

Introduction to the Old Testament

GENESIS

WHEN GOD BEGAN CREATION, he preside through the night; he also made
the firmament, the sun, the moon, the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the sky to
give light upon 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.ⁱ

³ Then God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. And God
saw that the light was good. And God divided the light from the darkness.
And God called the light "daytime," and the darkness
"nighttime." Together they formed the first
day.^c

⁶ And God said, "Let the vapors separate
to form the sky above and the oceans
below." ⁷ So God made the sky, dividing
the vapor above from the water below. This
all happened on the second day.⁸

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

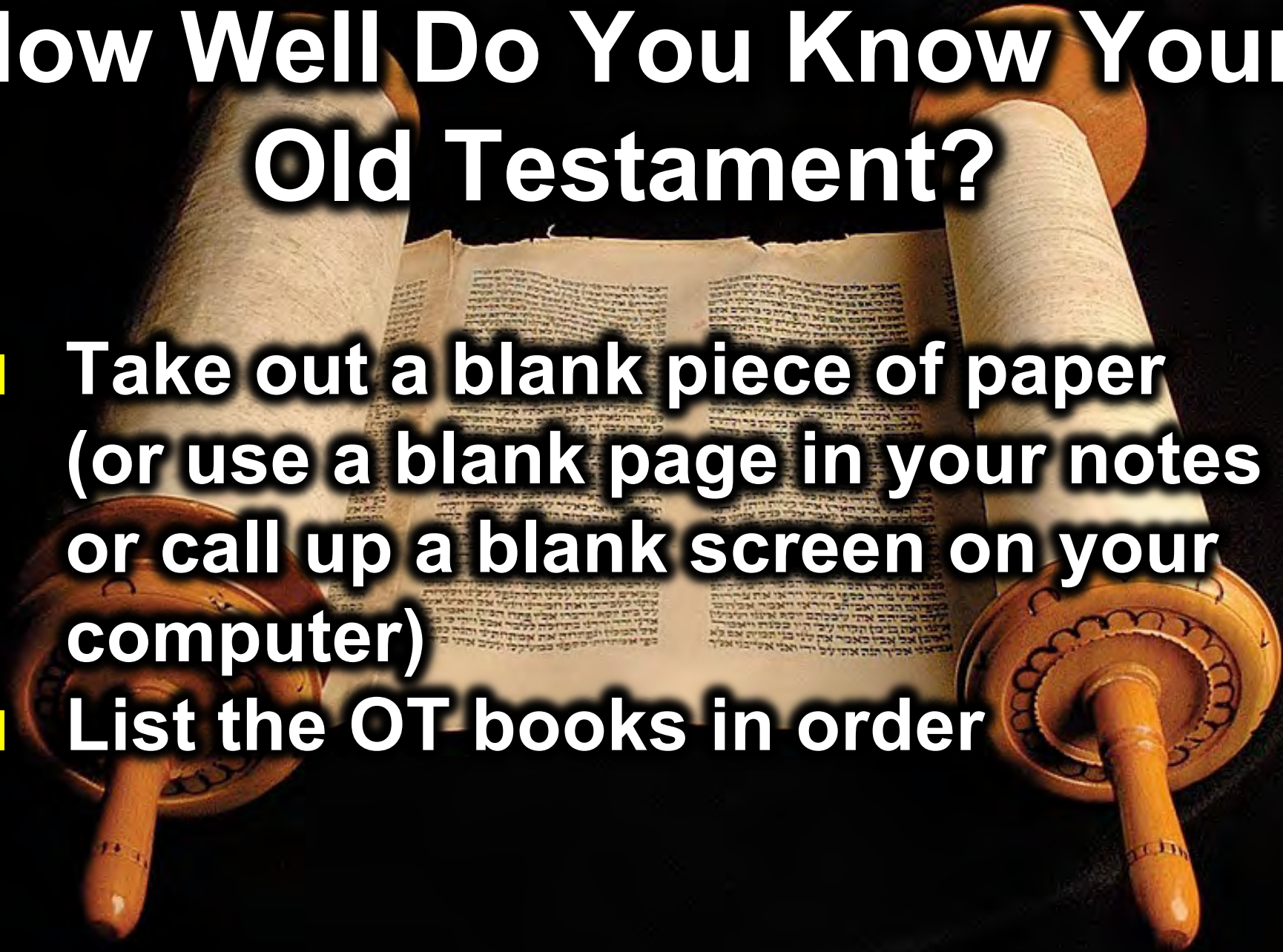
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in our image, to be the master
of all life upon the earth and in the sky and
of fish and every kind of bird. And God
looked at them with pleasure, and blessed
them. "Multiply and stock the oceans,"
he told them, and to the birds he said, "Let
your numbers increase. Fill the earth!"
And so it happened on the fifth day.ⁱ

¹² Then God said, "Let the earth bring
forth seed of animal—cattle and rep-
tiles and wildlife of every kind." And so it
was. ¹³ God made all sorts of wild animals
of the field, cattle and reptiles. And God was
pleased with what he had done.

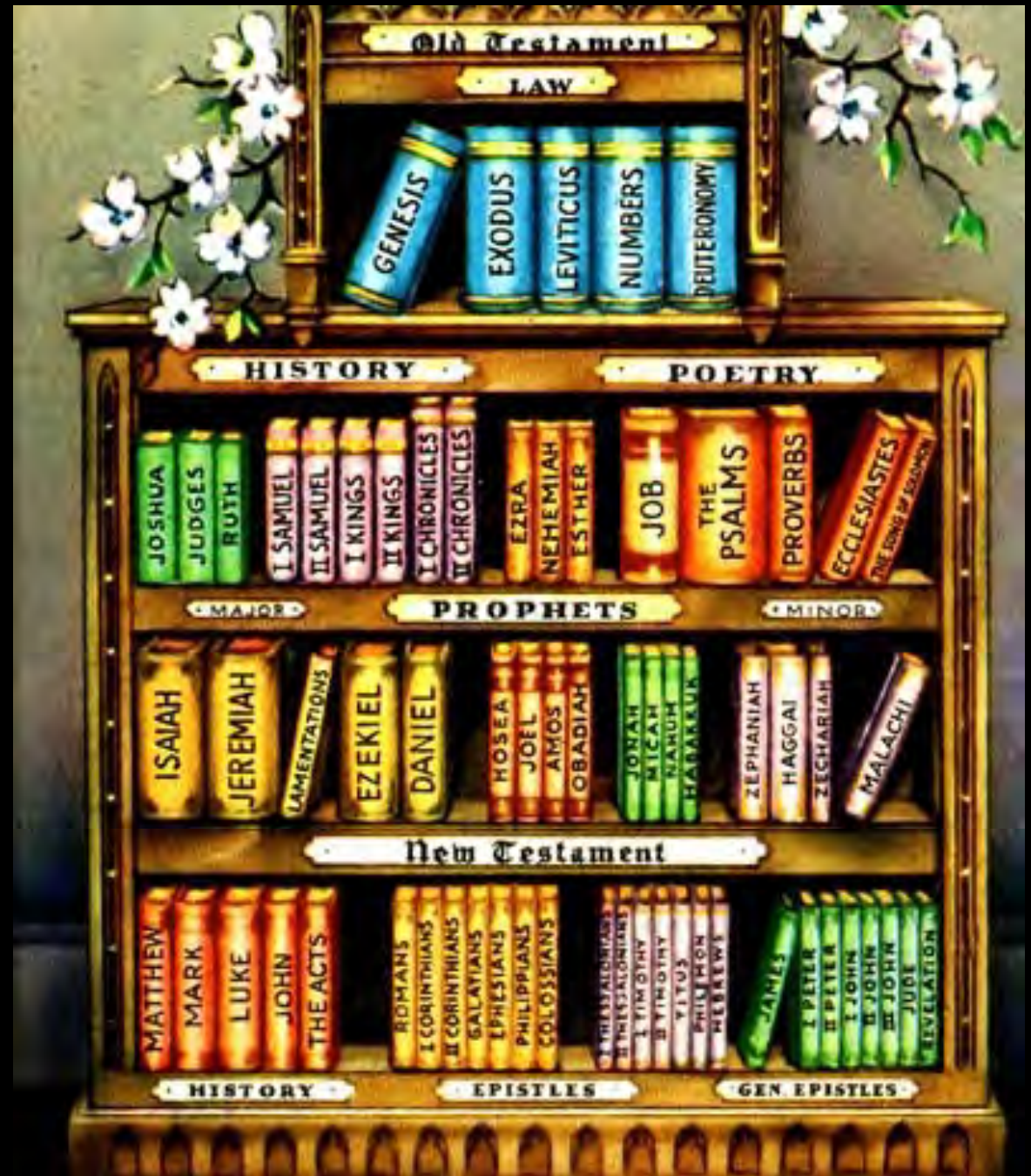
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How Well Do You Know Your Old Testament?

- 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

LAMENTATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

MAJOR PROPHETS

SONG OF SOLOMON
ECCLESIASTES

POETRY

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECHARIAH

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

JUDE

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

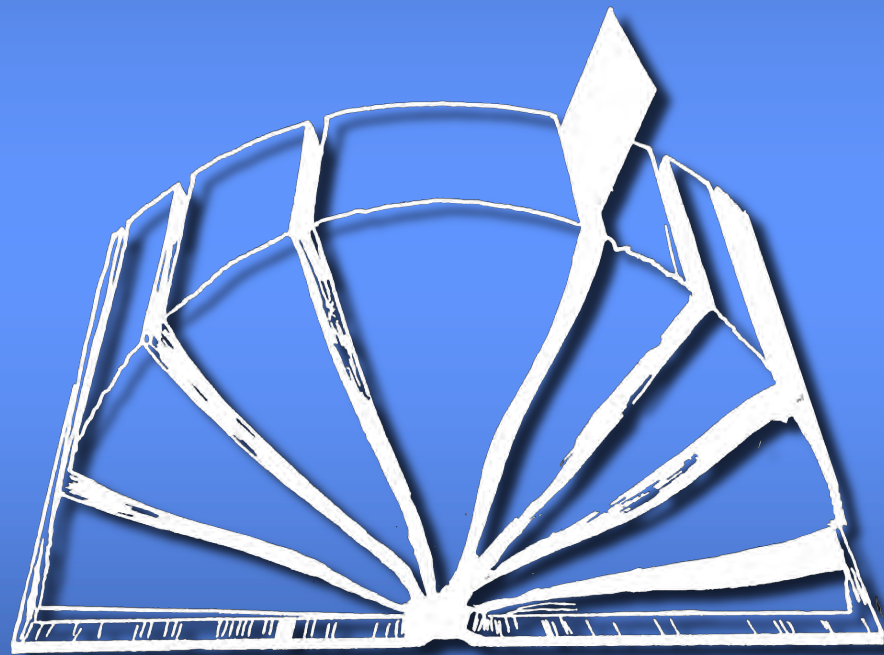


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LET'S SLICE AND DICE

THE "OPENED"

BIBLE

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and
THE PIECES



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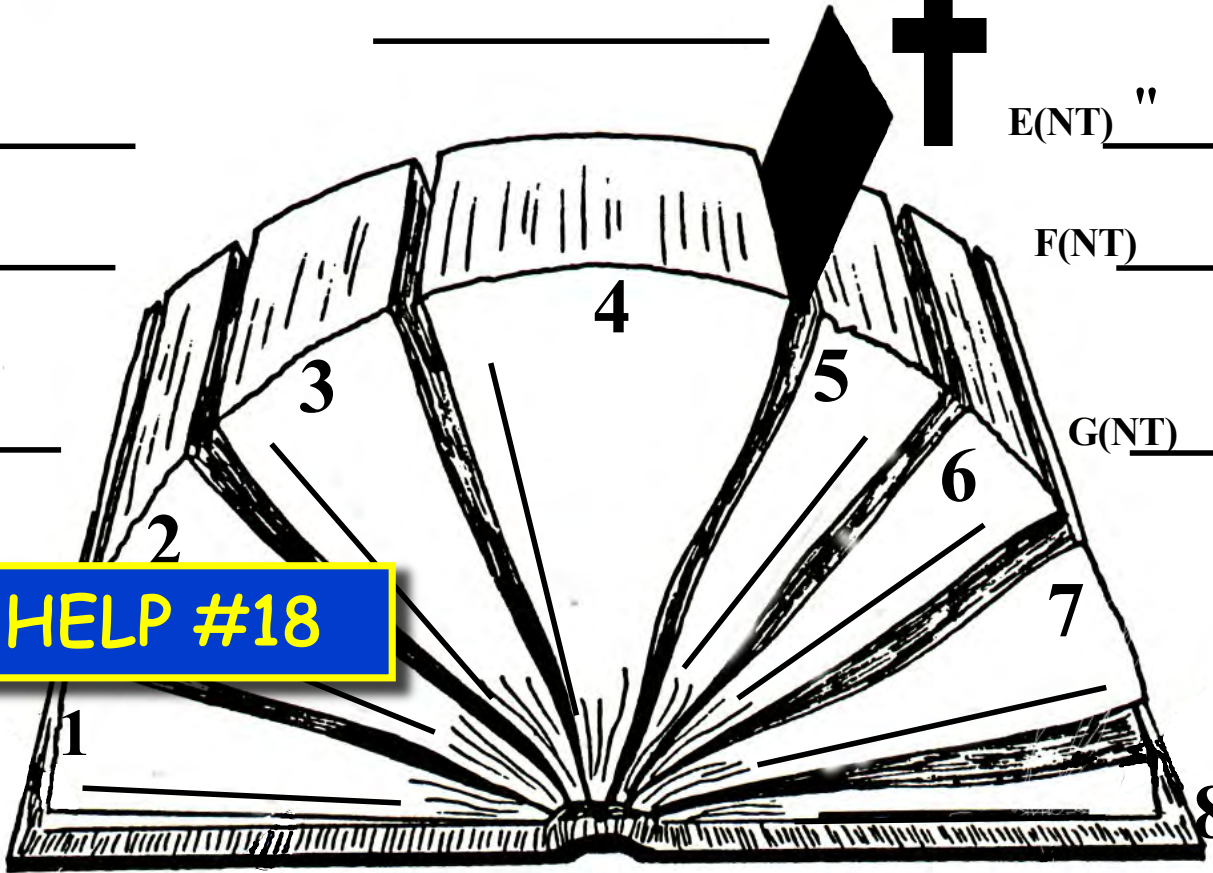
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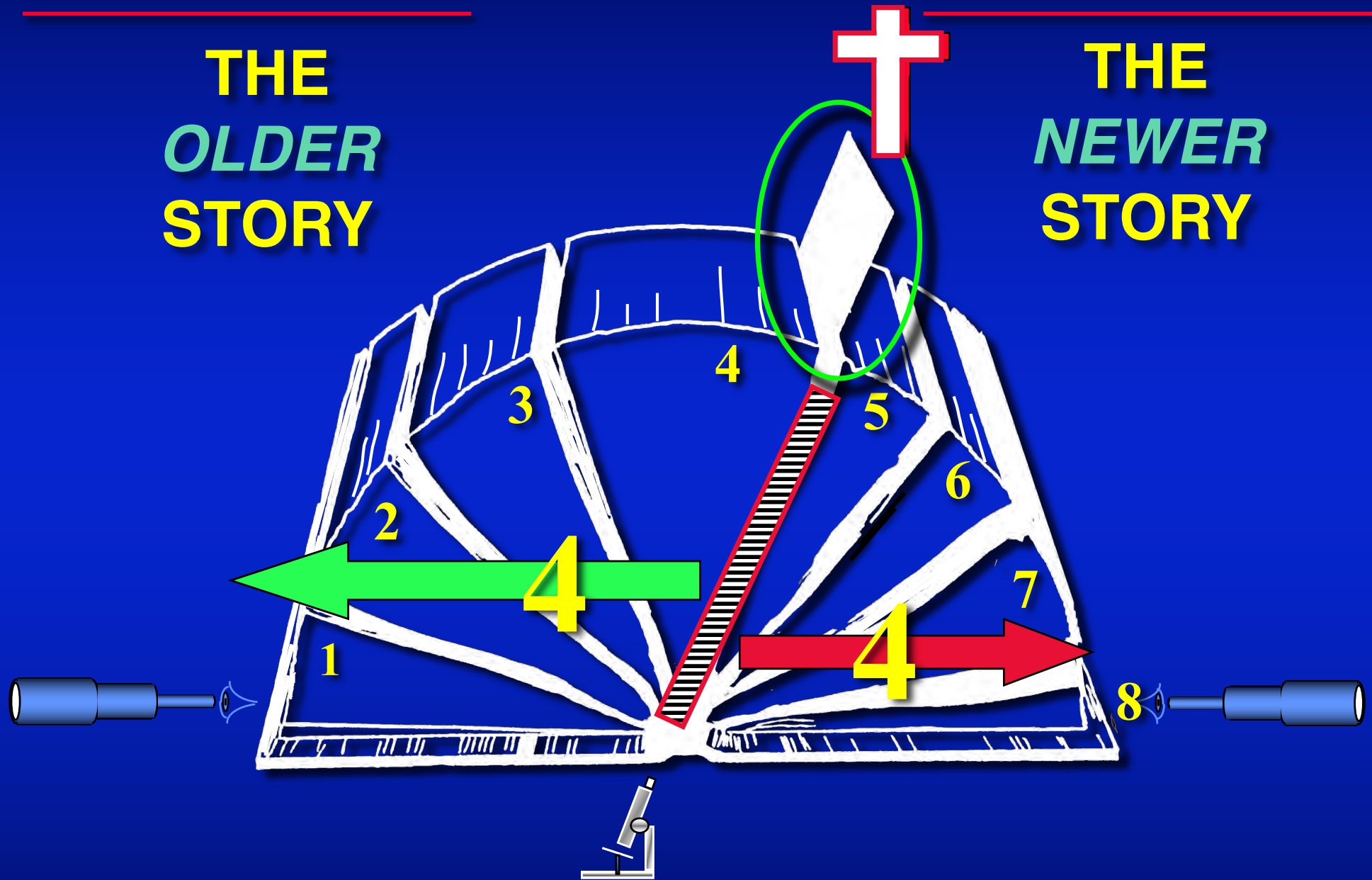


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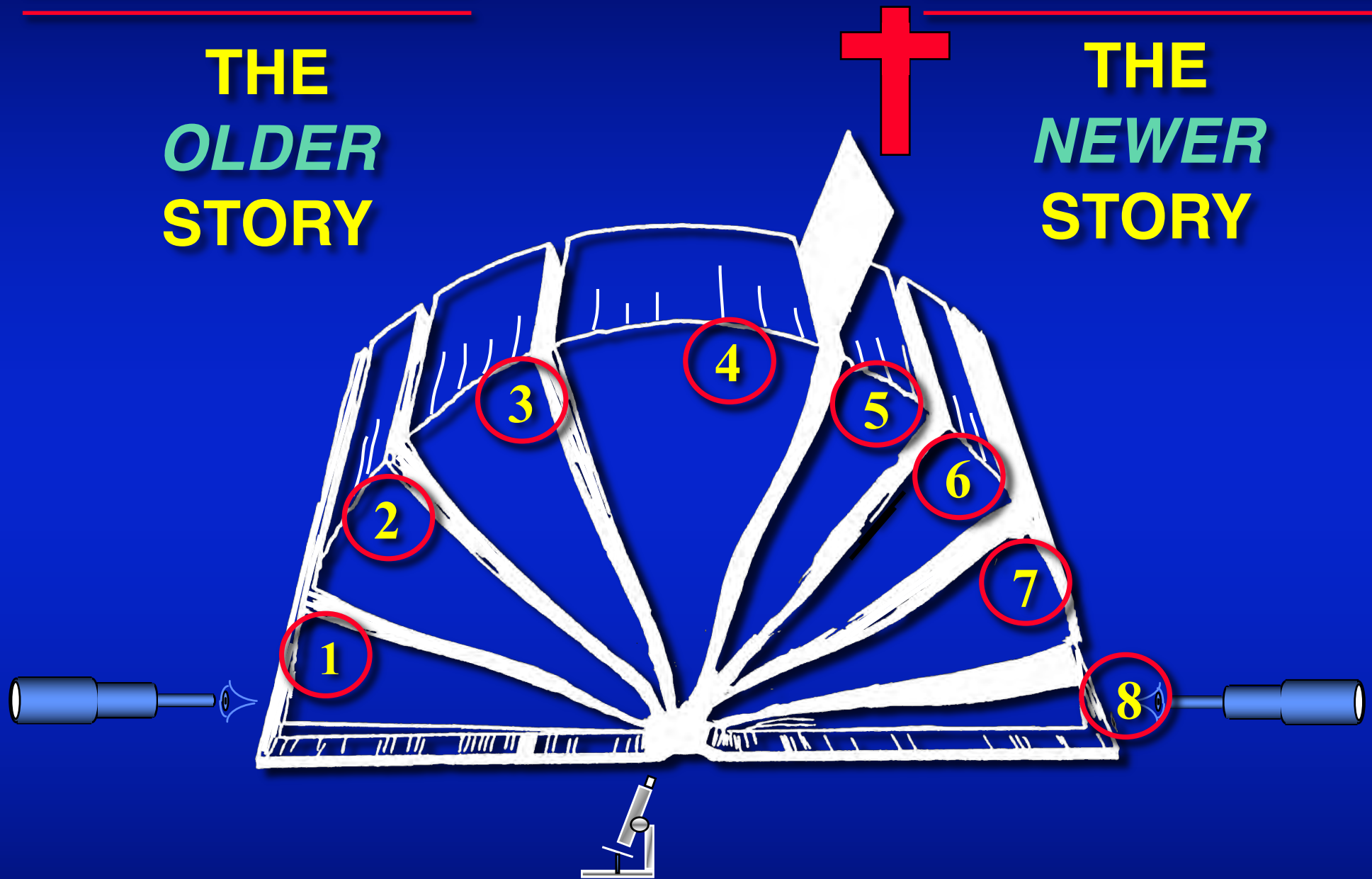
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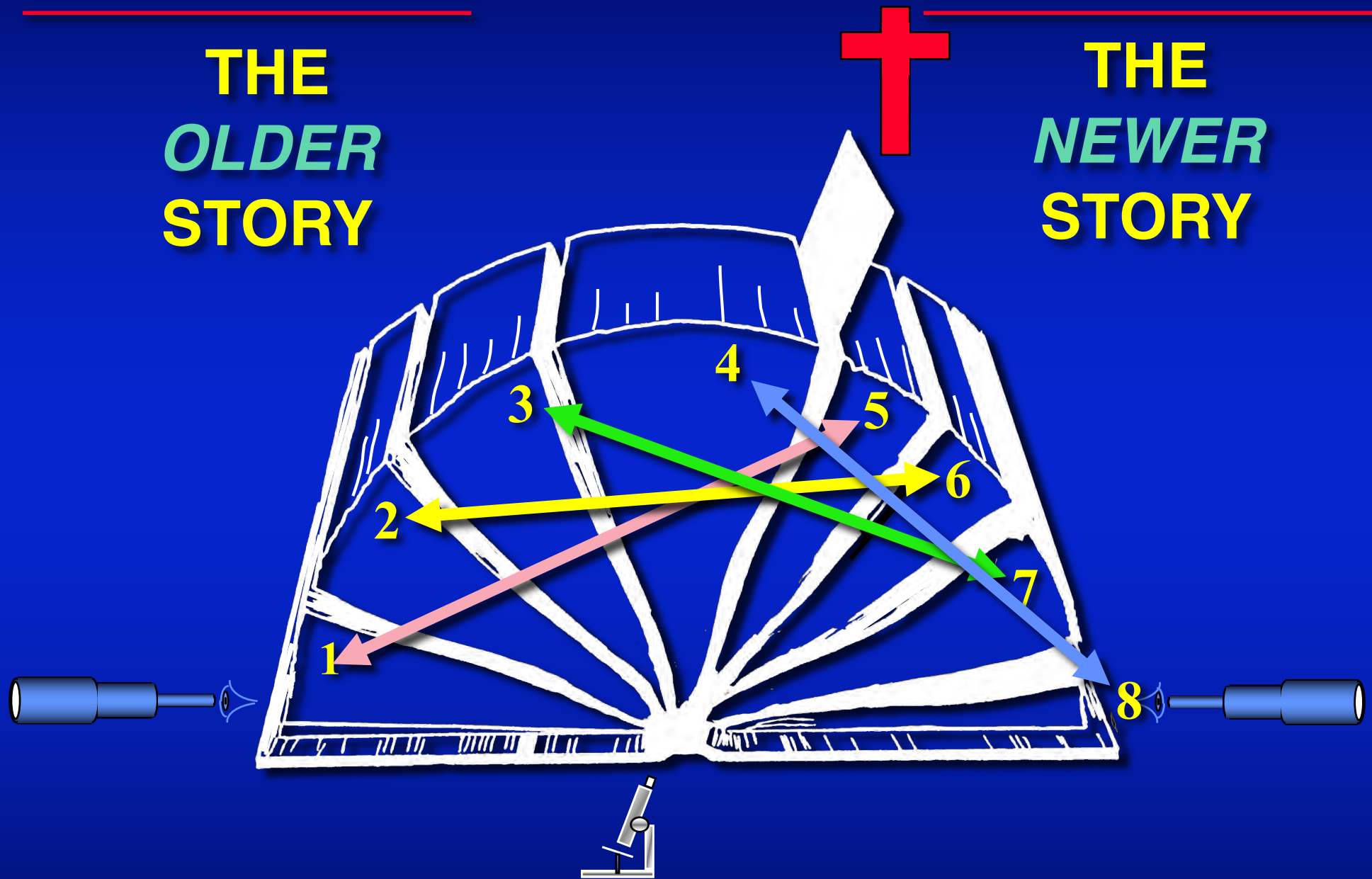
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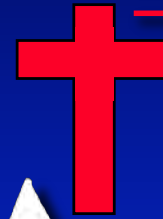
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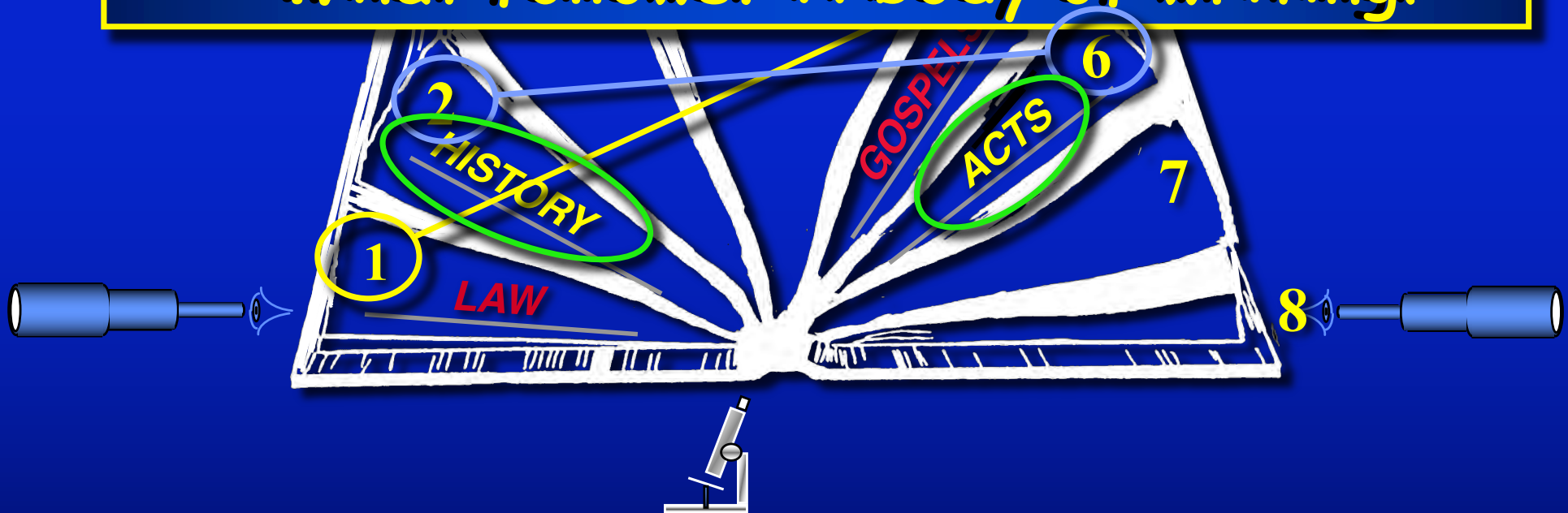
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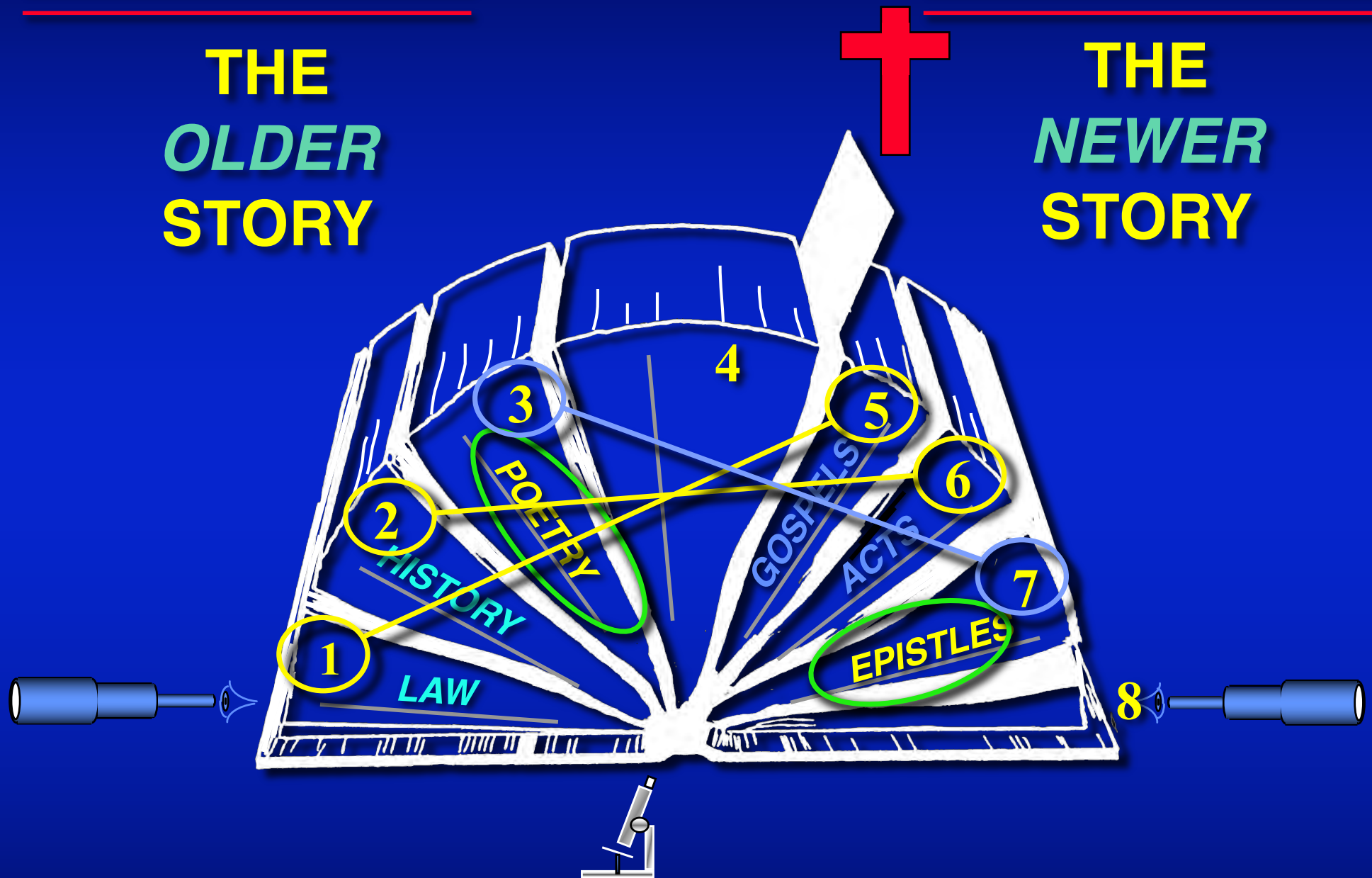


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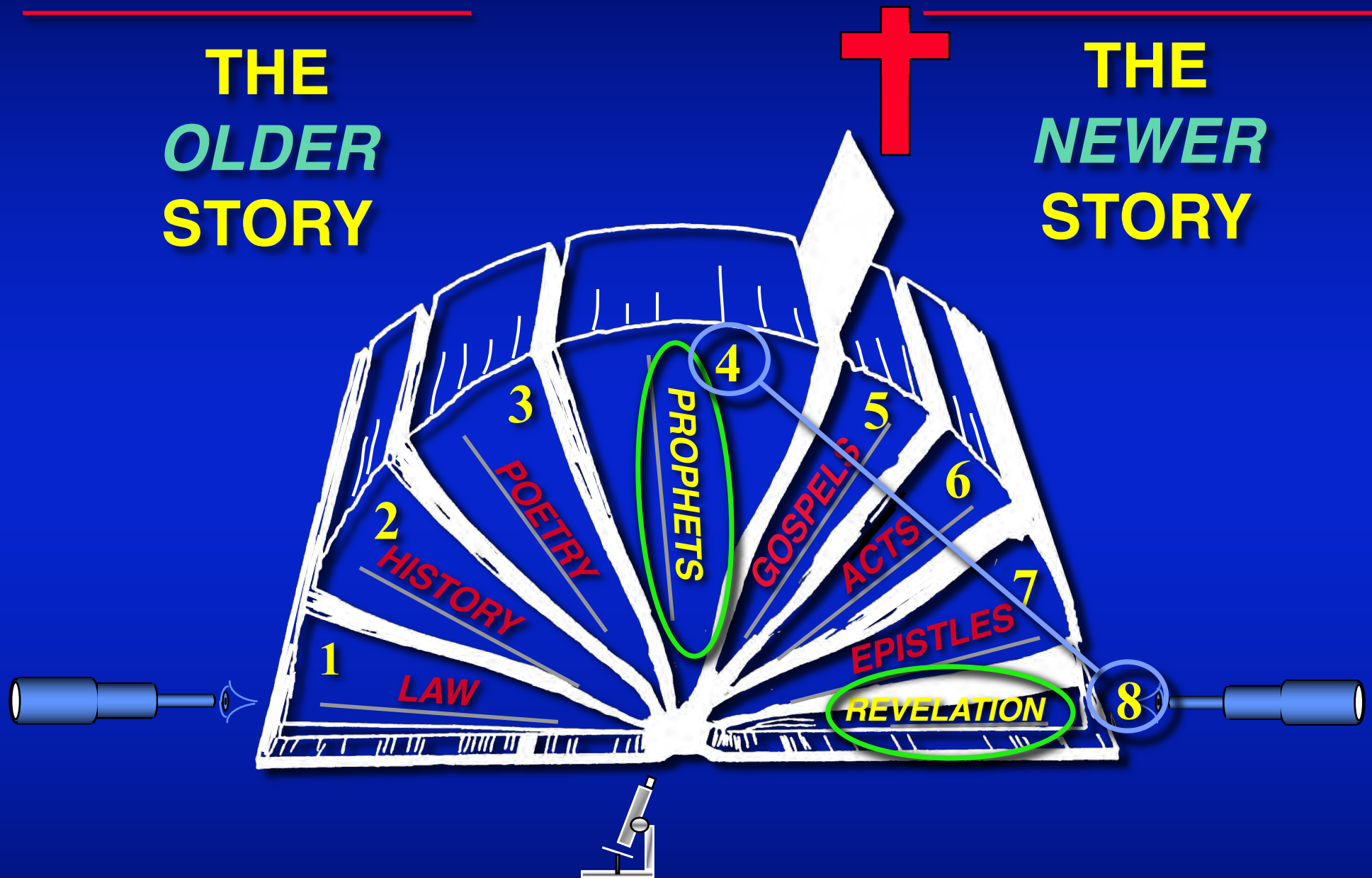
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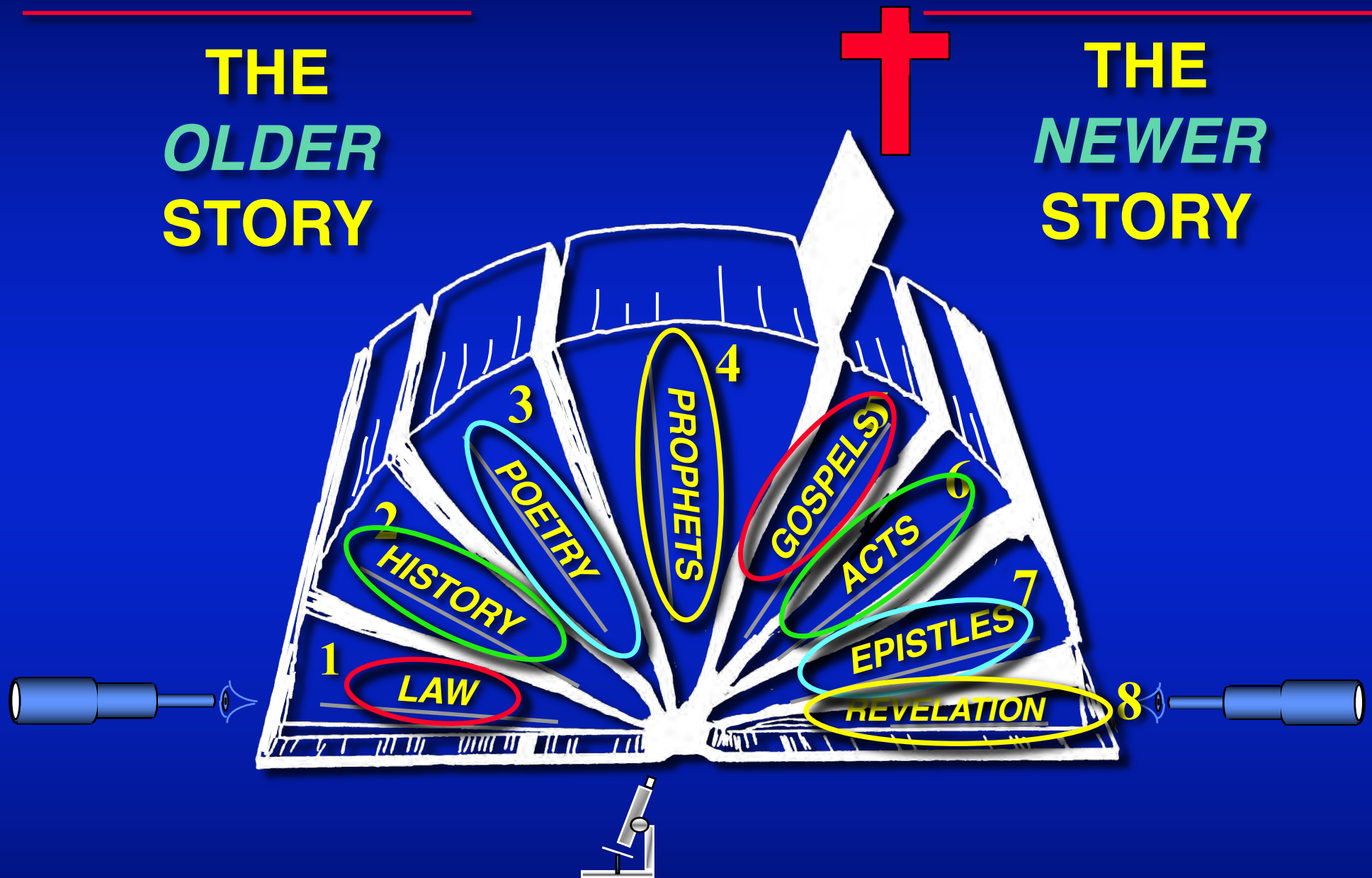
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Parallel OT & NT Structure

Foundation

Past

Present

Future

OT Torah

History

Wisdom Prophecy

NT Gospels

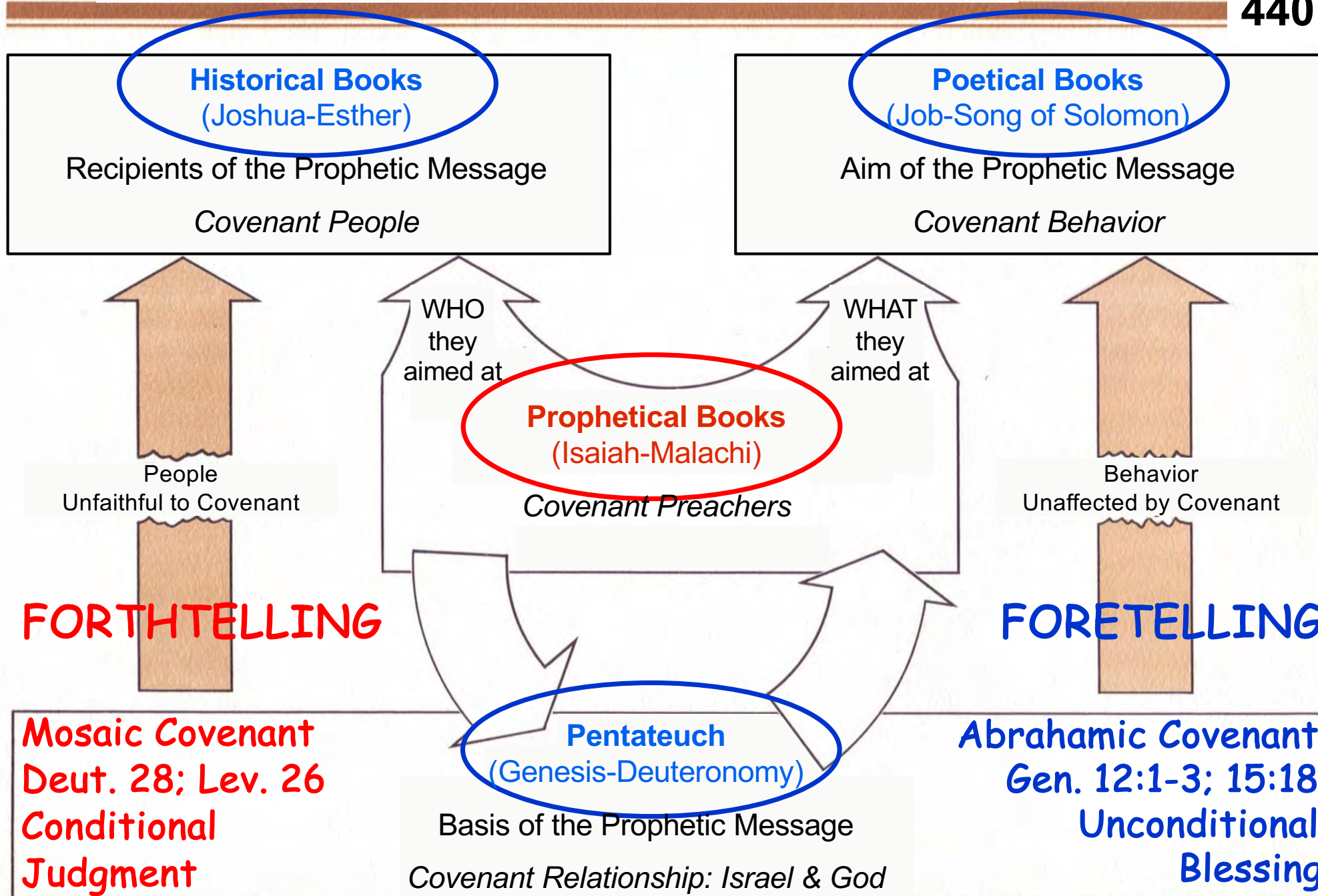
Acts

Epistles Revelation

Erich Zenger, *Einleitung in das Alte Testament* (Stuttgart: W. Kohlhammer, 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.

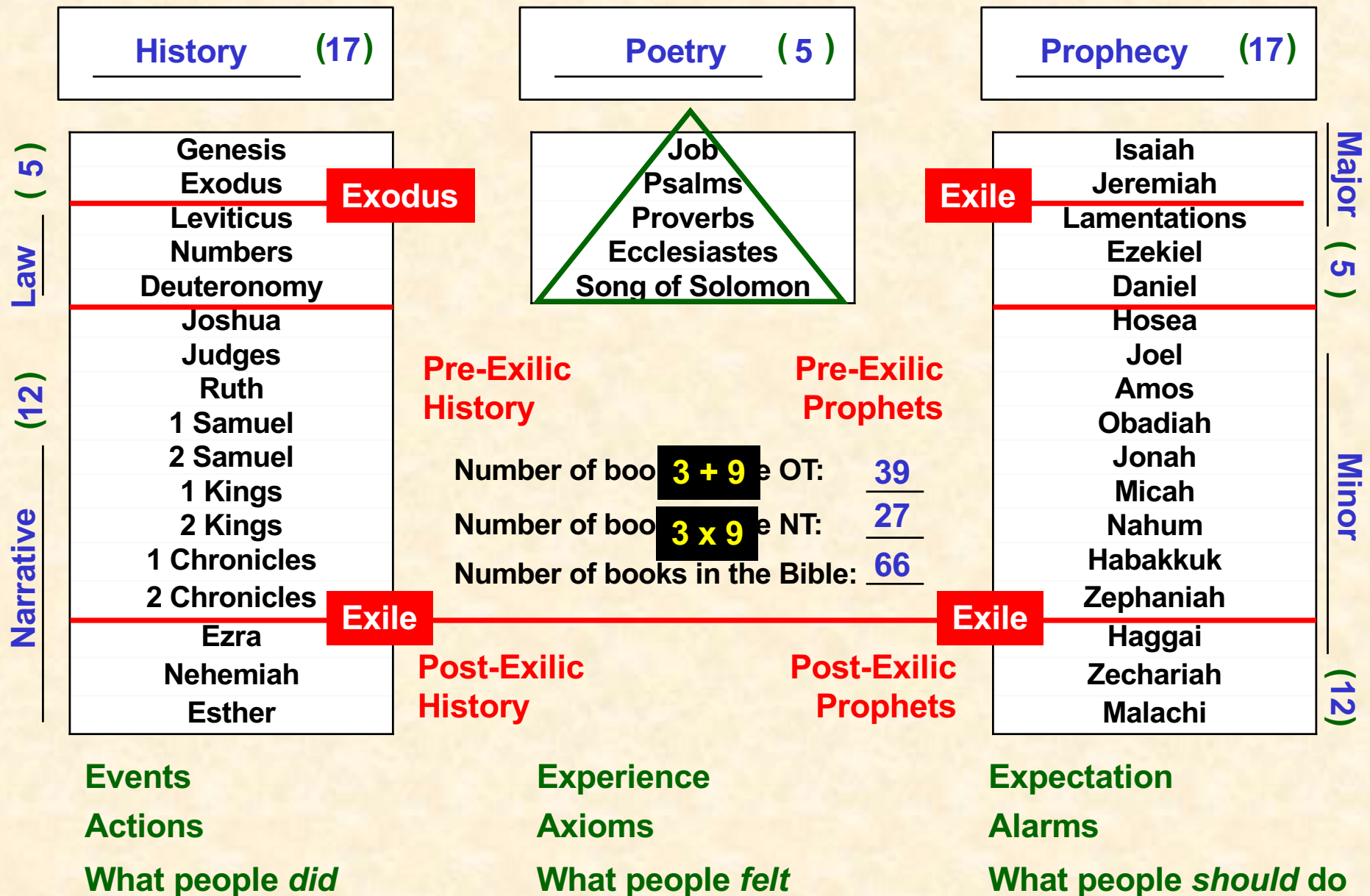
Purpose of the Prophetic Books

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Structure of the Old Testament

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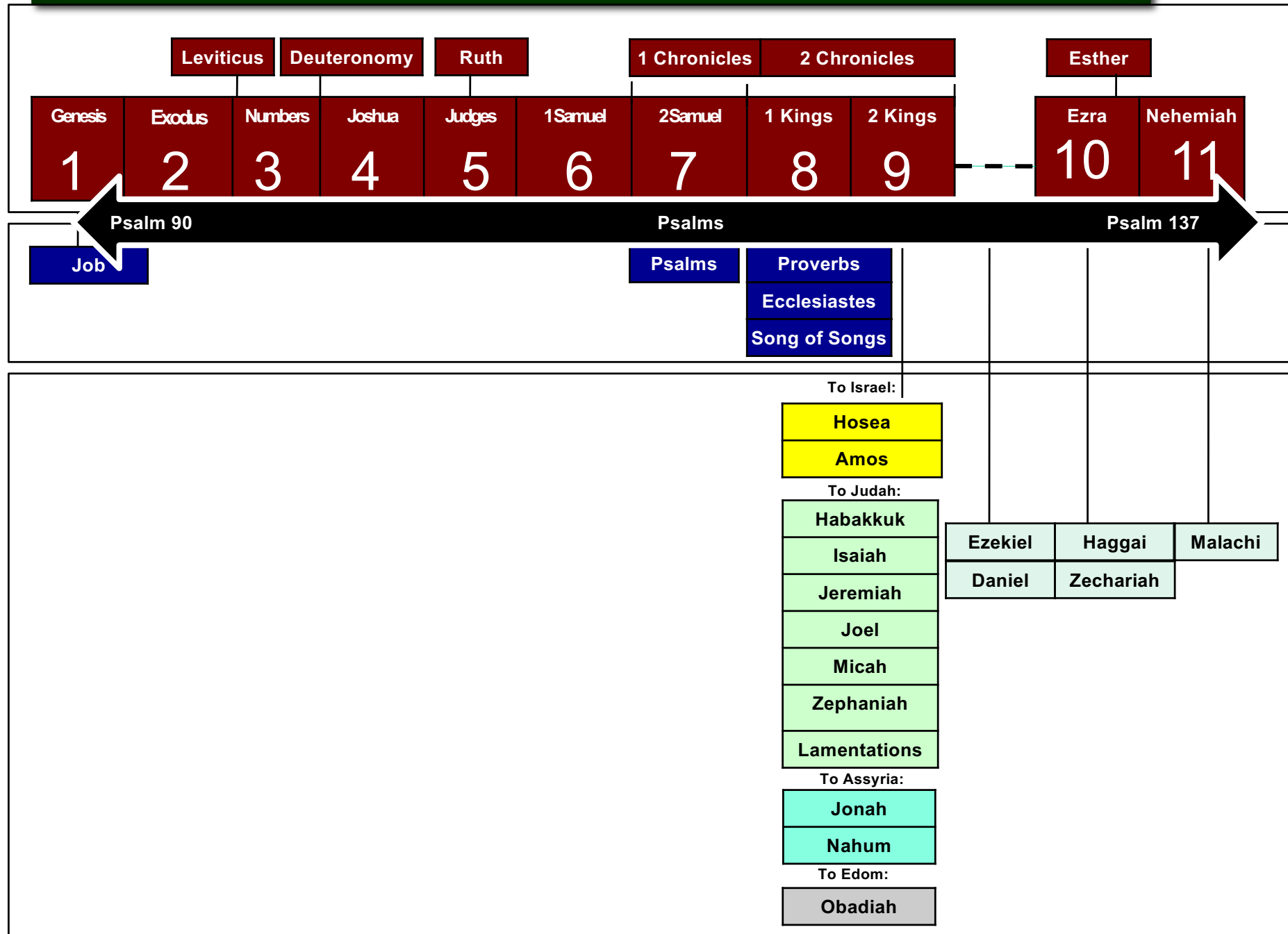
Integration of the Old Testament

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Historical

Poetical

Prophetical



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
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1 Kings
2 Kings
Ezra
Nehemiah

Leviticus

Deuteronomy

Ruth

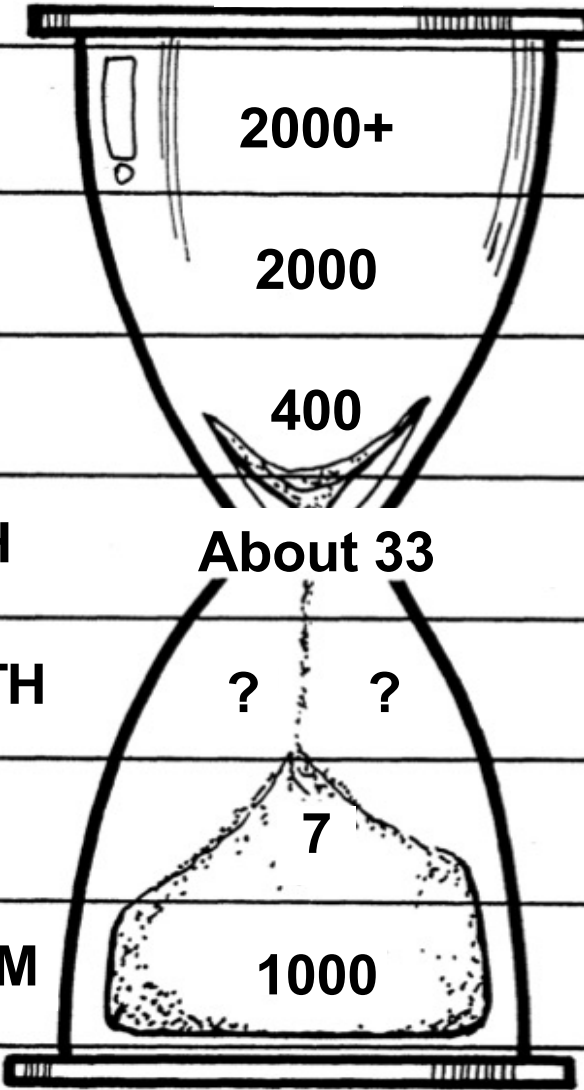
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2 Chronicles

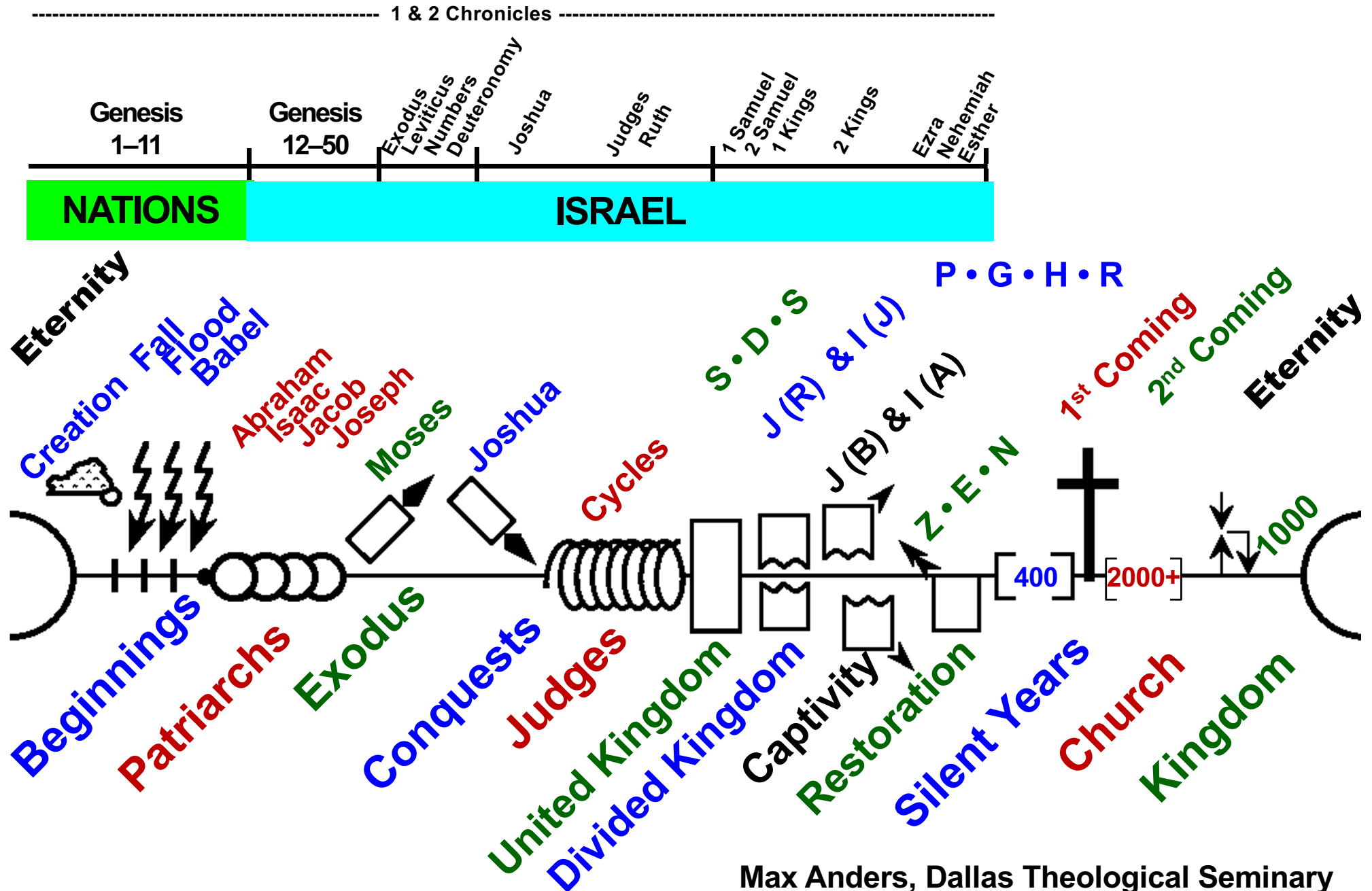
Esther

The Seven Great Periods of History

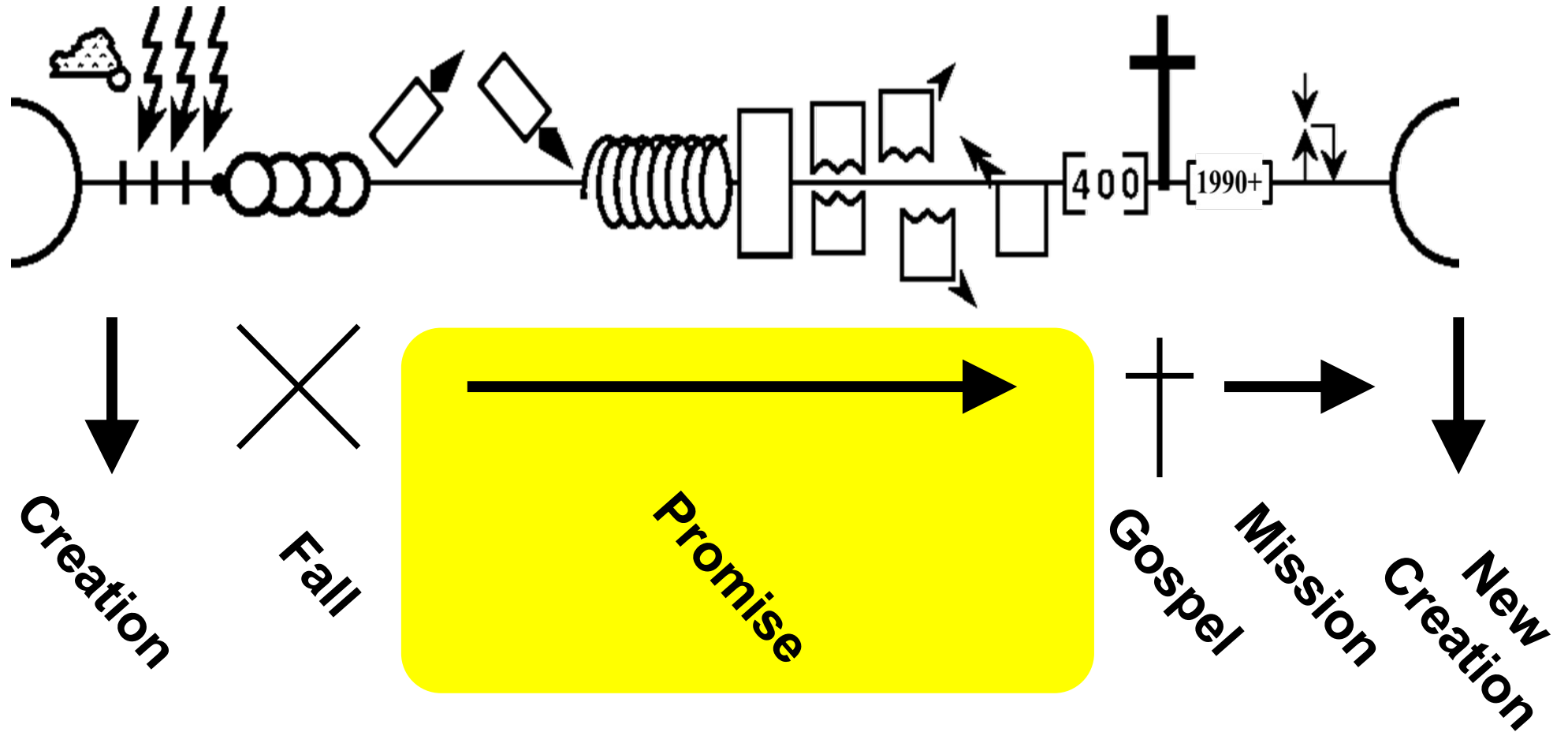
PERIOD	YEARS	SCRIPTURE
1. NATIONS	2000+	GENESIS 1–11
2. ISRAEL	2000	GENESIS 12–MALACHI 4
3. SILENT YEARS	400	NONE
4. CHRIST ON EARTH	About 33	MATTHEW 1–ACTS 1
5. CHURCH ON EARTH	? ?	ACTS 2-REVELATION 3
6. TRIBULATION	7	REVELATION 4–19
7. CHRIST'S KINGDOM	1000	REVELATION 20–22

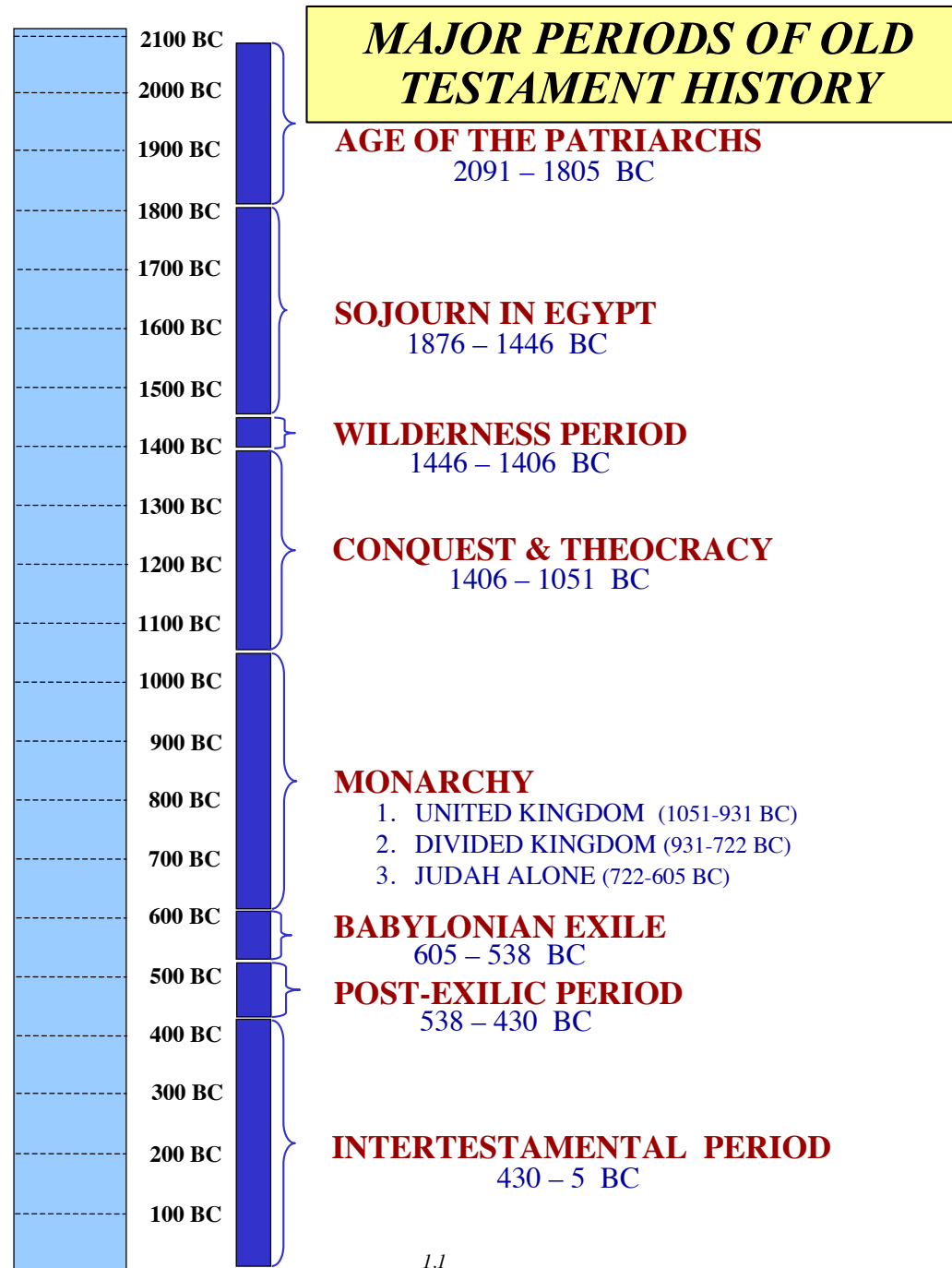


World History Detailed



World History Summarized





ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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

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)

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)

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

Abrahamic
Covenant

Davidic
Covenant

New
Covenant

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Genesis 1-11

Before Abraham

Creation
and The
Fall

After Fall

Old Creation
Gen 1:1

Tree of Life
Gen 2:9

Sin:
Paradise
Lost

Death
Gen 2:17;
3:19

Babel: Nations Rebel and Judged



Mt. Sinai

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

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

Har-magedon: Nations Rebel and Judged

Messianic Kingdom

Millennium

Eternal State

New Creation
Rev 21:1

Tree of Life
Rev 22:2

Sin Removed:
Paradise
Restored

No Death
Rev 21:4

Millennial
Temple
Ezek 40-48?

No Temple
(Rev 21:22)

2nd Coming

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

The Heavenly Kingdom

Mt 13; Col 1:13; 2 Tim 4:18; Rev 1:5-6

Millennial
Kingdom

Eternal
Kingdom

The Kingdom Theme in Scripture

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

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Geographical Orientation to the Ancient Near East

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**GEOGRAPHICAL ORIENTATION
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ANE Geographical Orientation

KEY EVENTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

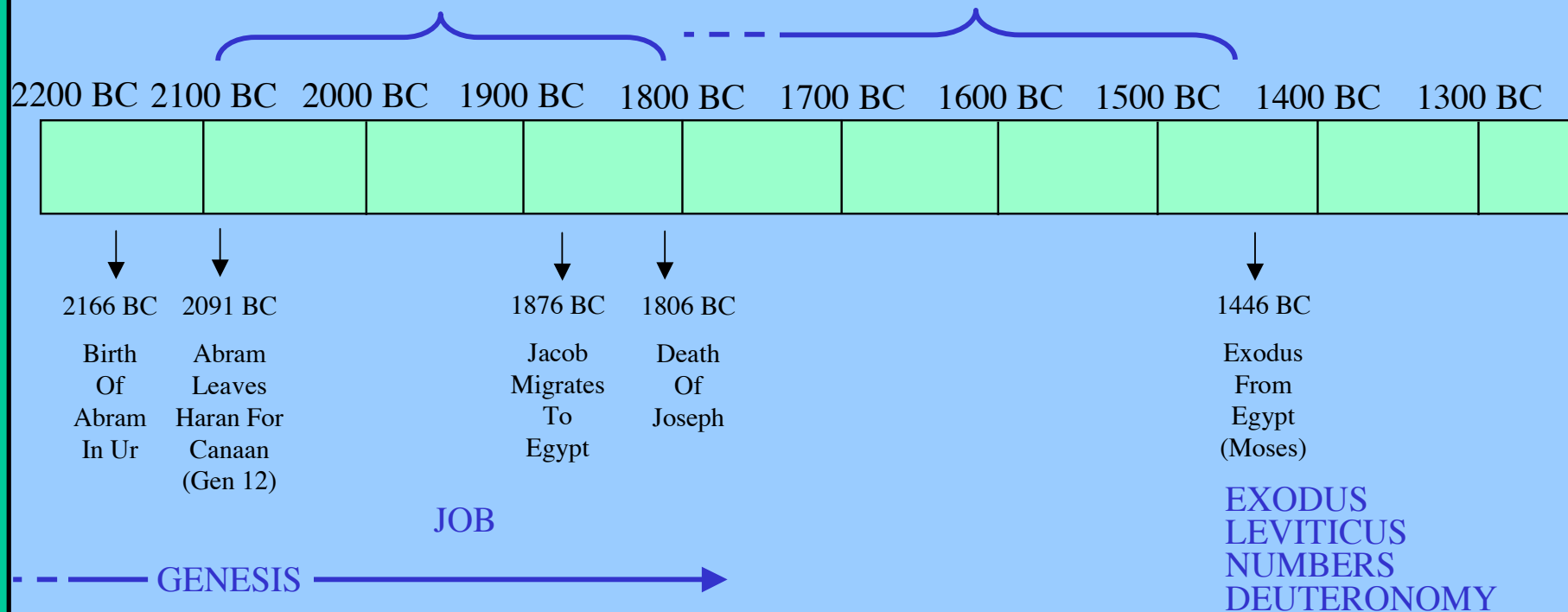
FROM ABRAHAM TO THE EXODUS
2166 – 1446 BC

AGE OF THE PATRIARCHS

2091 – 1806 BC

SOJOURN IN EGYPT

1876 – 1446 BC



KEY EVENTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

FROM THE EXODUS TO THE MONARCHY
1446 – 1051 BC

**WILDERNESS
PERIOD**

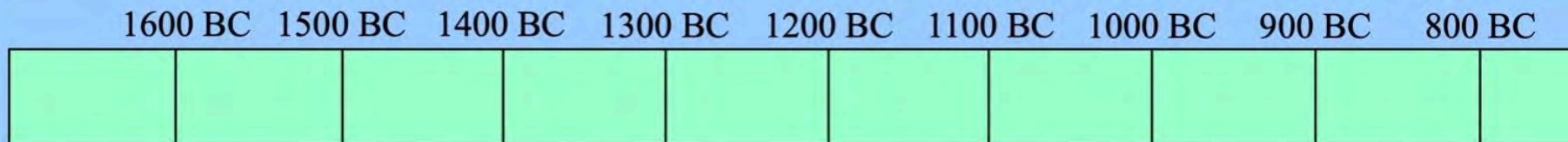
1446 – 1406 BC

**PERIOD OF THE
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1406 – 1051 BC

**PERIOD OF THE
MONARCHY**

1051 – 605 BC



1446 BC

Exodus
From
Egypt
(Moses)

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Conquest
Of
Canaan
(Joshua)

1104 BC

Battle Of
Aphek
(Ark
Captured;
Eli Dies)

1051 BC

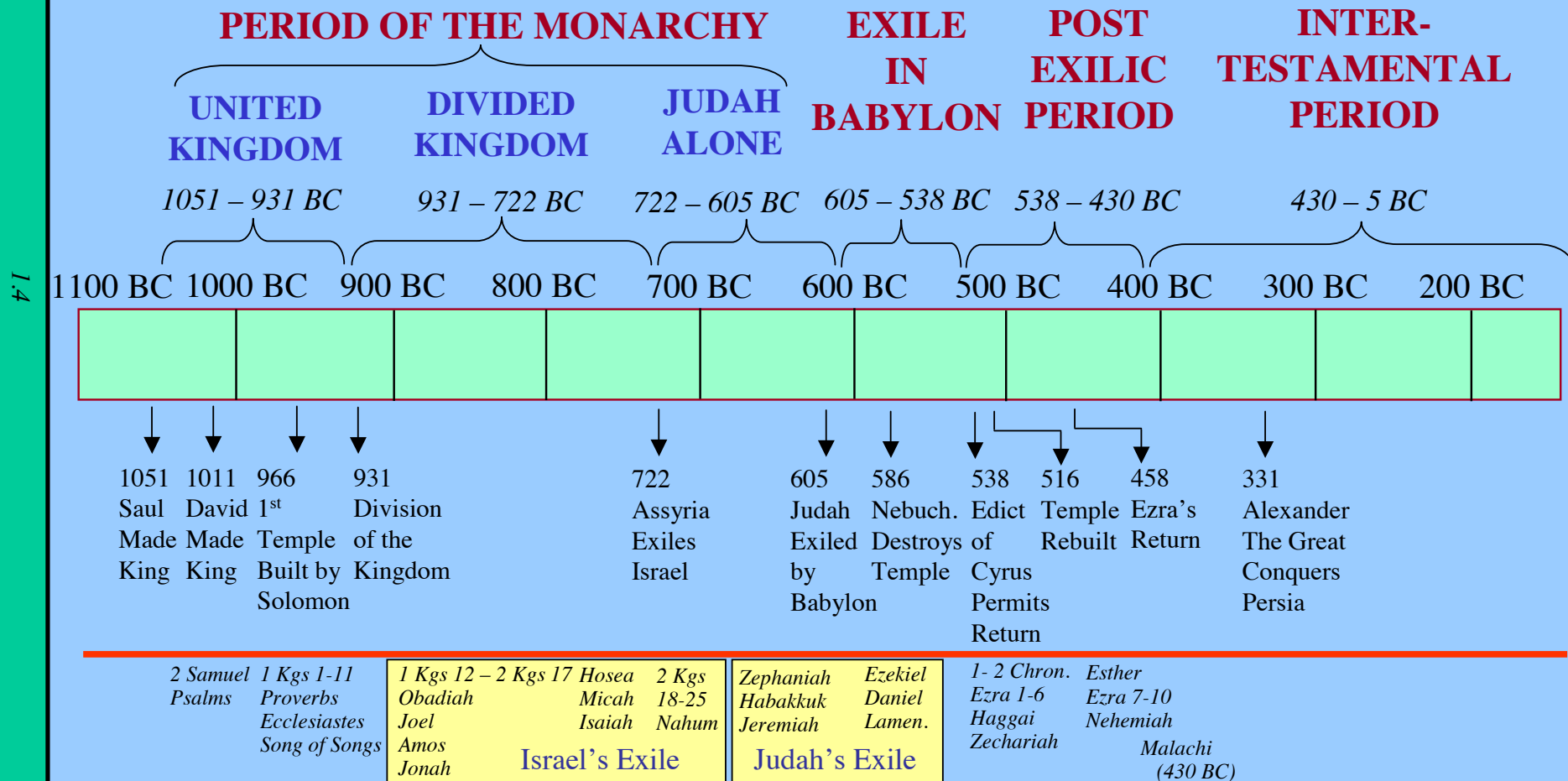
Saul
Crowned
1st King
(Samuel /
Saul)

EXODUS JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL
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NUMBERS
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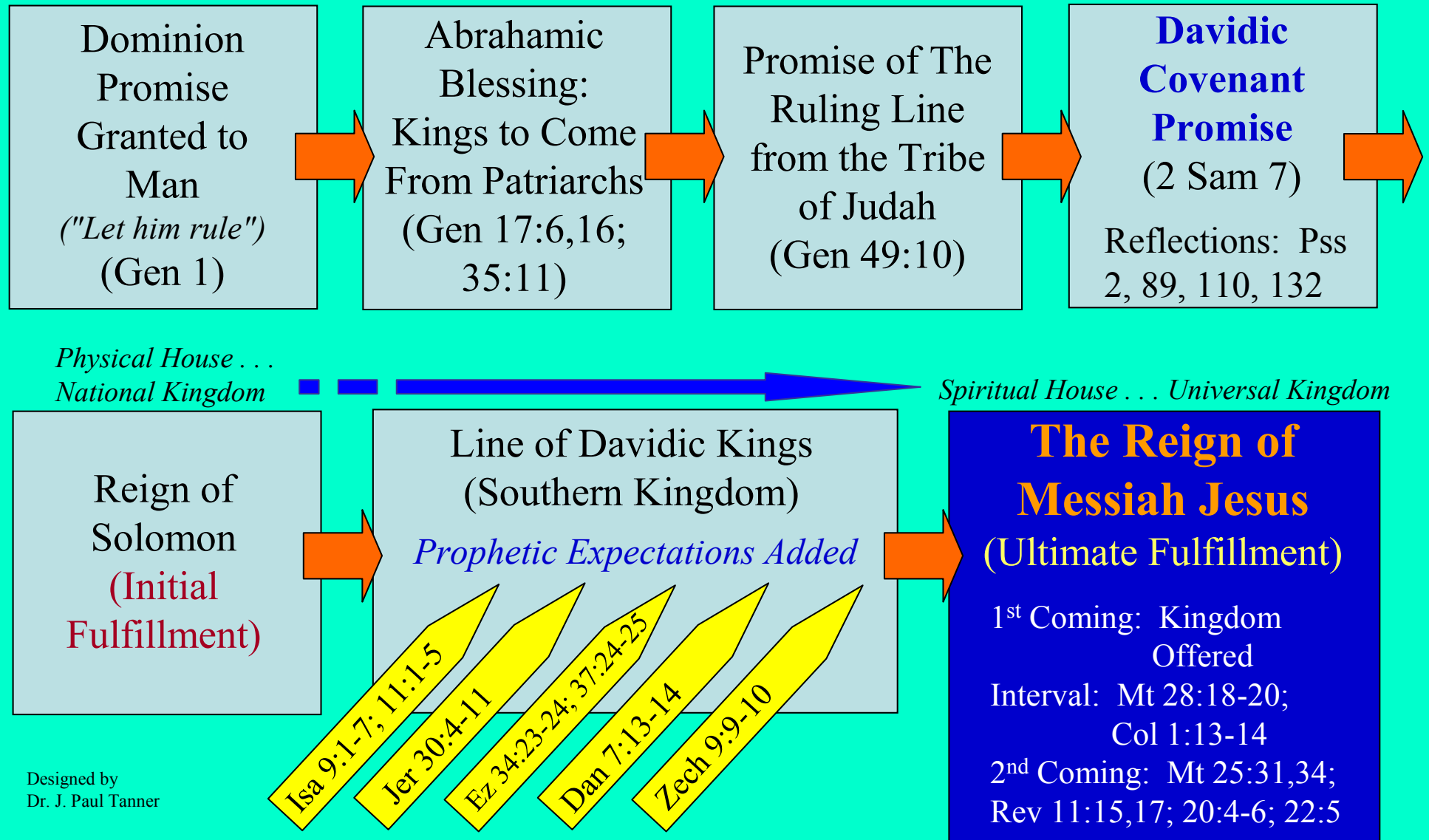
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KEY EVENTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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



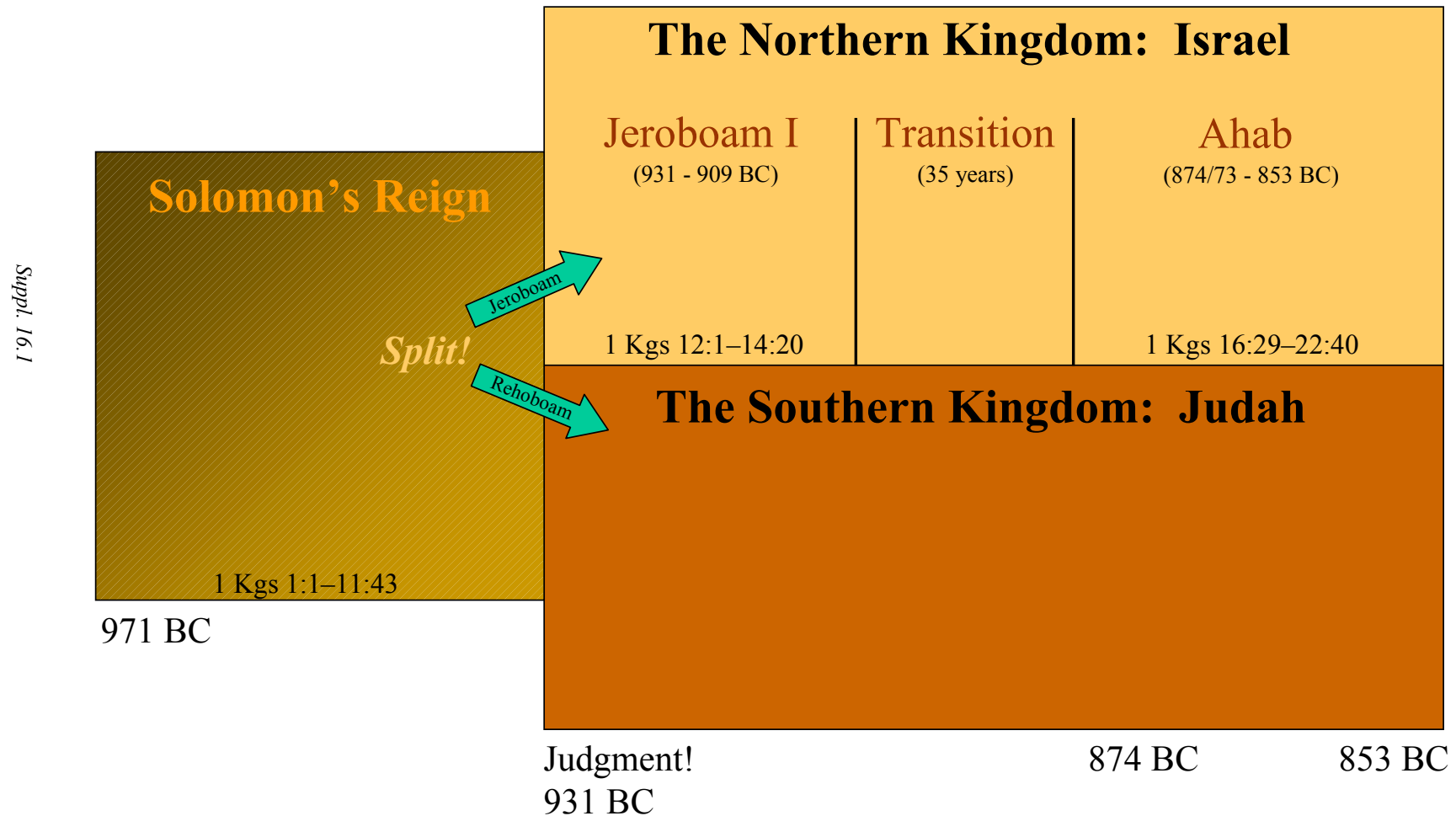
The Davidic Covenant: The Main Source of the Messianic Kingdom Hope



THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM

1 Kings

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THE POSTEXILIC PERIOD

THE EXILIC PERIOD

THE INTER-TESTAMENTAL PERIOD

Temple Destroyed
(586)

Temple
Rebuilt (515)

City Walls
Rebuilt (444)

*BABYLONIAN
EMPIRE*

PERSIAN EMPIRE

Nebuchadnezzar
605-562

Cyrus

Darius I

Xerxes I
(Ahasuerus)

Artaxerxes I

539

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486

465

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Jeremiah
Daniel
Ezekiel

1-2 Chronicles

Haggai
Zechariah

Esther

Malachi

1st Return

Zerubbabel
538

2nd Return

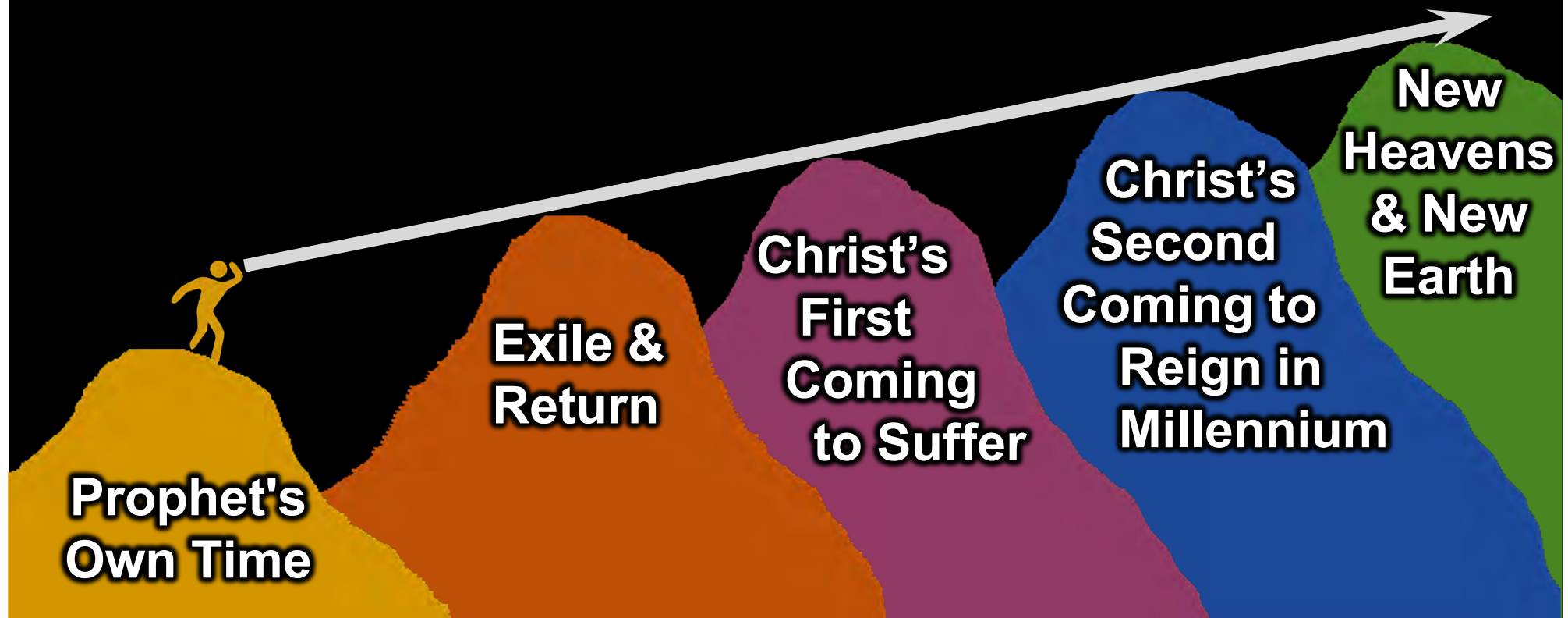
Ezra
458/57

3rd Return

Nehemiah
444

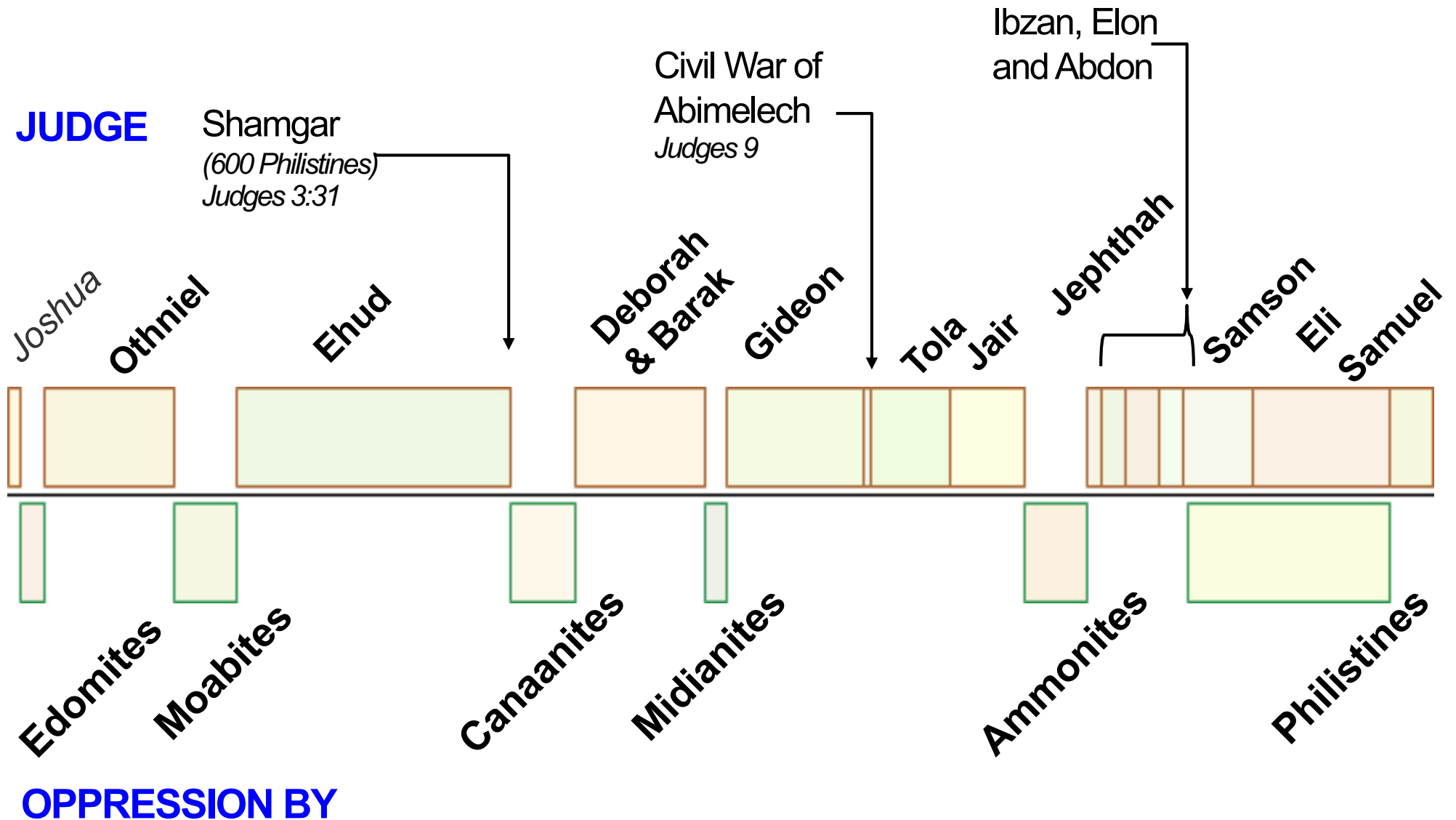
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Time Periods of the Prophets

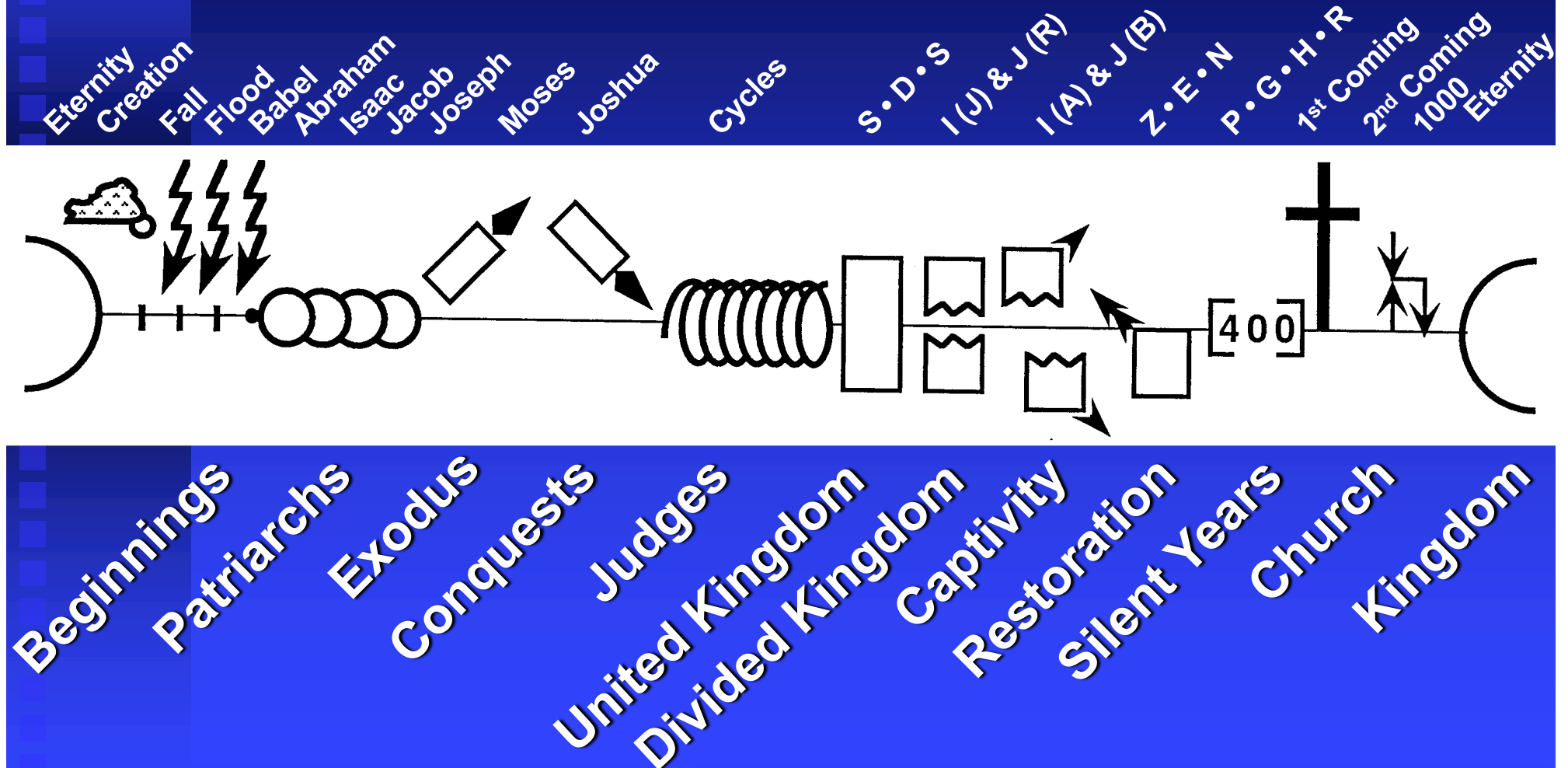


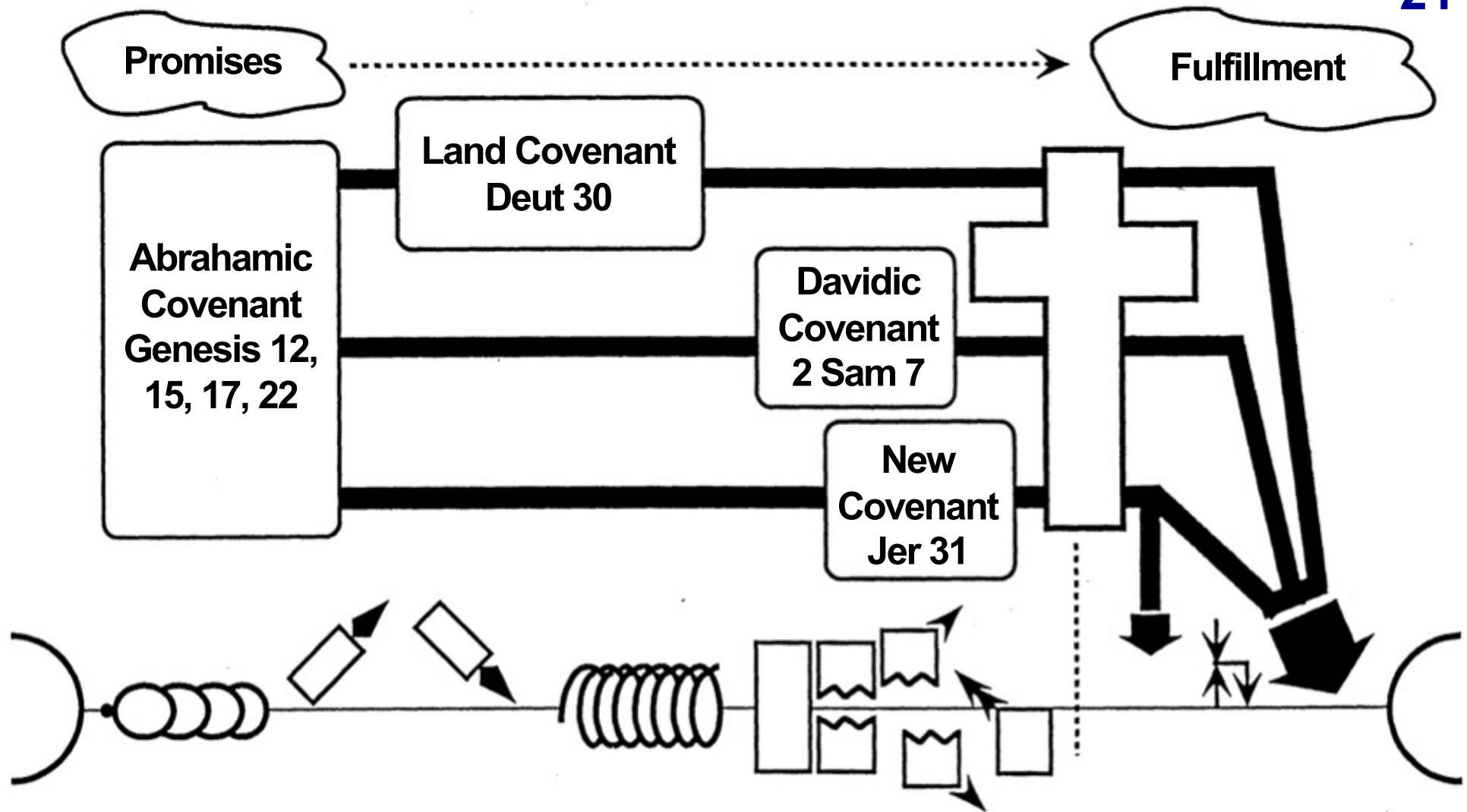
Adapted significantly from Salem Kirban,
Charts on Revelation (1979), 49

Timeline of the Judges



Stages of God's Plan in History





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

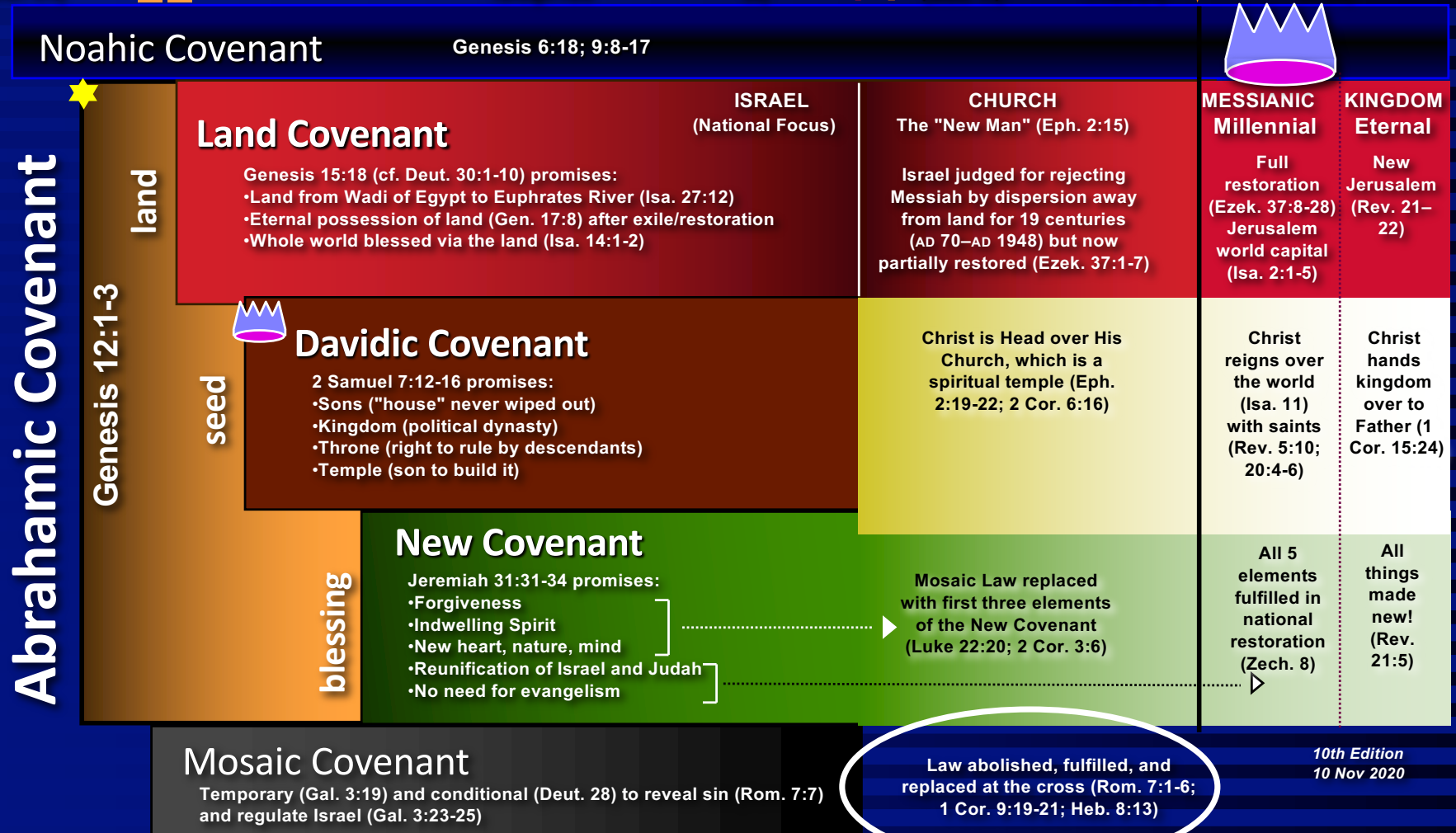
Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

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)



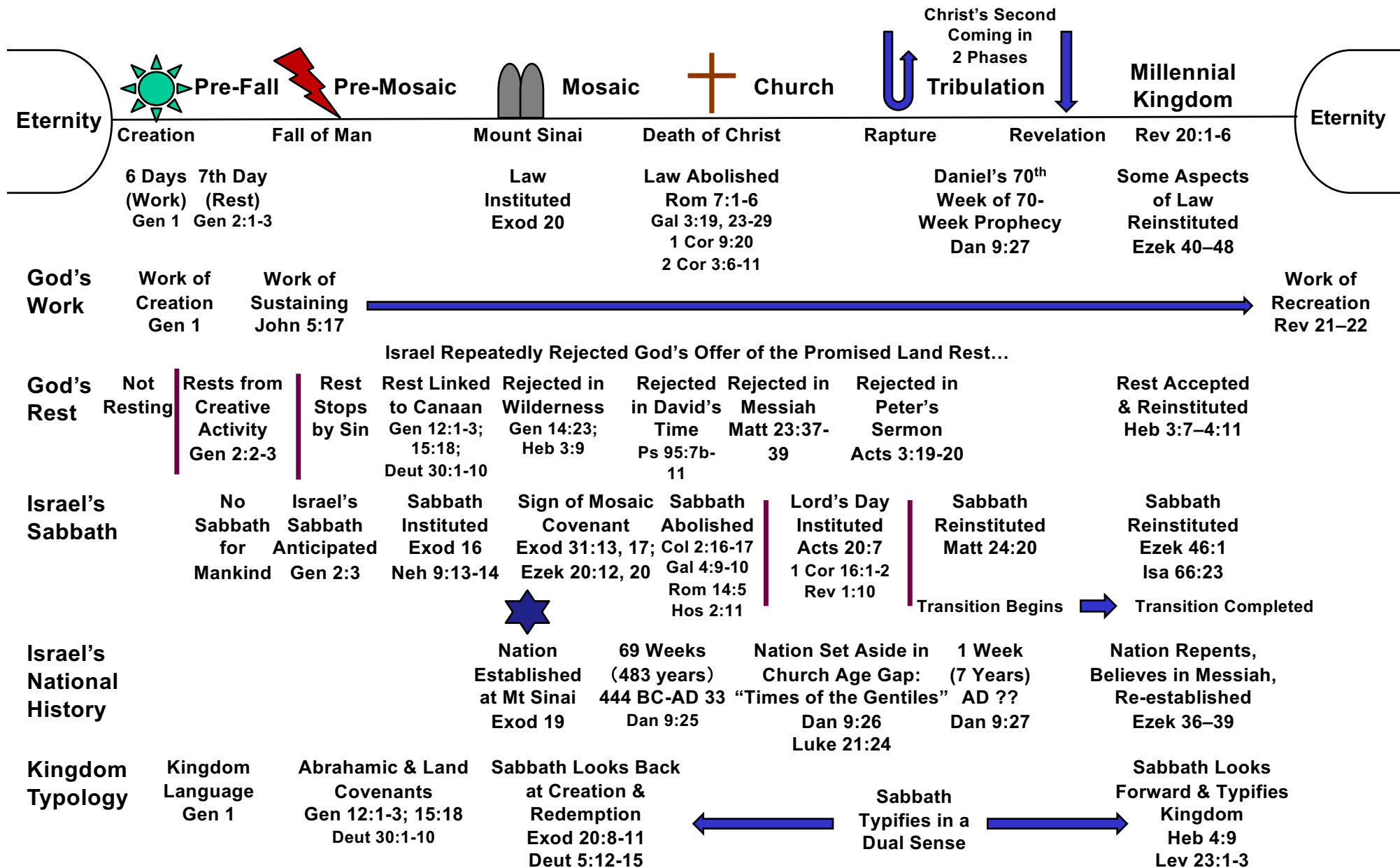
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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting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

The Eschatological Significance of the Sabbath

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A visual summary of the ThD dissertation by Richard James Griffith, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990



Government in Scripture

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The Bible has many themes (e.g., redemption, community, promise, covenant, God's glory). However, the overall theme is probably the rule of God or kingdom (see the study on pages 32-33). This government has taken many forms in the past but it will culminate in rule under Messiah in the future, which itself will merge into the eternal state.

<i>Type</i>	Co-Rule	Human	Theocracy	Anarchy	Monarchy	Foreign	Monarchy	Co-Rule
<i>Rulers</i>	God & Unfallen Man	Man & Satan	God	Judges	Kings of Israel & Judah	Pagan Kings & Heads of State	Jesus with Believing Israel & Gentiles	God & Redeemed
<i>Ruler Names</i>	Lord God Adam Eve	Adam Noah Abraham	God via Moses or Joshua	Gideon Samson Samuel	Saul David Zedekiah	Nebuchadnezzar Cyrus Herod Biden!	Christ	God
<i>Subjects</i>	Animals	All men	Israel	Israel	Israel	Israel & nations	Israel & Gentiles	Angels?
<i>Authority</i>	Fellowship with God	Conscience of each individual	Mosaic Covenant (Law)	Each man's opinion	Mosaic Covenant & King's Law	Gentile ruler's law	New Covenant under Christ	Fellowship with God
<i>Sin</i>	Absent	Degeneration	Controlled	Increased	Mixed	Mixed	Reduced Greatly	Absent
<i>Time</i>	4143 BC	4143-1445 BC	1445-1390 BC	1390-1043 BC	1043-586 BC	586-return of Christ	1000 years	Eternal state
<i>Scripture</i>	Gen. 1-2	Gen. 3- Exod. 18	Exod. 19- Josh. 24	Judg. 1- 1 Sam. 7	1 Sam. 8- 2 Chron. 36	Dan. 9:26; Luke 21:24	Isa. 11; Rev. 20:1-6	Rev. 21-22

The Bible's Story

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Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges	Ruth	1 Samuel	2 Samuel	1 Kings	2 Kings	1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles	Ezra	Nehemiah	Esther	Silent Years	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Acts
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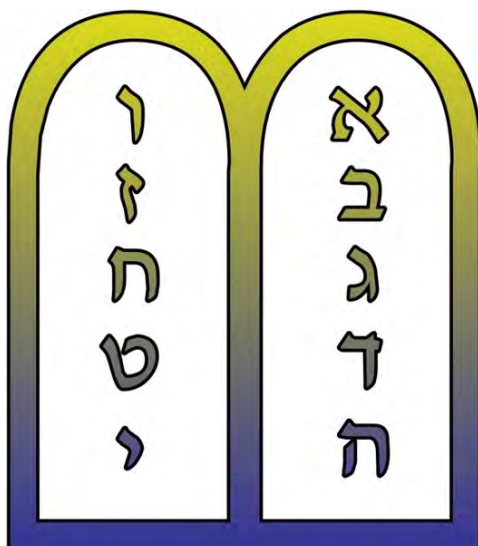
Job

KEY:

History

Experience

Prophecy



Psalms

Proverbs

Isaiah

Haggai

Jeremiah

Zechariah

Lamentations

Malachi

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Ecclesiastes

Song



Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

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1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

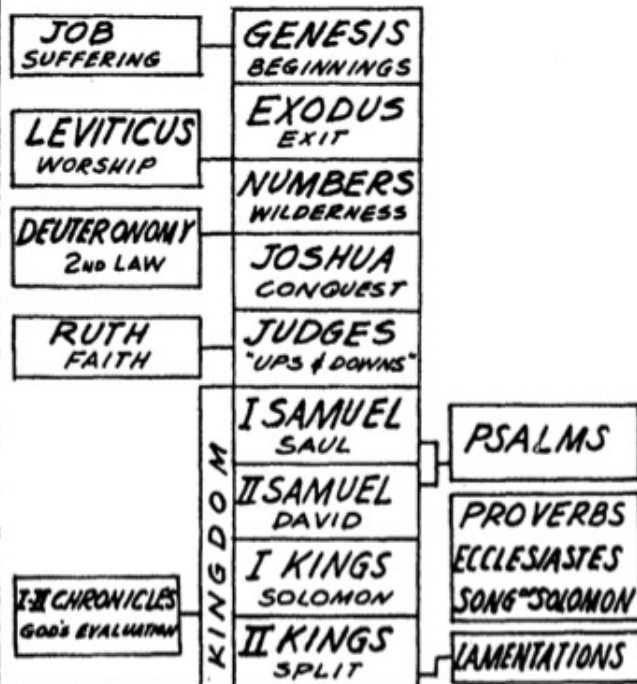
3 John

Jude

Revelation

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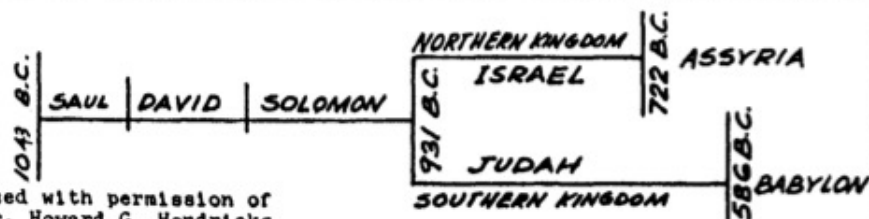
HISTORICAL BOOKS



70 YEARS OF CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON



400 YEARS OF SILENCE



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HISTORICAL BOOKS

MATTHEW KING	MARK SERVANT	LUKE MAN	JOHN DEITY
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33 A.D.

PAULINE EPISTLES

GALATIANS LEGALISM	(49 A.D.)
I THES. FOLLOW-UP	(51)
II THES. 2ND COMING	(51)
I COR. CORRECTION	(56)
II COR. THE MINISTRY	(56)
ROMANS JUSTIFICATION	(57)
EPHESIANS THE CHURCH	(60)
COLOSSIANS CHRIST OVER ALL	(61)
PHILIPPIANS JOY	(61)
PHILEMON FORGIVENESS	(61)
I TIMOTHY PASTOR	(62)
TITUS CHURCH ORDER	(66)
II TIMOTHY PASTOR	(67)

ACTS
CHURCH
FOUNDED

62 A.D.

GENERAL EPISTLES

JAMES FAITH	(45 A.D.)
I PETER SUFFERING	(64)
II PETER FALSE TEACHERS	(64)
HEBREWS ENDURANCE	(69)
JUDE FALSE TEACHERS	(75)
I JOHN LOVE	(90)
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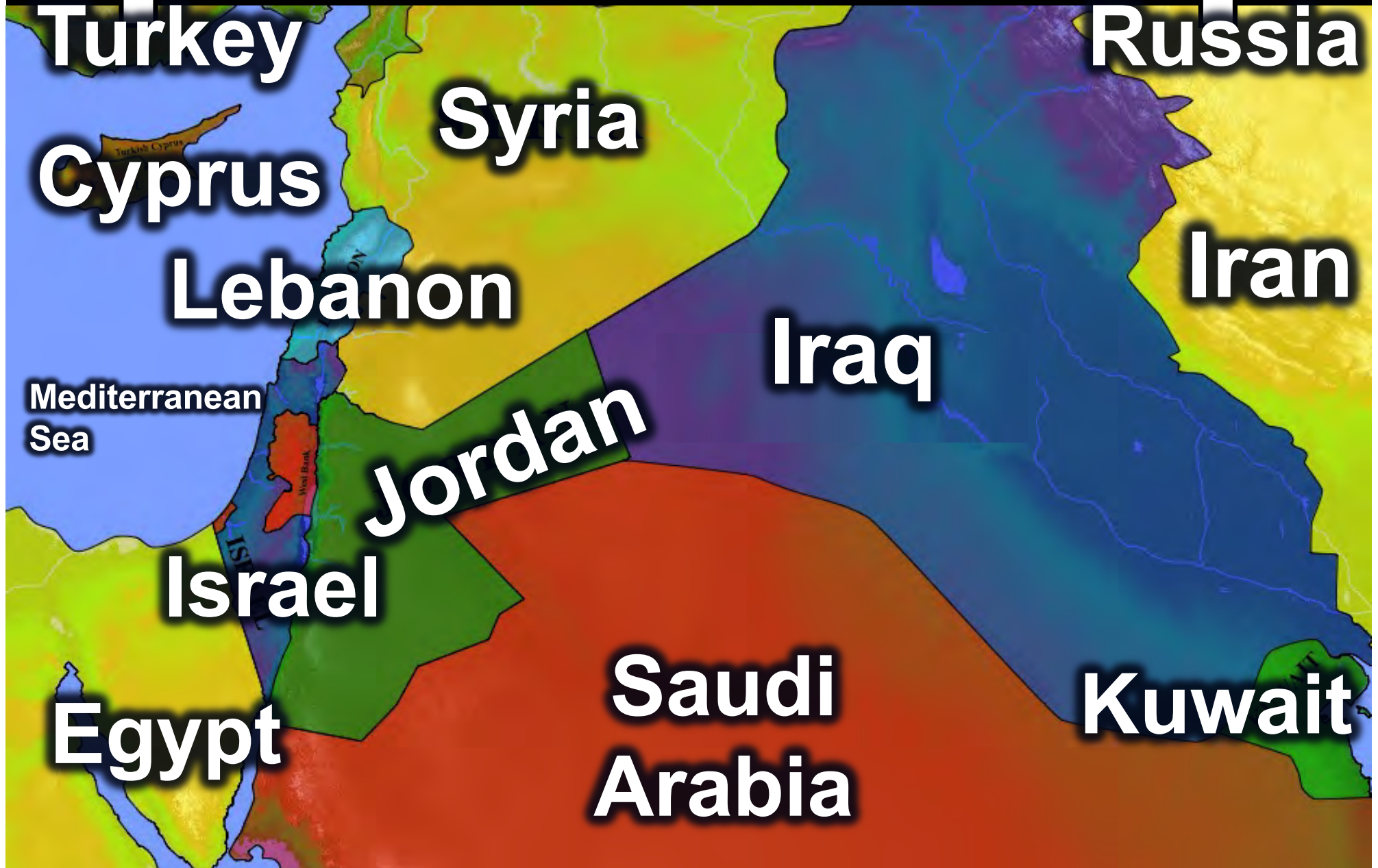
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(95) REVELATION TRIBULATION

Modern Middle East Nations

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Terry Hall, *Bible Panorama*, 49



The Ancient Near East



Old Testament Trade Routes & Bodies of Water 28



In your small group...

1. Name each of the 9 bodies of water
2. Tell how each got its name

Mesopotamia

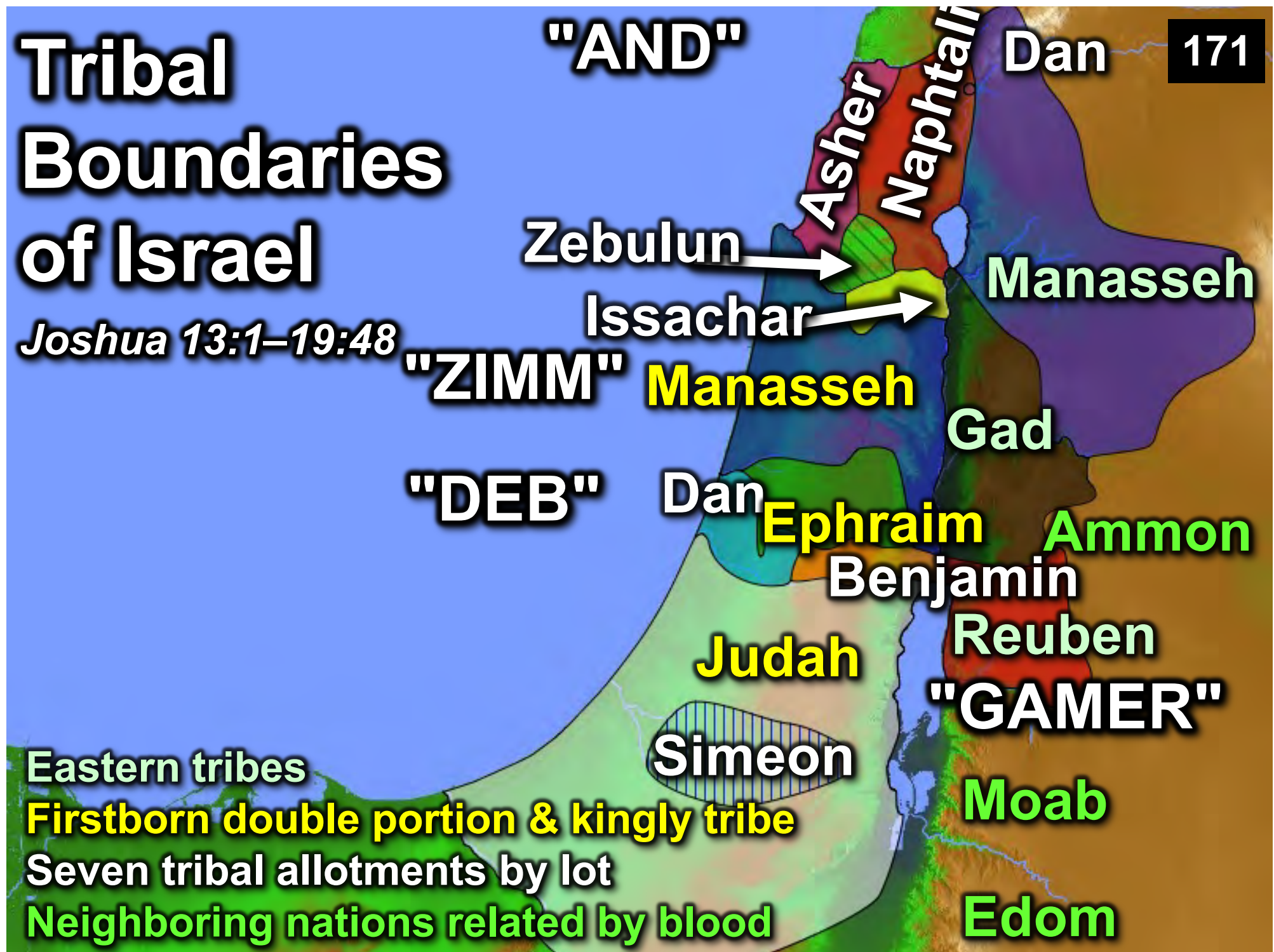
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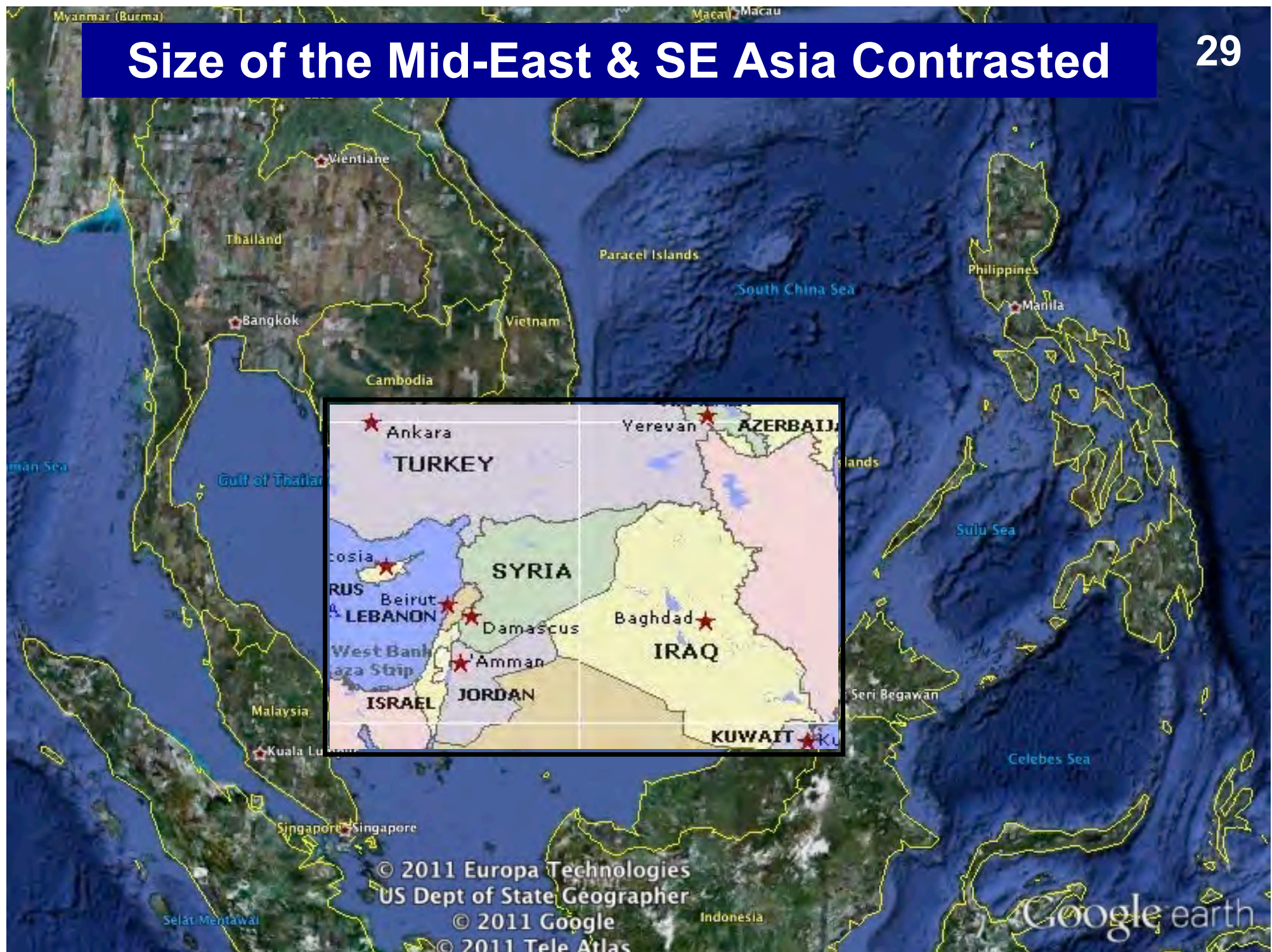
Tribal Boundaries of Israel

Joshua 13:1–19:48



Size of the Mid-East & SE Asia Contrasted

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Israel's Strategic Location

Thought Question:

How has God placed *you* in a strategic place for His purposes?

"Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the center of the nations, with countries round about her"

Ezekiel 5:5

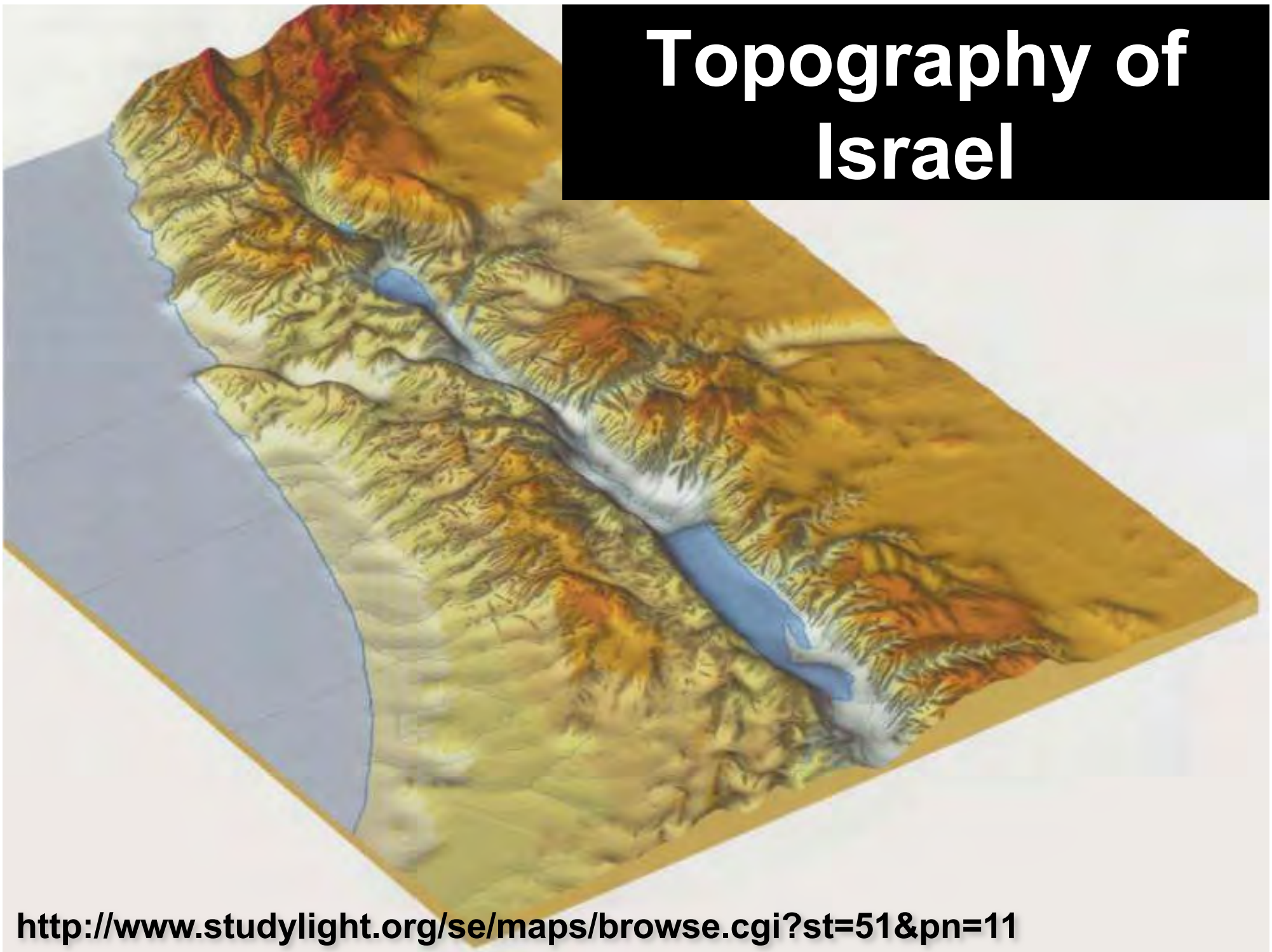
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Regions of Israel (OT)

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Topography of Israel

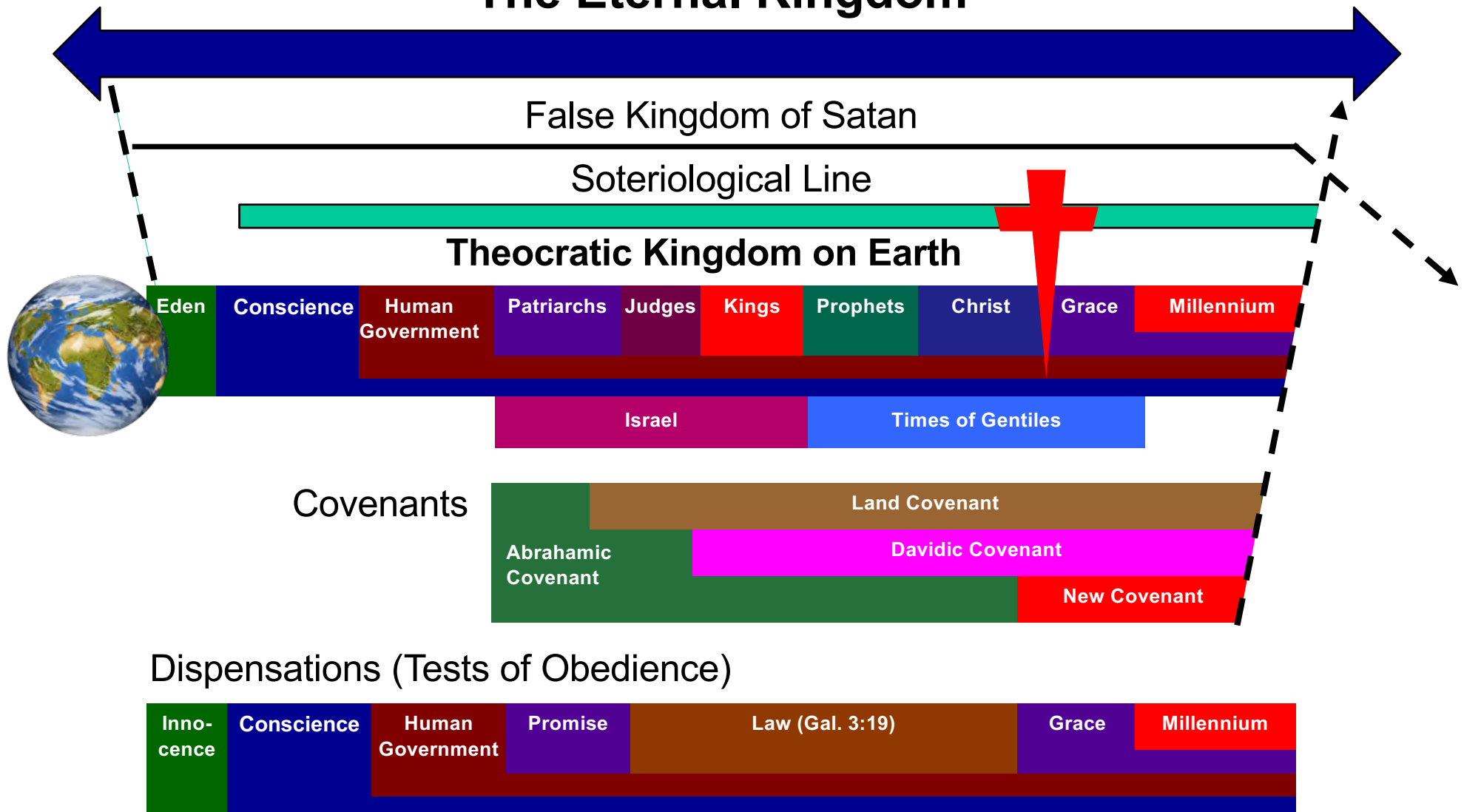


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The Kingdom of God

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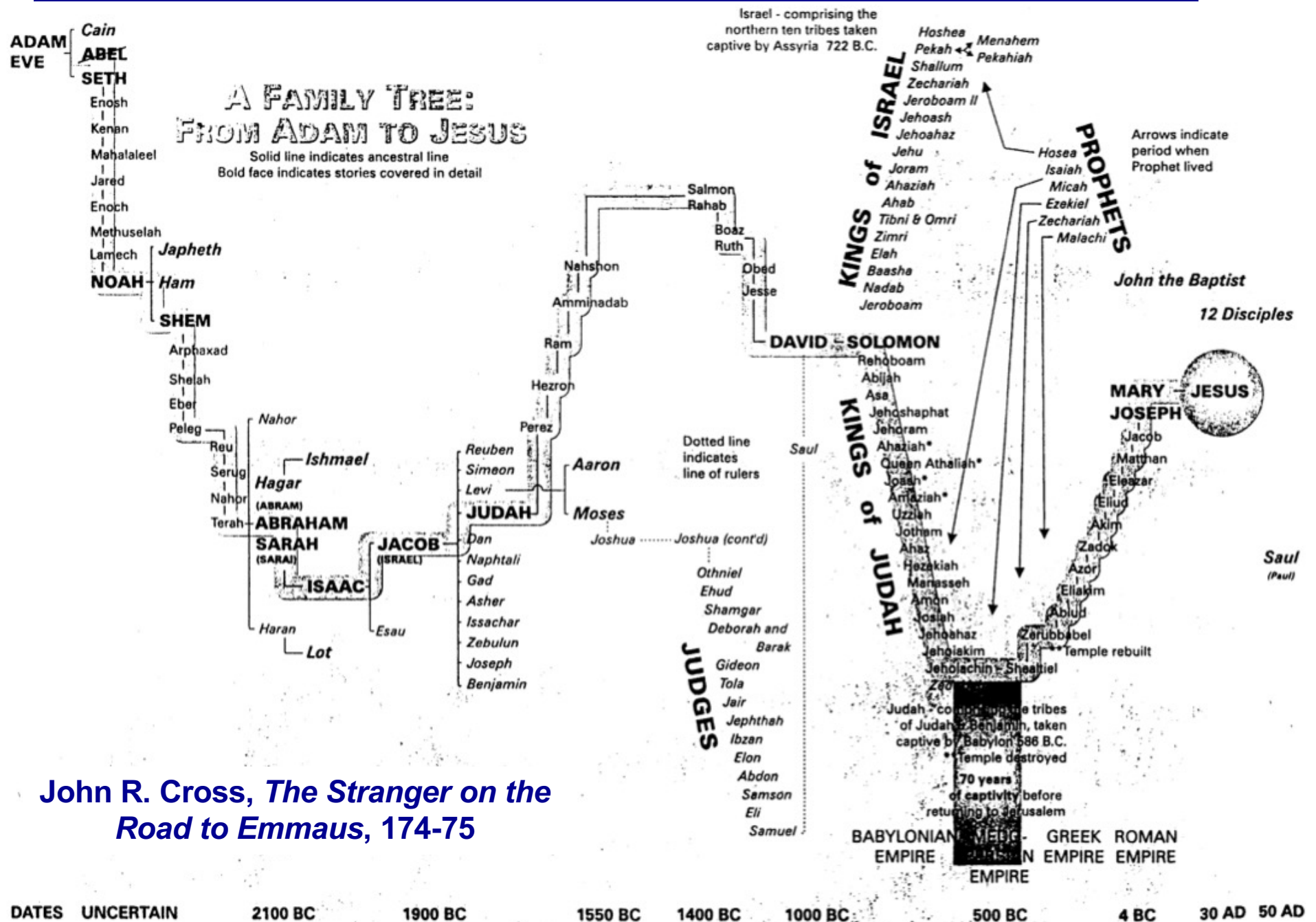
The Eternal Kingdom



Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, *Thy Kingdom Come*, 323

Family Tree from Adam to Jesus

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John R. Cross, *The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus*, 174-75

* Rulers that do not appear in Matthew's account of Jesus' ancestral line.

Bible Facts

Chapter

Verse

Longest Psalm 119 Esther 8:9

Shortest

WHAT?

The longest verse...

- **ESV Esther 8:9 "The king's scribes were summoned at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day. And an edict was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded concerning the Jews, to the satraps and the governors and the officials of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to each province in its own script and to each people in its own language, and also to the Jews in their script and their language."**

Bible Facts

Chapter

Verse

Longest

Psalms 119

Esther 8:9

Shortest

Psalms 117

WHAT?

Shortest Chapter

**Praise the LORD, all peoples everywhere!
Praise Him, all peoples of the earth!
For He loves us dearly,
and His truth endures!
Praise the LORD!**

Psalm 117

WHAT?

English Texts

"Jesus wept"

John 11:35 (NIV)

"Be joyful always"

1 Thessalonians 5:16 (NIV)

WHAT?

Greek Texts

ἐξδάκρυσεν ὁ Ἰησους

John 11:35 (N26)

Πάντοτε χαίρετε

1 Thessalonians 5:16 (N26)

WHAT?

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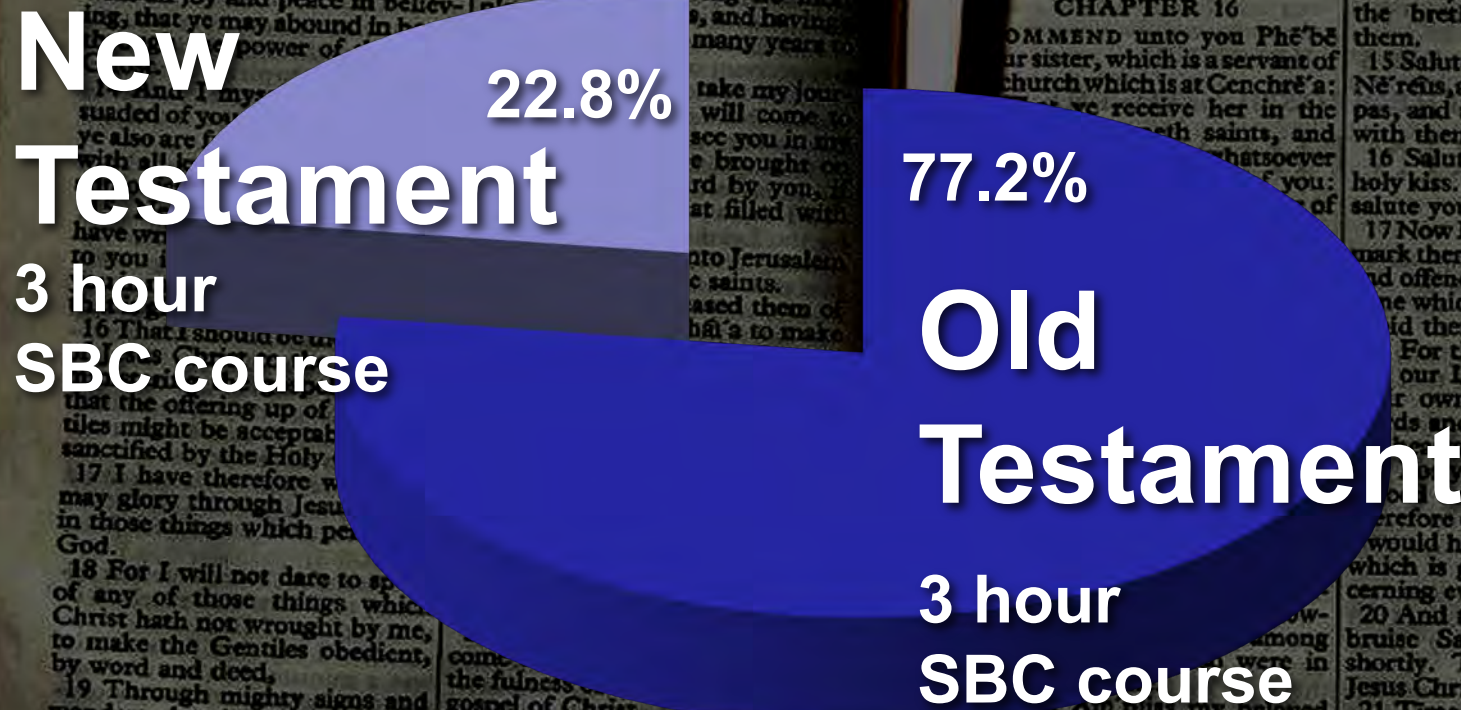
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WHAT?

HOW MUCH OF THE BIBLE IS THE OT?



OT English Arrangement

Old Testament

Genesis - Malachi

• History (17)

• Poetry (5)

• Prophecy (17)

Major Minor

Christian

written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

10 And again he saith, Rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again, Praise the Lord all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

12 And again, Esai'as saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, I have written unto you in some letters, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jeru-

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myself, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, where

but I was hindered, I might have done so.

But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see; and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place, I go into Macedonia.

24 Whosoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be some time called.

25 I go into Macedonia, to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achai'a to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily; and they will do it. For the Gentiles have been made obedient of the spirit of things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29 I know that when I shall come, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

That I may be delivered from this body of death. I thank you much for your love, which ye have shown me in all things.

22 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and with you be refreshed.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

10 Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobu'lus' household.

11 Salute Hero'dion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord.

12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyn'critus, Phlegon, Demas, Pat'robas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philolo'gus, and Julia, Ne'reus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall be with you. Amen.

21 Timothy my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosip'ater, my kinsmen, salute you.

22 Salute the church which is at Cenchre'a: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but so all the churches of the Gentiles.

Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epae'netus, who is the firstfruits of Achai'a unto Christ.

Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us.

Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and fellow prisoners, who are of great account to the apostles, and who were in Christ before me.

Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord.

Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stach'ys my beloved.

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OT Hebrew Arrangement

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Old Testament

Genesis - Nehemiah

• Law (5)

• Prophets (8)

• Writings (11)

Former Latter

Masoretic

The Same Old Testament. . .

Just a Different Order!

Jewish:

- Law
- Prophets
- Writings
(24 books)

Christian:

- Law
- History
- Prophets
(39 books)

• Letter

• Visions

Hebrew

Old Testament

Genesis - Malachi

HEBREW

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Genesis 1:1

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19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem,

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The evangelists of preaching

at Jerusalem, and have fulfilled the commandment of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

21 But as it is written, To whom he was not known, to whom he was not made manifest.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

24 Whensoever I shall come, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

with me in your prayers to God for me;

1 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaism; and that my service which I render for Jerusalem may be acceptable.

2 That I may be refreshed with you be refreshed.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

COMMEND unto you Phēbē, who is a servant of Christ, and is at Cenchrē'a: that I may give her in the church, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

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ROMANS 16
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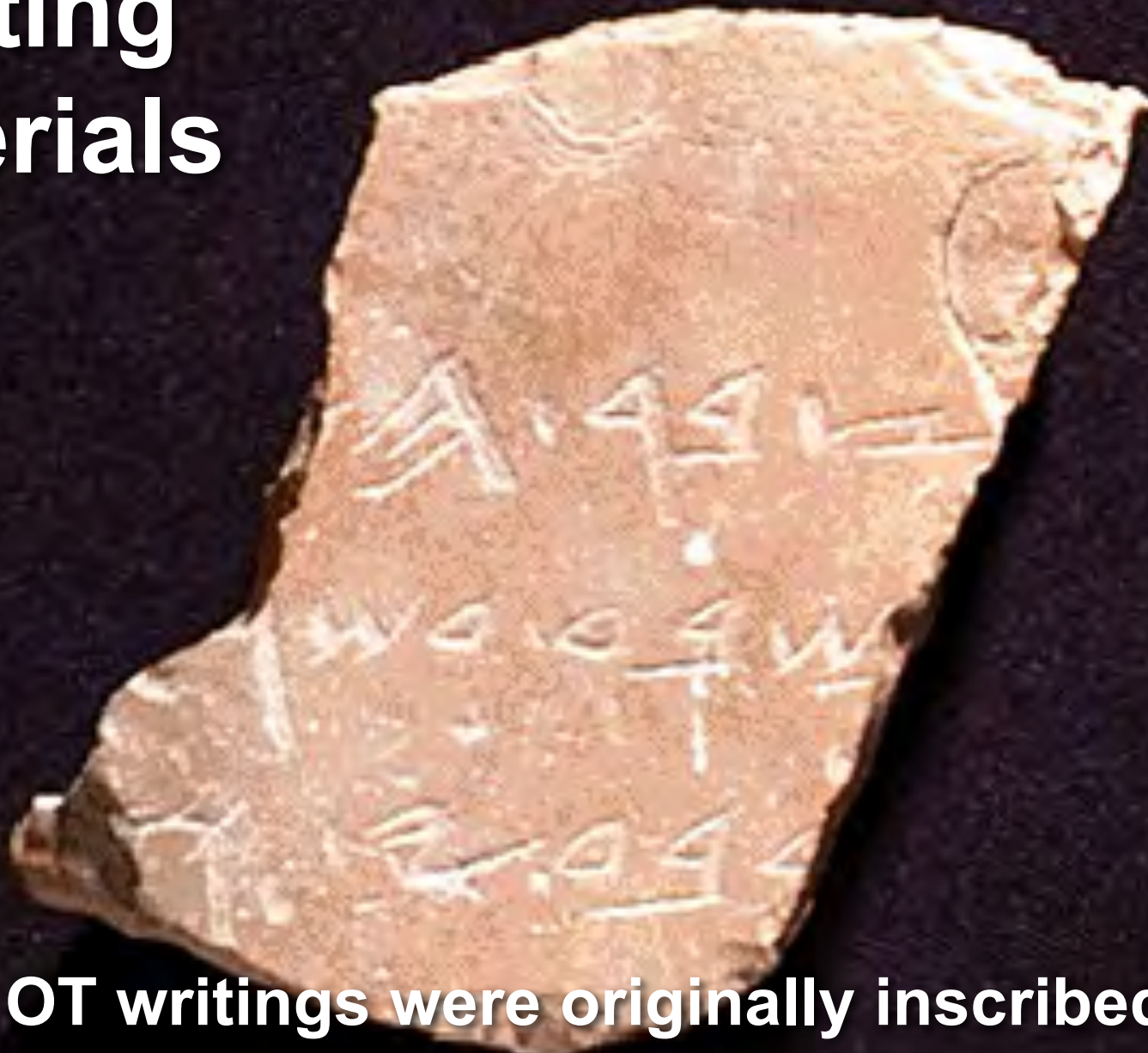
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Writing Materials



Some OT writings were originally inscribed on stone, such as the Ten Commandments.

Papyrus

Many original autographs were written on papyrus and copied from older copies onto other papyri.

HOW?



The Essenes



HOW?

"It may be safely said that no other work of antiquity has been so carefully transmitted"

–William Green, *General Introduction to the Old Testament* (NY: Scribners, 1899), 181

The Bible is unique as...

- **The most read**
- **The most translated**
- **The most memorized**
- **The most copied**
- **The most studied**
- **The most debated**
- **The most adored**
- **The most hated**

... book in human history!

Aramaic

Old Testament

Genesis 31:47; Ezra 4:8-6:18; 7:12-26;
Daniel 2:4-7:28; Jeremiah 10:10-11

ARAMAIC

וְיִדְבְּרוּ הַכְּצִדִּין לְמַלְךְ
אֲרַמִּית מְלָכָא לְעַלְמִיף טִי
אֲמַר טַלְמָא לְעַבְדֶּךָ וּפִשְׂרָא נְטוּא

Daniel 2:4

Greek

New Testament

Matthew - Revelation

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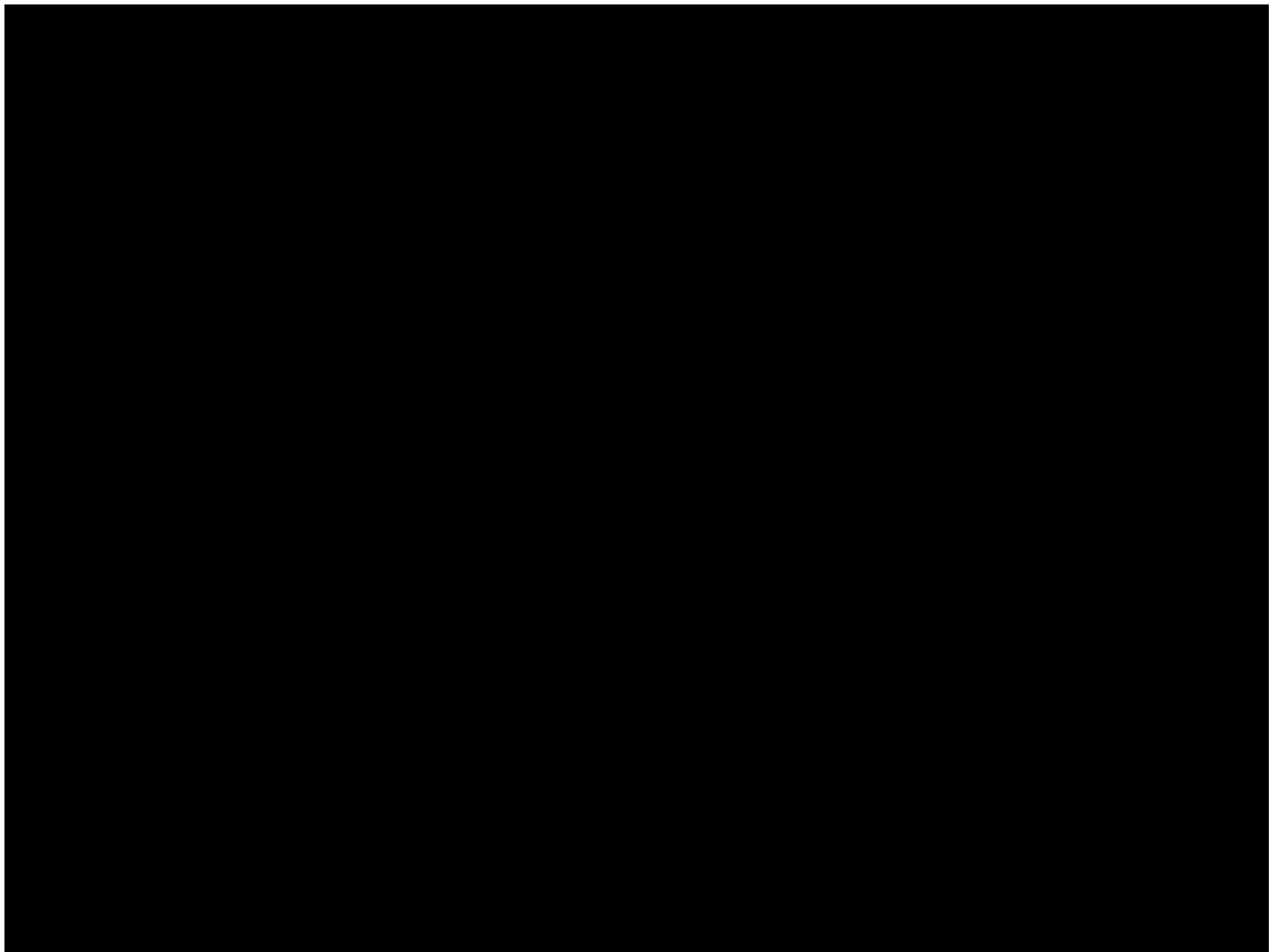
ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου

Ἰησοῦ μετὰ πάντων

Revelation 22:21

God's Chosen Languages

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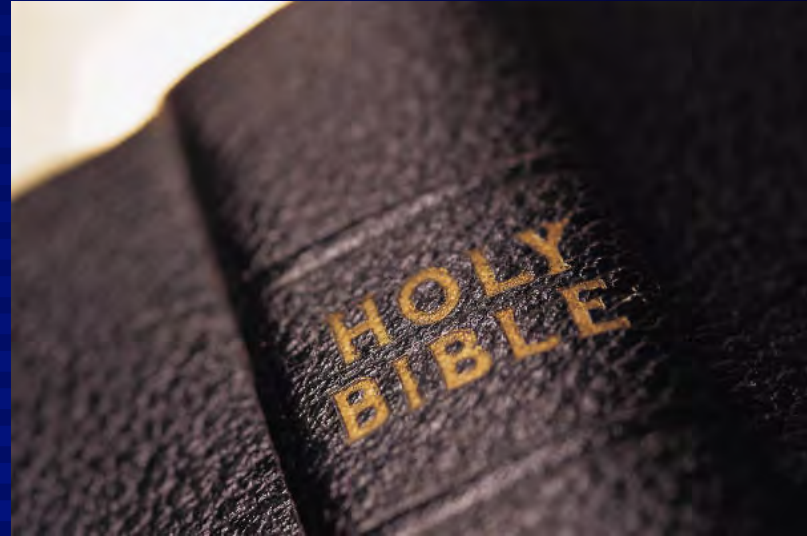


OT Biblical Theology



What's the Theme of the OT?

**Write this in
one sentence**



Criteria to Discern the Key OT Theme

YES

- ✓ **Text-based**
- ✓ **Covers whole OT**
- ✓ **Narrow enough to be helpful**
- ✓ **Focuses on God as He is the Subject**

NO

- ✓ **Not from systematics**
- ✓ **Not piecemeal**
- ✓ **“Life” is too general a theme to help us**
- ✓ **Man is not the subject of the Bible**

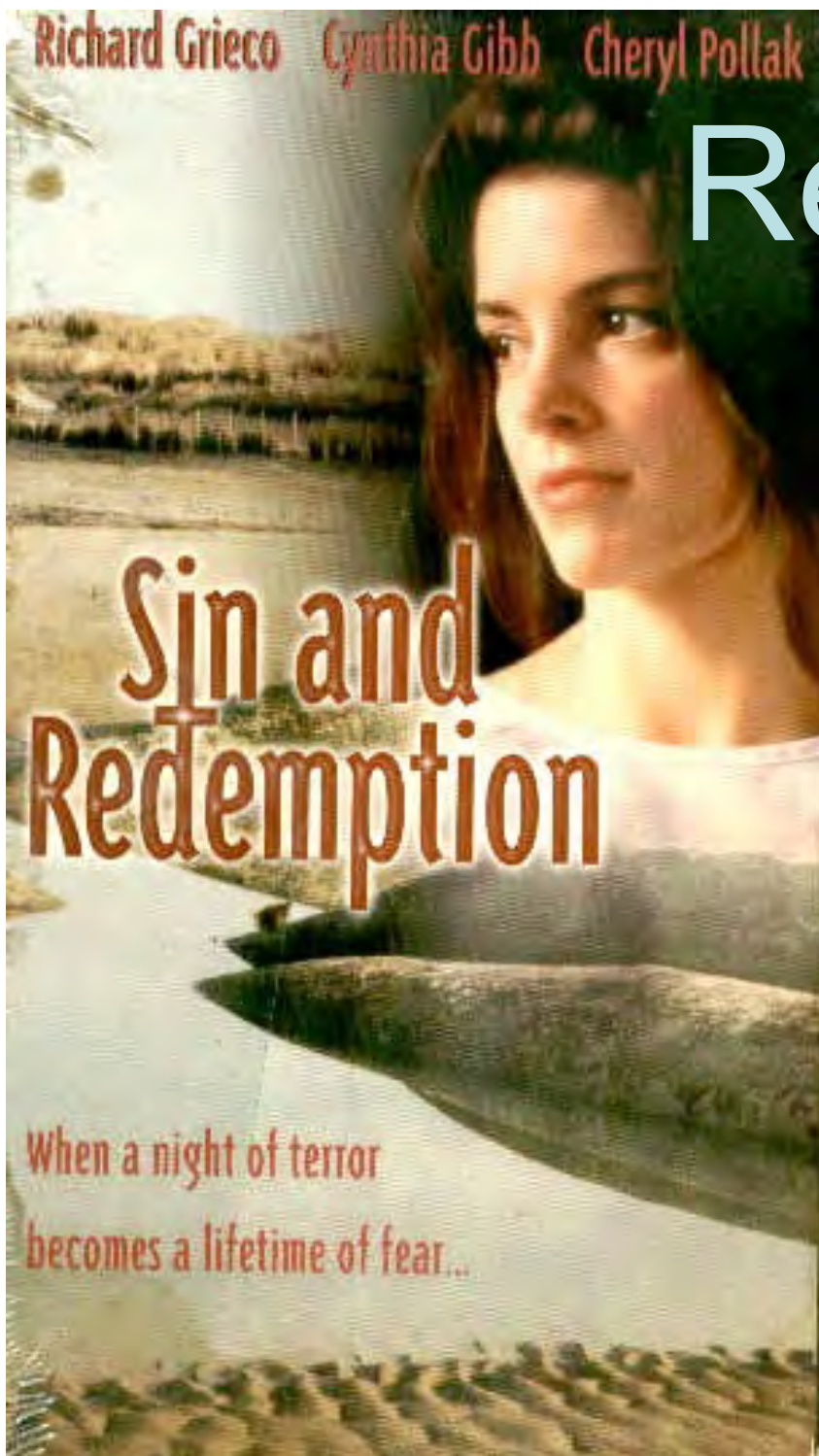


Opinions on the Key OT Theme

A. Redemption of Man







Redemption in the Media

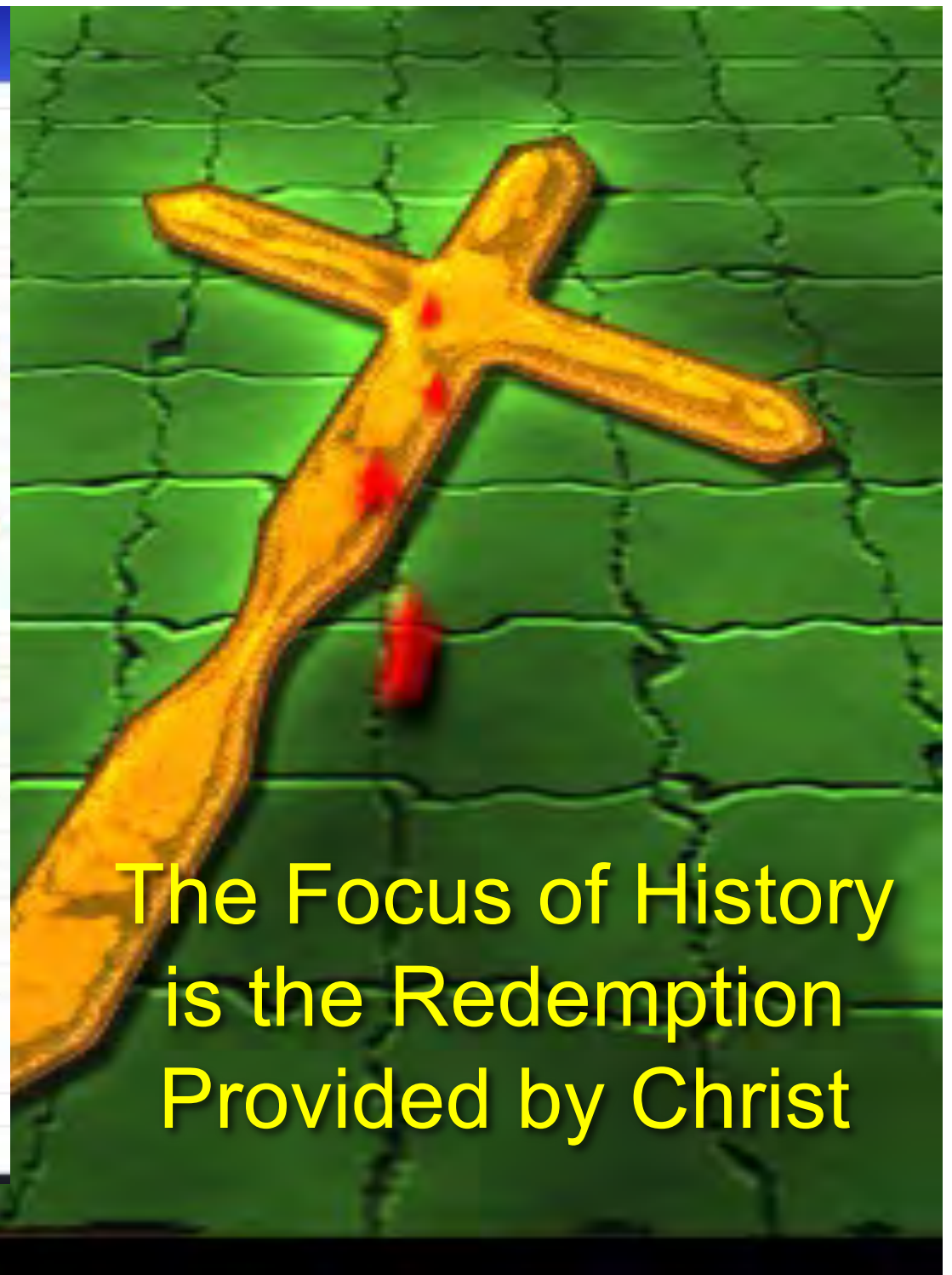
- *People have an inherent sense that they need redemption*



THE PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION

The Story
of
Salvation
from
Creation
to the
New Jerusalem

WILLEM VANGEMEREN



The Focus of History
is the Redemption
Provided by Christ

WHAT?

The Centrality of the Cross

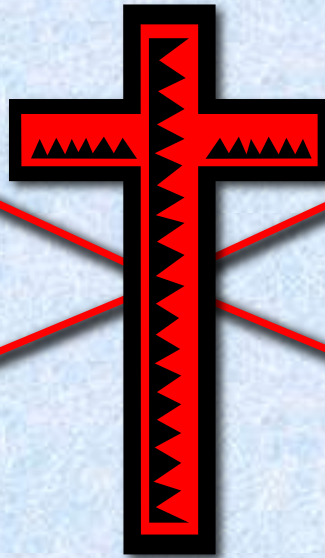
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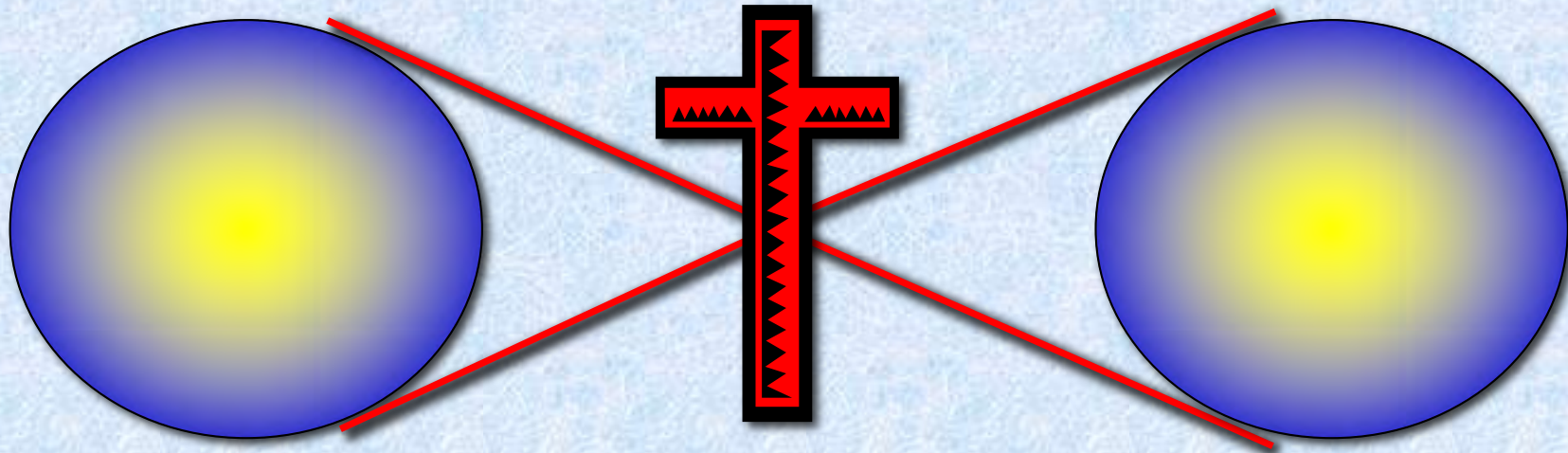
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The Centrality of the Cross

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But redemption as the KEY OT Theme has these problems:

- (a) It is an external structure imposed on the OT from systematic theology.**
- (b) It focuses too much on man rather than God.**
- (c) Christ is the central person of the Bible, but the OT focuses on Him as King more than as Savior (the OT rarely notes the salvation of individuals.)**
- (d) This view also does not include God's program for angels, those not redeemed, and creation as a whole, so it is too restrictive.**
- (e) The view is not traced in the wisdom books (not supported in Eccles., Prov., etc.).**
- (f) It neglects the physical (land) aspects prominent in the OT.**



Opinions on the Key OT Theme

- A. Redemption of Man
- B. Glory of God

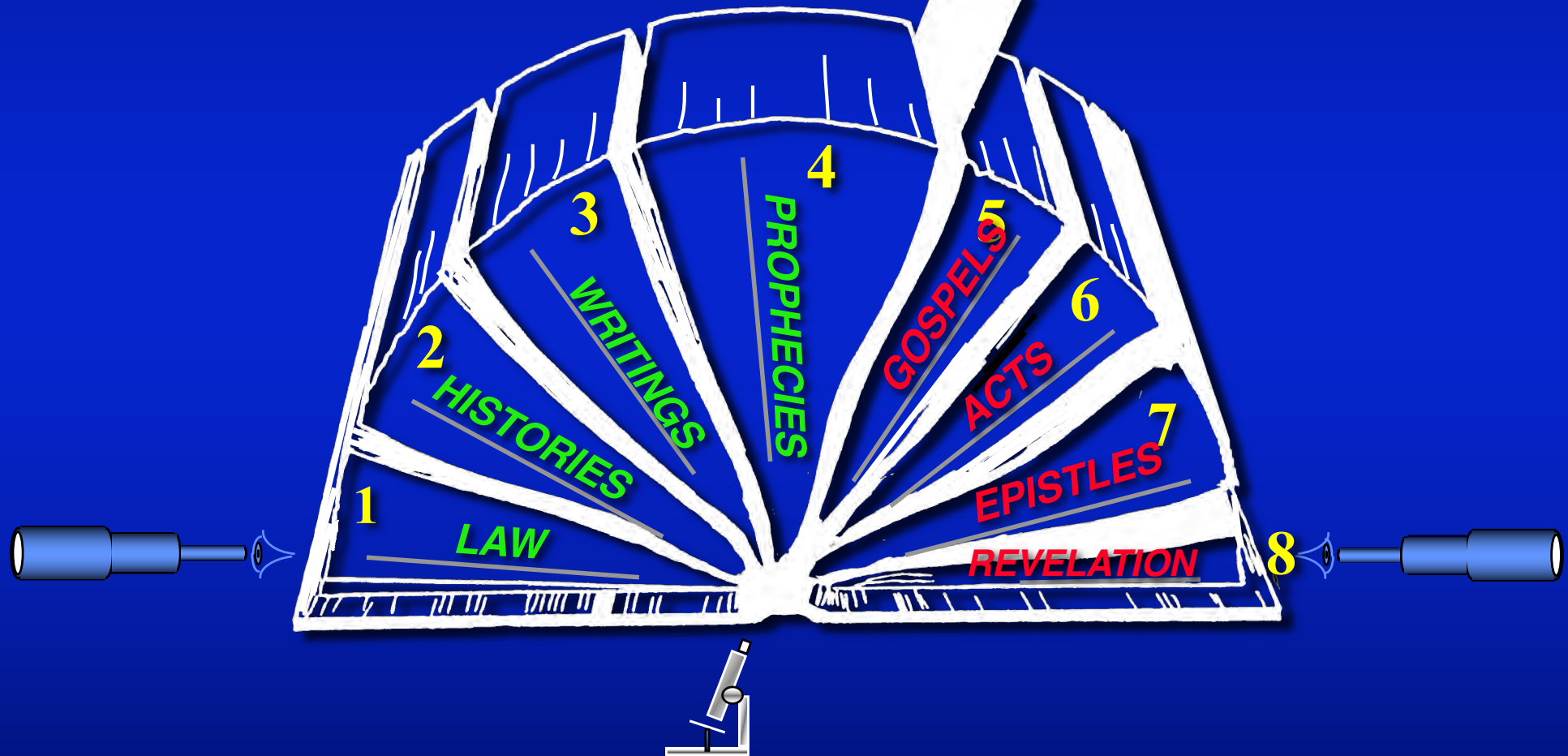




The Glory of God

1600 years
40 authors

ONE THEME:
the glory of God





The Glory of God

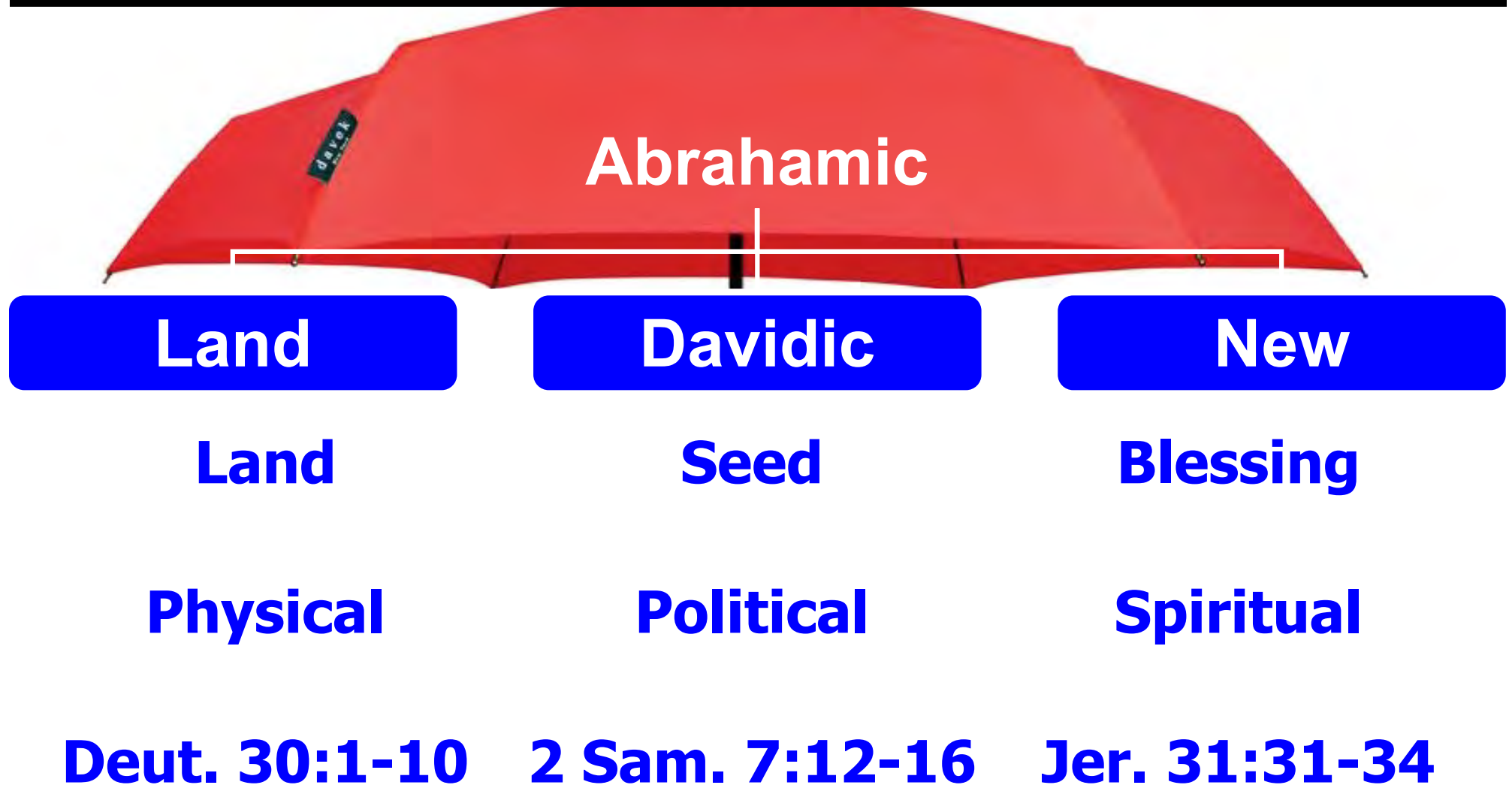


Opinions on the Key OT Theme

- A. Redemption of Man
- B. Glory of God
- C. Sovereignty of God
- D. God
- E. Creation Faith
- F. Deuteronomistic Theology of History
- G. Worship
- H. Promise (Covenant)



Types of Unconditional Covenants ⁴³






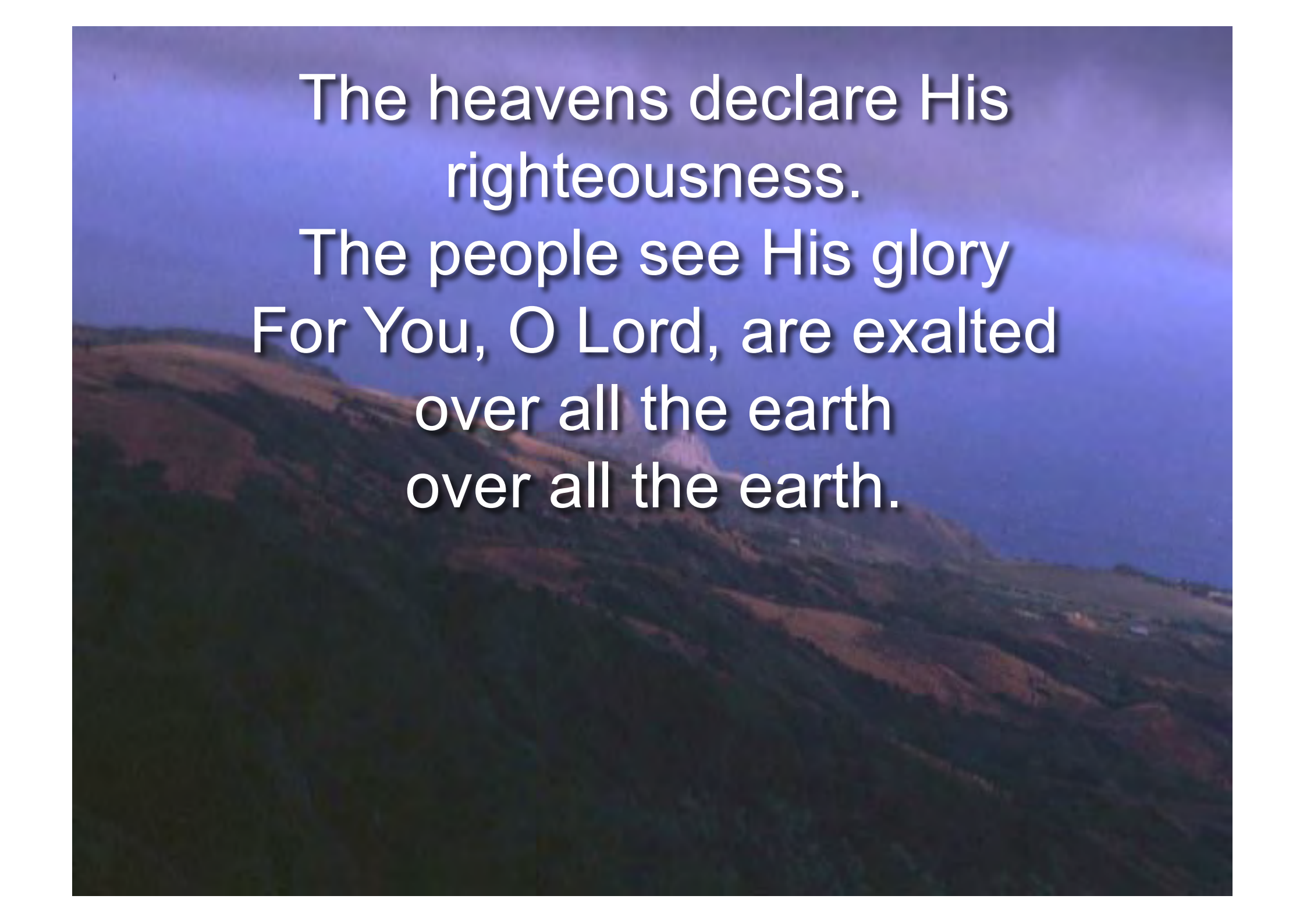
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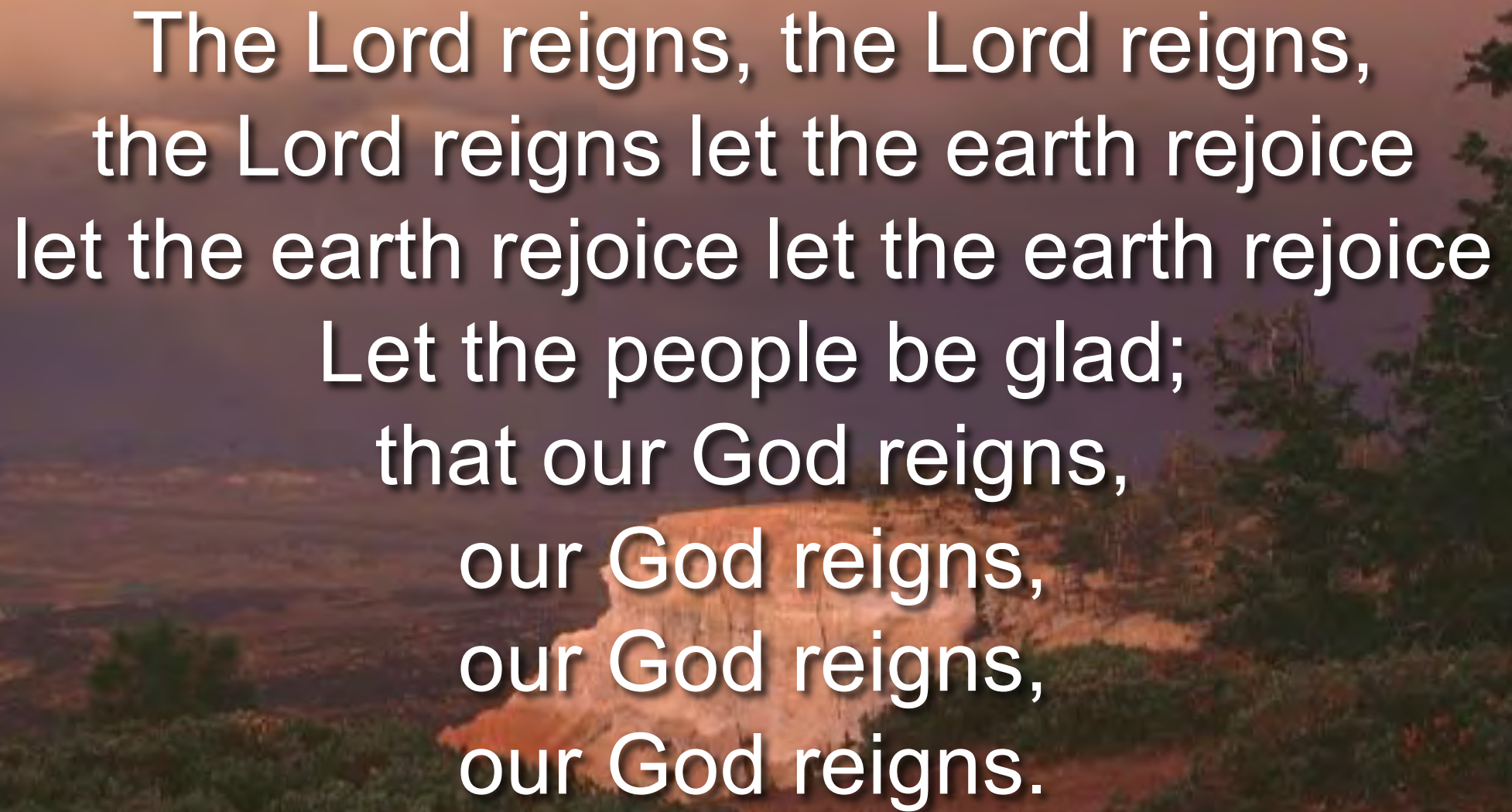


The background of the image is a scenic view of a mountain range. The mountains are covered in dense green vegetation, and a thick layer of white mist or fog hangs between the peaks. The sky above is a mix of soft purple and blue hues, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

The Lord reigns, the Lord reigns,
the Lord reigns let the earth rejoice
let the earth rejoice let the earth rejoice
Let the people be glad;
that our God reigns.
(repeat)

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The heavens declare His
righteousness.
The people see His glory
For You, O Lord, are exalted
over all the earth
over all the earth.

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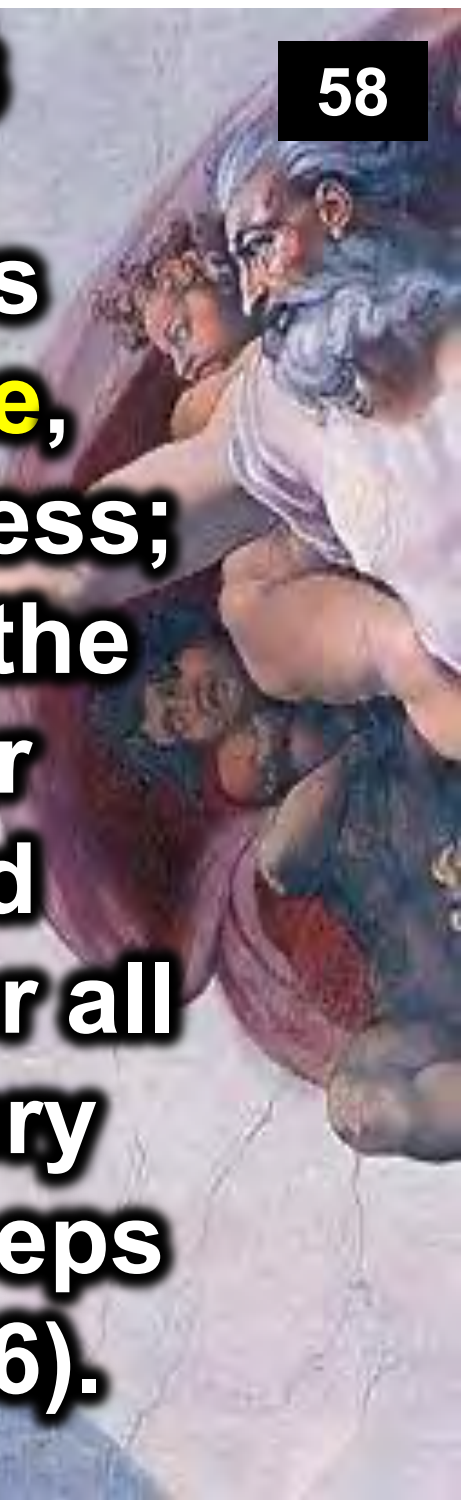
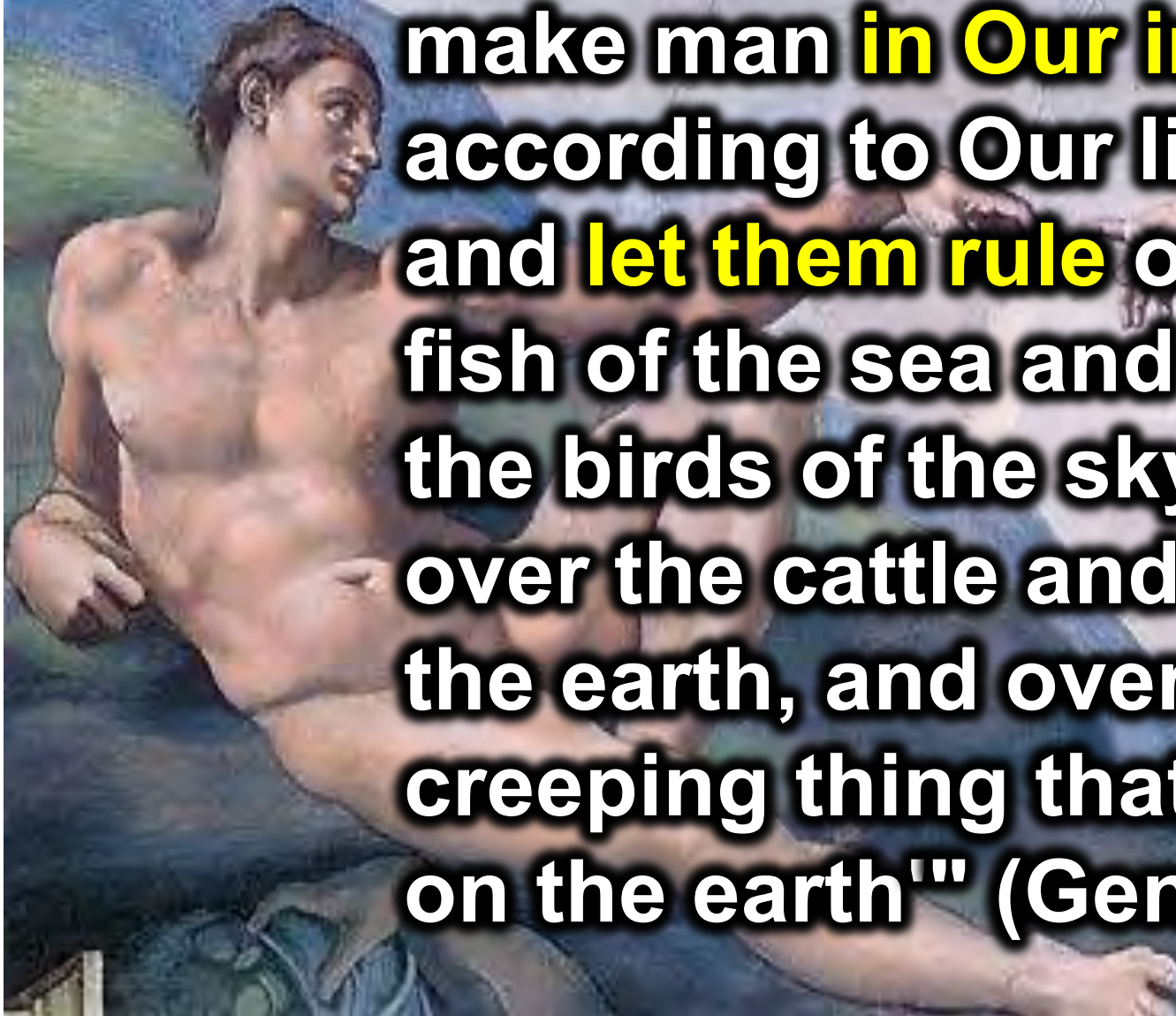
God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind'; and it was so. God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good" (Gen 1:24-25).

God's Creation...Day 6

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"Then God said, 'Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen 1:26).



God's Creation...Day 6

**"So God created man in
his own image**

**in the image of God he
created him**

**male and female he created
them" (Gen 1:27).**



and over the **birds**
of the air

and have dominion over
the **fish** of the sea

and over every living thing that
moves upon the earth" (Gen 1:28 NLT).

"And God
blessed them,
and God said
to them, 'Be
fruitful and
multiply, and
fill the earth
and subdue it;





An All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish ... birds ... livestock ... all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground...' God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'"

Revelation 22:5

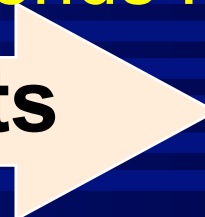
"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever."

The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Covenants



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

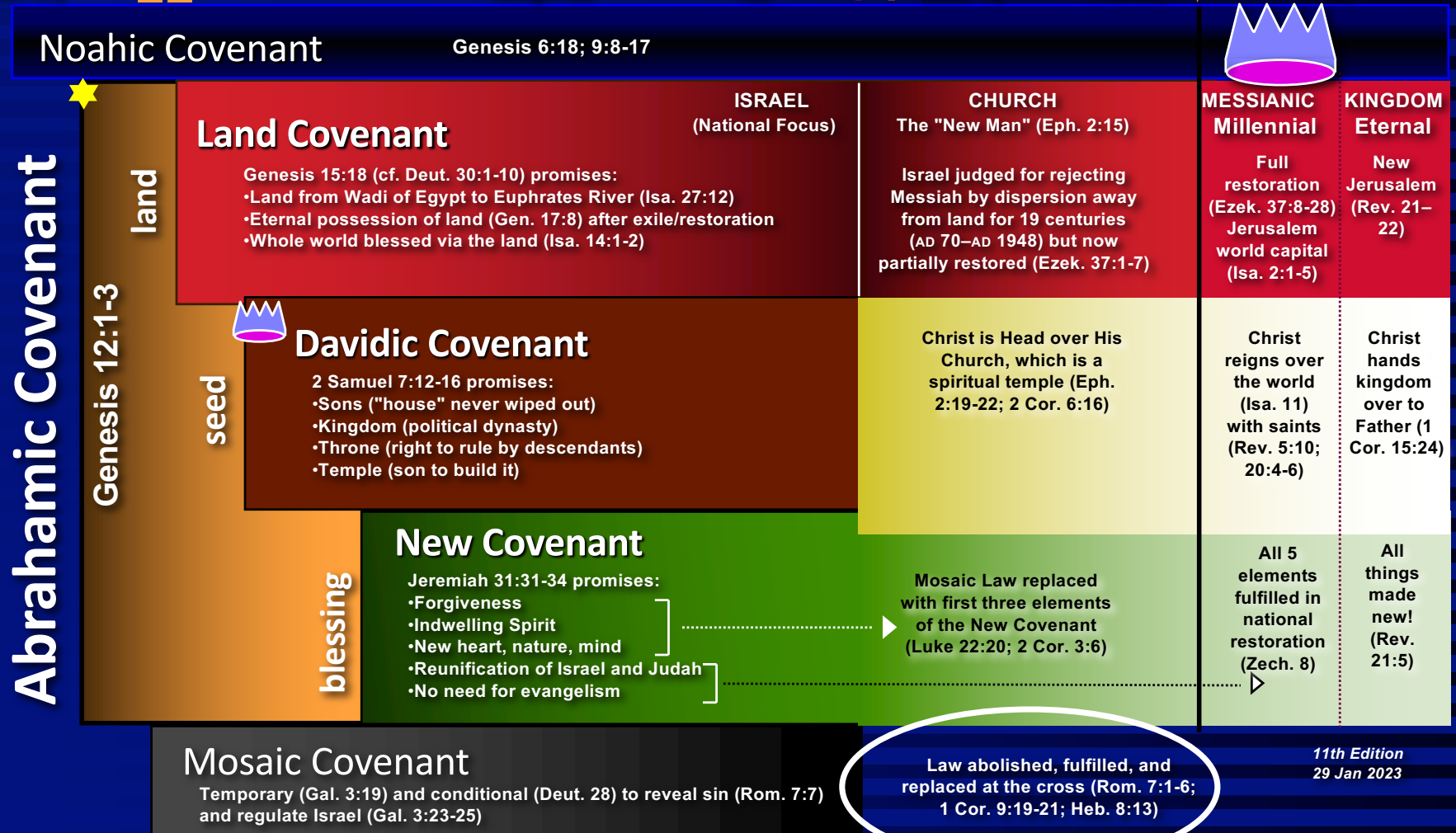
Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

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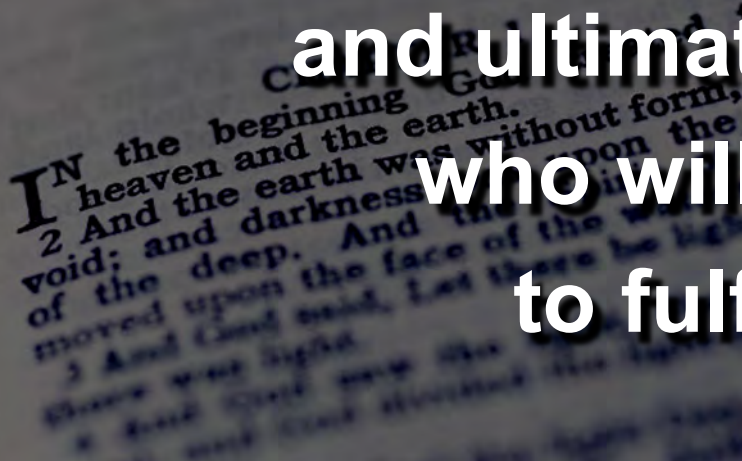
Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

My View of the OT's Theme

The Old Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

mandated in Eden but lost in the Fall
and accomplished by redeeming man
through Israel as a kingdom of priests
and ultimately through the Messiah,
who will reign as Savior and King
to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant



IN the beginning
1 And the earth was without form,
2 And the earth was void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3 And God said, Let there be light:
and there was light.

My View of the NT's Theme

The New Testament narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

proclaimed by the Church

that salvation is by grace alone

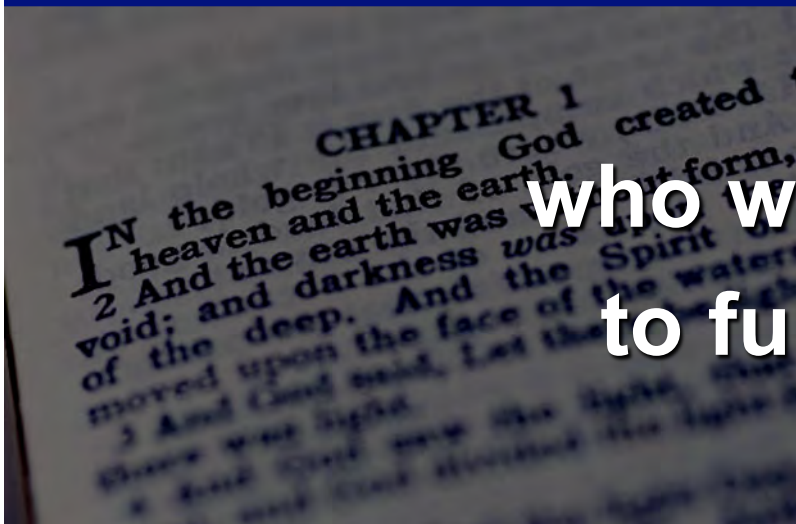
though faith alone

in Christ alone

who will reign as Saviour and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant

to the glory of God alone



My View of the Bible's Theme

The Bible narrates

God's restoring man to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory

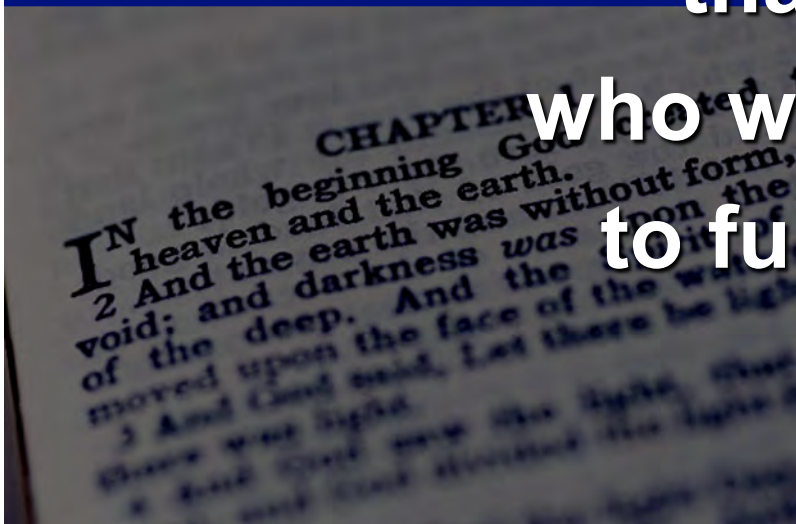
though Israel bringing forth the Messiah
so that the Church may proclaim

that salvation is in Christ alone

who will reign as Saviour and King

to fulfill the Abrahamic Covenant

to the glory of God alone



The Bible's Chiasm

Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order

**Christ's
Redemption**

**Christ's
Rule**

**Man's
Rule**

**Lost at
Fall**

**Man's
Rule**

**Restored at
Millennium**

Creation



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The Centrality of the Cross

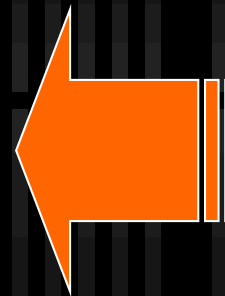
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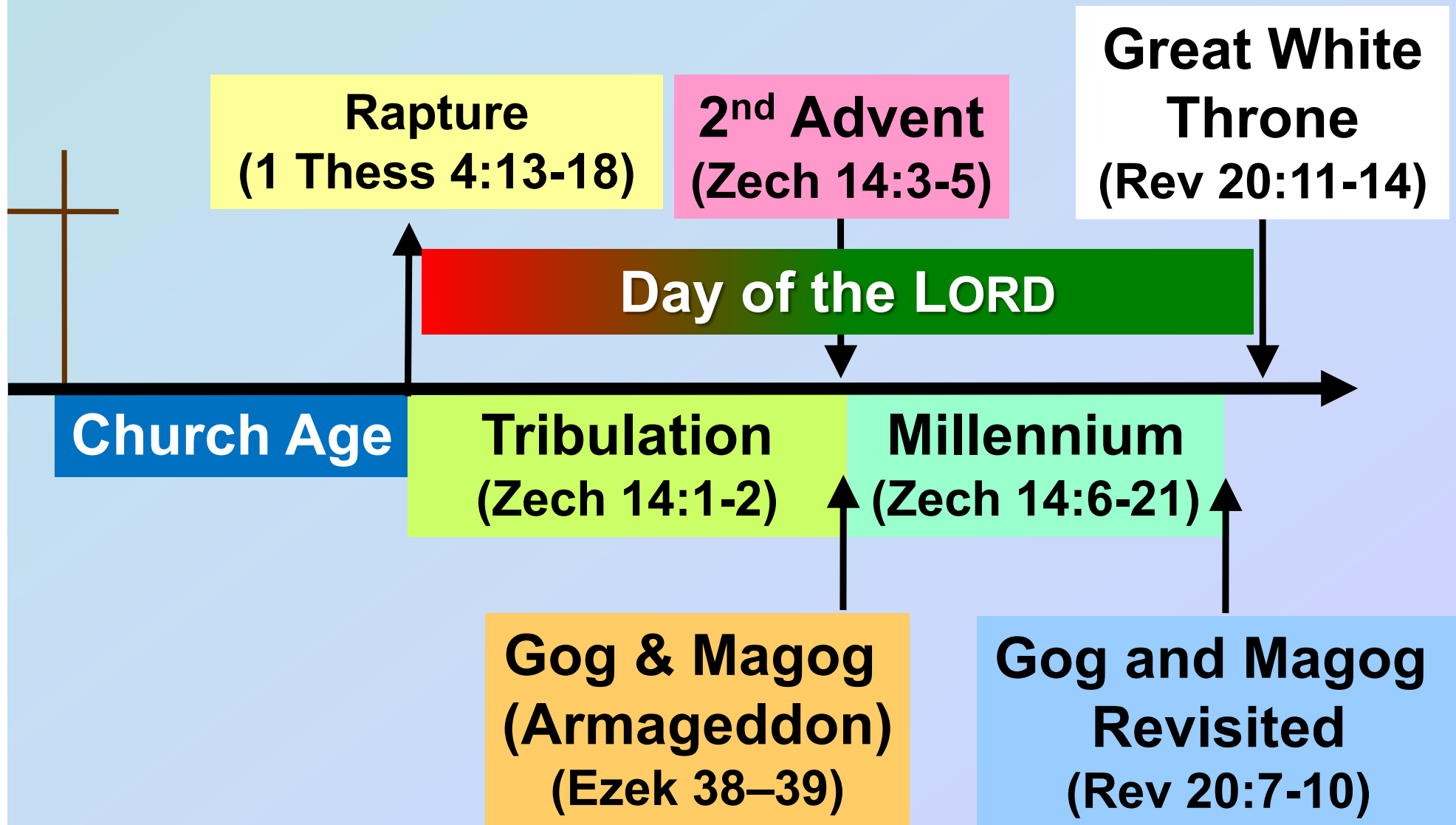
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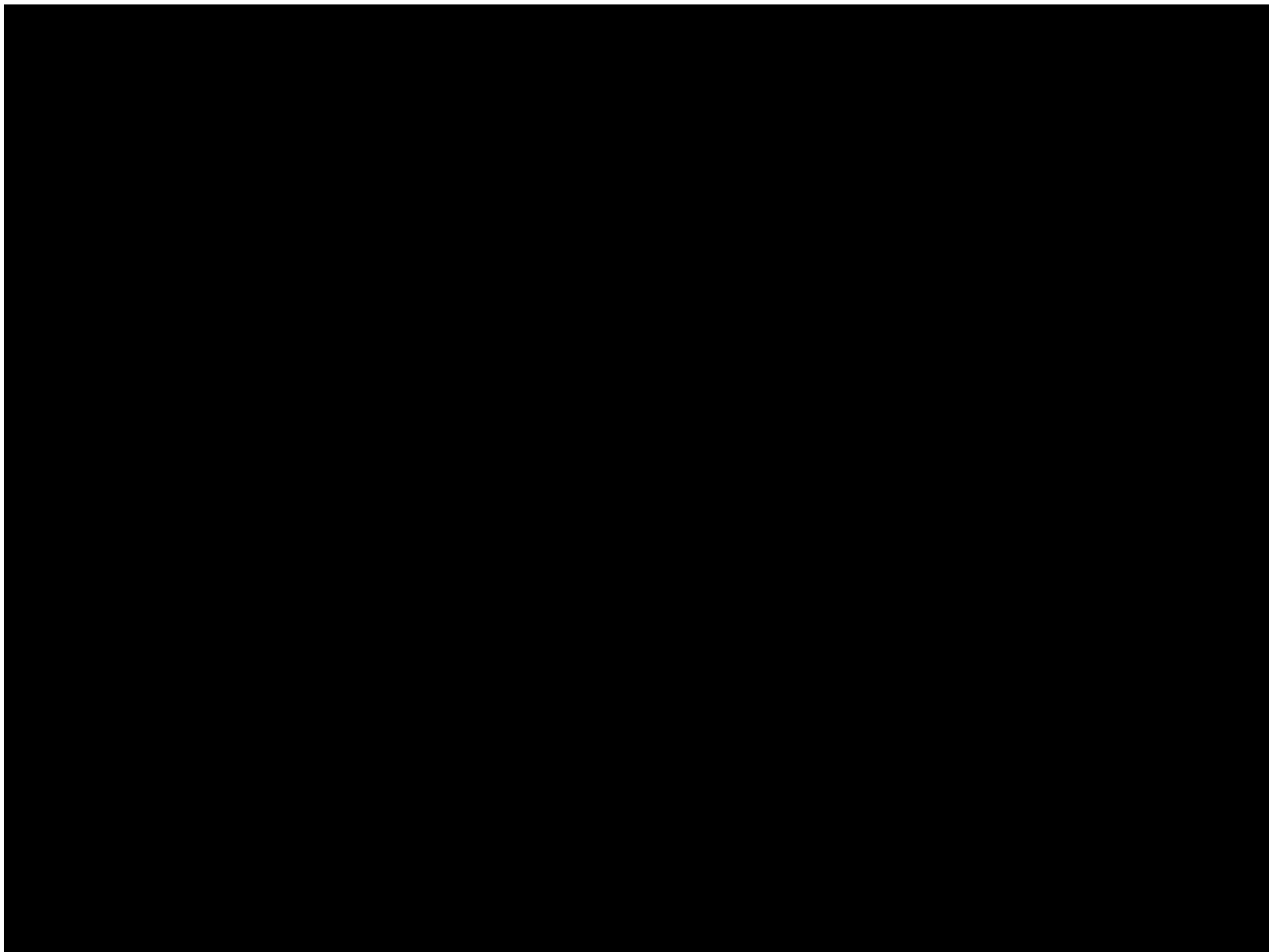
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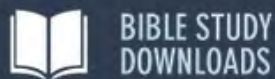
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