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IV. Coming of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:37-47

A. Salvation (37-41)

B. Church (42-47)

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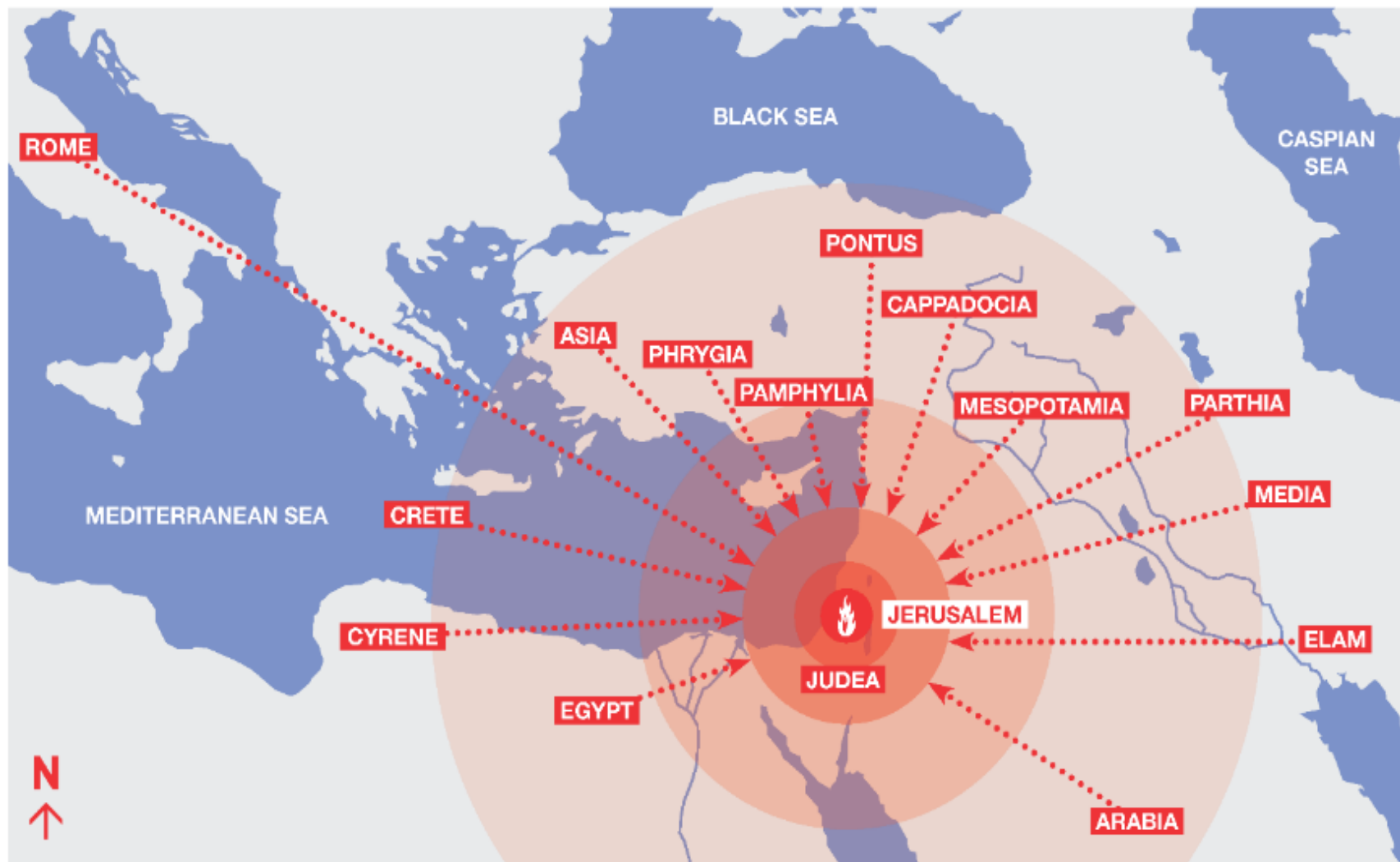
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THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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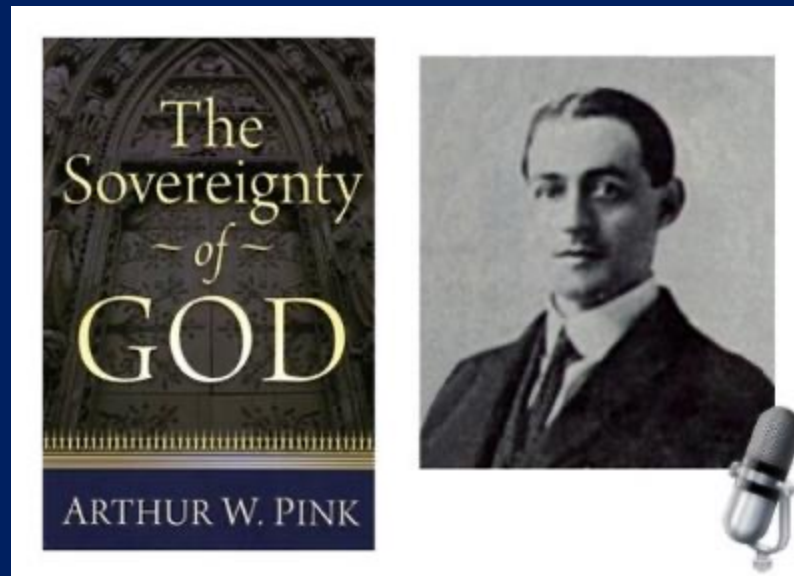
Competent to Counsel, 70.

“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT.** No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died.”
[emphasis mine]

A. W. Pink

Sovereignty of God, p. 160, 163.

“The fact is, that the love of God, is a truth for the Saints only...In like manner, the ‘world’ in John 3:16 must, in the final analysis, refer to the world of God’s people.”



Extent of the Atonement

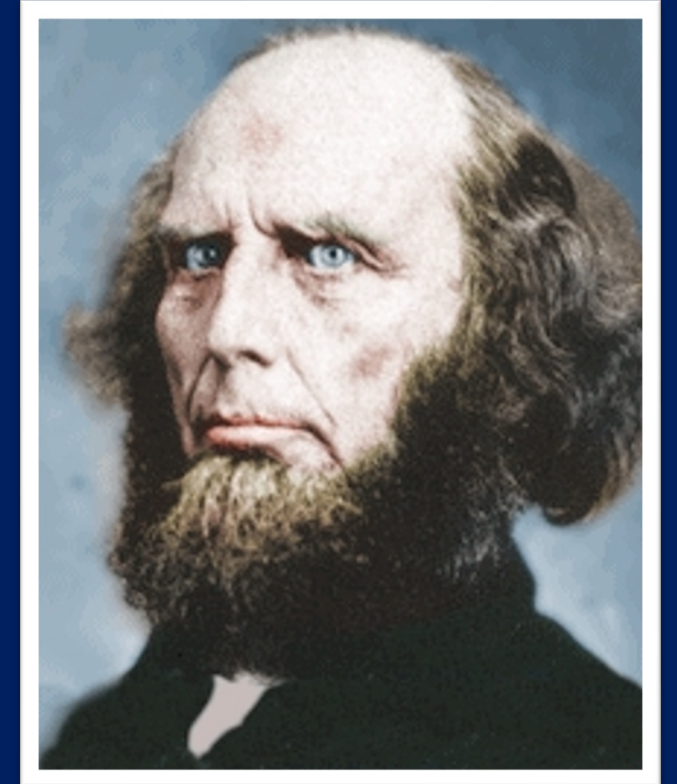
Unlimited

- Biblical support
 - John 1:29; 3:16-17; 4:42; 6:51; 12:32, 47
 - Acts 17:30
 - 2 Cor 5:19
 - 1 Tim. 2:4, 6; 4:10
 - Titus 2:11
 - Heb. 2:9
 - 2 Pet. 2:1
 - 1 John 2:2; 4:14



Poor Word Choices

- ABC method – Admit, Believe, Call
- Miscellaneous poor word choices – confess, deny, yield, surrender, sorrow, make, ask, forsake, receive, accept, invite
- Negative influence of Charles Finney



Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather [*episynagō*] your children together, the way a hen gathers [*episynagō*] her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



Romans 8:29-30

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Where's **sanctification**?



Romans Outline

- I. Salutation (1:1-17)
- II. Sin (1:18–3:20)
- III. Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- IV. Sanctification (6–8)
- V. **Sovereignty (9–11)**
- VI. Service (12:1–15:13)
- VII. Summation (15:14–16:27)



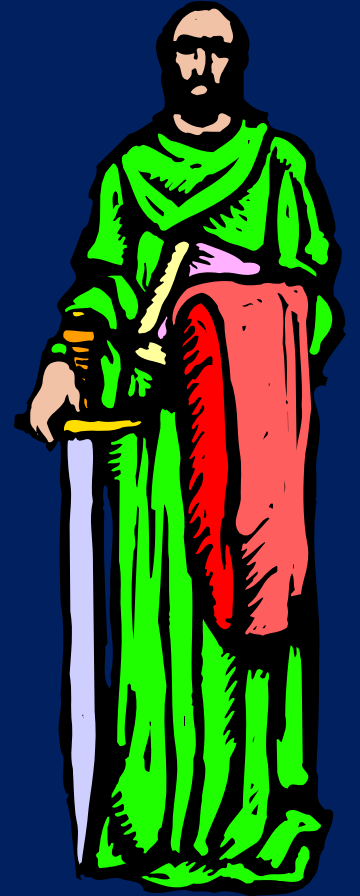
Romans 9–11

Theme:

How can God be trusted to be faithful to us if He has been unfaithful to Israel?

V. Sovereignty (Rom 9–11)

- A. Israel in the past: elected (Rom 9)
- B. Israel in the present: rejected (Rom 10)
- C. Israel in the future: accepted (Rom 11)



Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).”

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

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Gen 15:6

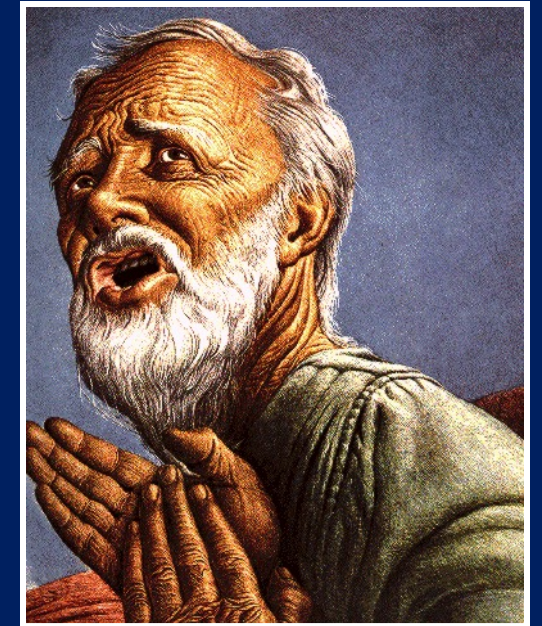
Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

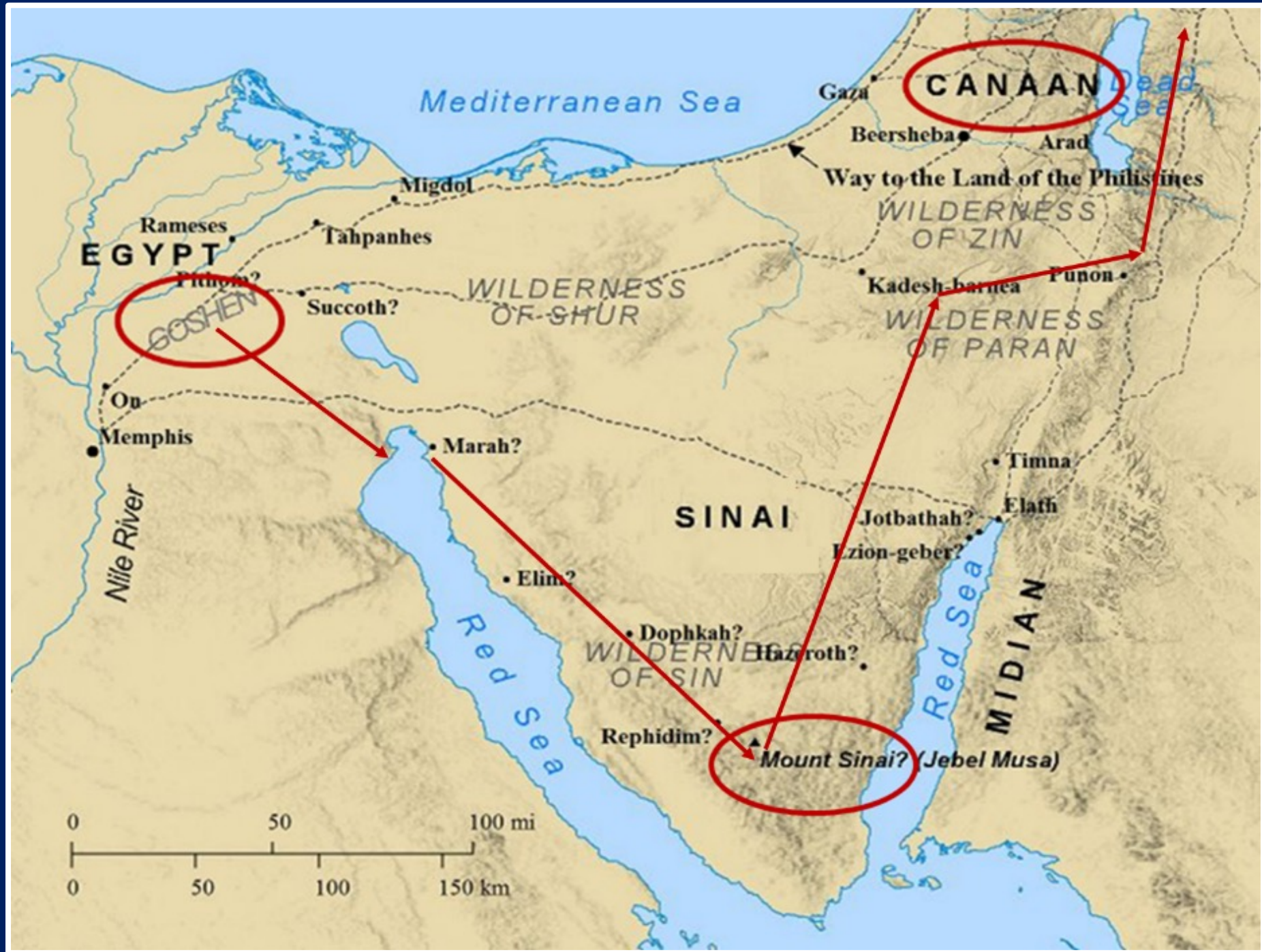
John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Acts 16:30-31

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."





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Deuteronomy 28:49-50

⁴⁹ “The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, ⁵⁰ a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



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Eusebius (A.D. 260-340)

Ecclesiastical History, 3.5.3

"But the people of the church in Jerusalem had been commanded by a revelation, vouchsafed to approved men there **before the war**, to leave the city and to dwell in a certain town of Perea called Pella. And when those that believed in Christ had come thither from Jerusalem, then, as if the royal city of the Jews and the whole land of Judea were entirely destitute of holy men, the judgment of God at length overtook those who had committed such outrages against Christ and his apostles, and totally destroyed that generation of impious men."

Epiphanius (*De pond. et mens.* 15) also records this flight of the Christians to Pella.)

Pella

Pella was a town situated beyond the Jordan, in the north of Perea, within the dominions of Herod Agrippa II. The surrounding population was chiefly Gentile. See Pliny V. 18, and Josephus, *B. J.* III. 3. 3, and I. 4. 8.



Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”





Charles L. Feinberg

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Paperback ed.
(Chicago: Moody, 1969; reprint, Chicago: Moody, 1984), 231-32.

“Verses 25–29 teach that the *complete* return of Israel will occur after the defeat of Gog and his Confederates. Ezekiel summarized his prophecies of hope and restoration. When he stated that God will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, he had in mind that all previous restorations were partial. Now a universal and final restoration will take place. It was God who allowed them to go into captivity; it is he who will see to it that they are regathered; indeed, it is he who will insure that *not one is left out of the land*..In conclusion, to summarize all the benefits promised, Ezekiel spoke of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the house of Israel (italics added).”

A. Acts 2:37-41

Salvation

1. Conviction (37)
2. Repentance & Baptism (38-39)
3. Consequence of Repentance (40)
4. Result (41)

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John 1:12

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name.”

just. Believe



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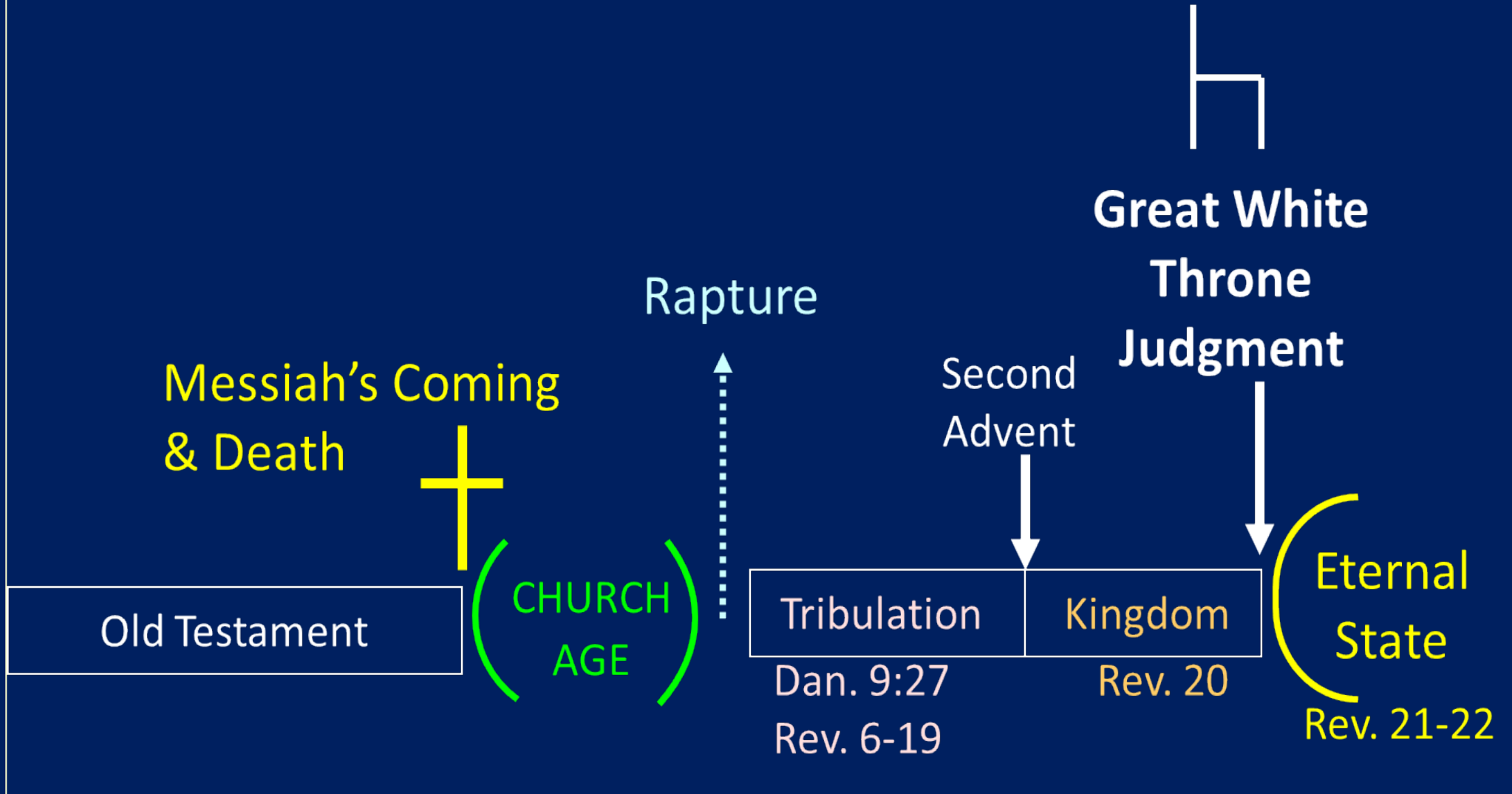
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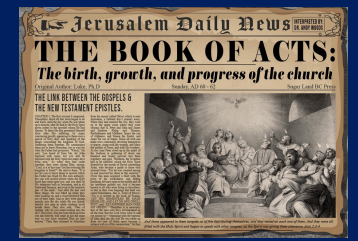
Reasons for Understanding 1000 Literally (Revelation 20:1-10)

- John's use of indefinite concepts elsewhere
 - Revelation 20:3,8
- Exception to the “# of years” examples?
- Other numbers are taken literally
 - Two witnesses (11:3), 7000 people (11:13), 4 Angels (7:1) 7 Angels (8:6), 144,000 Jews (7:4), 42 months (11:2), 1260 days (11:3)
- Not always a symbolic interpretation
 - (Rev. 17:18)

Prophecy Panorama



Message



- Birth and growth of the church numerically, geographically, ethnically.
- Components
 - Numerically (progress reports)
 - Geographically (From Jerusalem to Rome)
 - Ethnically (From Judaism to Gentile domination)

