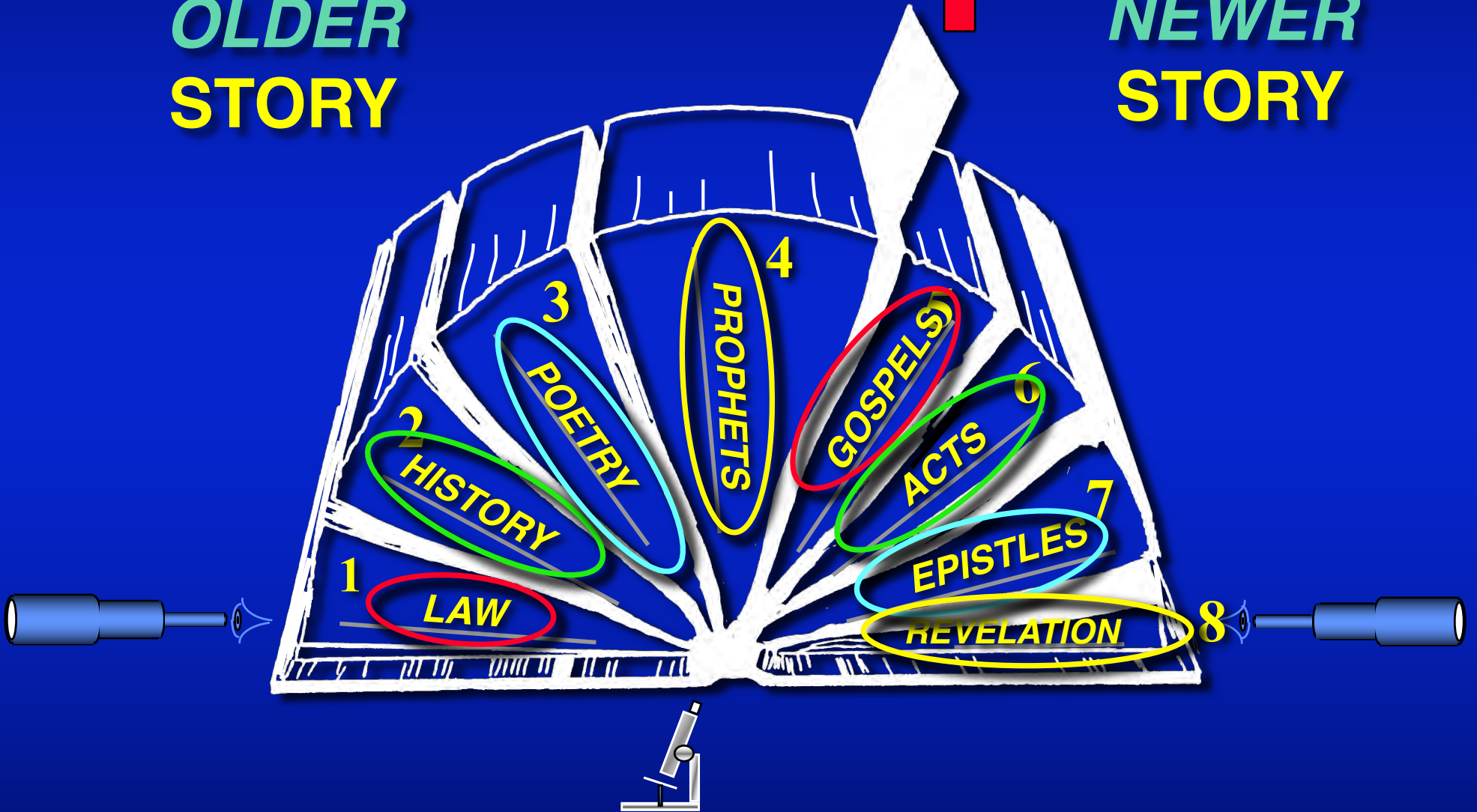
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Parallel OT & NT Structure

Foundation

Past

Present

Future

OT Torah

History

Wisdom

Prophecy

NT Gospels

Acts

Epistles

Revelation

Erich Zenger, *Einleitung in das Alte Testament* (Stuttgart: W. Kohlehammer, 1995), 34; cited in Gregory Goswell, "Two Testaments in Parallel: The Influence of the Old Testament on the Structuring of the New Testament Canon," *JETS* 56 (2013): 461.

Purpose of the Prophetic Books

Historical Books
(Joshua-Esther)

Recipients of the Prophetic Message
Covenant People

Poetical Books
(Job-Song of Solomon)

Aim of the Prophetic Message
Covenant Behavior

WHO they aimed at

Prophetical Books
(Isaiah-Malachi)

Covenant Preachers

WHAT they aimed at

People Unfaithful to Covenant

FORTHTELLING

Behavior Unaffected by Covenant

FORETELLING

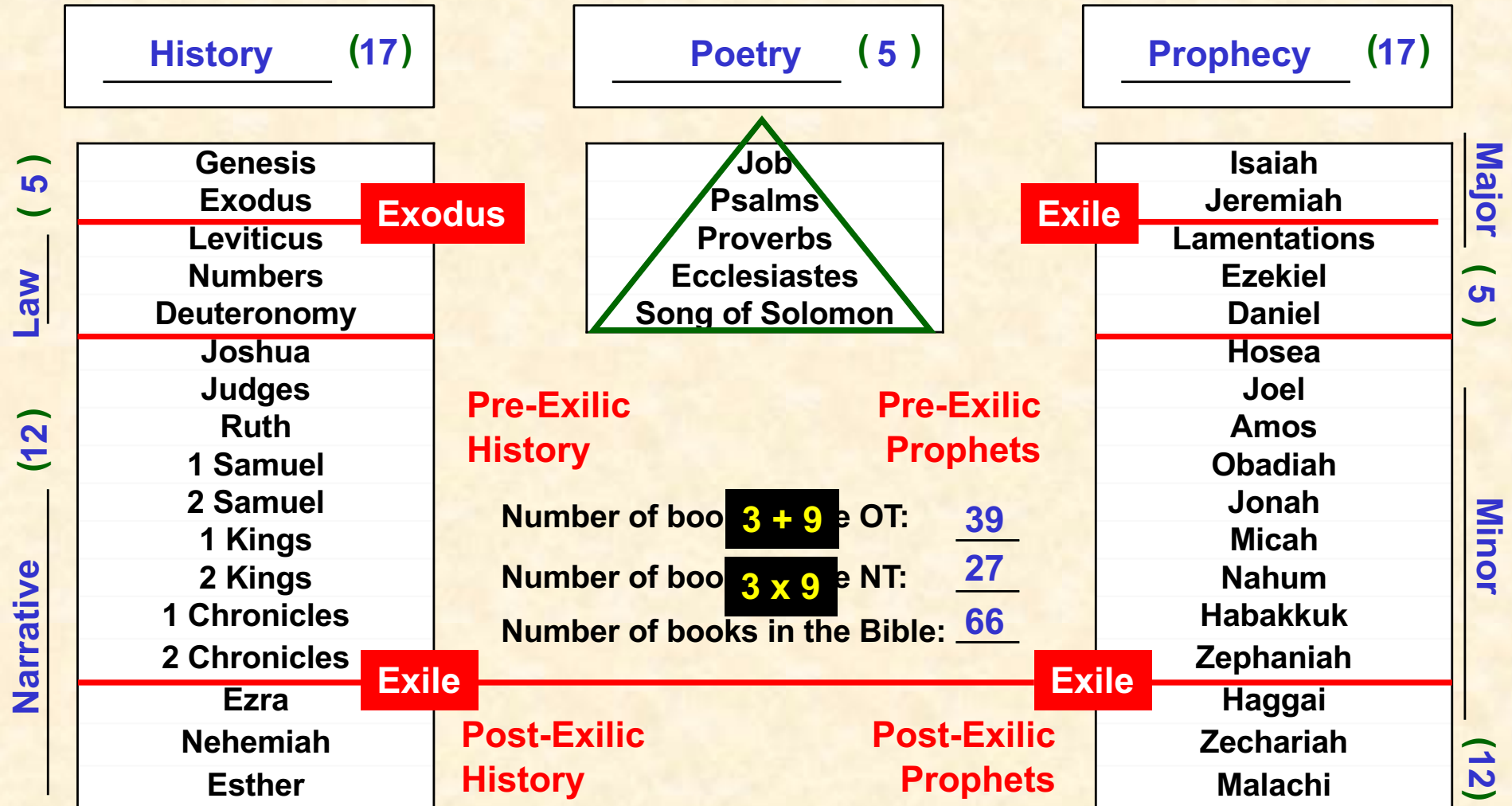
Mosaic Covenant
Deut. 28; Lev. 26
Conditional Judgment

Pentateuch
(Genesis-Deuteronomy)

Basis of the Prophetic Message
Covenant Relationship: Israel & God

Abrahamic Covenant
Gen. 12:1-3; 15:18
Unconditional Blessing

Structure of the Old Testament



Events
Actions
What people *did*

Experience
Axioms
What people *felt*

Expectation
Alarms
What people *should do*

The Old Testament

To Israel:

- Hosea
- Amos

To Judah:

- Habakkuk
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Joel
- Micah
- Zephaniah
- Lamentations

To Assyria:

- Jonah
- Nahum

To Edom:

- Obadiah

- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Haggai
- Zechariah

- Malachi

- Job

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Songs

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Numbers
- Joshua
- Judges
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings

- Ezra
- Nehemiah

- Leviticus

- Deuteronomy

- Ruth

- 1 Chronicles

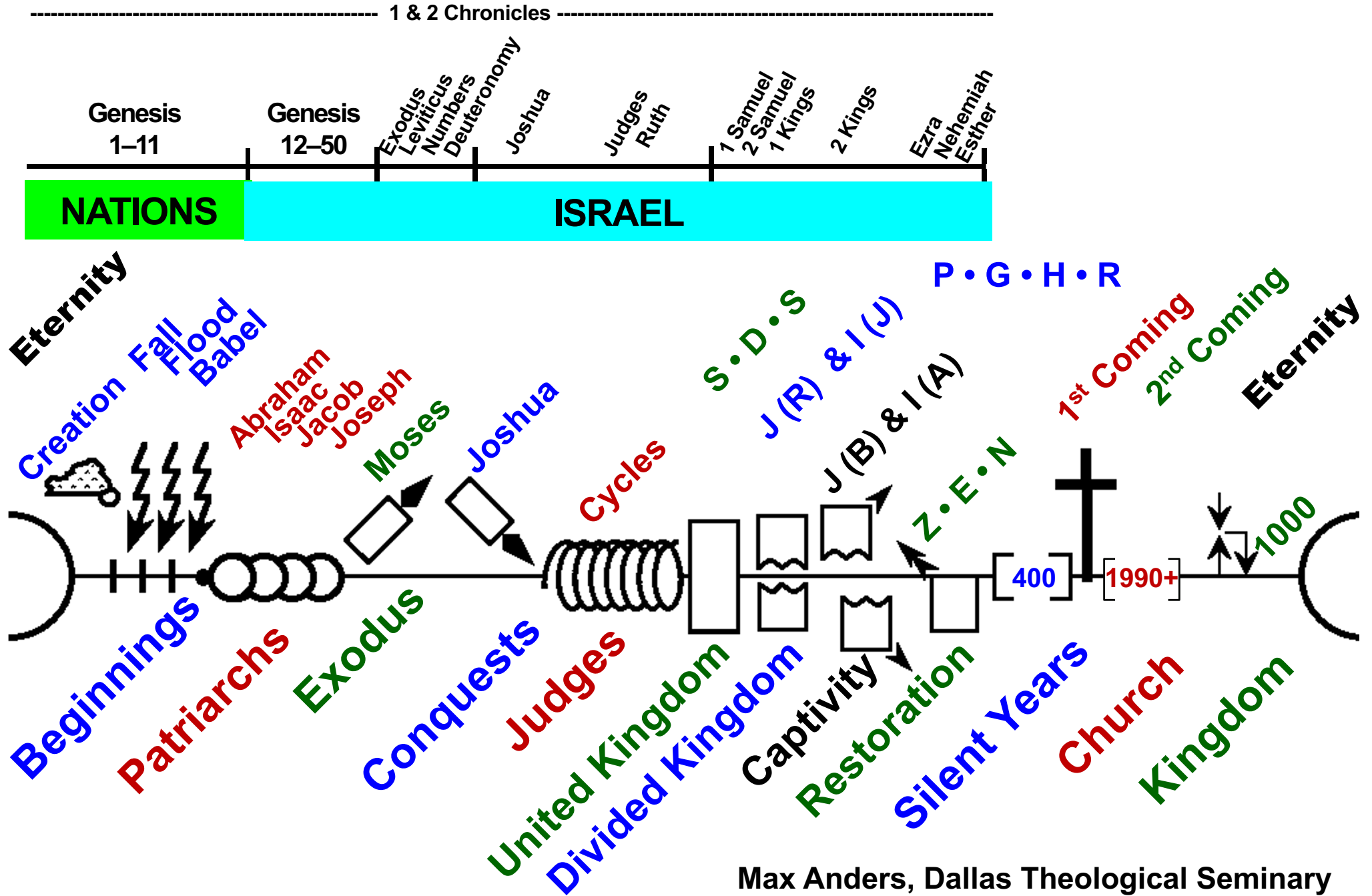
- 2 Chronicles

- Esther

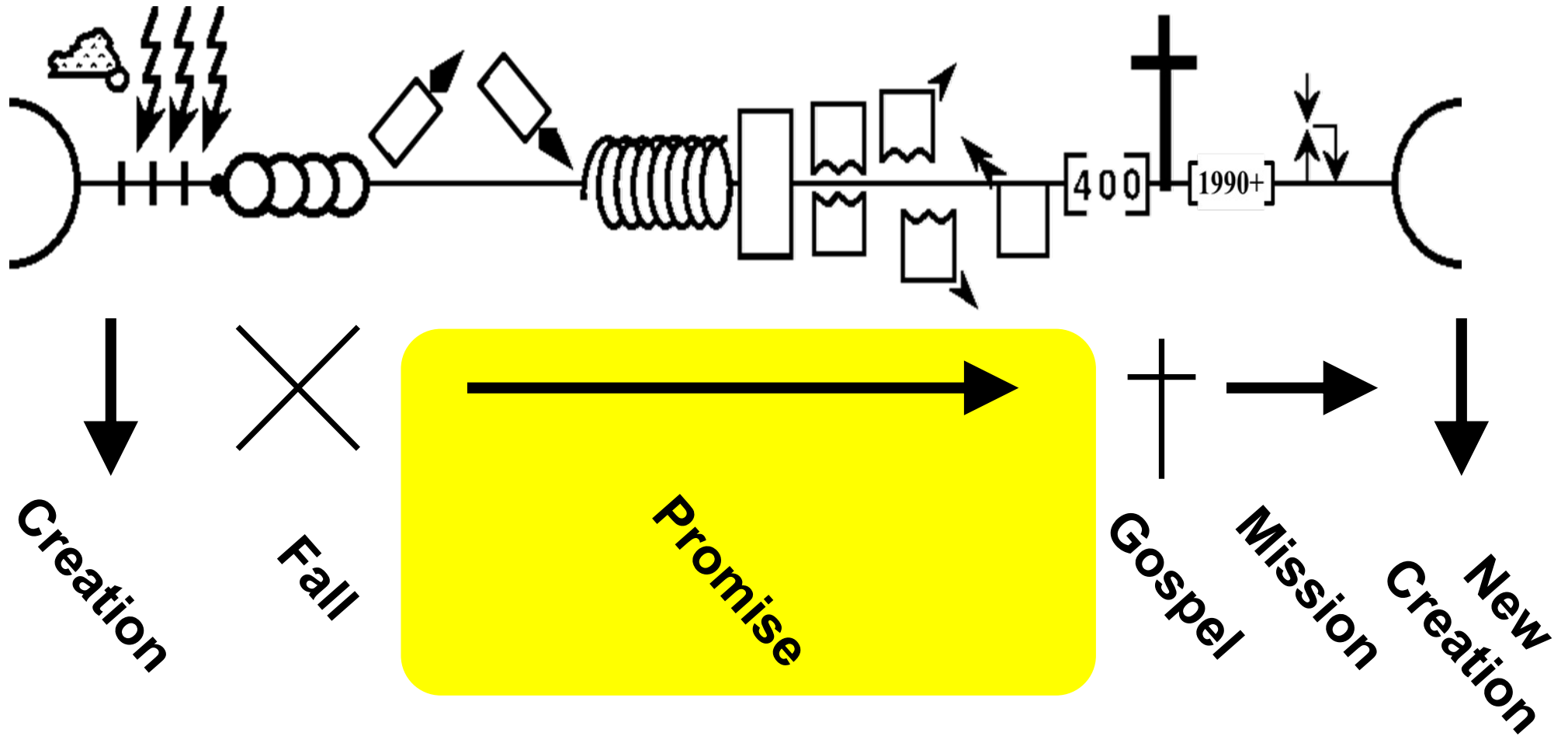
The Seven Great Periods of History

PERIOD	YEARS	SCRIPTURE
1. NATIONS	2000+	GENESIS 1-11
2. ISRAEL	2000	GENESIS 12-MALACHI 4
3. SILENT YEARS	400	NONE
4. CHRIST ON EARTH	About 33	MATTHEW 1-ACTS 1
5. CHURCH ON EARTH	? ?	ACTS 2-REVELATION 3
6. TRIBULATION	7	REVELATION 4-19
7. CHRIST'S KINGDOM	1000	REVELATION 20-22

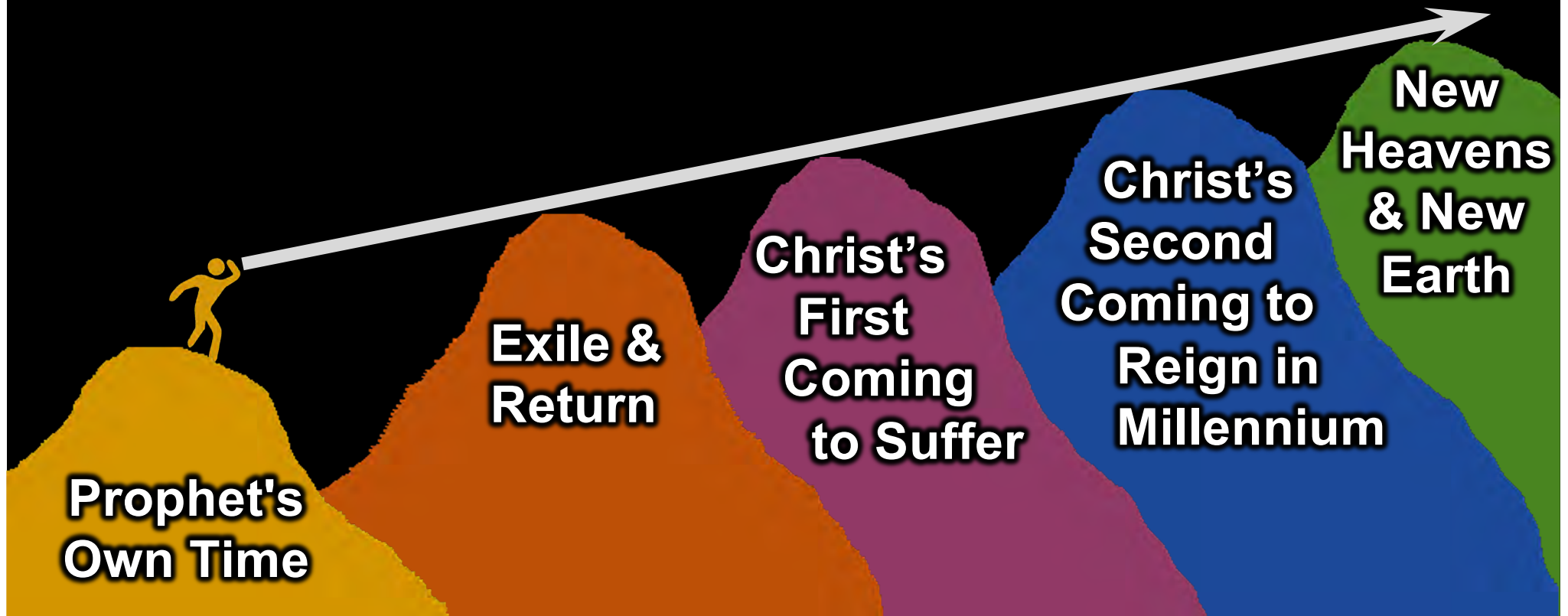
World History Detailed



World History Summarized

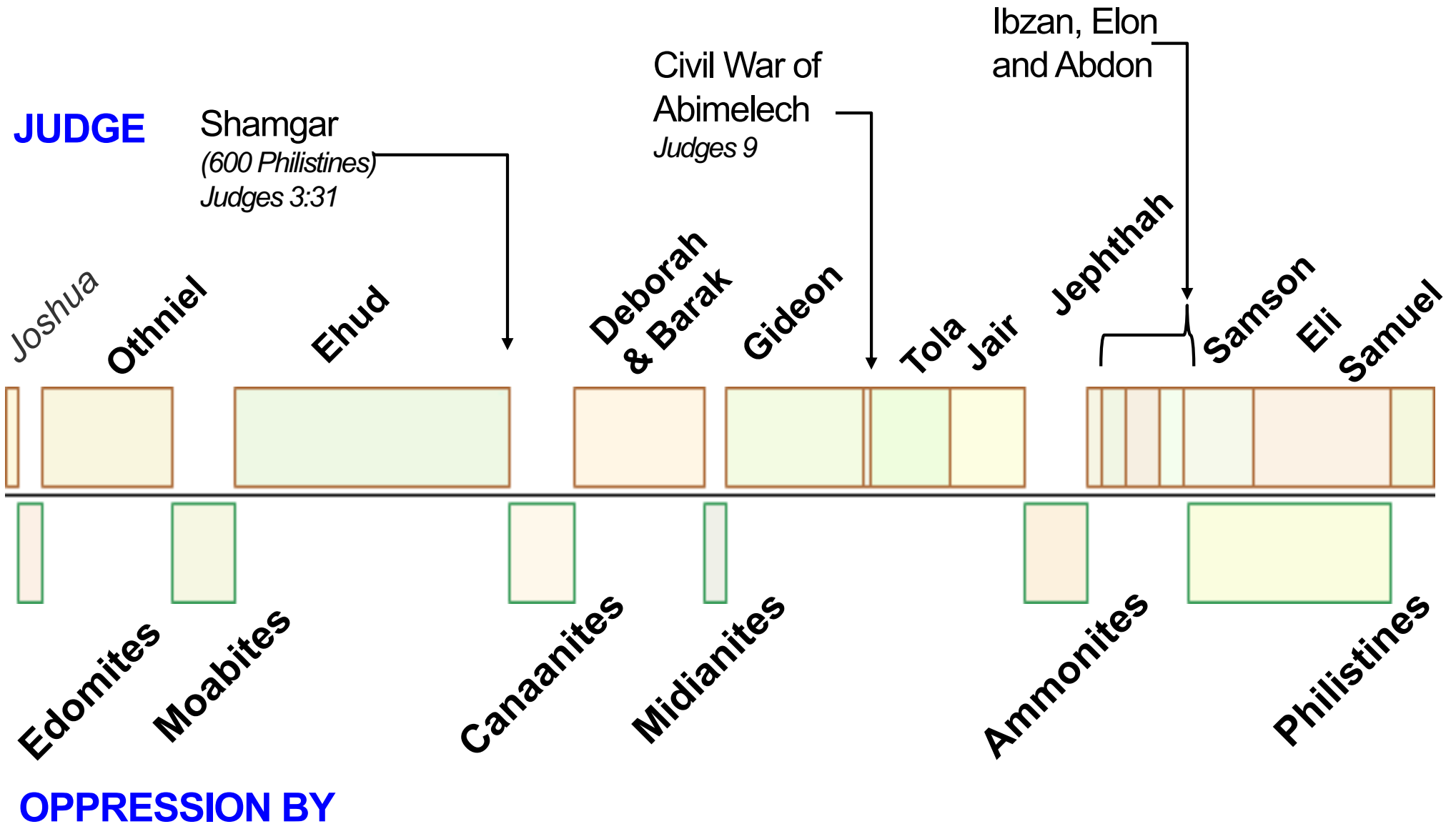


Time Periods of the Prophets



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Charts on Revelation (1979), 49

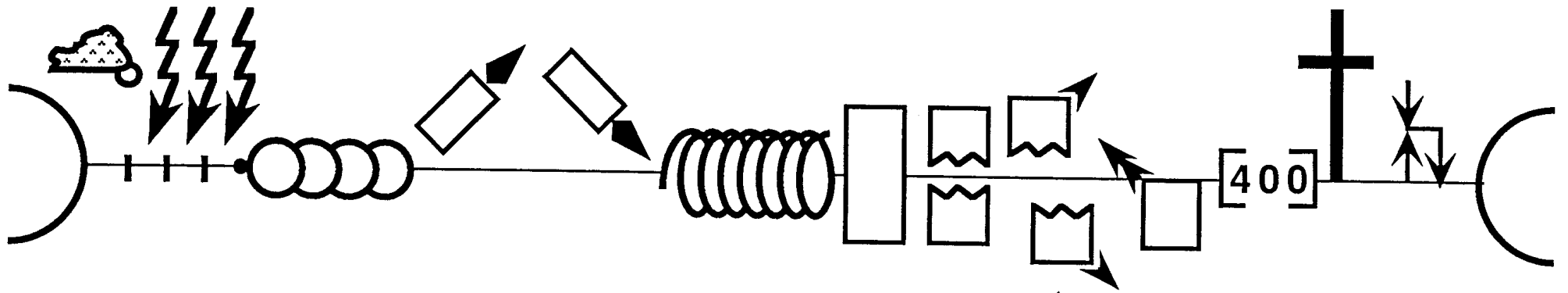
Timeline of the Judges



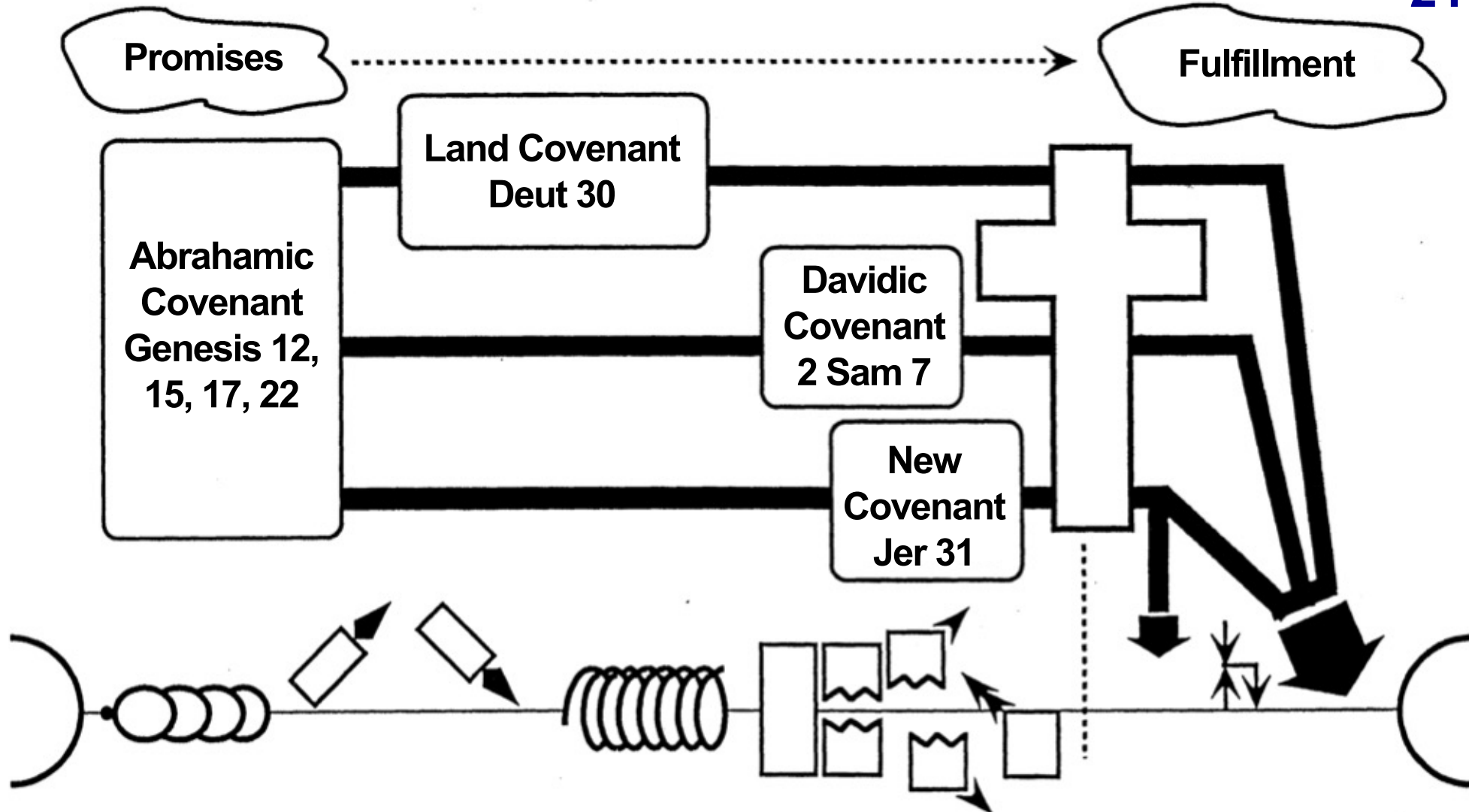
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Stages of God's Plan in History

Eternity
 Creation
 Fall
 Flood
 Babel
 Abraham
 Isaac
 Jacob
 Joseph
 Moses
 Joshua
 Cycles
 S·D·S
 I(J) & J(R)
 I(A) & J(B)
 Z·E·N
 P·G·H·R
 1st Coming
 2nd Coming
 1000
 Eternity



Beginnings
 Patriarchs
 Exodus
 Conquests
 Judges
 United Kingdom
 Divided Kingdom
 Captivity
 Restoration
 Silent Years
 Church
 Kingdom



The Abrahamic Covenant & Its Fulfillment

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline

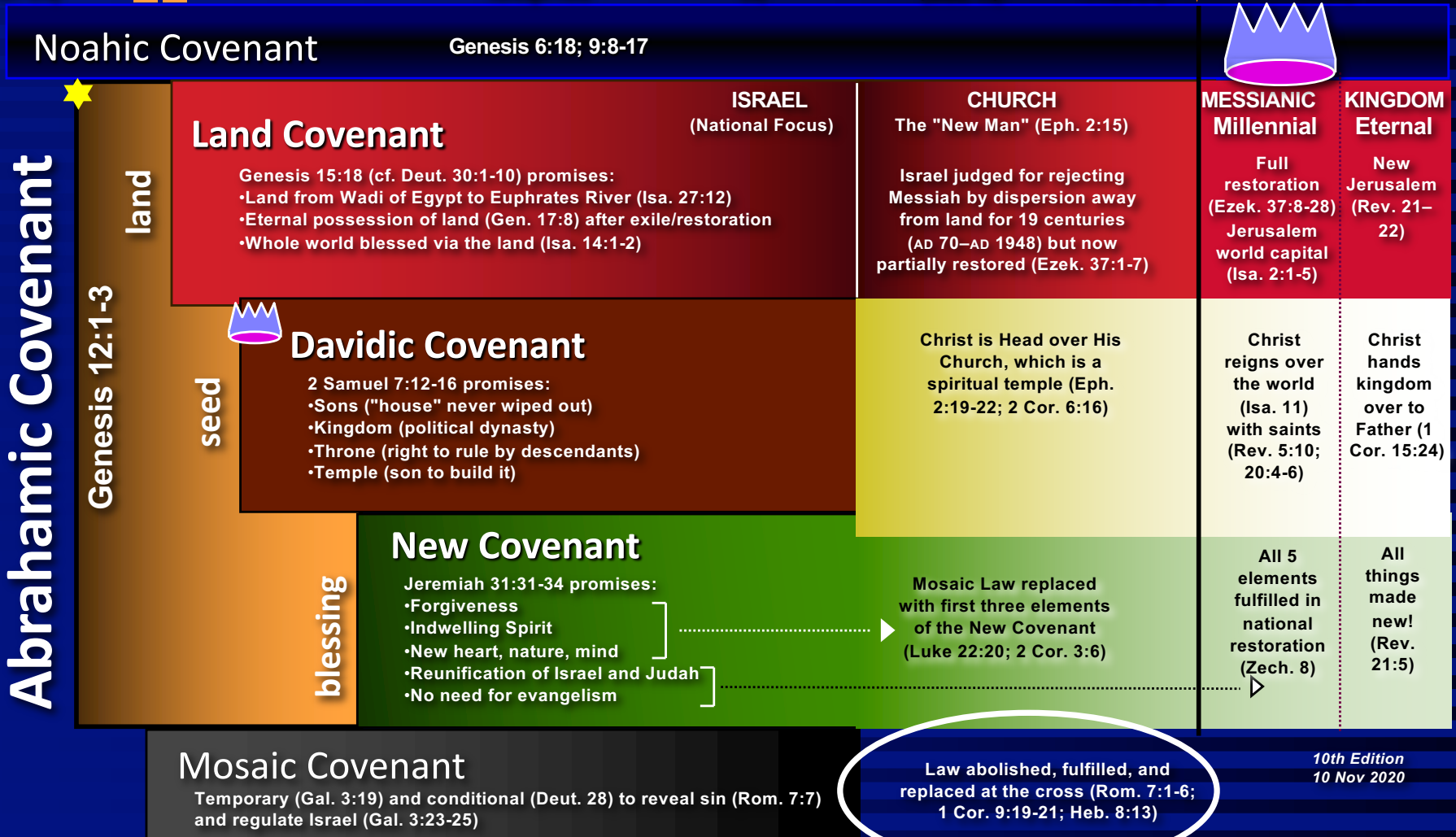


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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19) ↓
 Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4) ↓
 God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6) ↑
 Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule ↓
 Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39) ↓
 Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13) ↑
 Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27) ↓
 Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b) ↓

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

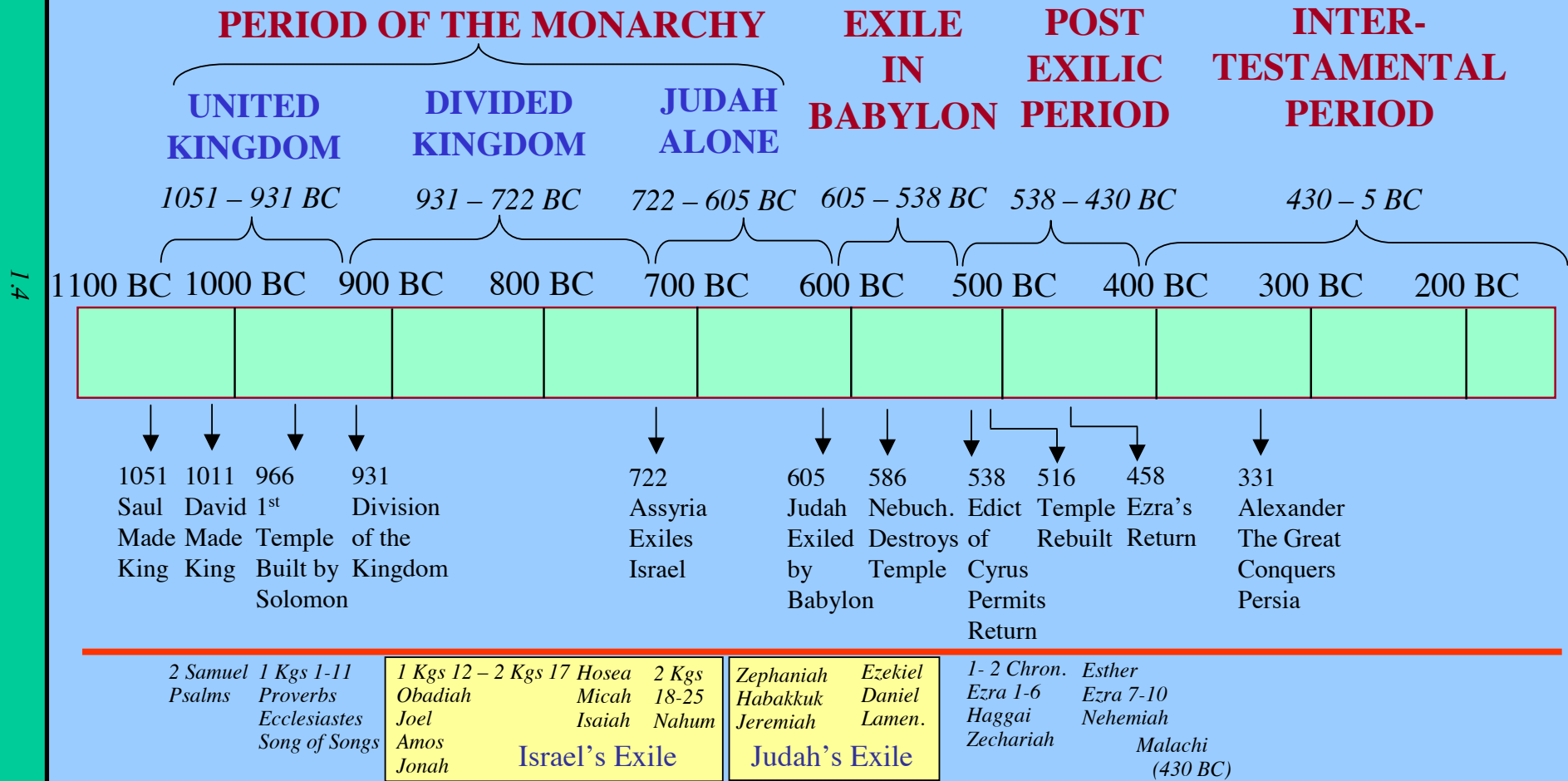


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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

KEY EVENTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

FROM THE MONARCHY TO THE CLOSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
1051 – 430 BC



THE OLD TESTAMENT

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

To Use the Seed of Abraham to Mediate Blessing to All the Nations of the World
Gen 12 – Gal 3

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Sam 7 – Matt 25:31

NEW COVENANT

Jer 31 – Matt 26:28

OLD COVENANT

A Tutor Until Christ
Gal 3:24

(Under The Mosaic Law)

PENTATEUCH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS	CREATION SPOILED		ABRAHAM'S SEED PREPARED				THEOCRACY							MONARCHY					EXILE in Babylon	RESTORATION (Post-Exilic)							
	GEN 1-2	GEN 3	GEN 4-11	GEN 12	GEN 13-15	GEN 16-50	EX 1-18	EX 19-24	EX 25-40	LEV	NUM	DEUT	JOSH	JUD	RUTH	1 SM	1 SM	2 SM		2 SM	1 KG	1 KG 12-2 KG 17	2 KG 18-25	CHR	EST	EZR	NEH
	Before the Land		In the Land		Transi-tion	United Kingdom		Divided	Judah																		
God's Original Design in Blessing Interruption – Sin & Fall of Man Deterioration of the Human Race in Sin and Rebellion Divine Plan for Universal Blessing Through the Line of Abraham Promises to Abraham Ratified In An Unconditional Covenant Promise of the Seed Fulfilled But Deterioration of the Line of Blessing / Preserved in Egypt Redemption of the Chosen Nation From Bondage in Egypt Formal Entrance of the Nation Into A Covenant With God -- Mosaic Law Given The Tabernacle Plan -- A Place for Communion With God Worshiping A Holy God Through Sacrifice and Separation Rebellion at Kadesh-Barnea -- Wilderness God Affirms His Plan to Ultimately Bless Israel Covenant Renewal for the New Generation -- Blessings for Obed. / Curses for Disobed.	SINAI God's Faithfulness in Giving Joshua's Generation The Land -- A Pattern for the Greater Inheritance Israel's Faithlessness in the Land (Establishing the Need for the People To Be Ruled by a King) God Provisionally Prepares the Nation for King David (Using Prayers and Acts of Loyal-Love)		Providential Rise of Samuel Who Acts As God's Agent For Deliverance and Appointing a King		The Transition from Theocracy to a Monarchy (And Exposing the Folly of Demanding a King)		Establishment of the Davidic Covenant With the Line of David -- An Eternal Throne-Kingdom		Revealing of the Consequences of Sin Upon the Realization of Kingdom Blessing		Solomon: A Glimpse of a Kingdom of Peace & Blessing But Also the Perils of a Divided Heart		Evaluates the Collapse of the Monarchy -- First in the Northern Kingdom (Exile by Assyria - 722 BC) -- Then in the Southern Kingdom (Exile by Babylon - 605-586 BC)		In the Distant Future, the Nation (After Tribulation and Repentance) Will be Regathered and Blessed by Messiah in His Kingdom				Reflections on the Past History of the Nation To Encourage the Post-Exil. Generation to Be Faithful God (in grace) Even Preserves Those of the Nation Who Disobediently Remained in Exile Re-Establishment of Yahweh Worship and Renewed Dedication to the Mosaic Law Rebuilding of Jerusalem and Attempt to Reform the People to Faithfully Follow the Mosaic Law								
	Job (?)				Psalms		Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs		Obadiah Joel & Amos		Isaiah		Jeremiah Lament. Ezekiel Daniel		Haggai Zechariah		Malachi										
WISDOM LITERATURE										PROPHETIC LITERATURE																	
Call of Abraham 2091 BC		Exodus 1446 BC				Conquest 1406 BC				King Saul 1051 BC		Solomon's Temple 966 BC		931 BC		722 BC		586 BC		515 BC		Temple Rebuilt 430 BC					

PROPHETIC & WISDOM LIT.

GOD'S PROGRAM OF BLESSING

KINGDOM BLESSINGS

- Resurrection (Rom 8:23)
- "Face to face" (1 Jn 3:2)
- Universal Peace/no war (Is 2)
- Justice/Righteousness (Is 9)
- Rewarded (Rev 22:12)
- Reign w/Christ (2 Tim 2:12)

Original Intention to Bless Man

"All the nations shall be blessed in you"

Promise of an eternal throne & kingdom

Promise of eternal forgiveness & Holy Spirit

Only For Those of Faith

"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness" (Gen 15:6)

"Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham" (Gal 3:7)


Genesis 1-11

Before Abraham	
Before Fall	After Fall
<i>Old Creation</i> Gen 1:1	
<i>Tree of Life</i> Gen 2:9	
<i>Sin: Paradise Lost</i>	
<i>Death</i> Gen 2:17; 3:19	

Abrahamic Covenant

Davidic Covenant

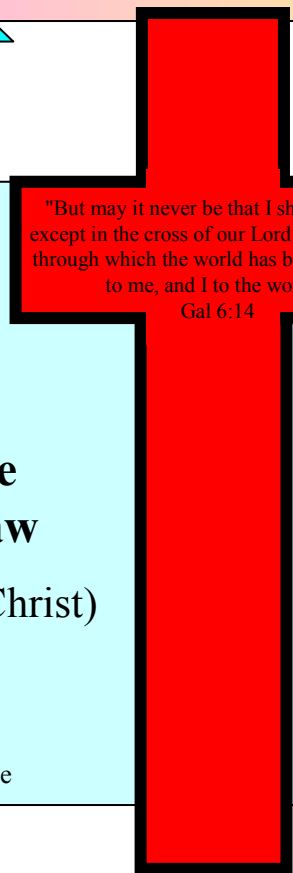
New Covenant



Under the Mosaic Law

(tutor to lead us to Christ)
Gal 3:24

Earthly Tabernacle/Temple



"But may it never be that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."
Gal 6:14

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Chosen by the Father Redeemed by the Son Sealed by the Holy Spirit

He "has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph 1:3)

Baptized Into Christ

(no longer under a tutor)
Gal 3:25

Spiritual Temple of Believers
(Eph 2:20-22; 1 Pet 2:4-5)

Revelation 19-22

Messianic Kingdom	
Millennium	Eternal State
Nations Rebel and Judged	<i>New Creation</i> Rev 21:1
Har-magedon: Nations Rebel and Judged	<i>Tree of Life</i> Rev 22:2
2nd Coming	<i>Sin Removed: Paradise Restored</i>
Millennial Temple Ezek 40-48?	<i>No Death</i> Rev 21:4
	<i>No Temple</i> (Rev 21:22)

The Kingdom Anticipated

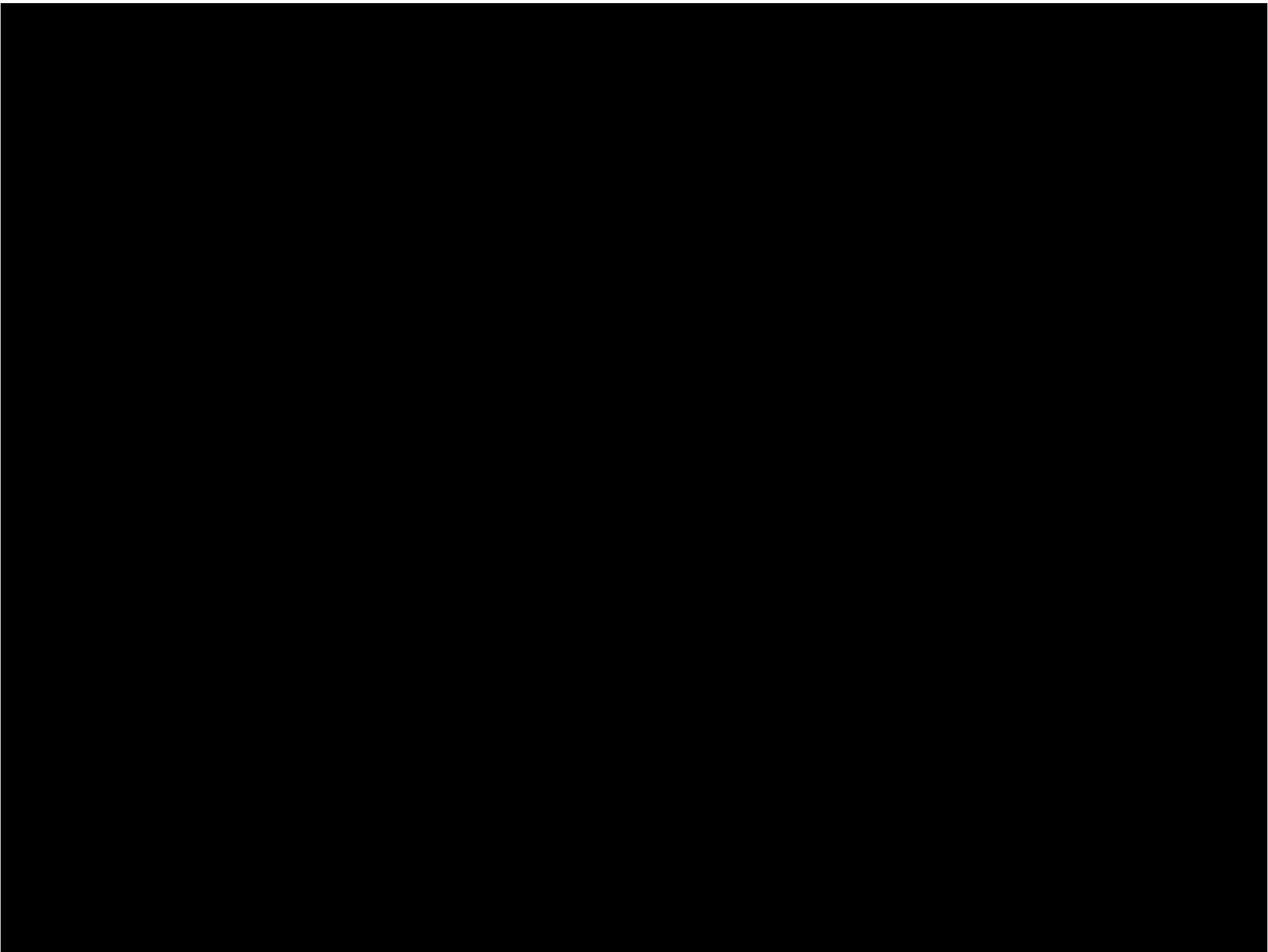
Man to rule Gen 1:26	King from Judah Gen 49:10	Line of David 2 Sam 7	Son of Man Dan 7:13-14
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The Heavenly Kingdom

Mt 13; Col 1:13; 2 Tim 4:18; Rev 1:5-6	Millennial Kingdom	Eternal Kingdom
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The Kingdom Theme in Scripture

↑ Resurrection—Ascension
Exalted to the Father's Right-hand



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