

# Eschatology

## *Understanding End Time Prophecy as Revealed in The Bible*

### *Study 1*

#### The Foundational Issue:

## Allegorical or Literal?

### ***What do we mean by Eschatology?***

*Oxford English Dictionary*     The branch of theology that is about **death and judgement**

*Concise Oxford Dictionary*     The doctrine of **death, judgement, heaven and hell**

*Wikipedia*     Eschatology is concerned with the **final events of history**, or the ultimate destiny of humanity.

This concept is commonly referred to as 'the **end of the world**' or 'the **end times**'.

## End Time Prophecy Basics

- 1 Millennium = 1,000 years *In Latin 'Mille' = 1,000 & 'Annum' = year*
- 2 About 25-30% of the Bible was 'prophetic' when it was written—it speaks about events to come and was written before it happened.
- 3 A significant number of these prophecies in the Bible came to pass with incredible accuracy, *for example:*
  - all the prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah, were fulfilled to the letter; the prophecy of Noah (*in Genesis 9*); the four monsters of Daniel (*the four kingdoms: the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman*); the fall of Babylon, the fall of Tyre, the development of the area around Jerusalem, etc. These prophecies were fulfilled **completely**.
- 4 If these came to pass so very accurately shouldn't we take a **literal** interpretation of prophecies which haven't yet come to pass?
- 5 Some of these prophecies contain idioms, figures of speech and obvious picture language, which need to be interpreted.
- 6 The Bible can be used to interpret the meanings of the **pictures** and figures of speech, etc. ***We will learn about this during the course.***

# Allegorical Interpretation

or

## Literal Interpretation ?

### The Allegorical Interpretation of Prophecy

The word '**allegorical**' comes from two Greek words:

- 1** The word for '**other**' – '**allos**' *αλλος* Strong's G243 meaning '*another thing of a different kind*' and
- 2** The word for '**to speak**' – '**lego**' *λεγω* Strong's G3004 meaning 'to lay forth', 'to show', 'to tell' or 'to speak'.

When you put those two words together you get '**all-lego**', from which we get the English words '**allegory**' and '**allegorical**'.

So '**allegorical**' means 'to speak, other' or, more specifically, 'to show', or '**to speak of something that is DIFFERENT**', which therefore is **not the same** as the original or literal meaning.

Therefore, if you take an **allegorical** view, it means that you **DON'T** actually **believe** what the original words say!

### The Literal Interpretation of Prophecy

Taking Scripture as **plain** language and at **face value**

This is very important, because it dictates how we view the present nation of Israel.

#### The Millennium

*Revelation 20:1-3*

- 1** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- 2** He laid hold on the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for **a thousand years**;
- 3** and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till **the thousand years** were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

*End of verse 4:* and they lived and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**.

# The **Literal Interpretation** of Prophecy

Taking Scripture as **plain** language and at **face value**

## The **144,000**

*Revelation 7:4-8*

<sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of those who were sealed. 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

<sup>5</sup> of the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed;  
of the tribe of Reuben 12,000 were sealed;  
of the tribe of Gad 12,000 were sealed;  
<sup>6</sup> of Asher 12,000 ... of Naphtali ... of Manasseh ...  
*and so on .....*

## Speaking to 'Zion'

*Isaiah 52:7-8*

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good news, who proclaims peace; who brings good tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation; who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

<sup>8</sup> Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices shall they sing together; for they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion.

*However, there are three potential anomalies to consider:*

### 1 Idioms

A group of words in a fixed order which have a meaning that is different from the meanings of each of the words on their own.

### 2 Figures of speech

A figure of speech is an intentional deviation from ordinary language, chosen to produce a rhetorical effect.

### 3 Picture language

This is language containing pictures or picture-writing.

When you put the appropriate definition in place, possibly from its first mention in Genesis, the meaning becomes clear.

Once **interpreted**, you can still take the prophecy **literally**.

## Problems with an **Allegorical Interpretation**

There are four issues with this view that need answering:

- 1 **All** Bible believers, whether allegorical or literal in viewpoint for End Time Prophecy, take **most** of the Bible literally, so why shouldn't we take **all future prophecy literally**?
- 2 Fulfilled prophecy **has already been fulfilled literally**, so why won't unfulfilled or future prophecy be fulfilled literally as well?
- 3 The interpretation of prophecies have got to:
  - a) **be** clear, *and they have got to*
  - b) be fulfilled **clearly**.

If an allegorical interpretation is not clear **exactly** what is meant then **how do you know exactly** what a future prophecy is about? And **also** if that prophecy has been fulfilled **accurately** or not?

- 4 Similarly, **who decides** what any picture language means if you don't use the Bible as its own interpreter?!

# The **Literal Interpretation** of Prophecy

## **Peter's View of the Transfiguration**

*2 Peter 1:15-21*

<sup>15</sup> Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you also have a reminder of these things after my decease.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His Majesty.'

<sup>17</sup> For he received from God the Father honour and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup> And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic word made more sure .....

<sup>20</sup> knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

<sup>21</sup> for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

## *Study 2*

# **The Pre-Millennial View**

*and*

# **Various Alternative Views**

## **Allegorical Interpretation**

### **The A-millennial View**

**Preterism**

**Historicism**

**Idealism**

### **The Post-millennial View**

## **Mixed** (*some Literal, some Allegorical*)

**Historical Pre-millennialism**

*(Post-Tribulation Rapture and some allegorical interpretation)*

## **Literal Interpretation**

### **The Pre-millennial View**

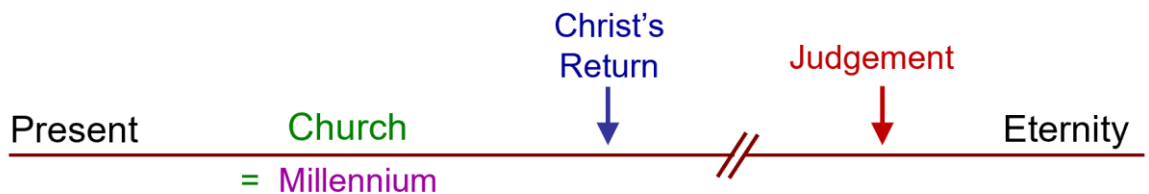
**Futurism**

**Dispensational Pre-millennialism**

# The Three Main Views About Prophecy and The Millennium

- 1 The A-millennial View
- 2 The Post-millennial View
- 3 The Pre-millennial View

## The A-millennial View *(Allegorical)*



'A' means 'no' or 'without' (*in Latin*). The Millennium is a spiritual picture of the Church or the Kingdom. The **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent is AFTER the Kingdom** or Church Age. It eventually brings in Judgement and Eternity, but could happen at any time. There is no place for Israel in the future. This view is covered more specifically by 'Preterism', 'Historicism' and 'Idealism'.

**Widest viewpoint** (*effectively*) Held by the main, 'established' churches: Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, some Baptist & Presbyterian/Reformed churches. The main exponent was Augustine around AD 400.

**Well-known A-millennialists:** Martin Luther, Louis Berkhof, William Hendriksen, Bishop Christopher Wordsworth and Augustine, of course.

## The Post-millennial View *(Allegorical)*

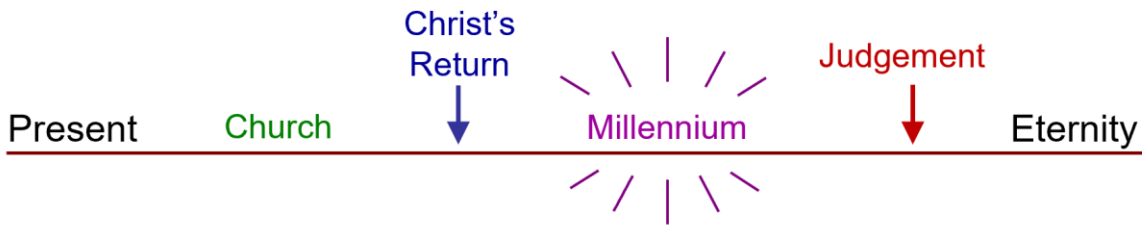


'Post' means 'after' (*in Latin*). Church will 'win' world & make it totally Christian. Government is 'on His shoulder'—the last apostles. After a long time of peace (*prob. 1,000 years*) Christ will return. World is getting better and **2<sup>nd</sup> Advent** is at least **1,000 years** away. No place for Israel. Church is now 'spiritual Israel'. The basis of the '**kingdom now**' philosophy and linked to the 'social gospel'.

**A smaller following** Almost died out with WWI. Increased since 1945 and revived with discipleship and shepherding movement from the 1970s, now the British New Church Movement. Linked to 'Reformed' view of Christian Reconstructionism, promoted by Reformed Presbyterian Church in the USA.

**Well-known Post-millennialists:** A H Strong (*Concordance*), R J Rushdoony, Charles Hodge, Jonathan Edwards (1639-1716), Andrew Sandlin, Daniel Whitby, Ern Baxter, Bryn & Keri Jones, Gerald Coates, Terry Virgo, Colin Urquhart, Roger Forster, Bill Johnson.

# The Pre-millennial View *(Literal)*



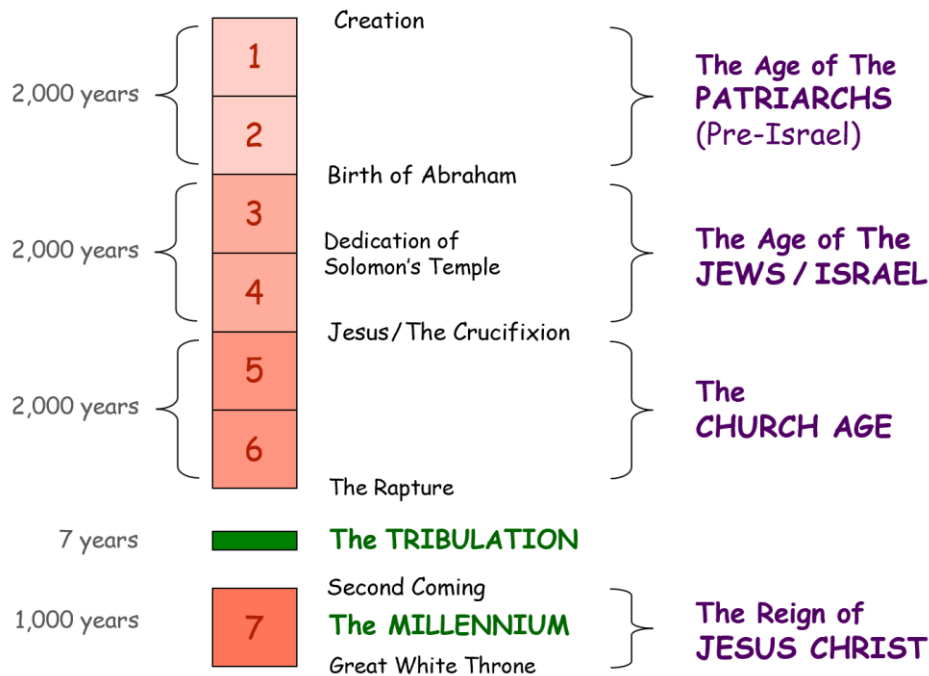
'Pre' means 'before' (*in Latin*). The Second Advent will mark the start of the Millennium. **Christ alone** will establish the Kingdom. The World will become more ungodly until Christ's return in power and glory. He will then **reign for 1,000 years** until Judgement. Christ's return is very soon.

**Largest following** Held by most independent Bible believers from Early Church: Andrew, Peter, Philip, Thomas, John, James, Matthew (*all named by Papias who died about AD 130*), also Barnabas, Polycarp and Ignatius.

Although waning as A-millennialism became 'official' view of 'the church', the Pre-millennial View has revived significantly over the past 200 years.

**Well-known Pre-millennialists:** John Wesley, J N Darby, Lewis S Chafer, Merrill Unger, C I Schofield, Charles Ryrie, John Walvoord, Tim LaHaye, Dwight Pentecost, Hal Lindsey (*'The Late Great Planet Earth'*), Frederick Tatford (*PWMI*), Kenneth Copeland, Joseph Prince and **very** many others.

## Where could the Millennium & Tribulation fit in?



## Understanding the Millennial Issue

No.	Question	A-Mill	Post-M	Pre-M
1	Will evil continue to increase before the 2nd Advent?			Yes
2	Will Christ's return bring in eternity?			
3	Will the Kingdom dominate the Earth?			
4	Is Israel promised a future?			
5	Are prophetic passages to be taken literally?			

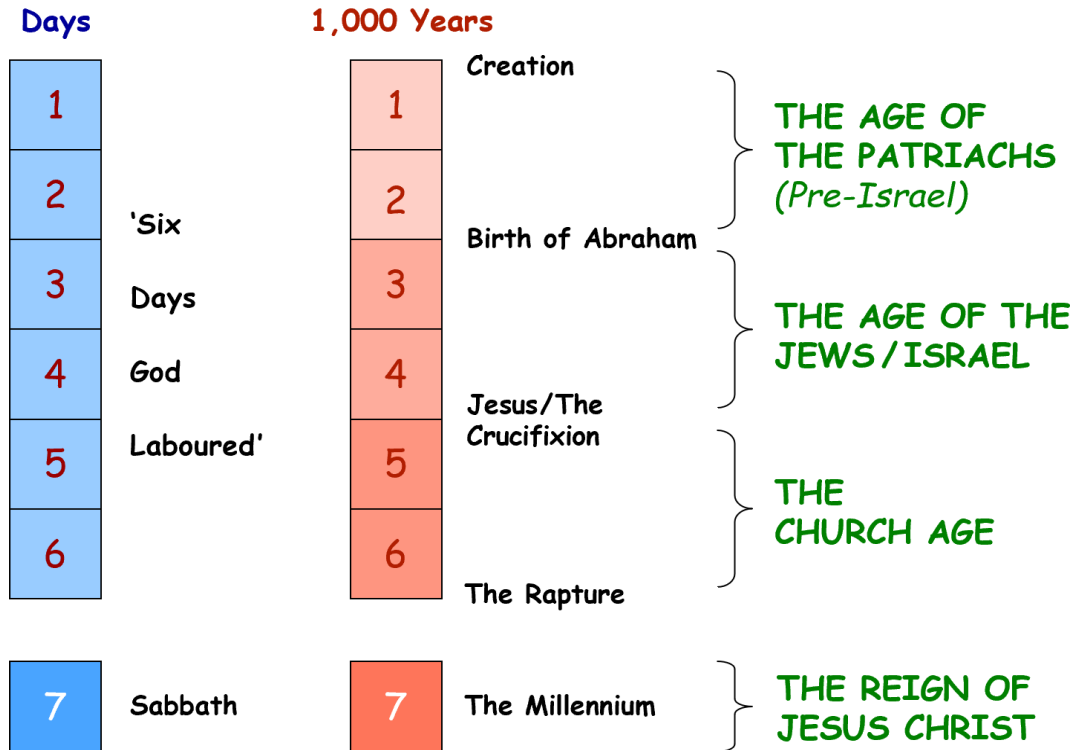
Study 3

# Dispensations

## Part 1

### World History Overview

#### The Week of Creation Patterns the 7,000 Years of Time



# OIKONOMIA

## Dispensation

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The way you run your house or your estate

'House rules'                      Administration, Management

Stewardship                      Handling

Bailiffship                      Economy *'Ekonomia'*

### Luke 16:1-3

<sup>1</sup> And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a **steward**;

and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

<sup>2</sup> And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy **stewardship**;

for thou mayest be no longer steward.

<sup>3</sup> Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? .....

### John 1:17

For the **law** was given by Moses, but **grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ.

### Matthew 12:32

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in **the world to come**.

.... **nor in the age to come**.

### Ephesians 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> Having made known unto us the **mystery** of His will, according to His good pleasure which he purposed in Himself:

<sup>10</sup> That, in the **dispensation** of the fulness of times .....

.... *put the word **administration** in there instead* ....

that in the **administration** of the fullness of times, He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

### Ephesians 3:2

<sup>2a</sup> If you have heard of the **dispensation** of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward:

.... *put the word **administration** in there instead* ....

<sup>2b</sup> If you have heard of the **administration** of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward:



## Ephesians 3:5

<sup>5a</sup> ... which in other ages was not made known ...

<sup>5b</sup> ... unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; <sup>6</sup> that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ, by the gospel:

## Colossians 1:24b-27

<sup>24b</sup> ..... which is the church:

<sup>25</sup> Whereof I am made a minister, according to the 'dispensation' (or the **administration**) of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

<sup>26</sup> Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

<sup>27</sup> To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

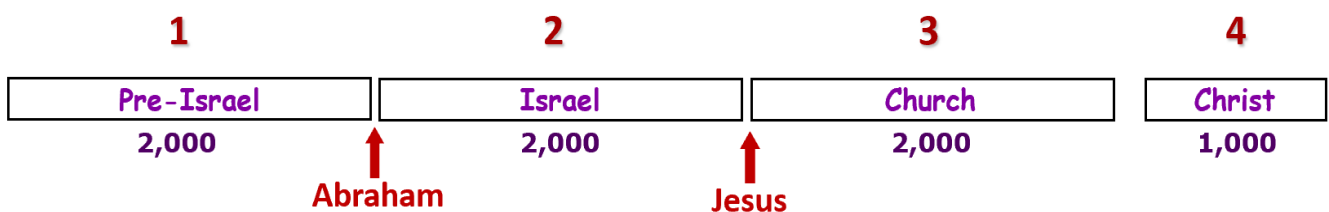
## Hebrews 1:1

<sup>1</sup> God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son,

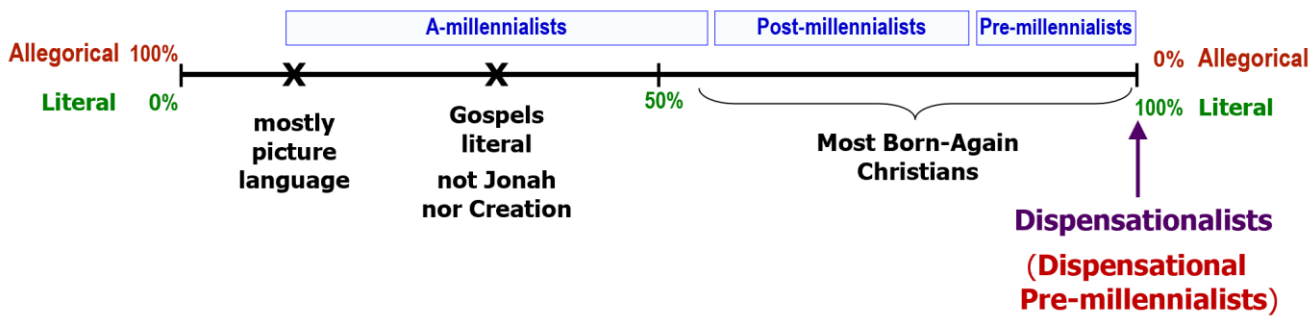
..... whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the **ages**;

.... he made the **dispensations** .....

## The Four Main Dispensations



# Allegorical or Literal View of Dispensations?



## Three things that mark out a Dispensationalist

A Dispensationalist:

- 1** always takes a **consistently literal view of the Bible**
- 2** always sees **Israel and The Church as distinct**
- 3** believes that **the purpose of history** is the **revelation of the Glory of the Lord**

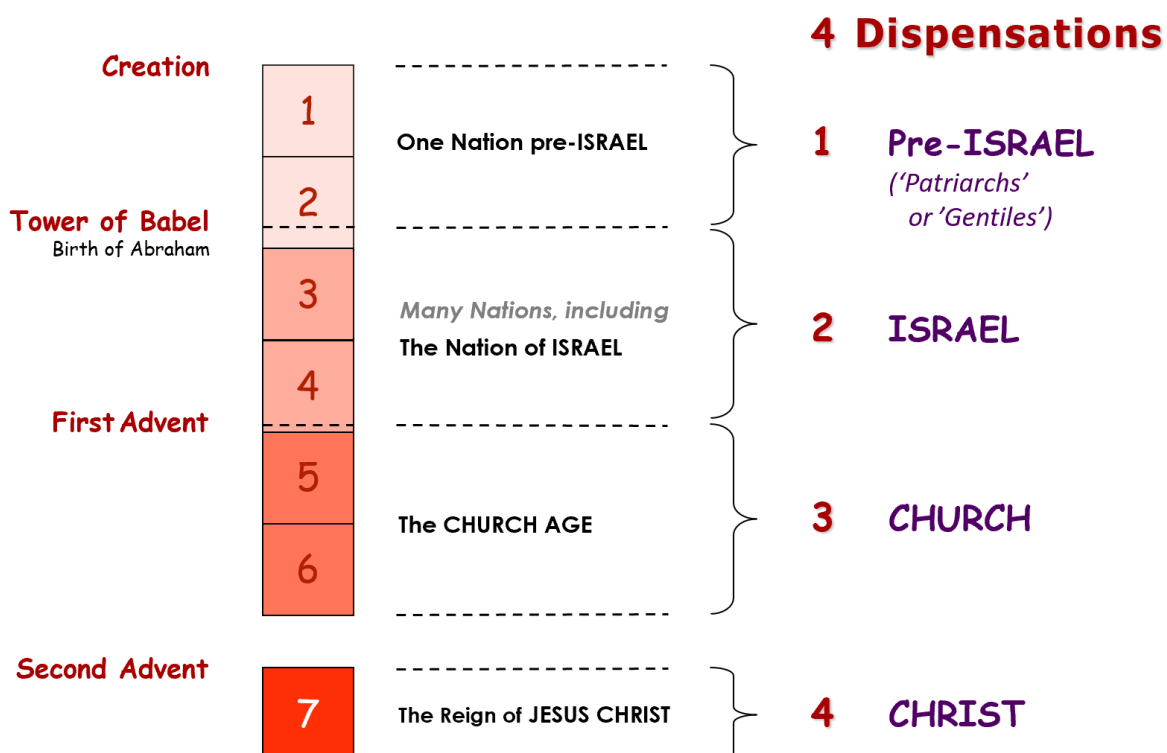
*i.e.* There **is a future for Israel**. God will see His **glory** in Israel and He will fulfill His promises about them. Most non-dispensationalists see **salvation** as the purpose of history.

*(Remember A-millennialists & Post-millennialists can tend to be anti-Semitic and replace Israel with the Church.)*

## The Dispensational Scheme

### World History Overview

1 – A Basic View



## Study 4

# Dispensations

## Part 2

### Characteristics of Dispensations

## Unifying Characteristics of all Dispensations

### 1 The Character of God

- 1 **His Sovereignty** (*He is sovereign*)
- 2 **His Absolute Righteousness**
- 3 **His Absolute Justice**
- 4 **His Omnipresence** (*All of God is everywhere*)
- 5 **His Omnipotence** (*All powerful*)
- 6 **His Omniscience** (*All-knowing*)
- 7 **He is Eternal**
- 8 **He is Love**
- 9 **He is Truth** (*also known as 'Veracity'*)
- 10 **God Never Changes**

### 2 The Condition of Man (*except Pre-Fall*)

- 3 **The Angelic Conflict**
- 4 **The Means of Salvation**
- 5 **Human Responsibility**
- 6 **Human Destiny**

## Distinct Characteristics of each Dispensation

### 1 The Pre-Israel Period

- a All one race
- b One language and culture
- c Verbal revelation
- d Believers from every family preached the Gospel
- e The heads of families and clans were the priests
- f Salvation by faith in Christ  
(*Genesis 3:15*)

## Genesis 3:15

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

## Genesis 3:20

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she  
was the mother of all living.

# Distinct Characteristics of each Dispensation

## 2 The Israel Period

- a Peoples separated into 70 nations
- b Many languages and cultures
- c Written revelation
- d Israel becomes the chosen missionary base
- e Israel to be a nation of priests — the Levitical priesthood
- f Salvation by faith in Christ — seen in Tabernacle, sacrifices and feasts
- g Worship at the Tabernacle, then the Temple

## 3 The Church Period

- a Peoples separated into nations
- b Many languages and cultures
- c Written revelation
- d The Church becomes God's missionary base
- e Every member of the Church is a priest; Jesus is the High Priest
- f Salvation by faith in Christ is fully revealed
- g Worship anywhere

## 4 The Period of Christ's Reign

- a Many nations
- b Many languages and cultures
- c Written and verbal revelation
- d Church reigns with Christ. Israel is restored as chief among nations
- e Israel is the priestly nation
- f Salvation by faith in Christ is fully revealed
- g Worship in Jerusalem

## Zechariah 14:16-19

**16** And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

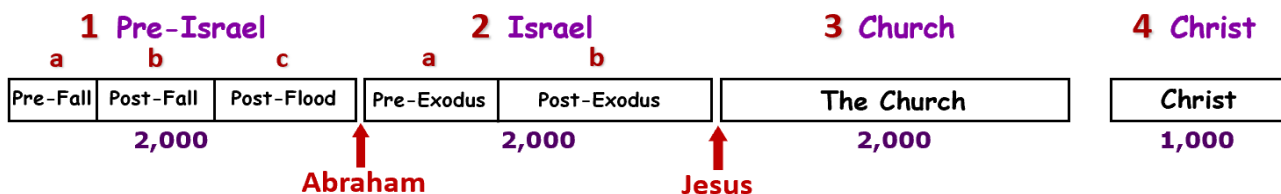
**17** And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

**18** And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

**19** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

## The Four Main Dispensations

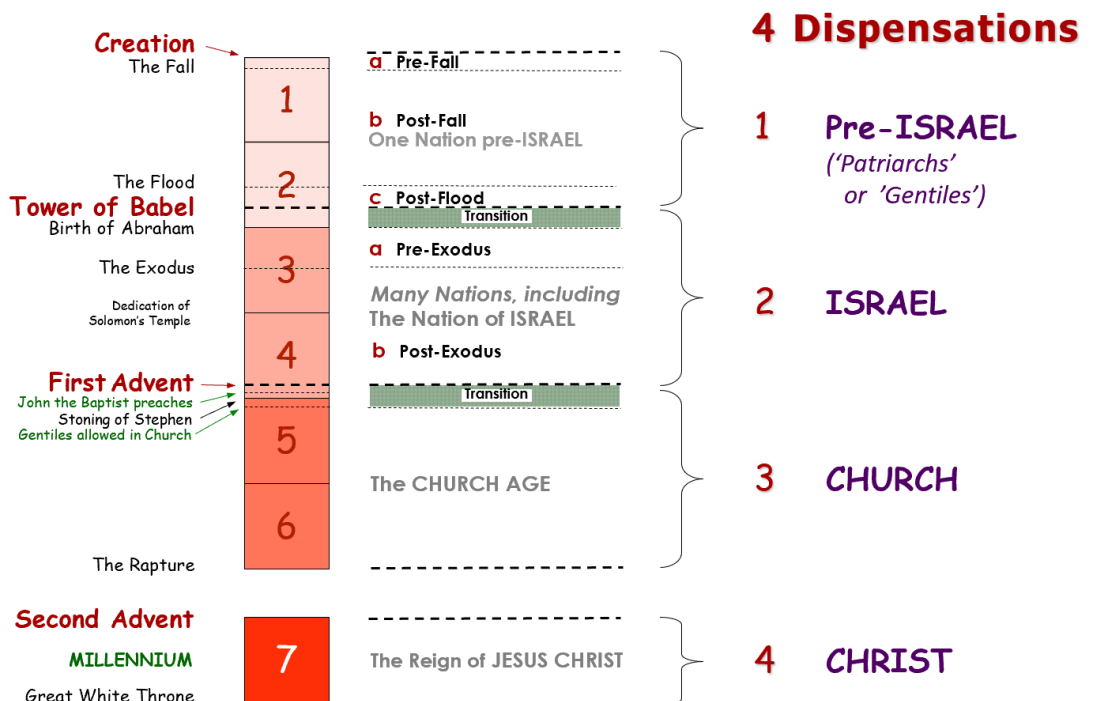
### With Sub-Divisions



## The Dispensational Scheme

### World History Overview

2 – With Subdivisions



# Distinct Characteristics of the Subdivisions

## 1 The Pre-Israel Period

### a Pre-Fall

Man not fallen  
Fellowship with God face to face (*no need for sacrifice*)  
Man lived in Eden  
Man naked  
No death  
Vegetarian diet

### b Post-Fall (& pre-Flood)

Man fallen  
Fellowship with God only through grace and sacrifice  
Man thrown out of Eden  
Man clothed  
Reign of death begins  
Vegetarian diet

### c Post-Flood

Man fallen  
Fellowship with God only through grace and sacrifice  
Eden swept away in Noah's flood  
Man clothed  
Reign of death intensifies  
Man eats meat (& fish)

## 2 The Israel Period

### a Pre-Exodus

Israel is a family unit

### b Post-Exodus

Israel is a nation  
God's law is revealed, including the Sabbath rule

### Exodus 31:12-14

<sup>12</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, <sup>13</sup> Speak also unto the children of Israel, saying, 'Verily my sabbaths you shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. <sup>14</sup> You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

### Nehemiah 9:13-14

<sup>13</sup> "You came down from Mount Sinai and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right judgments, and true laws good statutes and commandments. <sup>14</sup> And you made known to them thy holy Sabbath and commandedst them precepts, statutes and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant.

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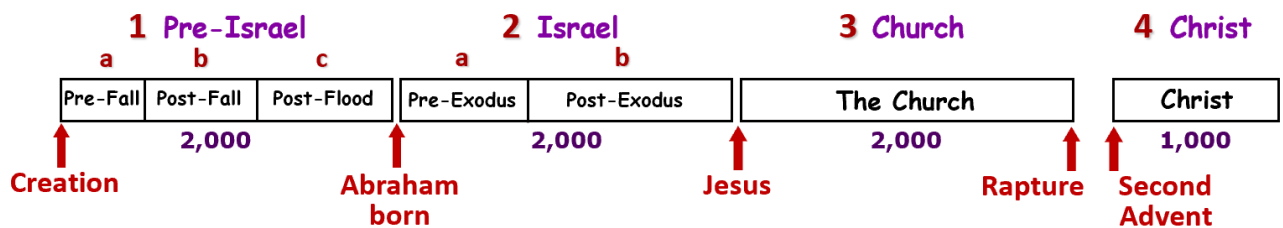
# Dispensations

## Part 3

Characteristics Reviewed &  
The Pre-Tribulational View

## The Four Main Dispensations

### With Sub-Divisions



### Micah 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

<sup>2</sup> And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>4</sup> But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.

<sup>5</sup> For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

<sup>7</sup> And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

## Isaiah 11:6-16

- <sup>6</sup> The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den.
- <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.
- <sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.
- <sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
- <sup>13</sup> The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex (*or harass*) Ephraim.
- <sup>14</sup> But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.
- <sup>15</sup> And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.
- <sup>16</sup> And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.



## Matthew 24:29-31; 3-21

<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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<sup>3</sup> And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. <sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

<sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of sorrows.

<sup>9</sup> Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

<sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) <sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

<sup>17</sup> Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: <sup>18</sup> Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

<sup>19</sup> And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

<sup>20</sup> But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: <sup>21</sup> For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

## Deuteronomy 4:25-31

<sup>25</sup> When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger: <sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. <sup>27</sup> And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. <sup>28</sup> And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

<sup>29</sup> But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. <sup>30</sup> When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; <sup>31</sup> (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

## Jeremiah 30:1-10

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup> Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. <sup>3</sup> For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

<sup>4</sup> And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

<sup>5</sup> For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. <sup>6</sup> Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

<sup>7</sup> Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

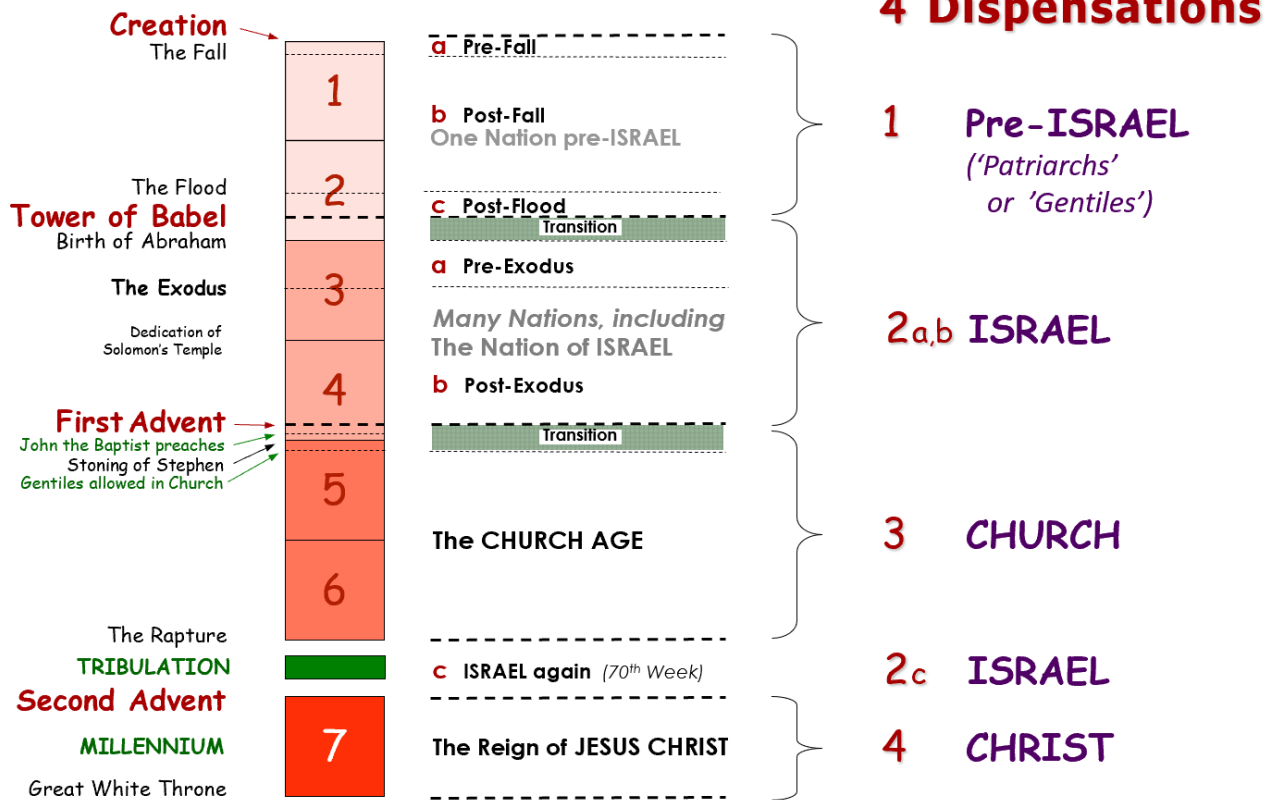
<sup>8</sup> For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

# The Dispensational Scheme

## World History Overview

### 3 - With The Tribulation



### Matthew 24:29-30

<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

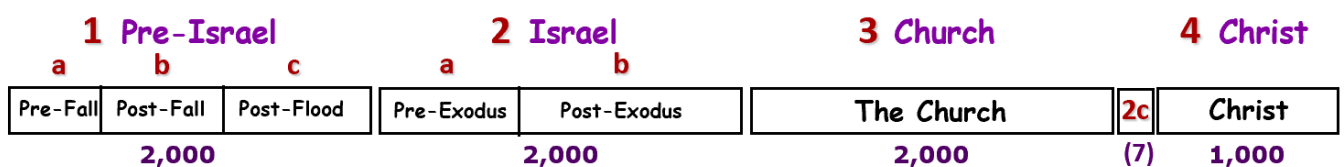
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*According to the Post-Tribulational Rapture Theory*

<sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

## The Four Main Dispensations

### With Sub-Divisions



## Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

<sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

<sup>35</sup> 'For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

<sup>36</sup> naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.'

<sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? <sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? <sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?'

<sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'

<sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

<sup>42</sup> For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.'

<sup>44</sup> Then shall they also answer him, saying, 'Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?'

<sup>45</sup> Then shall he answer them, saying, 'Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

# Dispensation Comparison & Analysis

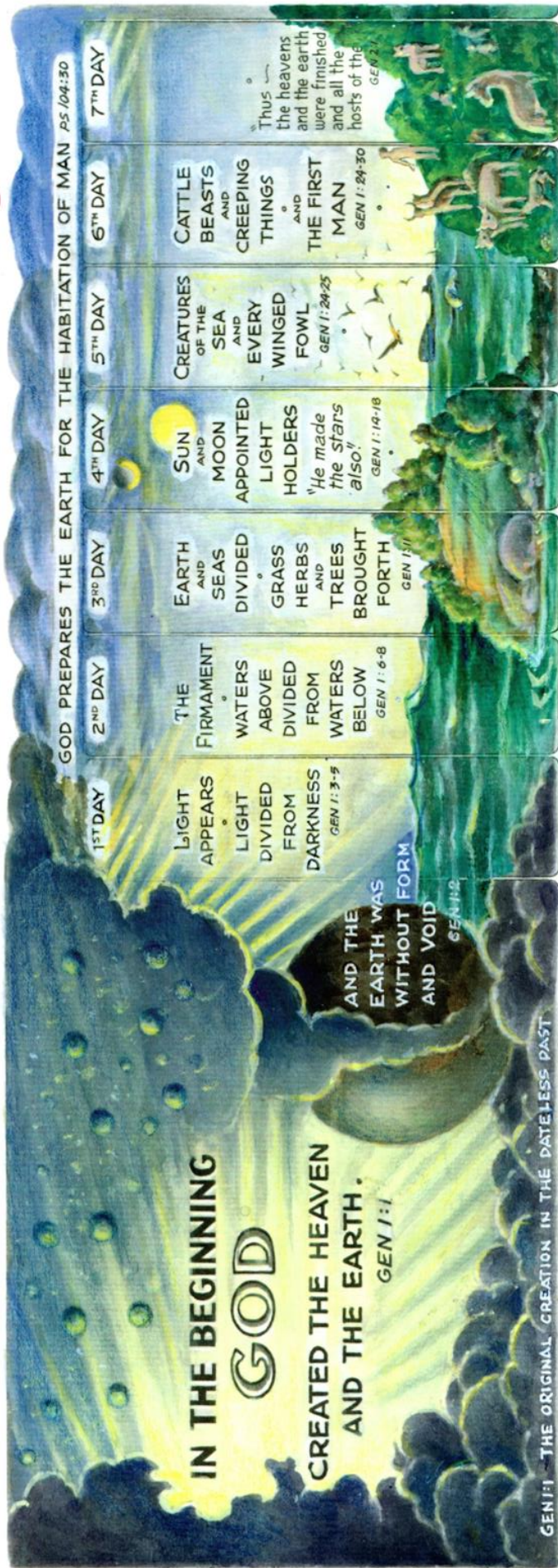
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No.	Main Name	Detail	Time
1	The Age of The Patriarchs	Pre-Israel <i>(Age of Gentiles)</i>	2,000 years
2	Israel	Israel	2,000 years
3	The Church	The Church Age	2,000 years
-	The Tribulation	<i>Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week re-run</i>	7 years
4	Reign of Christ	The Millennium	1,000 years

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1 Pre-Israel	Pre-Fall	1a
	Post-Fall	1b
	Post-Flood	1c
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	Post-Exodus	2b
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2 Israel continued	The Tribulation	2c
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## Study 6

# The Tower of Babel

### Genesis 4:9-18

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

<sup>10</sup> And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

<sup>11</sup> And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

<sup>12</sup> When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

<sup>13</sup> And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

<sup>14</sup> Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

<sup>16</sup> And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

<sup>17</sup> And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

<sup>18</sup> And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

### Genesis 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup> By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

<sup>6</sup> And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

<sup>7</sup> And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

<sup>8</sup> And Cush begat **Nimrod**: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as **Nimrod** the mighty hunter before (*against*) the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

## Genesis 11:1-8

<sup>1</sup> And the whole earth was of one language, and of **one speech**.

<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. <sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a **tower**, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

<sup>5</sup> And the LORD came down to see the city and the **tower**, which the children of men builded. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

<sup>7</sup> Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

<sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.



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# The 70 Nations

## Japheth ('Aryan')

Gomer (*Celts*)  
 Ashkenaz (*Nysia, Phrygia*)  
 Riphath (*Riphaean*)  
 Togarmah (*Armenia*)  
 Magog (*Scythians*)  
 Madai (*Medes*)  
 Javan (*Greeks*)  
 Elishah (*Aeolians*)  
 Tarshish (*Tartessus*)  
 Kittim (*Cyprus*)  
 Dodanim (*Trojans*)  
 Tubal  
 Meshech  
 Tiras (*Thracians*)

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## Ham ('Turanian')

Cush (*Ethiopians*)  
 Seba (*Meroe*)  
 Havilah (*Arabia*)  
 Sabtah (*Sabbatha*)  
 Raamah (*Persian Gulf*)  
 Sheba  
 Dedan  
 Sabtechah  
**Nimrod**  
 Put/Phut (*Libyans*)  
 Mizraim (*Egyptians*)  
 Ludim (*Nubia*)  
 Anamim (*Anamites*)  
 Lehabim (*Libyans*)  
 Naphtuhim (*Napetu*)

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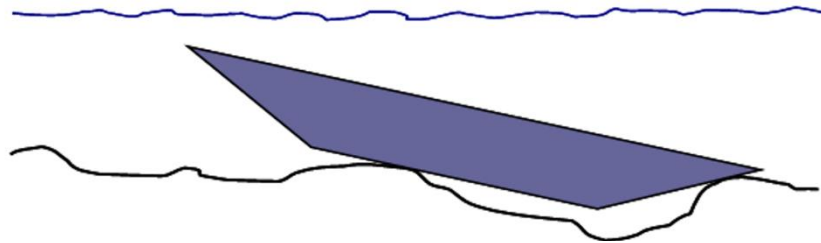
## Shem ('Semitic')

Elam (*Elamites*)  
 Asshur (*Assyrians*)  
 Lud (*Lydians*)  
 Aram (*Syrians*)  
 Uz  
 Hul  
 Gether  
 Meshech  
 Arphaxad (*Chaldeans*)  
 Salah/Shelah  
 Eber  
**Peleg**  
 Joktan (*Arabians*): Jobab

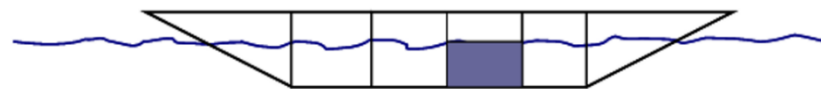
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*Peleg was the great-great-great-grandfather of Abraham.*

## Total 70 Nations initially — from Genesis 10



No compartments – all flood – ship sinks



Only one compartment flooded – ship floats

### Matthew 10:5-7

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

<sup>6</sup> But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And as ye go, **preach**, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

### 1 Corinthians 10:32

<sup>32</sup> Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

So, there are three types of people now:

## 1 The Jews

## 2 The Gentiles

## 3 The Church

*The 'ekklesia' — the 'called-out assembly'*

### Revelation 19:11-16

<sup>11</sup> And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

<sup>13</sup> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

<sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

<sup>16</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

### Revelation 20:1-2, 7-9

<sup>1</sup> And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

<sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

<sup>7</sup> And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

<sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

<sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

### Revelation 21:1

<sup>1</sup> And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

## 7,000 years of history

It begins with Apostasy..... it ends with Apostasy

It begins with God's Grace..... it ends with God's Grace

and then God's Judgement

## Study 7

# The Abrahamic Covenant

### Acts 7:2-4

<sup>2</sup> And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

<sup>3</sup> And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee.

<sup>4</sup> Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

### Joshua 24:2-3

<sup>2</sup> And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.

<sup>3</sup> And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.



## The Fertile Crescent

### Abraham's journey

Abraham crossed the Euphrates and went west.

'Hebrew' = 'one who crosses the river' (i.e. The Euphrates)

## Genesis 12:1-3, 7

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

<sup>2</sup> And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

<sup>3</sup> And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

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<sup>7</sup> And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, **Unto thy seed will I give this land**: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

## God's Covenant with Abraham

**1** To be a great nation

**2** Blessed by God (*right there*)

**3** Name to be made great (*even with Muslims*)

**4** To **be** a blessing

**5** Blessing for the blessers (*plural – 'them'*)  
Cursing for the curser (*singular – 'him'*)

**6** All nations to be blessed through him  
*Wherever there is a Jew there is a point of blessing*

**7** Unto your seed I will give this land

## Hebrews 11:17-19a

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

<sup>18</sup> Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

<sup>19a</sup> Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;

## Genesis 15:2-6

<sup>2</sup> And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

<sup>4</sup> And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

<sup>5</sup> And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

<sup>6</sup> And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

## Genesis 17:4-7

<sup>4</sup> As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup> Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

<sup>6</sup> And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations **for an everlasting covenant**, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

## The Seed of Abraham

**1** Physical descendants of Abraham

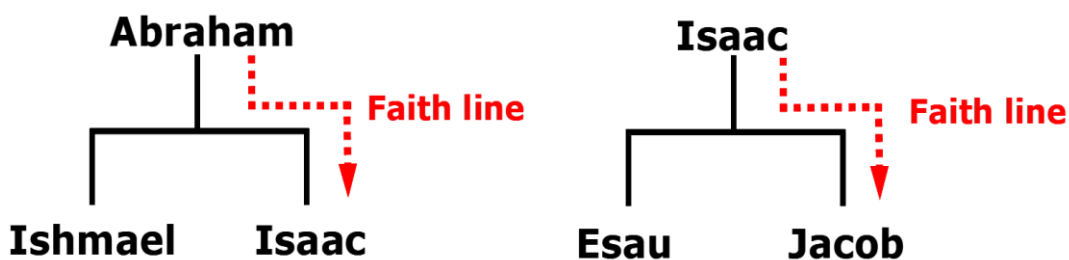
**2** Believers — and in faith line (of Isaac and Jacob)  
*Completed Jews — believing in the Messiah*

**3** Christians — all Jews and Gentiles in Christ  
*All born-again believers (including 2 above)*

## Romans 9:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
- <sup>2</sup> That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.
- <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- <sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;
- <sup>5</sup> Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
- <sup>6</sup> Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are **not** all Israel, which are **of Israel**:
- <sup>7</sup> Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In **Isaac shall thy seed be called**.
- <sup>8</sup> That is, They which are the children of the **flesh**, these are **not** the children of God: but the **children of the promise** are counted for the seed.

## The Promises are passed on from Abraham to Isaac and Jacob — through the Faith Line



## Genesis 26:2-5

- <sup>2</sup> And the LORD appeared unto him (*Isaac*), and said, “Go not down to Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell you.
- <sup>3</sup> “Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and your seed (*descendants*), I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.
- <sup>4</sup> “And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven; and I will give to your seed all these lands; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;
- <sup>5</sup> “Because Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept my charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

## Genesis 17:18-21a

<sup>18</sup> And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ishmael might live before You!

<sup>19</sup> And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish my covenant with him for an **everlasting covenant**, and with his seed (*descendants*) after him.

<sup>20</sup> And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.

<sup>21a</sup> But **my covenant** will I establish with **Isaac**.

## Genesis 28:3-4

<sup>3</sup> May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, that you may be a multitude of people;

<sup>4</sup> And give you the blessing of Abraham, to you, and your seed with you; that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham.

**Galatians 3:16** Not '**seeds**', but '**seed**' (= Christ)

Jesus had to be a Jew — descended from Abraham.

**Galatians 3:29** If you believe then you are Abraham's spiritual seed.

**Jeremiah 31:35** While **sun, moon** and **stars** exist, then Israel still has a future.

## Galatians 3:16, 26-29

<sup>16</sup> Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy **seed**, which is Christ.

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<sup>26</sup> For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup> And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.

## Jeremiah 31:31-36

<sup>31</sup> Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD

<sup>33</sup> but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel. After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup> And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

<sup>35</sup> Thus saith the LORD, which giveth **the sun** for a light by day, and the ordinances of **the moon** and of **the stars** for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

<sup>36</sup> If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.



## Study 8

# Does Israel Have a Future?

### Jeremiah 31:35-37

<sup>35</sup> Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divided the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name,

<sup>36</sup> 'If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.'

<sup>37</sup> Thus saith the LORD, '**If heaven above can be measured**, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.'

### Numbers 23:19

<sup>19</sup> God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent. Hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

## God made Four Major Covenants with Israel

**1 The Abrahamic Covenant** — *last study*

**2 The Palestinian Covenant** — *this study*

**3 The Davidic Covenant** — *2 Samuel 7:8-16*

*Establishing the throne and kingdom of David for ever*

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## The Palestinian Covenant

### The land promised to Israel by God the Father

### Genesis 12:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

## Genesis 13:14-15

<sup>14</sup> And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art **northward**, and **southward**, and **eastward**, and **westward**:

<sup>15</sup> For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed **for ever**.

## Genesis 15:7, 9-10, 12, 17-18

<sup>7</sup> And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

<sup>9</sup> And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.

<sup>10</sup> And he took unto him all these and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

<sup>12</sup> And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

<sup>17</sup> And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

<sup>18</sup> In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the **river of Egypt** unto the great river, the **river Euphrates**.

## The Middle East as it is



## Approximate area promised to Israel



All that Abraham could see from Shechem — and more!!

**Area Promised** *Gen 13:14-15; 15:18-21; Joshua 1:2-4*

**North** — beyond Carmel; Lebanon (*land to the north*)

**West** — to the Mediterranean and to the Nile

**East** — to the Jordan and beyond, **right on to the Euphrates**

**South** — to the wilderness—Sinai (*SE: Edom, Moab & Ammon*)

### Joshua 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

<sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

### Genesis 17:8

<sup>8</sup> And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, **for an everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.

## Leviticus 26:27-33, 35

<sup>27</sup> And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; <sup>28</sup> Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. *The Fifth Cycle of Discipline* \*

<sup>29</sup> And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

<sup>30</sup> And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

<sup>31</sup> And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

<sup>32</sup> And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

<sup>33</sup> **And I will scatter you among the heathen**, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

<sup>35</sup> **As long as it lies desolate it shall rest**; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

\* Full details about **The Five Cycles of Discipline** are in the study **BBS 24** by Roger Price  
Free MP3 download from: <http://www.ccftapes.co.uk/BBSdownloads2.htm>

## Out of The Land

**1 215 years in Egypt** *Genesis 15:13-16*

*(430 years' sojourn from the time Abraham entered Canaan)*

**2 70 years in Babylon** *Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10*

**a 606 BC to 586 BC** *20 years leaving the land*

**b 606 BC + 70 yrs = 536 BC** *Cyrus' decree (first return)*

**c 586 BC + 70 yrs = 516 BC** *Temple completed*

**3 AD 73 to 1948** *(initial return)*

### **Decline over 40 years**

**1 AD 26** *John the Baptist* > **AD 66** *Romans invade*

**2 AD 30** *Jesus' ministry* > **AD 70** *Temple destroyed*

**3 AD 33** *Jesus crucified* > **AD 73** *Masada falls*

## Restoration of Israel

**1948** Israel restored as a nation

**1967** Jews regain political control of Jerusalem

**1973** Yom Kippur war, more land taken

## **Luke 21:20-24**

<sup>20</sup> And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

<sup>21</sup> Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

<sup>22</sup> For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

<sup>23</sup> But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

<sup>24</sup> And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the **times of the Gentiles be fulfilled**.

## **Isaiah 11:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

<sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

<sup>13</sup> The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

<sup>14</sup> But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

<sup>16</sup> And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

## **Jeremiah 23:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, the LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

<sup>8</sup> But, the LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

## **Jeremiah 30:3**

<sup>3</sup> For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

## **Jeremiah 31:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

<sup>9</sup> They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

## Study 9

# What Really Happened at Pentecost

## *Fulfilled and Unfulfilled Feasts*

### Luke 13:6-10

<sup>6</sup> He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

<sup>7</sup> Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, 'Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?'

<sup>8</sup> And he answering said unto him, 'Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

<sup>9</sup> 'And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.'

<sup>10</sup> And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

## The Seven Feasts of Israel

### Feasts of the Spring — *First Advent*

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>1</b> Passover         | <i>Fulfilled</i>  |
| <b>2</b> Unleavened Bread | <i>Not fulfilled</i> — a feast of separation from Egypt       |
| <b>3</b> First-fruits     | <i>Fulfilled</i> — commencing the Feast of Weeks ('Sabbaths') |
| <i>Seven-week gap</i>     |   |
| <b>4</b> Pentecost        | <i>Partly fulfilled</i>                                       |

### Feasts of the Autumn — *Second Advent*

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>5</b> Trumpets         | } <i>To be celebrated and fulfilled on Jesus' return</i> |
| <b>6</b> Day of Atonement |  |
| <b>7</b> Tabernacles      |  |

## John 20:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, 'Mary'. She turned herself, and saith unto him, 'Rabboni'; which is to say, 'Master'.

<sup>17</sup> Jesus saith unto her, '**Touch me not**; for I am **not yet ascended** to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, **I ascend** unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'

## Joel 2:27-32

<sup>27</sup> And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup> And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

<sup>29</sup> And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.

<sup>30</sup> And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD comes.

<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

## Acts 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

<sup>3</sup> And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



## Acts 2:12-16, 21

<sup>12</sup> And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

<sup>15</sup> For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

<sup>16</sup> But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel ....

<sup>21</sup> .... and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

## Joel 2:32b

<sup>32b</sup> .... for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

## Acts 2:32-36

<sup>32</sup> This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

<sup>33</sup> Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

<sup>34</sup> For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

## Isaiah 28:9-13

<sup>9</sup> Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

<sup>10</sup> For **precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:**

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<sup>11</sup> For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

<sup>12</sup> To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

<sup>13</sup> But the word of the LORD was unto them

**precept upon precept, precept upon precept;**

**line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;**

***Burble, burble, burble! Blah, blah, blah! Nag, nag, nag!***

that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

## Romans 11:1, 11-12, 17-26

<sup>1</sup> I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

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<sup>11</sup> I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, **for to provoke them to jealousy.**

<sup>12</sup> Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

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<sup>17</sup> And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

<sup>18</sup> **Boast not against the branches.** But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

<sup>19</sup> You will say then, 'The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.'

<sup>20</sup> Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:

<sup>21</sup> For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

<sup>22</sup> **Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God:** on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

<sup>23</sup> And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

<sup>24</sup> For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

<sup>25</sup> **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

<sup>26</sup> **And so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

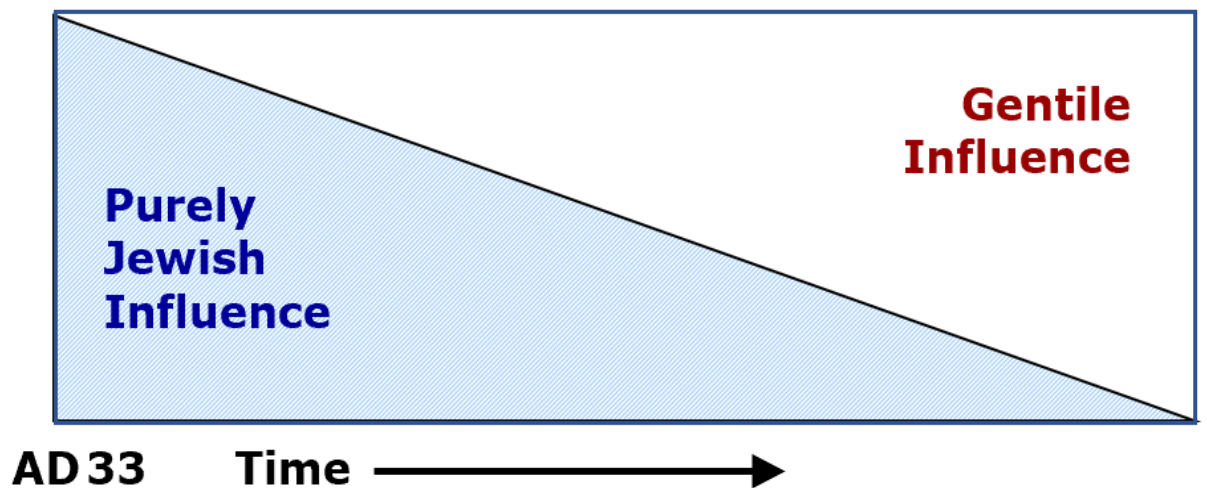
## *Study 10*

# **The Mystery of The Church**

## *Part 1*

*From Jew to Gentile*

## **The Church – over 2,000 years**



### **Acts 2:44-46**

<sup>44</sup> And all that believed were together, and had all things in common;

<sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

<sup>46</sup> And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

## **Acts 10:44-48; 11:1-4**

**10:44** While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

<sup>45</sup> And they of the circumcision which believed **were astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

<sup>46</sup> For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

<sup>47</sup> Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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**11:1** And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

<sup>2</sup> And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him.

<sup>3</sup> Saying, you went in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

<sup>4</sup> But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them ...

## **Acts 11:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup> Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

<sup>17</sup> Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

<sup>18</sup> When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

### Acts 13:14-17

<sup>14</sup> But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

<sup>15</sup> And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

<sup>16</sup> Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

<sup>17</sup> The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people ....

### Acts 13:44-48

<sup>44</sup> And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

<sup>45</sup> But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

<sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, **we turn to the Gentiles.**

<sup>47</sup> For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, 'I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.' (*Isaiah 49:6*)

<sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as believed were ordained to eternal life (*lit.*).

## Acts 28:23-28

<sup>23</sup> And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

<sup>24</sup> And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

<sup>25</sup> And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers, <sup>26</sup> saying, 'Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:

<sup>27</sup> For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.'

<sup>28</sup> Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

## Ephesians 3:3-10

<sup>3</sup> How that by revelation He made **known unto me the mystery**;

**MYSTERY** – *something that you didn't know yesterday, but which has been revealed to you clearly today.*

Greek word **mustérion** from the root word

**mueó** 'mu – ee – ooo'

meaning 'to initiate someone into secrets'

## Philippians 4:12

<sup>12</sup> **I know** both how to be abased, and **I know** how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

*I have learned the secret of how to be abased and how to abound.*

## Ephesians 3:3-10

<sup>3</sup> How that by **revelation** He made **known unto me the mystery**; (*as I wrote afore in few words,* <sup>4</sup> *Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ*) <sup>5</sup> **which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

<sup>6</sup> That the **Gentiles** should be fellow-heirs, and of **the same body**, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

<sup>7</sup> Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given **unto me** by the effectual working of his power. <sup>8</sup> **Unto me**, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the **Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup> and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the **mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

<sup>10</sup> To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by **the Church** to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

## Ephesians 2:12-14

<sup>12</sup> That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us.

## Malachi 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:

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and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>2</sup> But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

<sup>3</sup> and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi .....

## Isaiah 40:3-5

<sup>3</sup> The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight** in the desert a highway for our God.

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<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

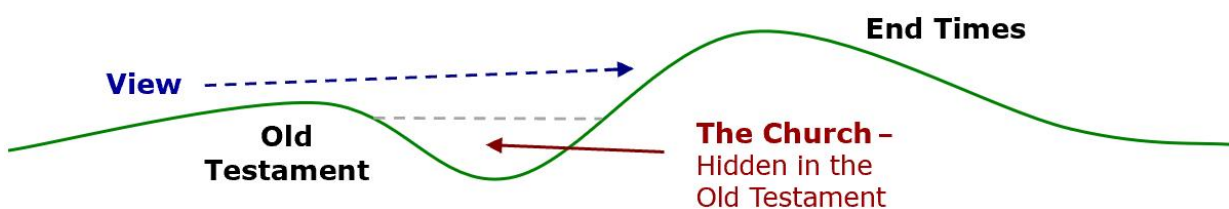
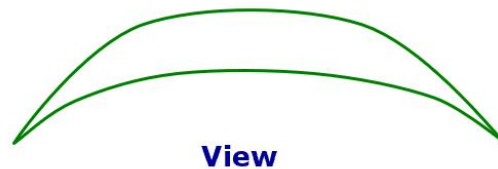
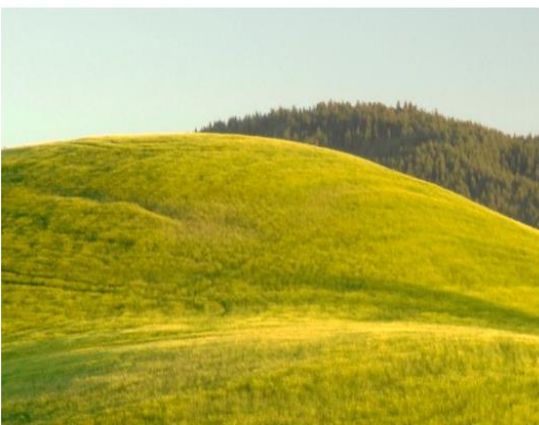
## John 1:23

<sup>23</sup> He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, '**Make straight the way of the LORD,**' as said the prophet Isaiah.

## Matthew 3:3

<sup>3</sup> For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "**Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make his paths straight.**"'

## The Church – Hidden in the Old Testament





## Study 11

# The Mystery of The Church

## Part 2

### *Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Great Statue*

#### **Daniel 2:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

<sup>2</sup> Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

<sup>3</sup> And the king said unto them, 'I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.'

<sup>4</sup> Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Aramaic, 'O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.'

<sup>5</sup> The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, 'The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me **the dream, with the interpretation** thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill (*or rubbish heap*).'

<sup>6</sup> But if ye show the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore show me the dream, and the interpretation thereof.

#### **Daniel 2:19-21**

<sup>19b</sup> Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

<sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

<sup>21a</sup> And He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings .....

#### **Daniel 2:31-33**

<sup>31</sup> Thou, O king, saw, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was awesome.

<sup>32</sup> This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

<sup>33</sup> His legs of iron, his feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

**Head of Fine Gold**  
Babylon (609–539BC)

**Chest/Arms of Silver**  
Medo-Persia (539–331BC)

**Belly/Thighs of Brass**  
Greece (331–168BC)

**Legs of Iron**  
Rome (168BC–AD476)

**Feet of Iron & Clay**  
Revived Roman Empire—future



## Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Great Statue

*Daniel 2*

### Daniel 2:34-44

**34** You watched while a stone was cut out **without hands**, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

**35** Then the iron, the clay, the brass (*or bronze*), the silver, and the gold, were broken to pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no trace of them was found: and the stone that struck the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

**36** This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. **37** Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

**38** And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. **Thou art this head of gold.** **39** And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

**40** And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron: inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters all things; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

### < The Church >

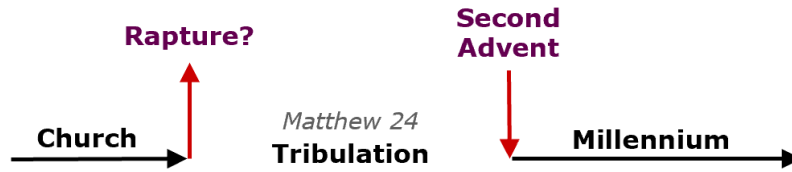
**41** Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potters' clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

**42** And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. **43** As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

**44** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

## Study 12

# Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation?



### 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

<sup>15b</sup> Always be prepared to **give an answer to everyone who asks you** to give **the reason for the hope** that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

### John 16:33

<sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

### Romans 5:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, having being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also glory in **tribulations**, knowing that **tribulation** produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

### Ephesians 3:13

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my **tribulations** for you, which is your glory.

## Four passages that refer to The Tribulation in the Old Testament:

### 1) Deuteronomy 4:25-31

<sup>25</sup> When you shall beget children, and children's children, and you shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:

<sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you shall soon utterly (*certainly*) perish from off the land whereunto you go over Jordan to possess it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly (*certainly*) be destroyed.

<sup>27</sup> And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

<sup>28</sup> And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

<sup>29</sup> But if from thence you shall seek the LORD your God, you shall find him, if you seek him with all your heart and with all of your soul.

<sup>30</sup> When you are in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, even **in the latter days**, if you turn to the LORD your God, and shall be obedient unto his voice <sup>31</sup> (*for the LORD your God is a merciful God*), he will not forsake you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which he swore unto them.

## 2) Jeremiah 30:1-9

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, <sup>2</sup>”Thus speaketh the **LORD God of Israel**, saying, ‘Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. <sup>3</sup> For, lo, the days come,’ saith the LORD, ‘that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’

<sup>4</sup> And these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

<sup>5</sup> For thus saith the LORD; ‘We have heard a voice of **trembling**, of **fear**, and **not of peace**. <sup>6</sup> Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?’

<sup>7</sup> Alas! for **that day** is great, so that **none is like it**: it is even **the time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall **be saved out of it**.

<sup>8</sup> For it shall come to pass in **that day**,’ saith the LORD of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

<sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.’“

## 3) Daniel 12:1

<sup>1</sup> And at **that time** shall **Michael** stand up, the **great prince** which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be **a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time **thy people shall be delivered**, every one that shall be found written in the book.

## 4) Malachi 3:2-4

<sup>2</sup> But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: <sup>3</sup> and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. And he shall purify **the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, ..... as in the days of old, and as in former years.

## Romans 5:8-9

<sup>8</sup> But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

## Hebrews 10:12, 14

<sup>12</sup> But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins **for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God.

<sup>14</sup> For by **one offering** he has perfected **for ever** them that are sanctified.

### Matthew 24:29-30a

<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:  
<sup>30a</sup> and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven ...

### Matthew 24:21, 5, 24, 20, 16, 15

<sup>21</sup> For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

<sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ' (*'I am the Messiah'*); ..... and shall deceive many.

<sup>24</sup> For there shall arise false Christs (*Messiahs*), and false prophets, ...

<sup>20</sup> But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day, .....

<sup>16</sup> Then let those who are in Judaea flee to the mountains.

<sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (*whoso readeth, let him understand*).

### Daniel 12:1

<sup>1</sup> And **at that time** shall Michael stand up .....

### Daniel 11:35-36

<sup>35</sup> And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

### < The Church >

<sup>36</sup> And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

### Daniel 2:40

<sup>40</sup> And the **fourth kingdom** shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

# The Four Kingdoms Prophesied by Daniel

Three studies on this by Roger Price:

## BBS 48 Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation?

Our study now (No. 12)

## BBS 53 The Beast

The study No. 17 – next term

## BBS 37 The Four Monsters of Daniel

A study in his previous 'Fulfilled Prophecy' series

### Daniel 7:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matters.

<sup>2</sup> Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. <sup>3</sup> And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

<sup>4</sup> The **first** was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

<sup>5</sup> And behold another beast, a **second**, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

<sup>6</sup> After this I beheld, and lo **another**, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

## Daniel's Dream of Four Kingdoms – in Daniel 7

Verse	Monster	Detail	More Detail	Kingdom
4	<b>Lion</b>	<i>Eagles' wings, plucked</i>	<i>Strong &amp; swift, slow to conquest, cumbersome</i>	<b>(Neo-) Babylon</b>
5	<b>Bear</b>	<i>Raised one side, 3 ribs in mouth</i>	<i>Lop-sided Persia stronger than Media</i>	<b>(Medo-) Persia</b>
6	<b>Leopard</b>	<i>With 4 wings and he-goat</i>	<i>Swift, fast to conquest 4 heads = 4 kings after Alexander</i>	<b>Greece</b>
7	<b>Monster</b>	<i>Dreadful, terrible, strong</i>	<i>Not an animal, human influence, man at root of evilness, bronze claws, not brass, iron teeth, 10 horns</i>	<b>Rome</b>

### Daniel 7:7-8a

<sup>7</sup> After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had **ten horns**.

<sup>8a</sup> I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them **another little horn**, before whom there were **three of the first horns** plucked up by the roots .....

### Daniel 7:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Thus he said, The **fourth beast** shall be the **fourth kingdom** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

#### < The Church >

<sup>24</sup> And the **ten horns** out of this kingdom are **ten kings** that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue **three kings**.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:10

<sup>10</sup> And to **wait for his Son** from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, who **delivers us from the wrath to come**.

### Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

<sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

<sup>13</sup> **looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

<sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

## Six Reasons why we can say that the Church is NOT going through the seven years of The Tribulation:

- 1 Taking prophetic passages literally, the Church is **not** mentioned when this Tribulation, the '**time of Jacob's Trouble**', is described, only Israel is.
- 2 The second reason is the Mystery of the Church, studied by us in depth. The Church was a mystery and was not directly referred to or spoken about in the Old Testament, particularly relating to the Tribulation.
- 3 **All** the characteristics that are described in the Bible about this short period of time **relate to Israel's Dispensation** — especially to the pattern of feasts and worship at the newly-constructed Temple. This period does **not** have any of the characteristics of the **Church Dispensation** at all.
- 4 God has not appointed us (*the Body and Bride of Christ*) to His wrath.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:9** <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5 The **Holy Spirit** returns to heaven for the Antichrist to be revealed and come to power. If the Holy Spirit leaves the earth then we are going too!  
**2 Thessalonians 2:6-8** <sup>6</sup> And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until **He is taken out of the way**. <sup>8</sup> And **then** the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
- 6 The sixth reason is that the Church—that '*ekklesia*', or the '*called out assembly*' to be more accurate, **is not mentioned at all** from **Revelation chapters 4 to 19** —which describe the Tribulation in great detail.  
In **Revelation 4:1** there is a door opened in heaven, and by **Revelation 5** heaven is filled—we've filled it! We come back with Jesus in Revelation 19 at the Second Advent, at the end of the Tribulation period.



## Study 13

# Daniel's Seventy Weeks

### Daniel 9:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

<sup>2</sup> In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish **seventy years** in the desolations of Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes.

### Jeremiah 29:10

<sup>10</sup> For thus saith the LORD, that after **seventy years** be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, **in causing you to return to this place.**

**606 BC + 70 years = 536 BC     537 BC is the year before**

### Daniel 9:21-24

<sup>21</sup> Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

<sup>22</sup> And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

<sup>23</sup> At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

<sup>24</sup> Seventy **weeks** (*'sevens'*) are determined upon **thy people** and upon **thy holy city**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

*Hebrew word 'shabua' means 'seven'*

### Daniel 10:2-3

<sup>2</sup> In those days I Daniel was mourning **three full weeks.**

<sup>3</sup> I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till **three whole weeks** were fulfilled.

**70** times **7** = **490** (*days or years*)

**490** days is about **1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>** years

or about **16** Gentile months (*of 30<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days*)

or about **16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>** Jewish months (*of 29<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days*)

So Daniel knew the **day** the captivity would end in **536 BC**.

## Daniel 9:24

<sup>24</sup> **Seventy weeks** (or '**sevens**') are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, **(1)** to finish the transgression, and **(2)** to make an end of sins, and **(3)** to make reconciliation for iniquity, and **(4)** to bring in everlasting righteousness, and **(5)** to seal up the vision and prophecy, and **(6)** to anoint the Most Holy.

## Sin

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|--|----------------------------|
| <b>1</b> to finish the transgression         | <i>iniquity dealt with</i> |
| <b>2</b> to make an end of sins              | <i>sin dealt with</i>      |
| <b>3</b> to make reconciliation for iniquity | <i>for everyone</i>        |

## God's Plan

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| <b>4</b> to bring in everlasting righteousness | <i>everywhere</i>                      |
| <b>5</b> to seal up vision and <u>prophet</u>  | <i>no vision or <u>prophet</u></i>     |
| <b>6</b> to anoint the Most Holy               | <i>final place – worship in Temple</i> |

## Daniel 9:25

<sup>25</sup> **Know therefore** and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build **Jerusalem** unto the Messiah the Prince shall be **seven weeks** ('*sevens*'), and **threescore and two weeks** ('*sevens*'): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

## Which Decree was it?

Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem in **586 BC**.

Which was the decree for **city of Jerusalem** to be rebuilt?

## Decree

- |  |   |               |                         |
|--|---|---------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1</b> By Cyrus                      | — 'house of the Lord God' ( <i>temple</i> ) | <b>536 BC</b> | <i>Ezra 1:1-3</i>       |
| <b>2</b> By Darius                     | — 'house of God' ( <i>temple</i> )          |               | <i>Ezra 6:1-3</i>       |
| <b>3</b> No 1 by Artaxerxes Longimanus | — 'house of God' ( <i>temple</i> )          |               | <i>Ezra 7:11-17, 27</i> |
| <b>4</b> No 2 by Artaxerxes Longimanus | — 'rebuild ... <b>city</b> '                |               | <i>Nehemiah 2:1-8</i>   |
- (also known as **Nehemiah's Commandment**, dated **458 BC**)

## Decree No. 1 By Cyrus

### Ezra 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him **an house at Jerusalem**, which is in Judah.

<sup>3</sup> Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and **build the house of the LORD God of Israel** (he is the God), which is in Jerusalem.

## Decree No. 2 By Darius

### Ezra 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

<sup>2</sup> And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein was a record thus written:

<sup>3</sup> In the first year of Cyrus the king the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning **the house of God at Jerusalem ...**

... **Let the house be builded**, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits;

## Decree No. 3 By Artaxerxes Longimanus – No 1

### Ezra 7:11-17, 27

<sup>11</sup> Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel.

<sup>12</sup> Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

<sup>13</sup> I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee.

<sup>14</sup> Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven counsellors, to enquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand;

<sup>15</sup> And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, **whose habitation is in Jerusalem,**

### Decree No. 3 By Artaxerxes Longimanus – No 1 *continued*

#### Ezra 7:16-17, 27

<sup>16</sup> And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for **the house of their God** which is in Jerusalem.

<sup>17</sup> That thou mayest buy speedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of **the house of your God** which is in Jerusalem.

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<sup>27</sup> Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify **the house of the LORD** which is in Jerusalem.

### Decree No. 4 By Artaxerxes Longimanus – No 2

#### Nehemiah 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence.

<sup>2</sup> Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

<sup>3</sup> And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when **the city**, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, **lieth waste**, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

<sup>4</sup> Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto **the city** of my fathers' sepulchres, **that I may build it.**

<sup>6</sup> And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

<sup>7</sup> Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

<sup>8</sup> And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.



*Daniel's 70 Weeks started on 25<sup>th</sup> April 458 BC.*

**Daniel 9:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> **Know therefore** and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to **restore and to build Jerusalem** unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks** (*'sevens'*), and **threescore and two weeks** (*'sevens'*): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

<sup>26</sup> And after **threescore and two weeks** shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

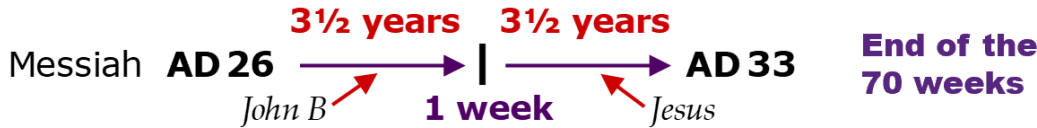
<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for **one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**'Seventy Weeks' — 490 years of history**

	7	'sevens' or weeks	=	49	years
	+ 62	'sevens' or weeks	=	434	years
	<u>69</u>			<u>483</u>	
<i>Total</i>		<b>69</b> 'sevens' or weeks	=	<b>483</b>	years
<b>Add one final week</b>	<u>1</u>	'seven' or week	=	<u>7</u>	years
<i>Equals</i>		<b>70</b> 'sevens' or weeks	=	<b>490</b>	<b>years</b>

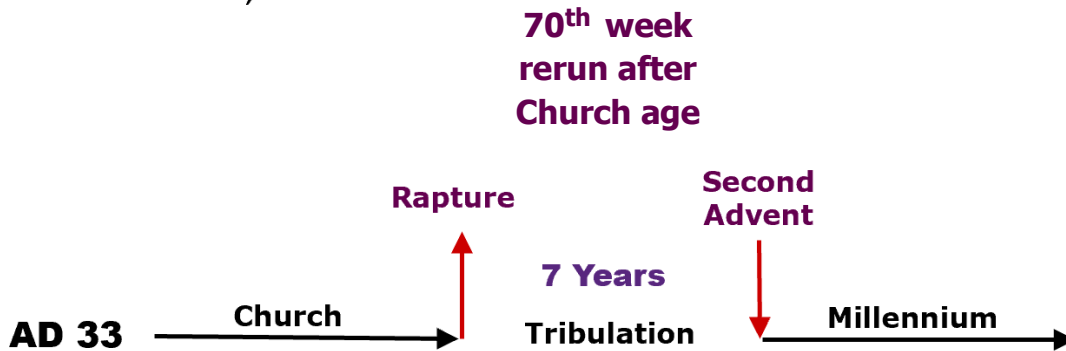
**Daniel 9:25**

<sup>25</sup> **Know therefore** and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to **restore and to build Jerusalem** unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks**, and **threescore and two weeks**: the **street (the marketplace)** shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.



### Daniel 9:26a

<sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off but not for himself,



### Genesis 41:1-7

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river.

<sup>2</sup> And, behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured cows and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

<sup>3</sup> And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river.

<sup>4</sup> And the ill favoured and lean-fleshed cows did eat up the seven well favoured and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

<sup>5</sup> And he slept and dreamed the second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good.

<sup>6</sup> And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them.

<sup>7</sup> And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream.

### Matthew 11:13-14

<sup>13</sup> For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

<sup>14</sup> And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

### Revelation 11:3, 6

<sup>3</sup> And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

### Daniel 9:26-27

<sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:

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and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end, ~~X~~ ~~X~~ wars and desolations are determined.

<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm ~~X~~ a covenant with many for one week:

and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,

and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (AV/KJV)

... and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the full determined end is poured out on the desolator. (Amplified Bible, 1964 edition)

### Mathew 24:14-21

<sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

<sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (*whoso readeth, let him understand:*)

<sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

<sup>17</sup> Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: <sup>18</sup> Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. <sup>19</sup> And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

<sup>20</sup> But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: <sup>21</sup> For ....

*And putting in here from Daniel 9:27:*

... for then when you shall see the abomination of desolations, ... then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

## Daniel 9 – a Summary

The Roman Empire which was, is not, but **is to come again**.

Jews in exile in Babylon; empire overthrown by Medes & Persians.

Darius the Mede was the uncle of Cyrus the Great. His first year was **537 BC**. The Captivity began in 606 BC.  $606 + 70 = 536 \text{ BC}$

Daniel read Jeremiah 29:10, discovered the time was near (the end of the 70 years of captivity), and prayed.

Then Archangel Gabriel appears and gives four verses of prophecy. These give details about what is to happen 490 years later.

The Jews were not in fellowship 490 years later and they didn't receive their Messiah when he came, but instead they killed Him, and then didn't accept Him when He rose from the dead.

The final, 70<sup>th</sup> 'week' of 7 years of blessing was therefore cancelled. This final 'week' will therefore be re-run as seven years of **'Jacob's Trouble'** (The Tribulation) after the Church has been raptured.



## Study 14

# The Rapture of The Church

## A Recap About the Church, Israel and The Tribulation

### 1 The Church is 'a Mystery'

It is **not** mentioned in the Old Testament.

### 2 'Jacob's Trouble' is called 'The Tribulation'

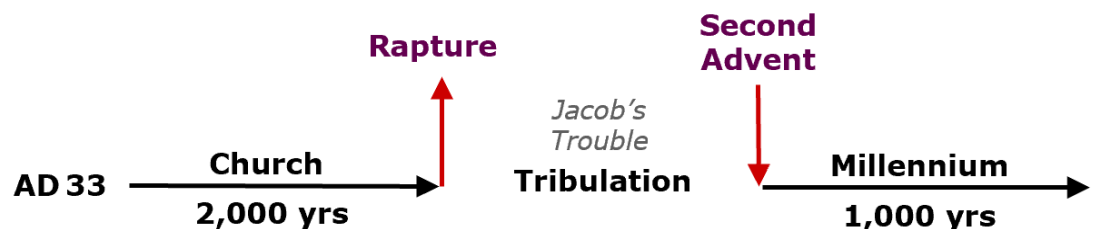
'Jacob's Trouble' or 'The Tribulation' is **definitely** mentioned.

### 3 Israel will turn to their Messiah

Israel will be terribly persecuted, but at the end a remnant will be saved, and they will turn back to their Messiah and Lord.

### 4 The Characteristics are of a Jewish Dispensation Period

The Temple, the Feasts, Sacrifices and Offerings all reinstated.



## Ezekiel 20:33-38

<sup>33</sup> As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

<sup>34</sup> and I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

<sup>35</sup> And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I **plead** with you face to face.

<sup>36</sup> Like as I **judged** your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I **judge** you, saith the Lord GOD. *(NIV 1978 version)*

<sup>37</sup> And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

<sup>38</sup> and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

## Matthew 25:31-46

**31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**32** and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**33** and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

**35** For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

**36** Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

**37** Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

**38** When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

**39** Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

**40** And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these **my brethren**, ye have done it unto me.

**41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**42** For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

**43** I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

**44** Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

**45** Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

**46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

### John 14:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.  
<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.  
<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

### 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

- <sup>51</sup> Behold, I show you a mystery;  
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all **be changed**,  
<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the **twinkling of an eye**,  
at the **last trump**:  
for the trumpet shall sound,  
and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,  
and we shall be changed.  
<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption,  
and this mortal must put on immortality.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- <sup>13</sup> But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.  
<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep **in Jesus** will God bring with him.  
<sup>15</sup> For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.  
<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump** of God: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**:  
<sup>17</sup> then (*lit. **after that**, or **afterwards***) we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

## The Two Trumps

	<b>Nation of Israel</b> Numbers 10 <i>TWO SILVER TRUMPETS</i>	<b>The Rapture</b> 1 Thessalonians 4 <i>TWO WORLDWIDE TRUMPS</i>
<b>First Trump</b>	To call all the tribes together - to assemble before the Lord    vv2,4	Raising dead in Christ & gathering them with 'those who are alive and remain' - so whole Church is assembled before the Lord    v16
<b>Second Trump</b>	For the breaking of camp and moving off to a new home    v6	Being changed, breaking camp and moving off to our heavenly home    v17

### Romans 14:10

<sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

### 2 Corinthians 5:10

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

### Romans 8:1

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now **no condemnation** (*judgement*) for them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

### Revelation 19:5-9

<sup>5</sup> And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

<sup>6</sup> And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

<sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the **marriage feast** of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

<sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

<sup>9</sup> And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper** of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

## Titus 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

<sup>12</sup> Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

<sup>13</sup> Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the **glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

<sup>14</sup> Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

<sup>15</sup> These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

## 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivers us from the wrath to come.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

<sup>2</sup> that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ (*the **Day of The Lord***) is at hand.

<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come **a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3

<sup>3</sup> .... except there come **a falling away first**, .....

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Bible  
1526**

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1557**

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## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- <sup>2</sup> that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- <sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a **departure/departing first**, and that **man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition;
- <sup>4</sup> who **opposeth and exalteth himself** above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

## Revelation 2:7a

- <sup>7</sup> He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the **churches** .....

## Revelation 3:6

- <sup>6</sup> He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the **churches**.

## Revelation 13:9

- <sup>9</sup> If any man have an ear, let him hear.

## Revelation 4:1a

- <sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven ...

## The Rapture and previous studies

### *Four mentioned studies by Roger Price:*

**BBS 23** The Judgement of Believers' Works

**BBS 24** The Five Cycles of Discipline

**BBS 27** The Wise and Foolish Virgins

**BBS 50** The Rapture of The Church

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