

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Response
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Worship in Giving

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Stand Firm With God's Church

1 Peter 2:4-10

Stand Firm Series

Life Change: We fulfill our purpose as God's priests.

Getting all the materials together...

The elect are God's church building program.

4-5

God chooses those who choose Jesus.

Jesus is the living stone.

Jesus was rejected by people.

Jesus builds them together.

They serve as His priesthood.

They offer acceptable spiritual sacrifices.

Peter develops applications through solid references.

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Great stone passage #1

Is 28

Great stone passage #2

Ps 118

Great stone passage #3

Is 8

Christians are richly blessed.

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Christians are blessed with a purpose.



STAND FIRM

a study of 1 Peter

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The Father brings together all the people that comprise His dwelling and mortars them into one composition.





1 Peter 2

² Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow up into your salvation, ³ if *you have tasted that the Lord is good [Ps 34]*. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone—rejected by people but chosen and honored by God—⁵ you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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All who come to Christ in response to this preached word of the gospel find themselves incorporated by their relation to Him into a temple...They find themselves members of God's elect people. Their transference from the outer dark into the full light of enjoying the divine mercy, and belonging to His specially chosen people, is itself an exhibition to the universe of God's virtuous dealings. – Alan Stibbs, *The First Epistle General of Peter*

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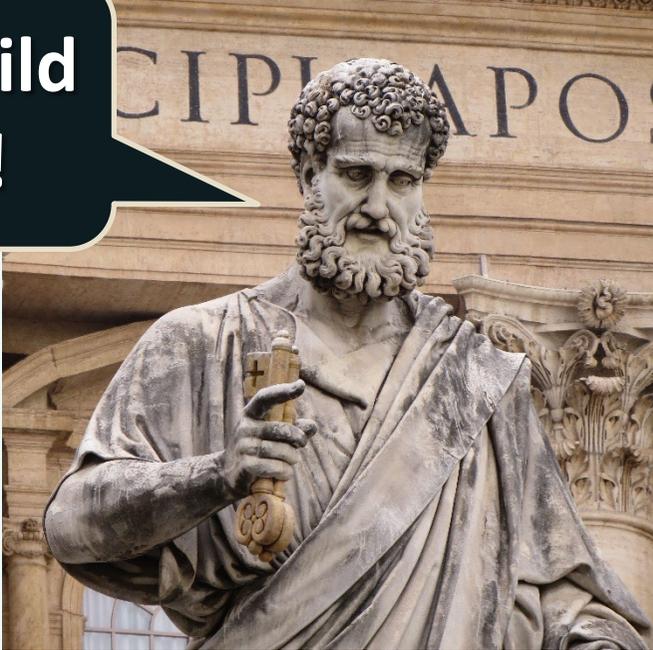


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Matthew 16

15 “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus responded, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” CSB



Ancient Temple of Pan at Caesarea Philippi

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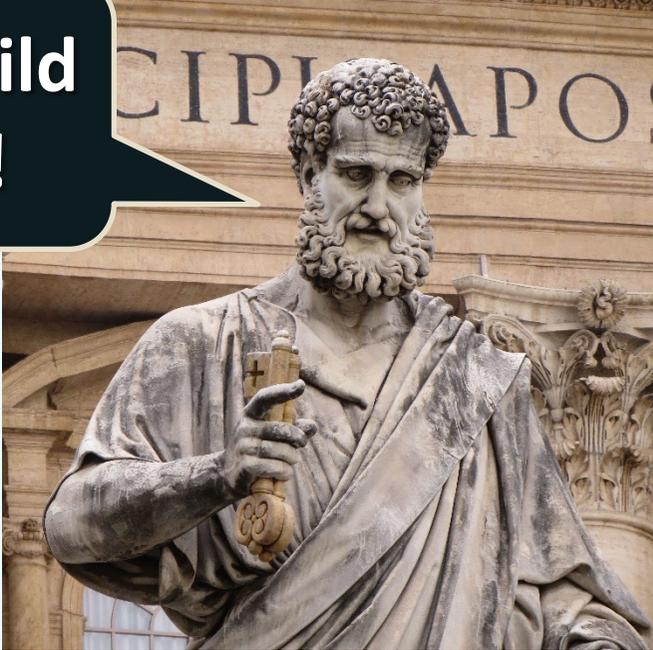


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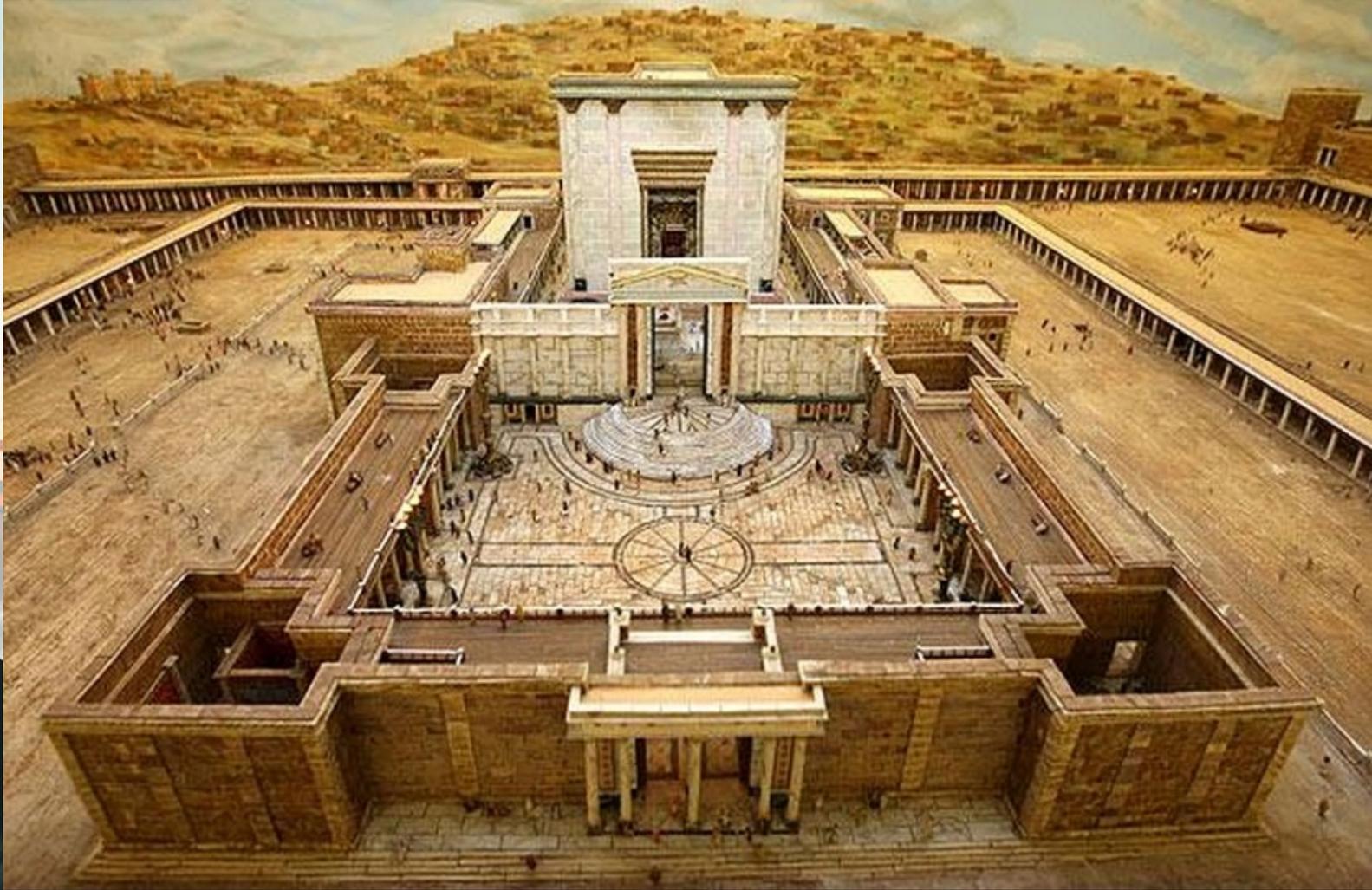




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All [Christians] are of the spiritual estate, all are truly priests, bishops, and popes. But not all have the same work to do. [5] We are all priests, as many of us as are Christians...[The] ministers chosen from among us do all that they do in our name. [6] Because we are all priests of equal standing, no one must push himself forward and take it upon himself, without our consent and election, to do that for which we all have equal authority. [7] – Martin Luther

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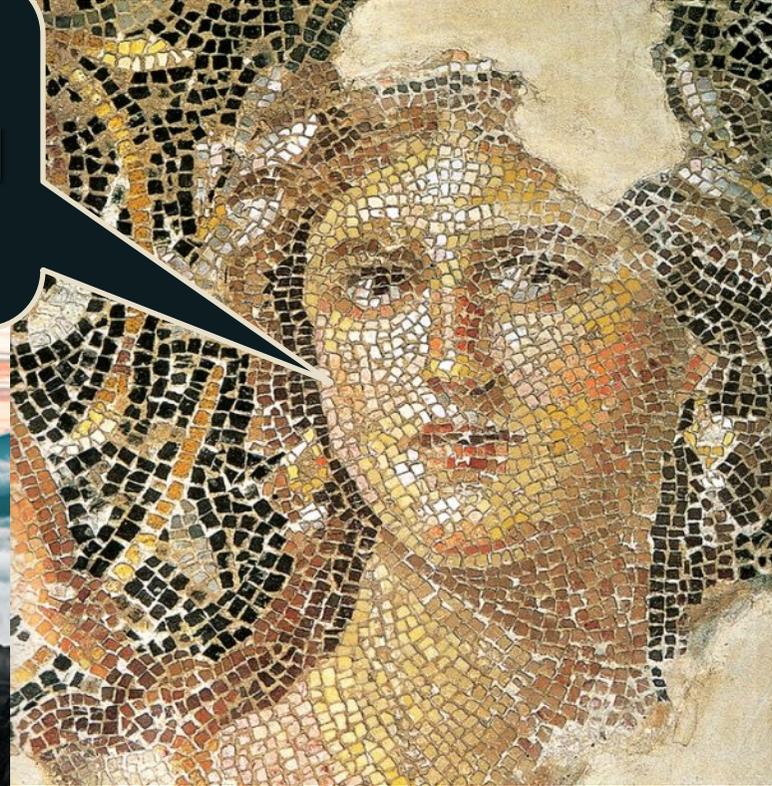
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**You get to
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**What makes for an
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Romans 12

**¹ Therefore, brothers and sisters,
in view of the mercies of God,
I urge you to present your bodies
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this is your true worship. ^{CSB}**

These are spiritual sacrifices of self-autonomy in recognition of and submission to the overarching authority of God Almighty. Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). When we sacrifice our self-interests to the will of God, we offer a spiritual sacrifice and follow our Lord, who led by the ultimate example of submission to His Father’s will on the cross. – Randall Satchell, “Ministry to God”





**How can one
present oneself as a
living sacrifice?**



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¹ ...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. ³ For by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he should think. Instead, think sensibly, as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one. ^{CSB}

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Romans 12 & 1 Peter 2 teach me to I know who I am in Christ. They also remind that I have a lot of work to be done in order to be Christlike in my actions towards others. I must first be honest with myself and constantly take inventory to acknowledge where my heart is. Once I am aware of why I do what I do, I can work on changing those thoughts and behaviors. – David Barnes



How to do our job of offering acceptable sacrifices

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**15 For you said, “We have made a covenant with Death,
and we have an agreement with Sheol;
when the overwhelming catastrophe passes through,
it will not touch us,
because we have made falsehood our refuge
and have hidden behind treachery.”**

**16 Therefore the Lord GOD said:
“Look, I have laid a stone in Zion,**

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Psalm 118

**22 The stone that the builders rejected
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**23 This came from the LORD;
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**24 This is the day the LORD has made;
let's rejoice and be glad in it. ^{CSB}**

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**12 Do not call everything a conspiracy
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Do not fear what they fear;
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**13 You are to regard only the LORD of Armies as holy.
Only he should be feared;
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**he will be a stone to stumble over
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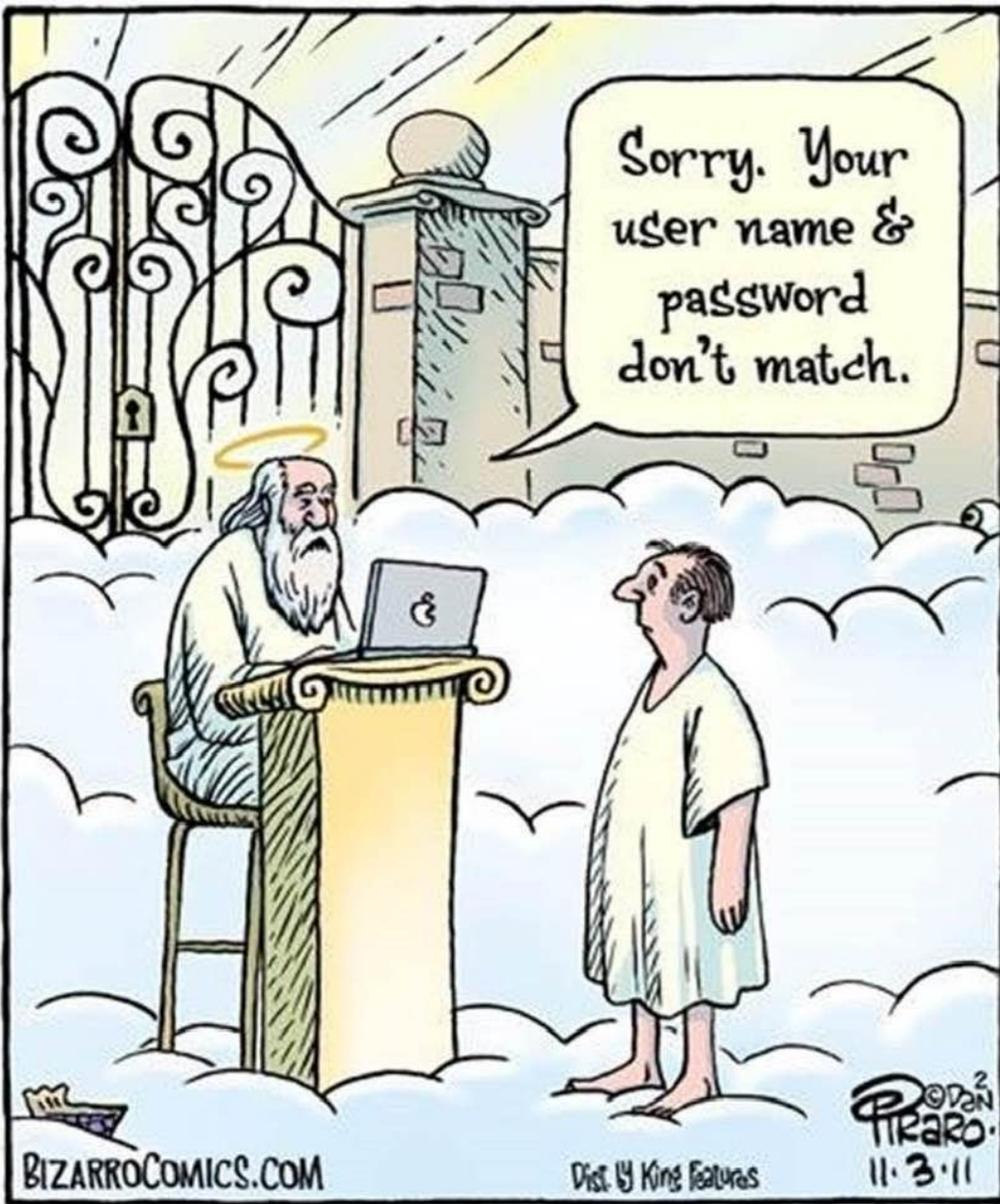
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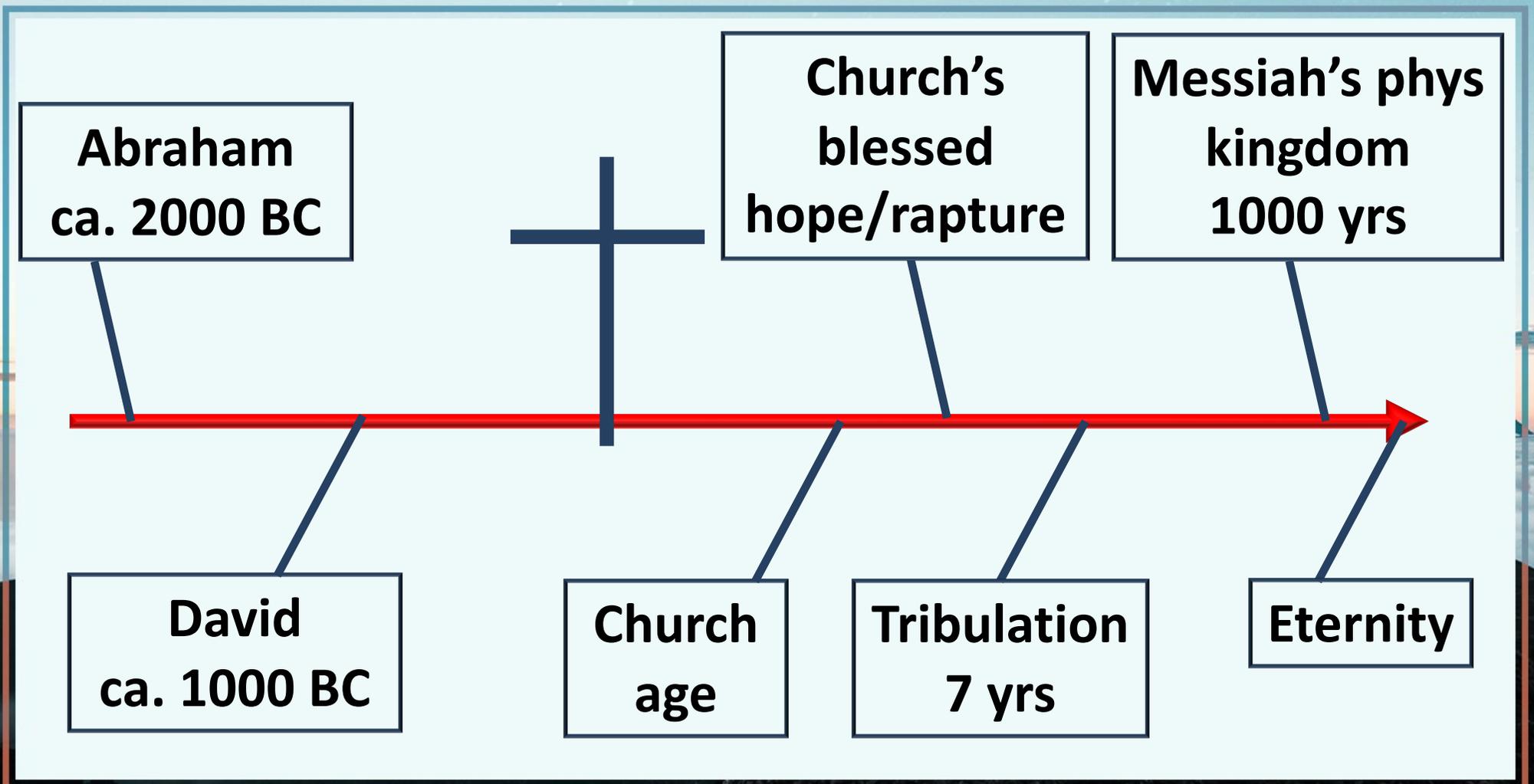


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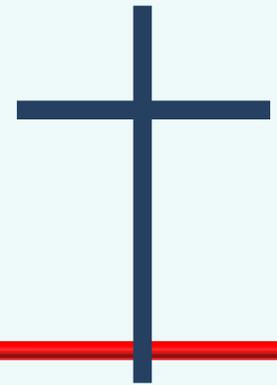


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**Messiah's physical kingdom
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**Abraham
ca. 2000 BC**



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Michael Kelly embedded with US troops in Iraq



**There is a light
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Michael Kelly interview with the BBC about Kuwait



**It's light versus
darkness.**

Tyranny truly is a horror: an immense, endlessly bloody, endlessly painful, endlessly varied, endless crime against not humanity in the abstract but against a lot of humans in the flesh. It is, as Orwell wrote, a jackboot forever stomping on a human face...Anything is better than life with your face under the boot. – Michael Kelly in *Atlantic Monthly*, 2003



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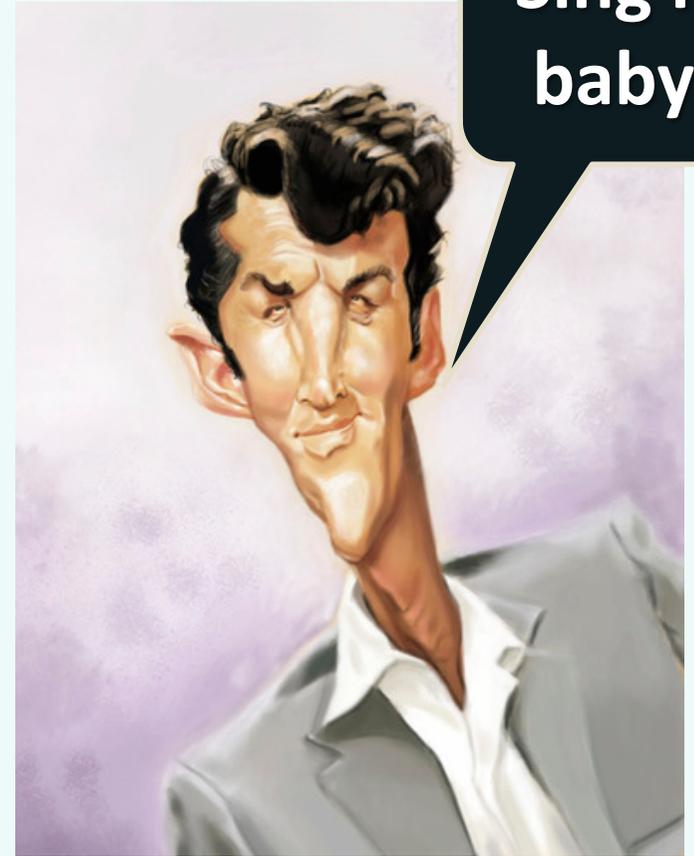
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**When you stand and applaud
Because He's mighty God,
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