

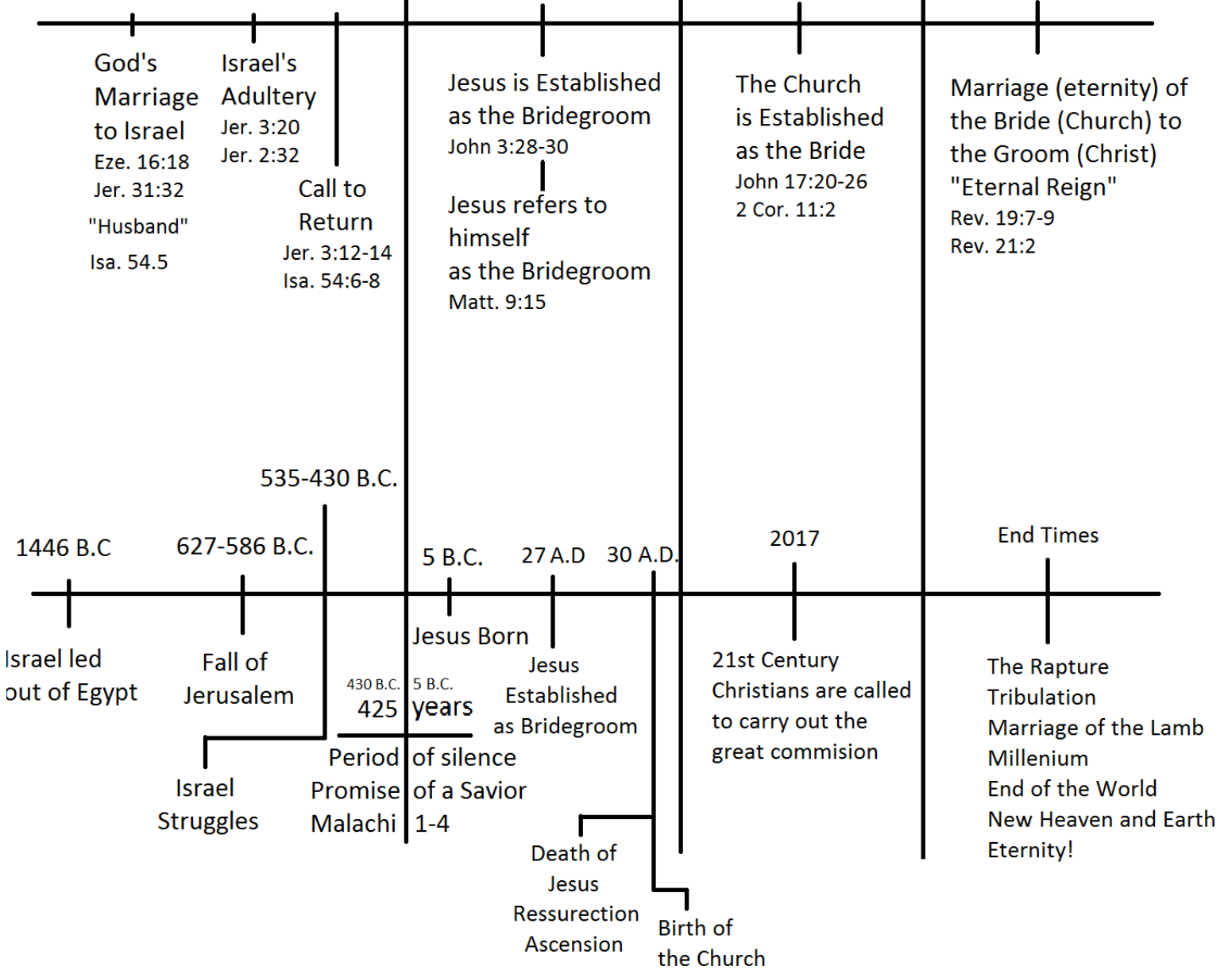
# Bride of Christ Historical Timeline

## OT

## NT

## PRESENT

## FUTURE



# I Am the Bride of Christ

What does it mean to be the bride of Christ?

- Take a look at the MAP

John 17: High priestly prayer

Jesus prays to God the Father, for the Disciples, and finally US – The Bride. Jesus gave us something to learn in each section of prayer.

1. Prayer to the God the Father
  - a. The name of Jesus is our authority (verse 2)
  - b. Jesus is our salvation (verse 3)
    - i. It is important to understand the wording there. "They KNOW you". The Greek for "know" there is *Ginosko* - come to know, understand. That means: we must come to an understanding, a realization, of our hopelessness without Jesus Christ. That is brokenness.
  - c. Jesus fulfilled the scriptures (verse 4)
  - d. Jesus confirms the trinity (verse 5)
2. Prayer for the Disciples
  - a. John 17:6-10
    - i. Jesus validates the message He has given to the disciples (those whom you gave me) to give to the world. Every word He spoke was/is truth.
    - ii. He's setting the stage for the next few verses...
  - b. John 17:11-13
    - i. Jesus is handing the mantle to the disciples
      1. Mantle: The responsibilities of an important job, given from the person holding the job to the ones replacing them.
    - ii. The disciples assumed Jesus' responsibilities. We received them from the disciples through the Holy Spirit.
    - iii. The SAME mission Jesus gave the disciples is the SAME mission we have today!
  - c. John 17:14-19
    - i. We will be hated by the world.
      1. Jesus asked that the disciples not be taken from the world. He understood the cost that the disciples would pay.
    - ii. We are to remain faithful to the bridegroom.
      1. Jesus prays for sanctification. Sanctified = set apart for HIS purpose.
      2. Over 100 references to return or to repent. God is a jealous God.
3. Prayer for the Church
  - a. We are called to be ONE
    - i. Our UNITY is the EVIDENCE of Jesus' EXISTENCE.
  - b. We have received the Glory of Jesus
    - i. By becoming the bride, we take on His Name.
  - c. We are called to be ONE AGAIN
    - i. If satan can DIVIDE the body, he can DENY Jesus' existence.

## ACTION PLAN – James 2:14-26

1. Be ONE with each other: Live in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ and fellowship together. "HE before ME"
2. Be ONE with God: Live daily in His word and will for your life.
3. Be ONE with the world: Share the love of Christ everywhere you go.