

The Story of the Bible

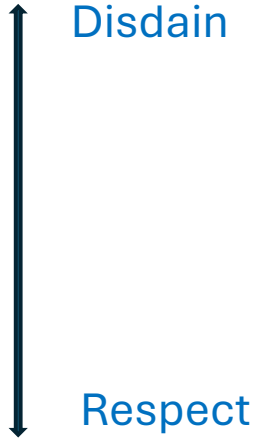
The Grand Metanarrative of Scripture

How do we currently view the BIBLE?

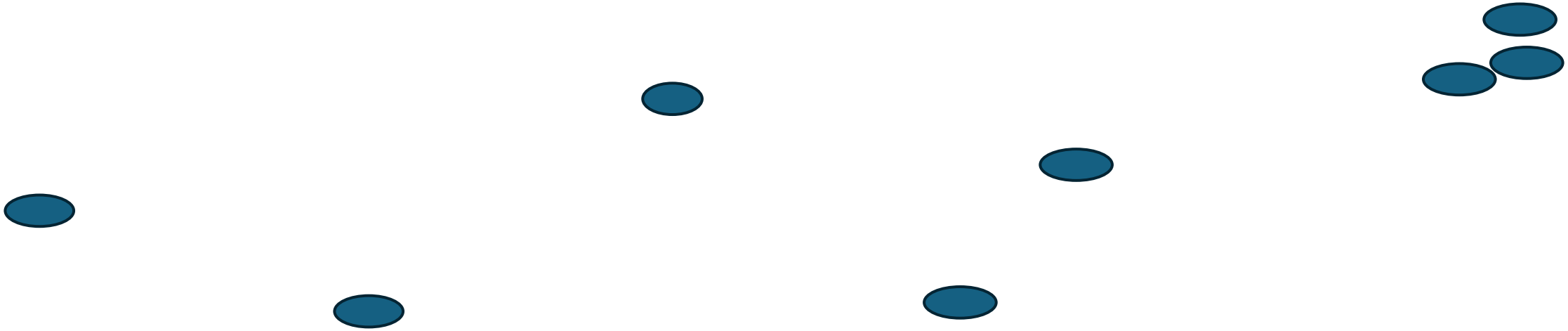
What is our starting point?

SECULAR VIEW OF THE BIBLE

- Collection of ancient myths and stories.
- Written by human authors so it is filled with errors.
- Largely refuted by modern science.
- On par with other religious writings or wisdom literature…a “valuable historical resource”.



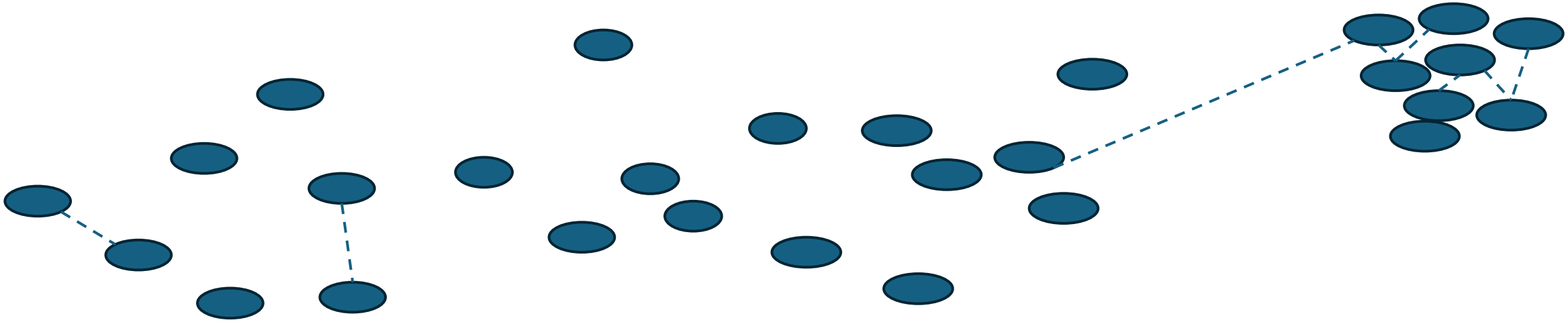
“CHRISTIAN” VIEW OF THE BIBLE (early, perhaps childhood)



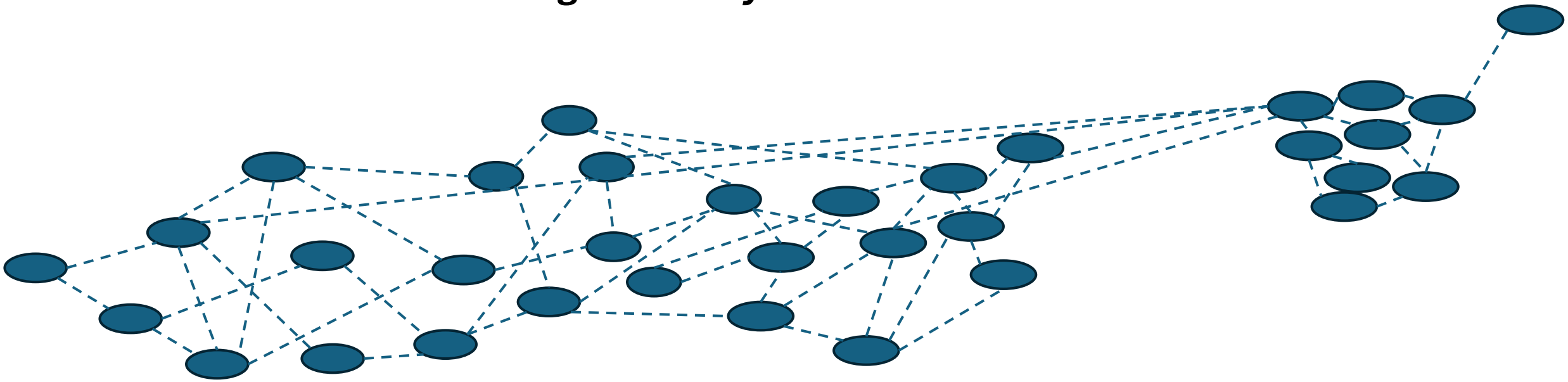
Stories, Traditions (“Rituals”)& Rules

Traditions/rituals differ between Protestant denominations and between Catholicism/Orthodox

CHRISTIAN VIEW OF THE BIBLE (Bible teaching church)

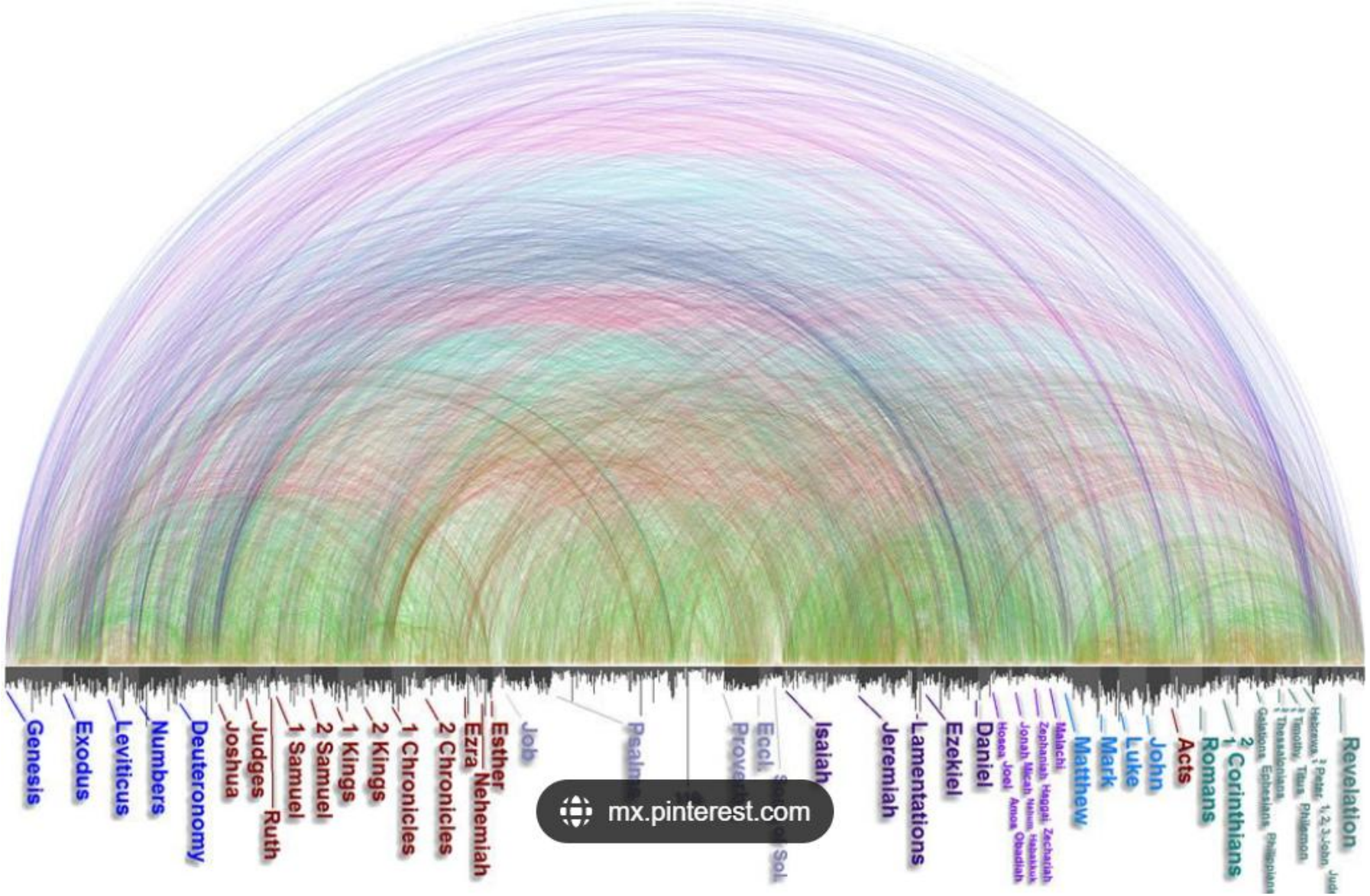


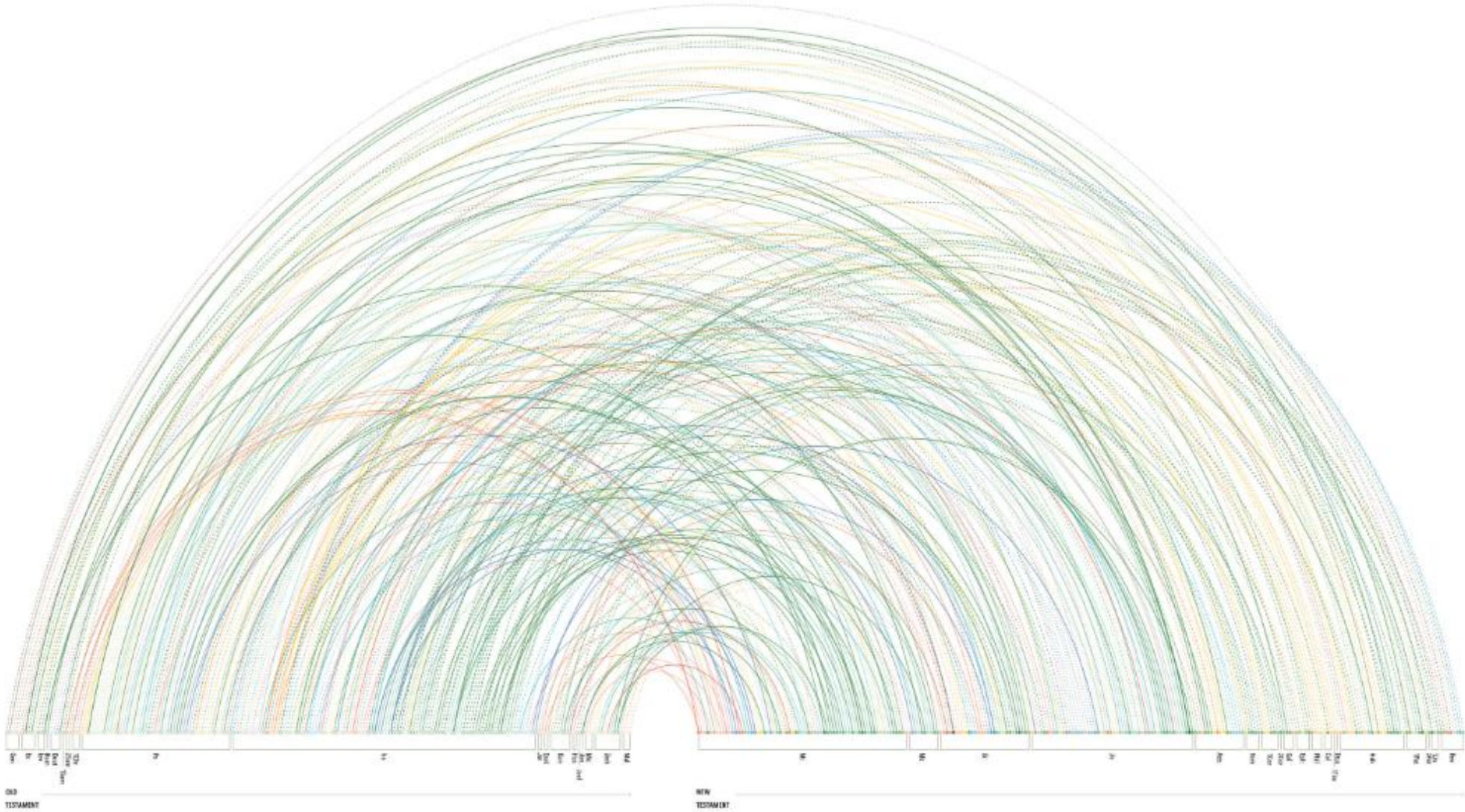
REALITY…*The Bible is one grand story!*



It is God's progressive *<u>revelation</u>* about Himself, His relationship with, and plans for, mankind, this world and all of creation.

There are 63,779 cross references in The Bible





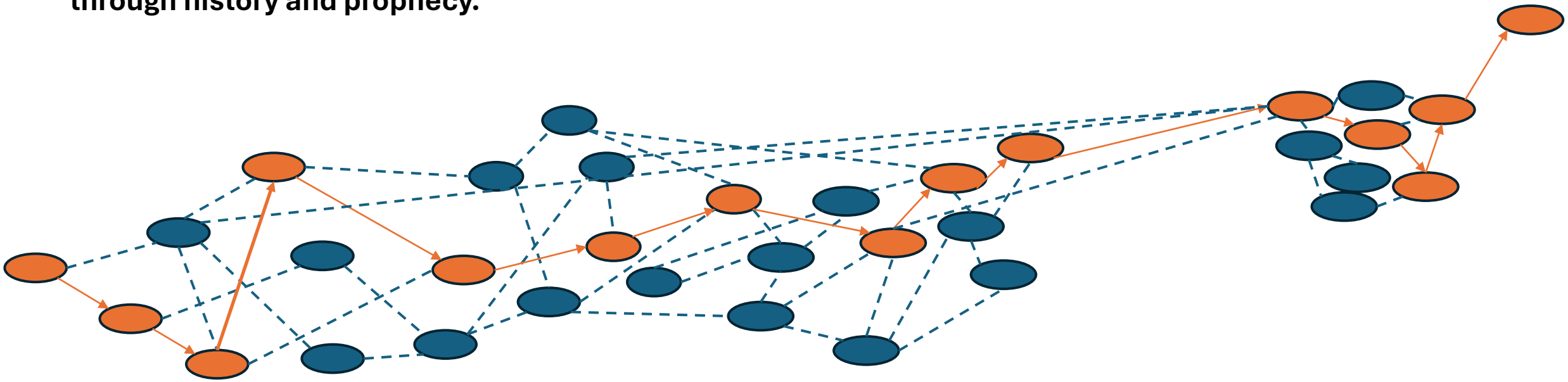
All Prophecies about Jesus

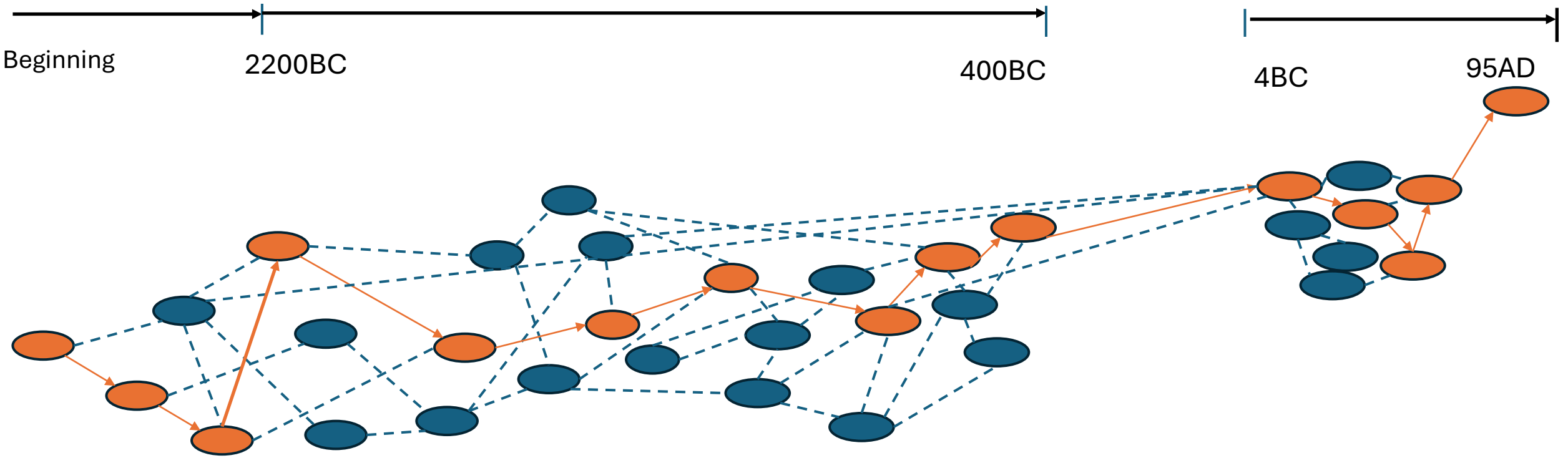
A big picture view of those promised in the Old & fulfilled in the New

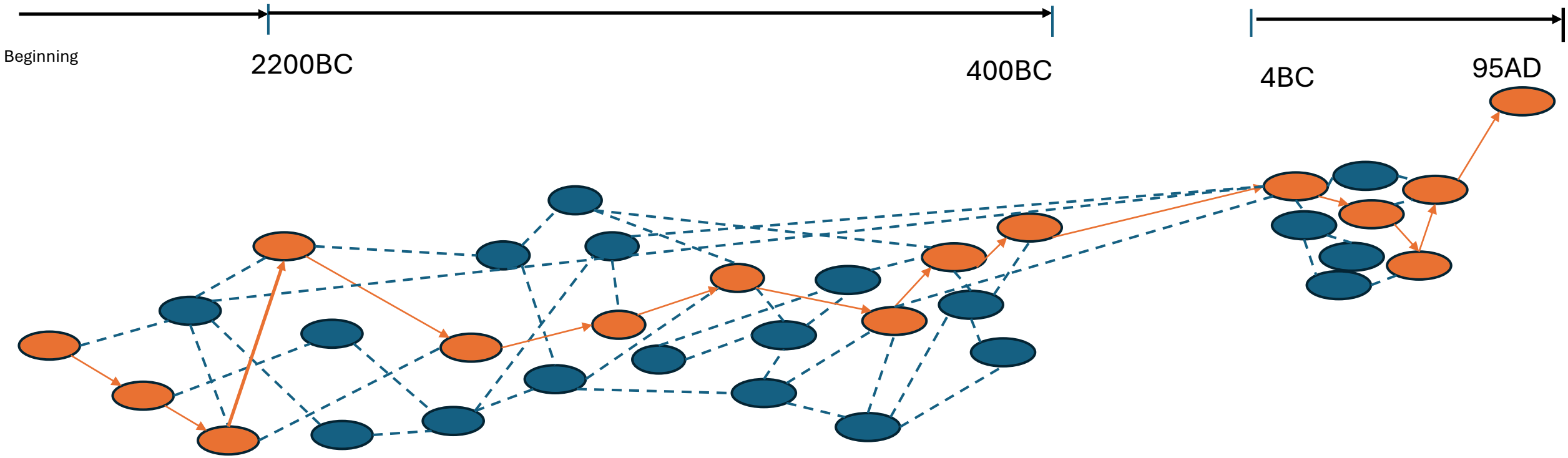
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note: This data contributor and author have drawn on personal choices when selecting the prophecies and creating the themes and categories.

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OUR PATH…5 main subjects with 3 main themes revealed in 5 covenants through history and prophecy.




Beginning
2200BC
400BC
4BC
95AD



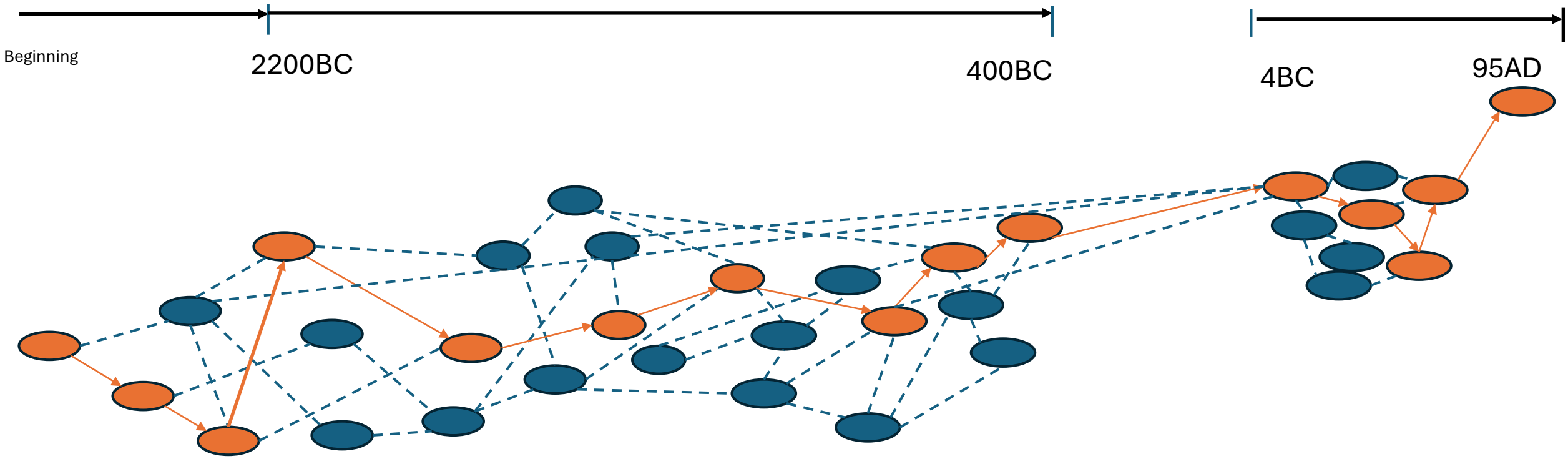
KINGDOM

CREATION

FALL

REDEMPTION (of mankind then creation)

RE-CREATION



KINGDOM

CREATION

FALL (it's a present reality but victory won at the Cross)

REDEMPTION (of mankind then creation)

RE-CREATION (future reality)

3 major themes seen through the "lens" of 5 Covenants

As progressively revealed by God in 5 Covenants:

3 On-going Major themes:

Kingdom

Creation

Redemption



Noahic (Gen 9:8-17)

Abrahamic (Gen 12:1-3; 15; 17:9-14)

Mosaic (Exodus 19-24)

Davidic (2 Sam 7:8-16; 1 Chron 7:11-14; 2 Chron 6:16)

New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-37; Ezek 36:26-27)

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(Deut 29-30)

WHO WROTE THE BIBLE?



CREDIBILITY

Who is the ultimate SOURCE of the Bible – God or Man ?

The answer to this question determines **everything else** in our approach to the Bible!

If GOD…then is truth not constant and should we not want to understand everything He says?

If MAN…then how do we know what is good and right and what we should reject? Is truth constantly changing?

Who is the ultimate SOURCE of the Bible – God or Man - and *what does it claim concerning its accuracy and authority?*

Matthew 5:17-19

17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to
abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away,
**not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is
accomplished**. 19 **Whoever then annuls one of the least of these
commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called
least in the kingdom of heaven**; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall
be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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Psalm 19:7-8

7 The law of the LORD is **perfect**, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is **sure**, making wise the simple.
8 The precepts of the LORD are **right**, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is **pure**, enlightening the eyes.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 **All Scripture is God-breathed** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be equipped, having been thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21

20 Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes by one's own interpretation. 21 For **no prophecy was ever made by the will of man**, but ***men being moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God***.

GOD is the ultimate SOURCE of the Bible – but how should it be "read" ?

HERMENEUTICS (METHOD of Bible interpretation)

"HISTORICAL-GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE"

Assumes divine inspiration – that God wrote the Bible

Affirms "SOLA SCRIPTURA" (Scripture alone has final authority)

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"HISTORICAL-GRAMMATICAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE"

Agreed

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Intent of the author and context of the original reader is key!
Grammatical construction is precise and intended.
Correct interpretation must be consistent with other scripture.



"More" Typological, Christological. NT re-defines OT authorial intent.

"More" Literal, Grammatical. NT adds layers to OT meaning without changing original intent.

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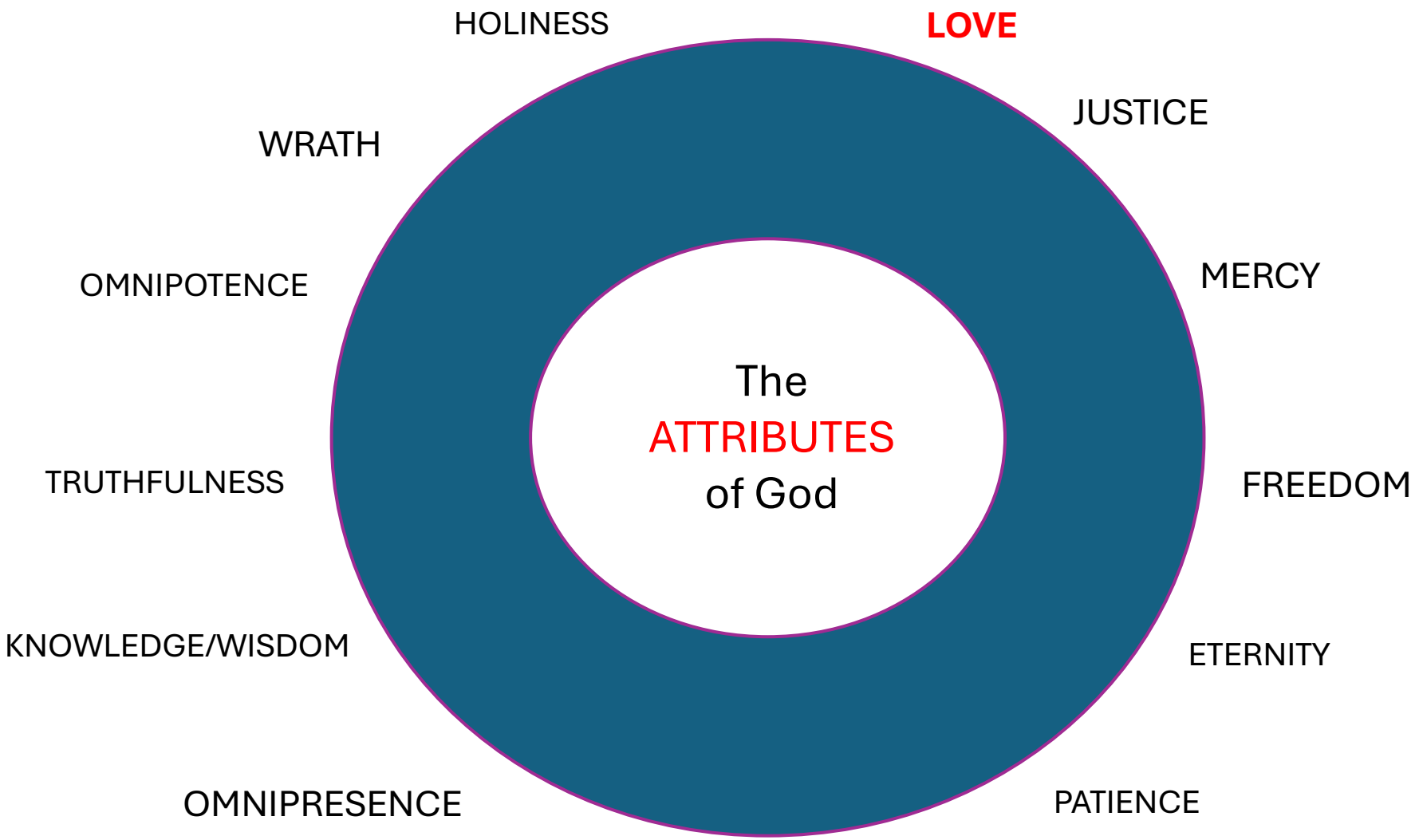
Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper **than** any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

John 1:1,14

1 In the beginning **was** the Word, and the Word **was** with God, and the Word **was** God…14 And the Word **became** flesh, and **dwelt** among us, and we **beheld** His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

God reveals Himself through the BIBLE



"Systematic Theology, 2nd Ed, p 212, Grudem

The point – according to the Bible – is that **the character of God and how all of this physical world around us operates is *revealed by God*,** not defined by man. God is incomparable. He is the creator and we are the creation. Who God **is** defines everything else. We can not superimpose our definitions of what is “good and right” on God or we end up in a faulty place. We are to look to God – accept His revelation - and view the world around us through that lens.

SUMMARY:

The Bible discloses the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the destiny of unrepentant sinners and the eternal joy of those who believe in Him.

We are going to see how God works through two people groups – the Jews in the OT and the Church(Christians including both Jews and Gentiles) to accomplish His purposes revealed in the covenants. Reminder: there are at least three (3) **themes – in two separate realms -** you see throughout the Bible…

KINGDOM

CREATION (Family Ties)

REDEMPTION

QUESTIONS ?

On the End of Theology

A good pair of glasses is only a means to the end of better vision, just as theology is a means to the great end of beholding God.

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I believe in Science

Science Says:

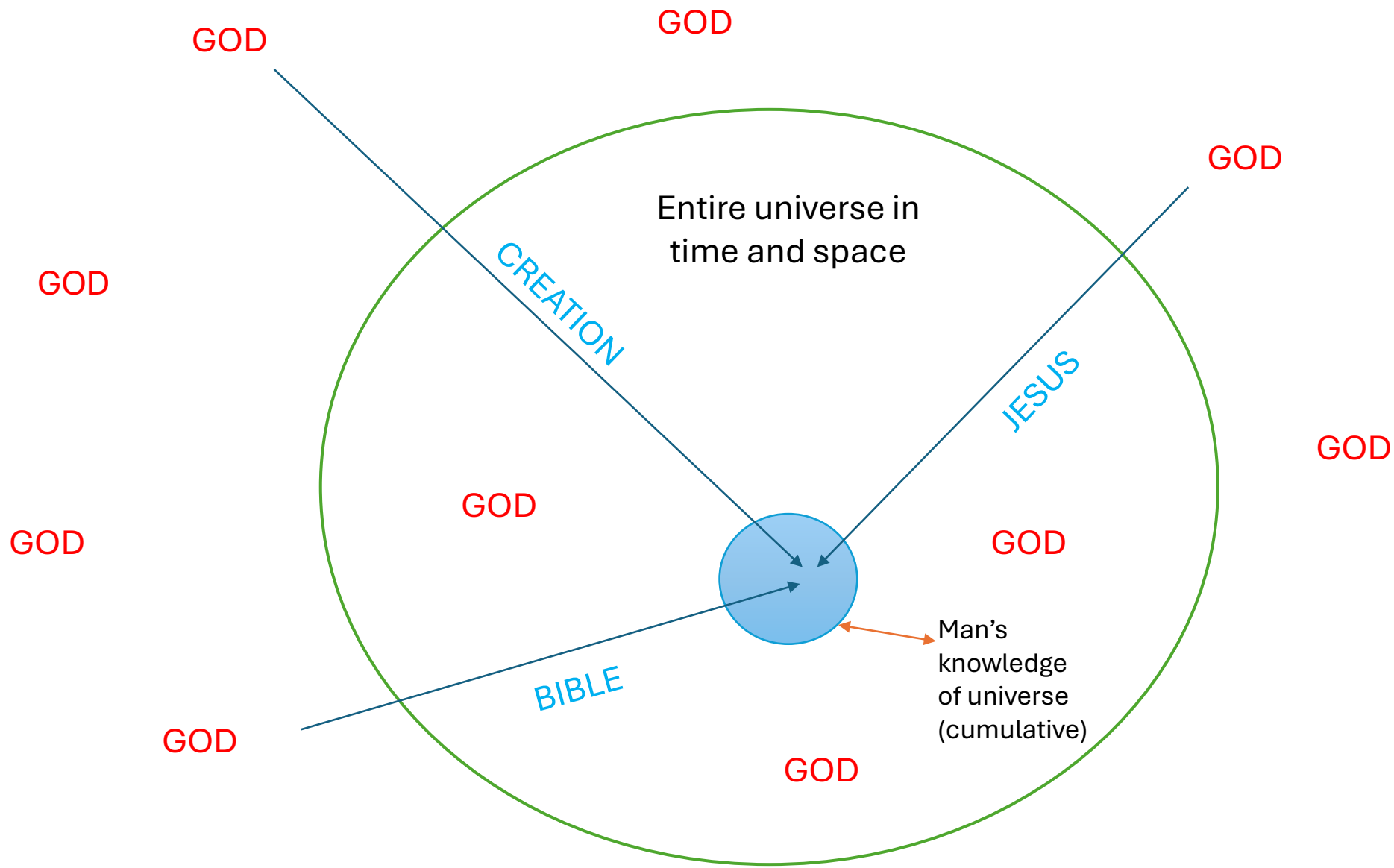
14 Billion Years Ago…

4.5 Billion Years Ago…

An Unknown Time Ago…

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.”

Genesis 1:1-2



CREATION: God, always existent outside time and space, SPOKE and the universe came into being. The Bible says God has spoken to us in 3 ways…through what has been created, through the scriptures(Bible) and finally through the person of Jesus Christ.

CREATION…6 days

Genesis 1:1
“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Following each “day of creation”, God pronounced that it was “good”.

CREATION...day 6

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, so that they
will have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the
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The FALL into Sin

Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And **you shall bruise him on the heel**."

Genesis 3:16-19

16 **To the woman He said**,
"I will greatly multiply
Your pain and conception,
In pain you will bear children;
Your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you."

The FALL into Sin

Genesis 3:16-19

[17] **Then to Adam He said**, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;
Cursed is the ground because of you;
In pain you will eat of it
All the days of your life.
[18] Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the plants of the field;
[19] **By the sweat of your face**
You will eat bread,
Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken;
For you are dust,
And **to dust you shall return**.”

Summary After Man's Creation and Fall into Sin:

- Mankind is male and female.
- They(men & women) are created in the image of God to have fellowship and walk with Him…but they are free moral agents who can choose not to.
- They are equal before God in Value.
- They have different Roles but the same mission- to steward the earth and subdue it.
- Together they have more of God's attributes (and a soul which is eternal) than any other created being…but not all of His attributes.

Summary After Man's Creation and Fall into Sin:

- Life will be difficult and work will be hard. (Before the Fall, man would still work but it would always be fruitful. Work was created "good".)
- Sin is a disease without a cure - every man and woman will die and return to the earth.
- Satan has been given limited dominion in this world due to Man's choice to sin. Man has a powerful adversary.
- God gives the first indication He will do everything it takes to ultimately defeat Satan, Sin and Death and to REDEEM this world.

5 *”Then the LORD saw that* ***the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*** 6 *The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.* 7 *The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”* 8 *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.”*

GENESIS 6:5-8

GOD'S COVENANT with NOAH:

*18" But I will establish My **covenant** with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you."* Genesis 6:18

*9 "Now behold, I Myself do establish My **covenant** with you, and with your descendants after you; 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth. 11 I establish My **covenant** with you; and all flesh shall **never again** be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the **covenant** which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for **all successive generations**; 13 I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a **covenant** between Me and the earth. 14 It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, 15 and I will remember My **covenant**, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the **covenant** which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."*

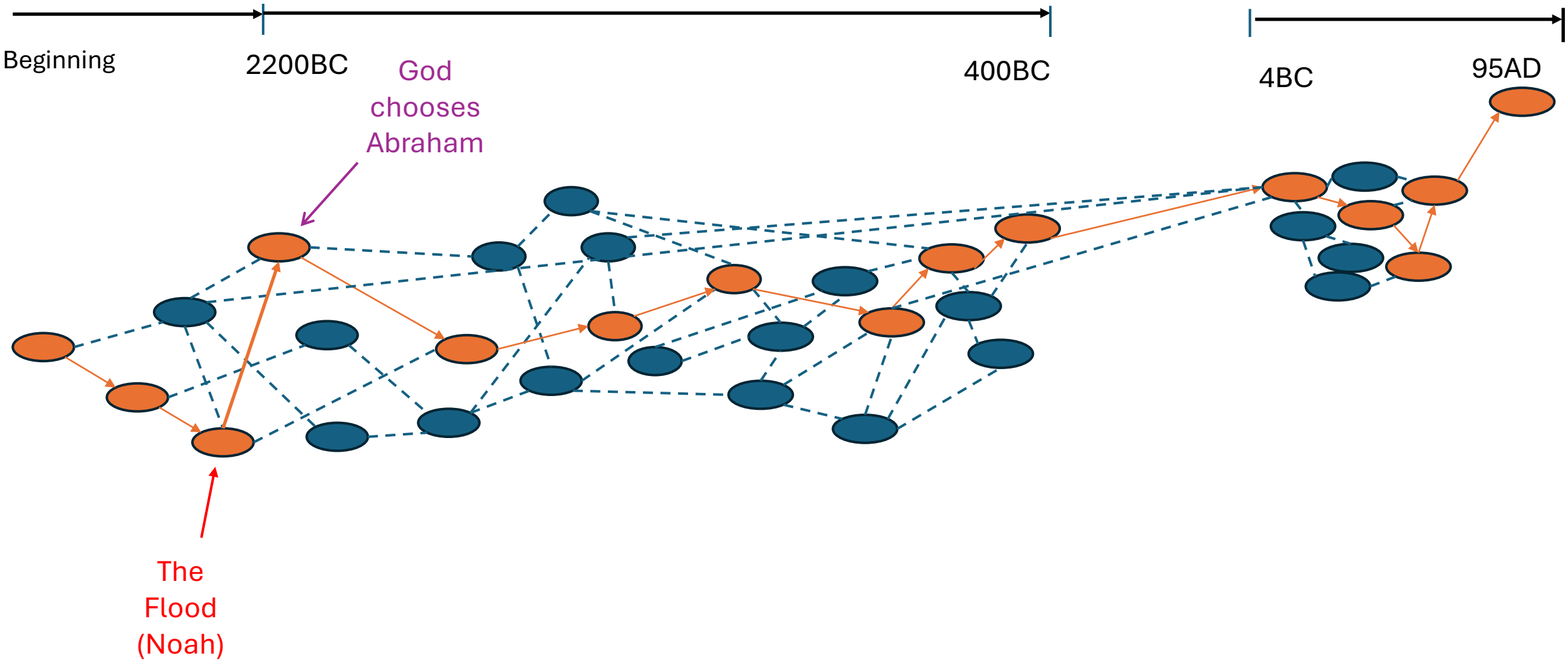
Genesis 9:9-17

SIGNIFICANCE of the NOAHIC Covenant

It confirms for all time, God's intention to achieve what He set out to do in creation…that there be an earth inhabited by life and filled with a humanity in communion with God.

It is Foundational for God's plan of Redemption for all of creation.

It is Universal for all men in all times.


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2200BC
400BC
4BC
95AD
God chooses Abraham
The Flood (Noah)

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If the Noahic Covenant is the
FOUNDATION,
the Abrahamic Covenant is the
STRATEGIC PLAN

GENESIS 12:1-3 The Abrahamic Covenant

Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives
And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you a great nation,
And I will bless you,
And make your name great;
And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you,
And the one who curses you I will curse.
And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

GOD'S COVENANT with ABRAM (ABRAHAM)

Genesis12:2;22:17 God will bless Abraham.

Genesis12:2-3;18:18;22:18 Abraham will mediate God's blessing to "the nations". "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed…"

Genesis 12:3 He will mediate God's curse as well.

Genesis 12:2 Abraham's name will be great.

Genesis 12:2; 18:18 He will become a great nation.

GOD'S COVENANT with ABRAM (ABRAHAM)

Genesis 12:7;13:14-17;15:7-21;17:8 God will give to Abraham and his descendants the land of Canaan.

Genesis 13:16; 15:4-7;17:4-7,15-21;22:17 Abraham will have innumerable descendants.

Genesis 17:7,19,21 This covenant will be established with his descendants.

Genesis 17:7-8 God will be the God of Abraham and his descendants and they will be his people.

GOD'S COVENANT with ABRAM (ABRAHAM)

God chooses a people through whom He is going to bless the world.

His promises are UNCONDITIONAL in the sense that God formally commits to make this happen. He WILL bring about the blessings he promises.

- This does NOT mean that Abraham and his descendants have no responsibilities.
- Forsaking those responsibilities means forfeiting access to the blessings.

The blessings are received by FAITH. Abraham's faith is evidenced by obeying God.

Paul's argument in Galatians 3

- Paul rebukes the Galatians for turning back to the Law of Moses – they should know better!
- He reminds them of their own experience; Spirit vs Law.
- He reminds them God's promises date back to Abraham…they are the beneficiaries.
- He explains that Abraham was saved by believing God, thus receiving righteousness as a gift.
- God's promises are passed down through Abraham to Jesus Christ to all who will believe in Him.
- The Law was temporary and no longer serves a purpose.
- Now, for those who are in Christ, there is no difference in their experience of the blessings of salvation. (Equal inheritance.)

Paul's argument in Galatians 3

*"The Scripture, **foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." [9] So then **those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer**."*

Galatians 3:8,9

*"Now **the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed**. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And **to your seed," that is, Christ**. [17] What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, **does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise**. [18] For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but **God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise**."*

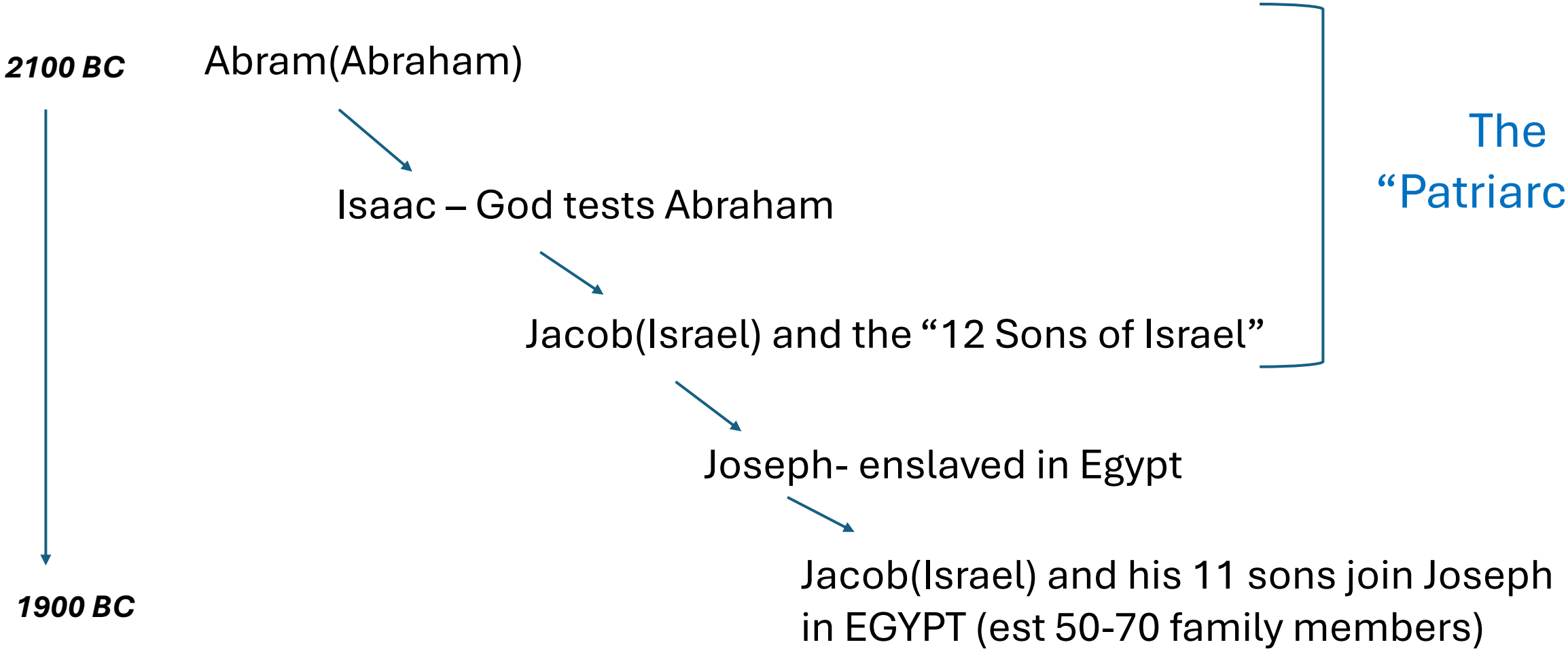
Galatians 3:16-18

Paul’s argument in Galatians 3

*“ For **you are all sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. [27] For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] And **if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise**.”*

Galatians 3:26-29

REDEMPTION…God chooses Abraham



“God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be ***enslaved and oppressed four hundred years****.* ***[14] But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.”***

Genesis 15:13-14

Question from last week:

“Give an example, other than eschatology (future things), where the system of hermeneutics (interpretive system), makes a difference.”

BAPTISM

(as interpreted from Galatians 3)

QUESTIONS ?

Review from last week…

- Creation
- God’s plan for mankind
- Man’s sin and its consequences
- God’s provision from the Flood via Noah (Noahic covenant)
- God chooses Abram (Abrahamic covenant)

Review from last week…God chooses Abraham

2100 BC

Abram(Abraham)

Isaac – God tests Abraham

Jacob(Israel) and the "12 Sons of Israel"

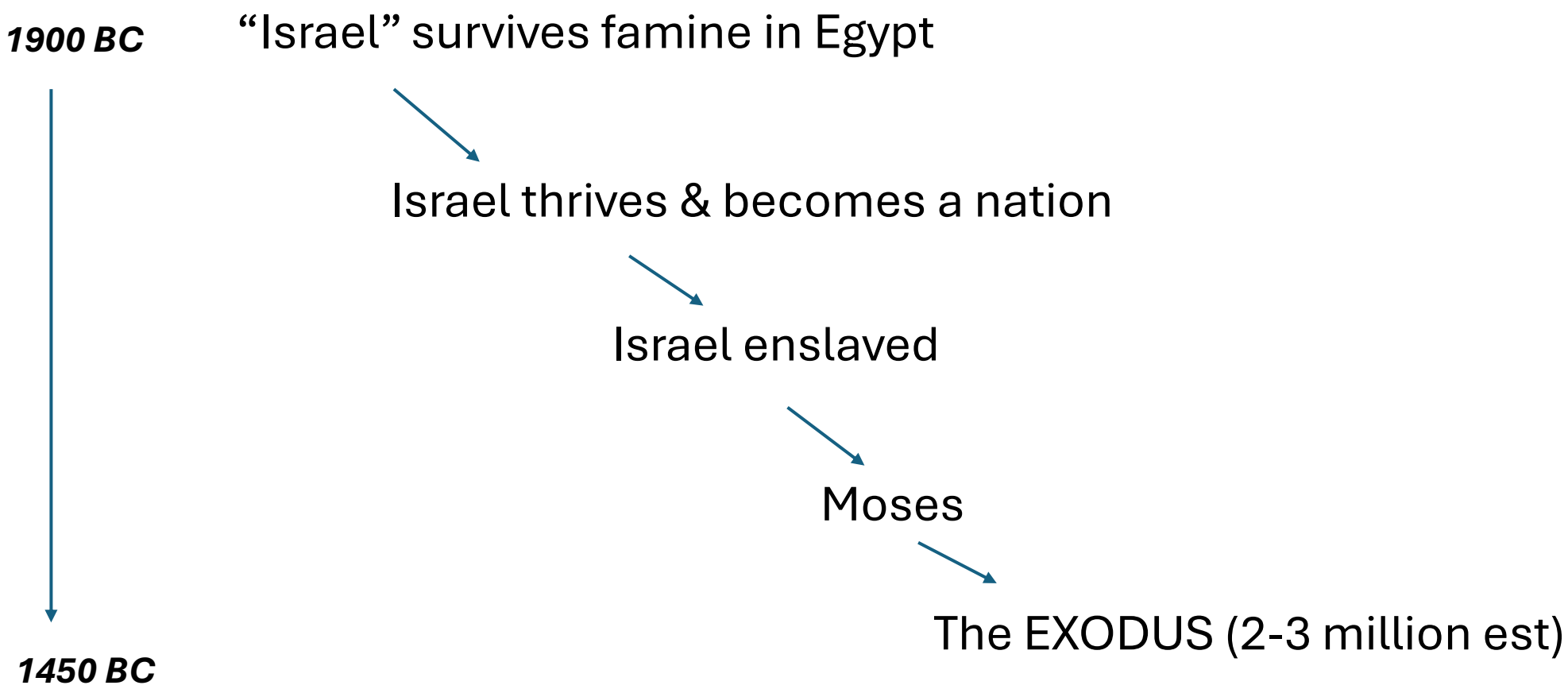
Joseph- enslaved in Egypt

Jacob(Israel) and his 11 sons join Joseph in EGYPT (est 50-70 family members)

1900 BC

The "Patriarchs"

400 Years in Egypt



Fulfilling what God had promised to Abraham 400+ years earlier…

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Genesis 15:13-14

After the Exodus from Egypt…

1450 BC

The Mosaic Covenant (10 Commandments given)

40 years in Sinai wilderness for Israel (the nation)

Joshua succeeds Moses

7 years of conquest in Canaan “the promised land”

Peace…land distribution

1400 BC

“Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire. ***37 Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them.*** *And He* ***personally*** *brought you from Egypt by His great power,* ***38*** *driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.”*

Deut 4:36-38

Question: Now that God has both chosen and led His people, the new nation of Israel, out of captivity; is He happy with them?

*"The LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. **They have done well in all that they have spoken. 29 Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever! 30** Go, say to them, "Return to your tents." **31** But as for you, stand here by Me, **that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them**, that they may observe them in the land which I give them to possess.' **32** So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.*

Deut 5:28-32

Promises of the Mosaic Covenant largely re-state the Abrahamic Covenant already given but with more detail regarding physical, material, and national prosperity:

- God will bless them (Lev 16:4-12; Deut 7:13-15;28:3-12)
- God will multiply them (Lev 26:9;Deut 6:3;8:1;28:11)
- God will give them this land (Lev 26:5;Deut 6:3;8:1;9:4;28:11)
- God will make them a great nation (Deut 7:14;28:1,3)
- God will be their God & they will be His people (Lev 26:11-12;Deut 7:6-10;28:9-10)
- God will confirm His covenant with these particular descendants of the patriarchs(Lev 26:9)

What is MISSING?

The promise to mediate blessing to “the nations”

But for now, God’s people, this new nation, Israel, will learn to follow Him. And they will be His instrument of bringing judgment on the people of Canaan for their sin.

The people on the western side of the Jordan were so immersed in sin that, according to Lev 18:1-5; 18:24-25, God tells Moses He is going to “spew” them out of the land.

Mosaic Covenant is CONDITIONAL & BILATERAL

"If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out…I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will ***confirm My covenant*** *with you."*

Lev 26:3,9

"But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, ***15*** *if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and* ***so break My covenant****…"*

Lev 26:14-15

"*if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers…or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity,* ***42*** ***then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well,*** *and I will remember the land"****.***

Lev 26:40-42

Question: Does God really expect Israel to be able to obey Him and meet His standards of holiness?

The LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers; and ***this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them***. *[17] Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide My face from them, and they will be consumed, and many evils and troubles will come upon them; so that they will say in that day, 'Is it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?'*

Deut 31:16-17

After the Exodus from Egypt…

1450 BC

The Mosaic Covenant (10 Commandments given)

40 years in Sinai wilderness

Joshua succeeds Moses

7 years of conquest in Canaan “the promised land”

1400 BC

“God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be ***enslaved and oppressed four hundred years****.* ***14 But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.”***

Genesis 15:13-14

“As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for ***the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete****.”*

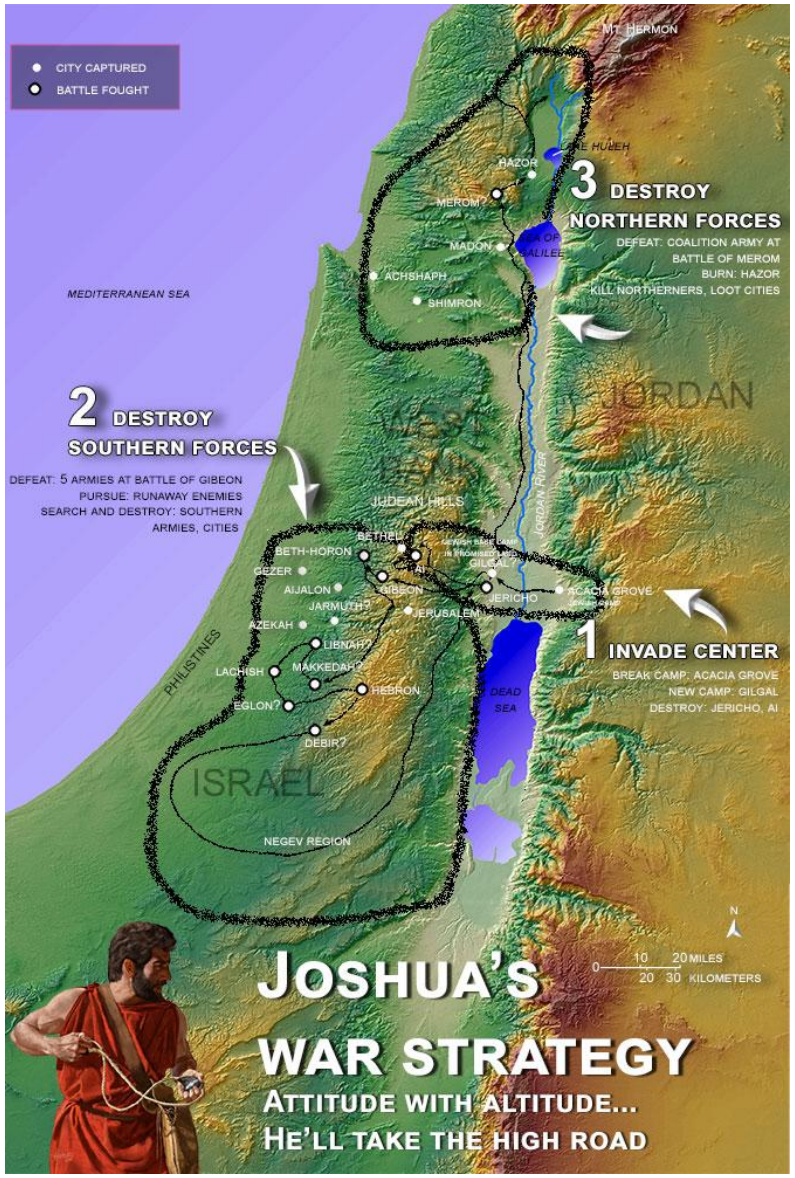
Genesis 15:15-16

Sins of the “Amorites” (representing all Canaanites as in Joshua 24:15)

- **Child sacrifice** (burning sons and daughters)
- **Ritual prostitution and sexualized worship**
- **Bestiality and other sexual violations**
- **Sorcery, divination, necromancy**
- **Bloodshed and systemic violence**
- **Idolatry involving fertility cults (Baal, Asherah)**

These practices are cataloged in **Leviticus 18**, **Leviticus 20**, and **Deuteronomy 18:9–14**, which explicitly state that *these are the abominations that caused the land to “vomit out” its inhabitants*.

Archaeological evidence from Ugarit, Carthage, Lachish, and Gezer corroborates the presence of fertility cults, ritual sex, and infant sacrifice within Canaanite culture.



JOSHUA

- In the 1405-1385BC time period; Joshua was 90-110 years old
- It is the first of 12 historical books in the Bible
- Joshua had been a personal attendant of Moses since a young age. He was born in captivity in Egypt. Numbers 27:18 & Deut 34:9 indicate he is someone "filled with the Spirit"
- He and Caleb were the only spies of the land who trusted God that He was able to drive out the Canaanites
- This conquest follows the death of Moses and the 40 years in the wilderness following their exodus from Egypt

After the Exodus from Egypt…

1450 BC

The Mosaic Covenant (10 Commandments given)

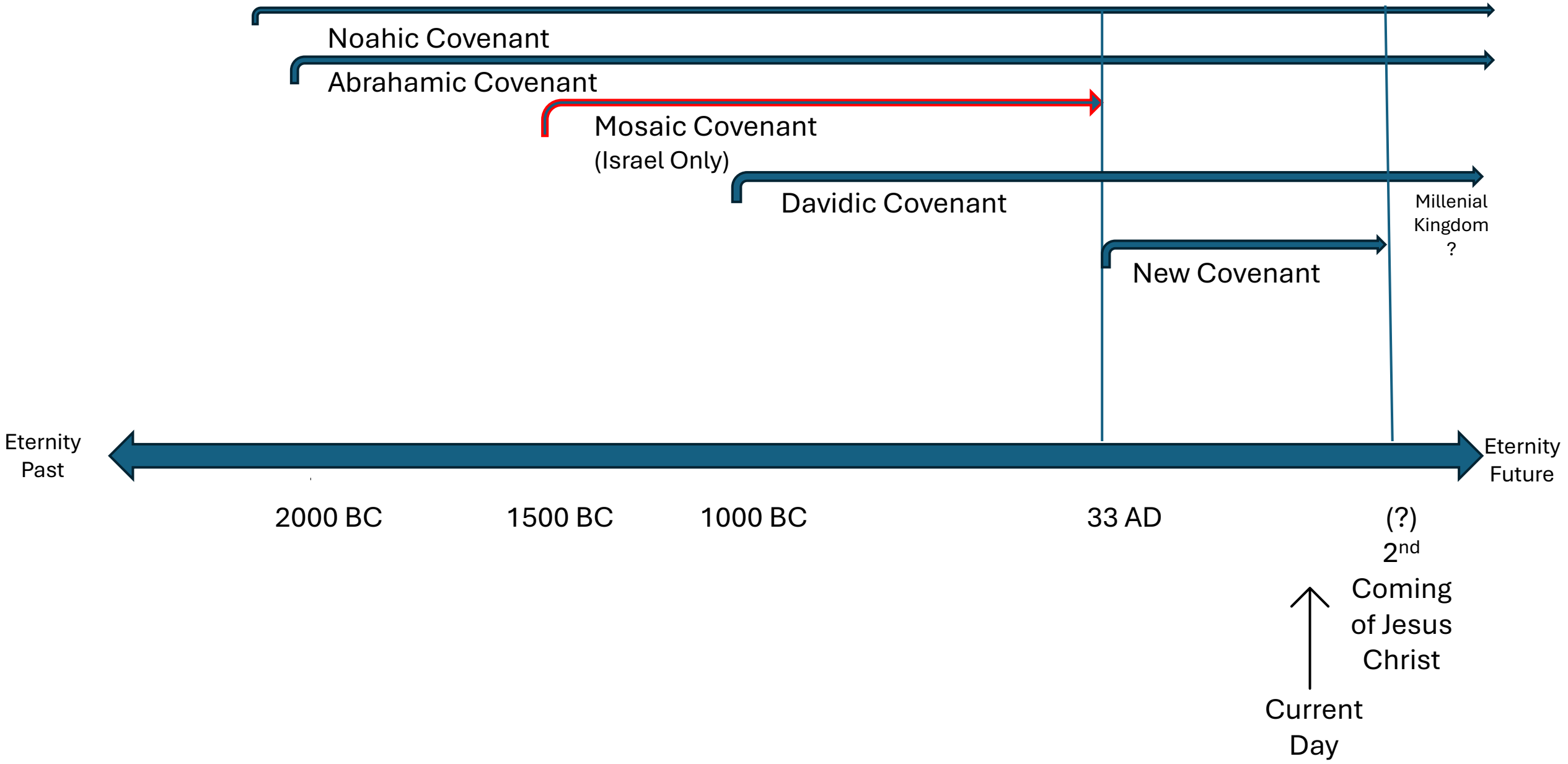
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Peace…land distribution to the 12 tribes of Israel

1400 BC


Noahic Covenant
Abrahamic Covenant
Mosaic Covenant
(Israel Only)
Davidic Covenant
Millenial
Kingdom
?
New Covenant
Eternity
Past
Eternity
Future
2000 BC
1500 BC
1000 BC
33 AD
(?)
2nd
Coming
of Jesus
Christ
Current
Day

In the Promised Land…

1400 BC

Joshua dies

Every man does what is “right in his own eyes”

God gives them “judges”

Israel wants a king

They want Saul and God gives them Saul as their first king

1050 BC

QUESTIONS ?

TWO OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS OF INTERPRETATION

Exegesis draws meaning out; eisegesis reads meaning in

The difference is who controls the meaning: the text or the reader.

EXEGESIS

TEXT → INTERPRETER

Draws meaning out of the passage.

- Reads grammar, literary form and historical context
- Seeks the author's intended meaning
- Lets conclusions follow the textual evidence

EISEGESIS

INTERPRETER → TEXT

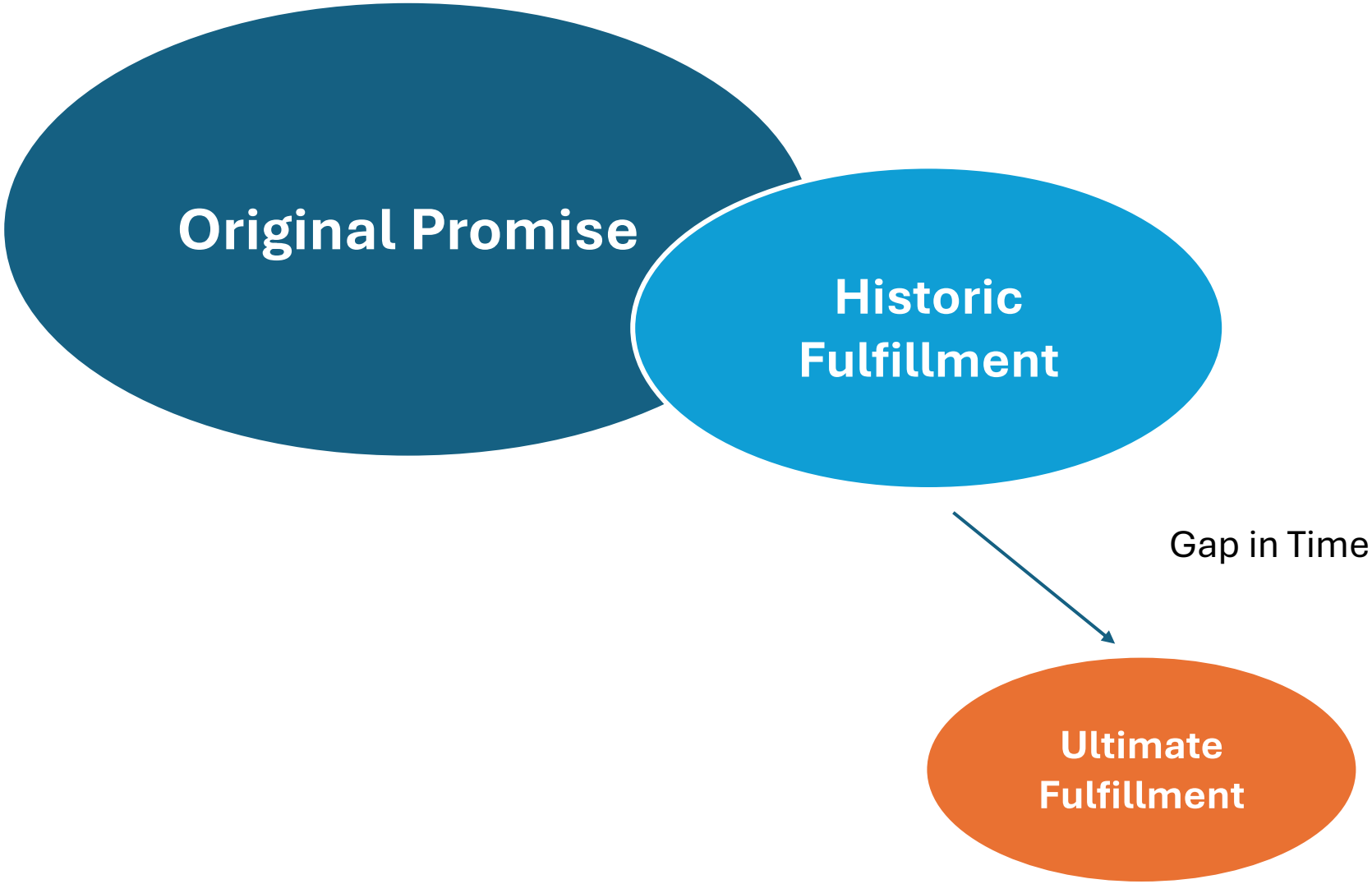
Reads meaning into the passage.

- Begins with a preferred idea or assumption
- Selects details that support the reader's point
- Risks distorting the passage beyond its context

Sound interpretation asks first: "What does this passage mean in its own context?"

Sources: Grand Canyon University (2025); Logos (2026); Christianity.com (2022)

Near and Long-Term Fulfillment of God's Promises(& Prophecies)



Israel united then divided (an overview)

1010 BC

DAVID succeeds Saul…Davidic covenant…a king is coming

Solomon succeeds David…temple finished 965 BC

Israel divides after Solomon's death…falls away

Isaiah, Elijah, Elisha – God sends the prophets

Assyria carries away the 10 northern tribes

721 BC

The Davidic Covenant

- 2 Samuel 7:8-17
- 1 Chronicles 19
- Psalms 89,110, 132

A grant covenant (unconditional bequest) in its major tenets. However, one provision was a conditional promise (1 Chron 28:5-6;1 Kings 2:2-4; Psalm 132:11-12).

The **Davidic Covenant** adds depth and specificity to the Abrahamic Covenant while adding the specific promise that **a king is coming from the line of David** and **His kingdom will be eternal:**

*8 "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and **I will make you a great name**, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. 10 **I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly**, 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and **I will give you rest from all your enemies**. The LORD also declares to you that **the LORD will make a house for you**...(continued)*

*[12] When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will **raise up your descendant** after you, who will come forth from you, and I will **establish his kingdom**. [13] He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish **the throne of his kingdom forever**. [14] I **will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me**; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, [15] but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] **Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever**."*

2 Samuel 7:8-16

*"Then David the king went in and sat before the Lord, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was insignificant in your sight in Your eyes, O Lord God, for **You have spoken also of the house of your servant concerning the distant future**..."*

2 Samuel 7:18-19

*“[11] When your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. [12] He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. [13] **I will be his father and he shall be My son**; and **I will not take My lovingkindness away from him**, as I took it from him who was before you. [14] But **I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever**.””*

1 Chronicles 17:11-14

Which historical descendant of David is this speaking of?

Near term: Solomon. Solomon built the temple for God

Longer term: Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:5 references and applies this to Christ)

*"I **have made** a covenant with My chosen;*
*I **have sworn** to **David My servant**,*
4 I will establish your seed forever
And build up your throne to all generations."

***Once** You spoke in vision to Your godly ones,*
And said, "I have given help to one who is mighty;
*I **have exalted** one chosen from the people.*
*20 "I **have found David My servant**;*
*With My holy oil I **have** anointed him,*

Psalm 89:3-4,19-20

Psalm 89:
Likely written following the fall of Judah to Babylon and destruction of the temple in 586 BC.

*“He **will** cry to Me, ‘You are my Father,*
My God, and the rock of my salvation.’
*27 “I also **shall** make him My firstborn,*
The highest of the kings of the earth.
*28 “My lovingkindness I **will** keep for him forever,*
*And My covenant **shall** be confirmed to him.*
*29 “So I **will** establish his descendants forever*
And his throne as the days of heaven.

Psalms 89:19-20,26-29

Later in the same Psalm the tense switches and God speaks of the future “David”

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.
A Psalm of David.

110 *The LORD says to my Lord:*
“Sit at My right hand
Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”
2 *The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,*
“Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”
3 *Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power;*
In holy array, from the womb of the dawn,
Your youth are to You as the dew.
4 *The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,*
“You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.”
5 *The Lord is at Your right hand;*
He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.
6 *He will judge among the nations,*
He will fill them with corpses,
He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.
7 *He will drink from the brook by the wayside;*
Therefore He will lift up His head.

V1: Christ’s present position, ruling from heaven. (Acts2:30-36; Hebrews 1:13)

V2: Christ’s future position, ruling from “Zion”.(Zech 15:9-11,17; Rom 11:26; Heb 12:22)

V4: He will be a king/priest according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 7:21-24)

V6: When the king returns He will judge the nations. (Rev 19:15)

Question:

Is ZION a place or a symbol? At what point in the future is this?

9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.
10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but **Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. 11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security**.

Zech 14:9-11

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven**, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

30 And so, because he(*David)* was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT *one* OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,
31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY. 32 This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 **Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:
'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."'

Acts 2:30-35

SUMMARIZING THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

- “PLACE”, affirming the prior promises to Israel to occupy their own land where they might dwell safely as subjects of their king
- “HOUSE” , promising a dynasty from David’s lineage
- “KINGDOM”, referring to a people and dominion who are governed by a king
- “THRONE”, emphasizing the authority and power of the king’s rule
- “FOREVER”, stating the eternal and unconditional nature of this promise to David and Israel

ISRAEL united…

1010 BC

DAVID succeeds Saul…Davidic covenant…a king is coming

Solomon succeeds David…temple finished 965 BC

Solomon reigns 40 years then Israel divides after Solomon's death

930 BC

930 BC

Death of Solomon…Israel divides into Northern (Israel) and Southern(Judah) kingdoms

God sends the prophets to call them back!

ISRAEL

Joel
Elijah
Elisha
Amos
Hosea

722 BC

Assyria captures Samaria; Israel is dispersed/assimilated.



JUDAH

Isaiah, Micah



Judah continues decline

JUDAH

7th Century BC (Judah's decline)

Nahum (ca. 660–630 BC) — Southern Kingdom

Predicts Nineveh's fall

Zephaniah (ca. 630–620 BC) — Southern Kingdom

During Josiah

Day of the Lord themes

Jeremiah (ca. 627–586 BC) — Southern Kingdom

Spans last 40 years of Judah

Warns of Babylon; New Covenant promise

Witnesses Jerusalem's destruction

Habakkuk (ca. 610–600 BC) — Southern Kingdom

Wrestles with God's use of Babylon as judgment

JUDAH fails to repent…Babylon conquers them

626 BC

Jeremiah warns Judah – 70 years of captivity coming – repent!

Babylon loots the temple; takes away “exiles”(605 BC)

Temple destroyed (586 BC)

Cyrus of Persia issues decree ending captivity(537 BC)

Temple restored

516 BC

JUDAH

Exilic Prophets (6th Century BC during 70 years of captivity)

Ezekiel (ca. 593–571 BC) — Babylonian exile

Visions of God's glory, temple, restoration

Overlaps with Jeremiah

Daniel (ca. 605–536 BC) — Babylon & Persia

Court prophet; apocalyptic visions

Begins at first deportation (605 BC)

Israel(Judah) rises from the ashes…

516 BC

Temple rebuilt- only 50,000 return – most remain in exile

Under Nehemiah Jerusalem's walls are rebuilt(445 BC)

Religious and civil life are restored(445-430 BC)

Malachi, last of the prophets in the OT (430 BC)

God calls His people back once more

430 BC

Malachi 4:1-5

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” **2** *“**But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings;** and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.* **3** *You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the Lord of hosts.*
4 *“Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.*
5 ***“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.*** **6** *He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a [f]curse.”*

What is the spiritual meaning of this sequence of Israel's history - with the benefit of hindsight - and further revelation - in the New Testament?

God has given them a Promise

- He has promised He will **bless them**, **make them a great people** and also that He will **use them to bless all the peoples of the earth**. He has promised to do this through a line of descendants from David. From David will come a messiah, a king who will fulfill ALL of the requirements of the law and he will reign over God's kingdom forever.

What is the spiritual meaning of this sequence of Israel's history - with the benefit of hindsight - and further revelation - in the New Testament?

God has given them the Law

- The Law was given for ***human flourishing…starting with Israel***! (Psalm 119)
  - Not abstract rules but a guide to prosperity as they followed God **and** became a conduit for all the world to receive blessing!

Did God expect them to succeed in keeping the Law?

- No, He expected them to fail miserably but He wanted them to cling to Him in their failure…like Abraham, Isaac, Israel, David. Seeing their constant need for God would put them in the ideal vantage point to see their messiah clearly when He came.

Jeremiah 13:10-11

10 This **evil people**, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing. 11 **For as the loincloth clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me,** declares the LORD**, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen.**

What is the spiritual meaning of this sequence of Israel's history - with the benefit of hindsight - and further revelation - in the New Testament?

God has given them a Sacrificial system

- Through a mediator - a priest in the line of Levi – an offering to God is presented once a year in the temple. This offering represents that the sins of the people are placed on an innocent lamb and the lamb dies for those sins and appeases the wrath of God and God forgives their sin. Effectively, **God sees the spotless and innocent lamb in their place. When they follow this system with a genuine heart of repentance, God blesses them.**

God's Promise to Israel

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, *32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord,* ***"I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."***

SILENCE

NEXT WEEK…God breaks the Silence

QUESTIONS ?

SILENCE

No further revelation from God from 420 BC
to approximately 4 BC

Week 5…God Breaks the Silence!

Previously…

Creation-creation of mankind-fall into sin-Noah

GOD chooses Abraham – Abrahamic covenant

Enslavement in Egypt

God chooses Moses…Mosaic covenant…”the Law”

God chooses David – Davidic covenant

Divided kingdom – Assyria then Babylon – “new covenant” via Jeremiah

Judah returns to Jerusalem…temple re-built and worship re-established

Status…approximately 4 BC

- Sin nature permeates the human race and Satan is the unseen enemy.
- Therefore, death is universal.
- God chooses some – mostly within the spiritual lineage of Abraham (but a few Gentiles) – for individual/personal salvation.
- This is Entirely by grace but believing God and His promises is the only way to salvation.
- ISRAEL has been offered salvation **as a nation** if they will follow God as their king.
- They have scorned this offer many times and they have received severe discipline for it.
- Nevertheless, God has preserved a “remnant” for Himself in every generation.
- Because ISRAEL has been wayward, God has not used them(much) to bless “the nations”.
- ISRAEL awaits their king from the “Branch of David”.

The New Testament:

- Written within a 50-55 year period …roughly 42 – 95 AD
- Covers 100 years…roughly 4 BC to 95 AD
- Gospels – Matthew, Luke, Mark, John
- Acts of the Apostles…gospel spreads from Jerusalem
- Epistles (to churches and individuals)
- Revelation to John

All written by first or second hand witnesses under **apostolic authority** .

Let’s take stock of what is going on around 4 BC:

- Israel – remaining tribes of Judah and Benjamin - exists as a ***subjugated nation under Rome*** with a capital in Jerusalem.
- The Romans demand obedience in civil life, taxes must be paid, etc., but they allow ***freedom of religion*** .
- All mankind, including God’s chosen people, Israel, has the ***same problems*** since the Fall of man…sin, death, Satan…none of these enemies have been vanquished.

Hebrews 1:1-3

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but **in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world**. [3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and **he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**…”

GOD SPEAKS !

Jesus Christ:

- He would live for a time in Egypt, to escape Herod's persecution, then be called back by God to an area of Israel called Nazareth. (Hosea 11:1; Matt 2:13-23)
- He would be preceded, then identified as the Son of God by a modern day "Elijah", John the Baptist.(Isaiah 40:3; Matt 3:3)
- He, and His message, would be rejected by His people, Israel.
- He would do many signs and miracles, including raising people from the dead.
- He would have a triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey.(Zech 9:9)
- He would be betrayed into the hands of sinners for 30 pieces of silver. (Zech 11:13)
- He would be executed by crucifixion for the sins of the people and be raised from death on the 3rd day.

Facts about the Life and Ministry of Jesus:

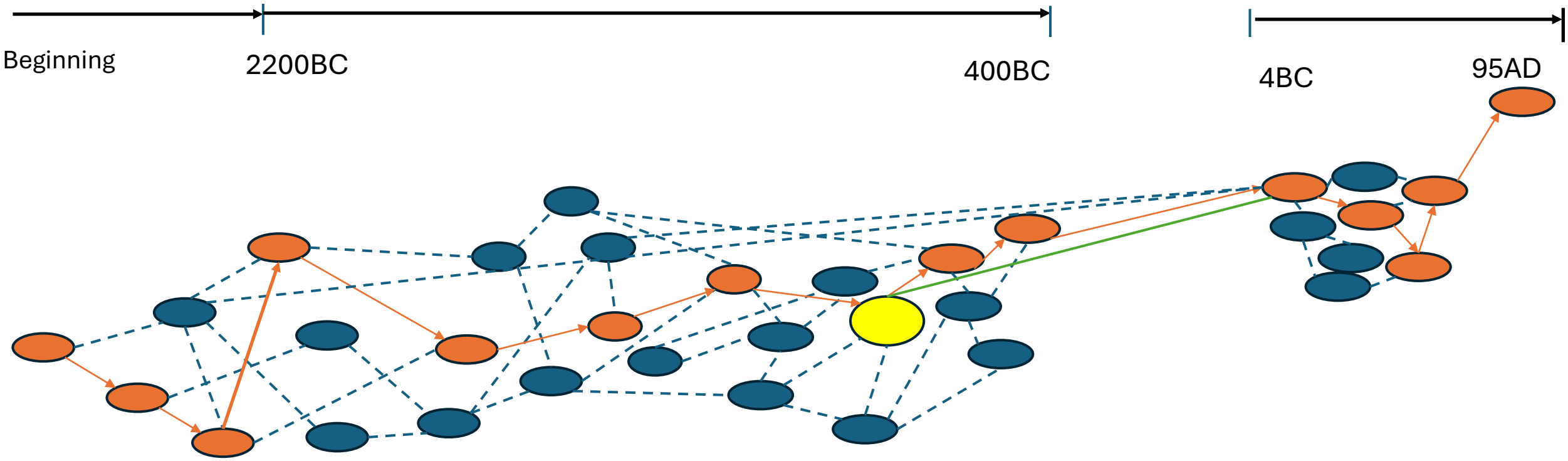
- Lived approximately 4BC (Incarnation) to 30-33 AD.
- Lived a sinless life.
- Public ministry the last 3 years of His life.
- Crucified, dead and buried…according to God's plan.
- Rose from the grave on the 3rd day… the Resurrection!
- Lived again in bodily form for 40 more days.
- Appeared to more than 500 people during this time.
- Ascended visibly to heaven with a promise to come again.
- Sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- Promised the Holy Spirit would indwell "believers".

Religious life in Israel looks much as it has for the past few hundred years. The most prominent leaders were the Pharisees(Law) and the Sadducees(temple worship).

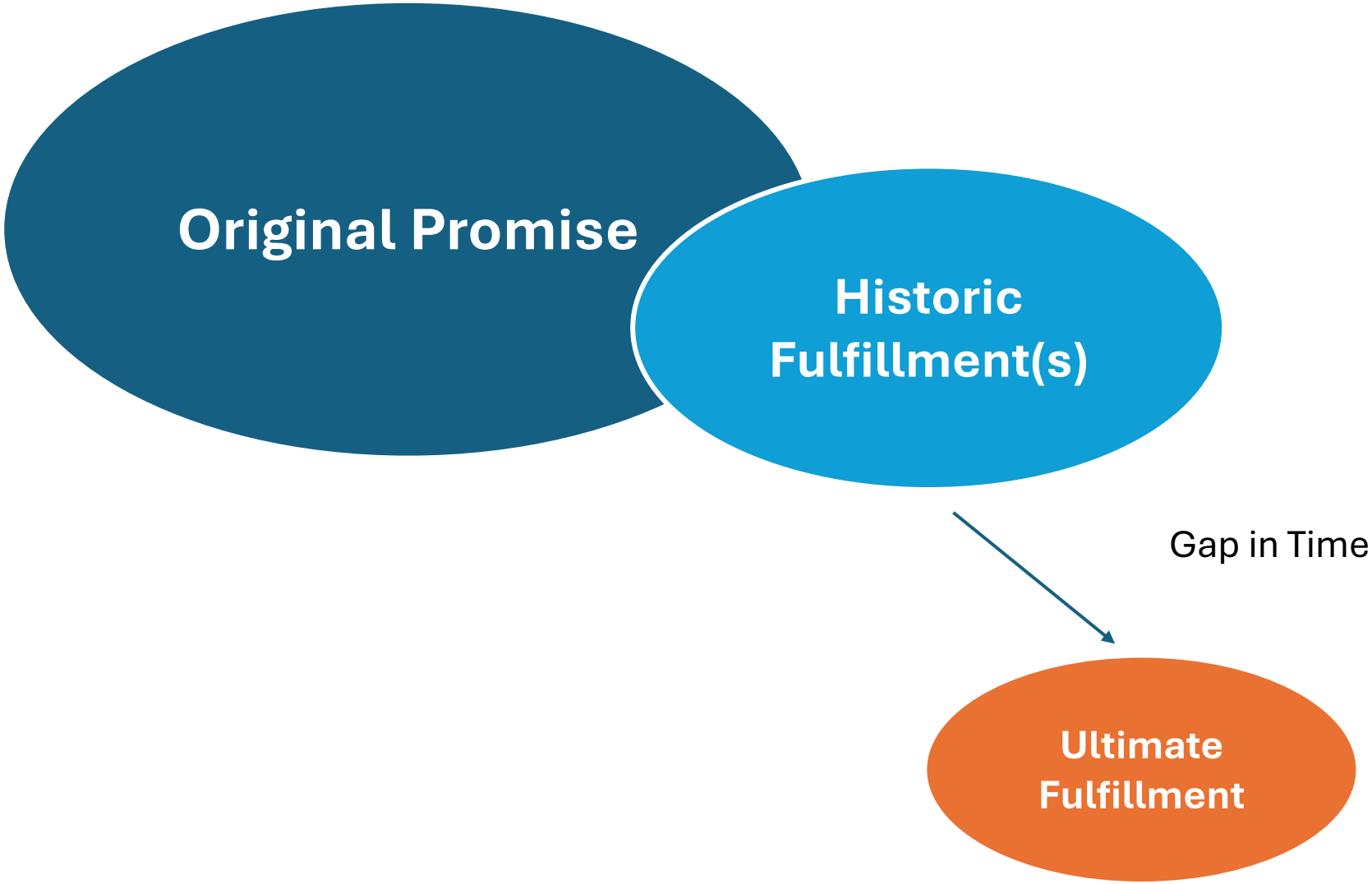
- Israel is ***looking for their messiah***, but in their minds ***that savior looks a whole lot like the kings from Israel's past, such as Saul, David or Solomon*** or perhaps someone like Alexander the Great.

OR

- A ***prophet*** in the mold of the great prophets, like Elijah, who could present signs and wonders as evidence God had sent him.


Beginning
2200BC
400BC
4BC
95AD

Near and Long-Term Fulfillment of God's Promises(& Prophecies)



ISAIAH 9:1-2;6-7

9 But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He
treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but **later on
He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles.[2] The people who walk in darkness will see a great
light;Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them**.

[6] For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
[7] **There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace,
On the throne of David and over his kingdom**,
To **establish it** and to **uphold it with justice and righteousness**
From then on and **forevermore**.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

ISAIAH 41:8,9

*"But you, **Israel, My servant**,*
Jacob whom I have chosen,
Descendant of Abraham My friend,
9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,
And called from its remotest parts
*And said to you, '**You are My servant,***
***I have chosen you and not rejected you**."*

ISAIAH 42:6,7

"I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness,
I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You,
*And **I will appoint You as a covenant to the people,***
***As a light to the nations**,*

ISAIAH 49:3-6

The nation

"He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,
In Whom I will show My glory."
4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain,
I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;
Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD,
And My reward with My God."

The Messiah

5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him
(For I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
And My God is My strength),
6 He says, ***"It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant***
To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel;
I will also make You a light of the nations
So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

- ISAIAH 50 – God sustains His Servant during His first coming
- ISAIAH 52 – God promises to exalt His Servant, but first…
- ISAIAH 53 – God's Servant will suffer horribly; prophecy of the crucifixion(Isaiah 53 & Psalm 22) AND His MISSION!

But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief
*…**as a result of the anguish of His soul**,*
***He will see it and be satisfied**;*
By His knowledge the Righteous One,
***My Servant, will justify the many**,*
*As **He will bear their iniquities**.*
12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,
And He will divide the booty with the strong;
Because He poured out Himself to death,
And was numbered with the transgressors;
*Yet **He Himself bore the sin of many,***
***And interceded for the transgressors**.*
Isaiah 53:10-12

"pleased"=delight in accomplishing a purpose

ISAIAH 59-60 – Israel will be transformed into a light for the nations by the power of the Holy Spirit

"A Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.
*21 "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "**My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth**, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."*
"Arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
*2 "For behold, **darkness will cover the earth***
And deep darkness the peoples;
But the LORD will rise upon you
And His glory will appear upon you.
***Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising**.*

Isaiah 59:20-60:2

The Arrival of the Christ announced…

ANGEL to ZACHARIAS:
"And he will turn **many** of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.
He has given help to Israel His servant,
In remembrance of His mercy,
55 As He spoke to our fathers,
To Abraham and his descendants forever."

Luke 1:15-17

MARY:
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Luke 1:54-55

Zacharias after the birth of his son, John (the Baptist)…

69 And has raised up a horn of
salvation for us
In the house of David His servant—
70 As He spoke by the mouth of His
holy prophets from of old—
71 Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;
72 To show mercy toward our fathers,
*And to **remember His holy covenant,***
73 The oath which He swore to
Abraham our father,
74 To grant us that we, being rescued
from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
75 In holiness and righteousness
before Him all our days.

76 "And you, child, will be called the
prophet of the Most High;
For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO
PREPARE HIS WAYS;
77 To give to His people the
knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins,
78 Because of the tender mercy of our
God,
With which the Sunrise from on high
will visit us,
79 TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN
DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
To guide our feet into the way of
peace."

John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance to the Jews…

7 "So he began saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and ***do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham****. 9 Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*

Luke 3:7-9

Restated (with literary license)…
"SO, you think being a physical descendant of Abraham, a Jew, is going to save you?"

John the Baptist knew clearly who Jesus was…

29 The next day he *(John the Baptist)* saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, **“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**

John 1:29

Jesus, beginning His public ministry, quotes ISAIAH 61:1-2

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His
custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the
book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found
the place where it was written,
18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."
20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes
of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today
this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:16-21

22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling
from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” 23 And He said to them, “No
doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done
at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’” 24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no
prophet is welcome in his hometown. 25 But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in
Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a
great famine came over all the land; 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but **only to
Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon**, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers
in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but **only Naaman
the Syrian**.” 28 And all *the people* in the synagogue were **filled with rage** as they heard these
things; 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on
which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their
midst, He went His way.

Luke 4:22-30

What caused His neighbors to turn on Him so quickly and violently?

What did Jesus claim about who He Was ? Was He just a good teacher? A role model to emulate?

Mark 8:27-32

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea
Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that
I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and
others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say
that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly
charged them to tell no one about him.
31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many
things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the
scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said
this plainly…

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John 5:39-47

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life;
and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you
may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people. 42 But I know that you do not
have the love of God within you. 43 **I have come in my Father's name, and you do
not receive me.** If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can
you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that
comes from the only God? 45 **Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father.
There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.** 46 For if
you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if you do not
believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

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John 11:25-27

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in
me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and **believes in
me** shall never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; **I believe
that you are the Christ, the Son of God**, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus knew who he was and what he had come to do.

How did Jesus describe the path to eternal life?

John 3:3, 16

3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**.”…

16 “**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever *believes in him* should not perish but have eternal life.**

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John 3: 17-18

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order
that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not
condemned, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he
has not believed in the name of the only Son of God**.

John 3:36

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son
shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

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John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Luke 13:23-24

23 And someone said to him, "**Lord, will those who are saved be few?**" And he said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the **narrow door**. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

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Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is
easy that leads to **destruction**, and those who enter by it are
many. 14 For **the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life**,
and those who find it are few.

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What happened at the Cross? Why did it have to happen this way?

1 Peter 2:24

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might **die to sin and live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For our sake he made him to **be sin** who knew no sin, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God**.

How important is the Resurrection?

1 Corinthians 15

3 For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the
Scriptures, 4 **that he was buried, that he was *raised on the third***
***day* in accordance with the Scriptures,**

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1 Corinthians 15

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you
say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of
the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And **if Christ has not been
raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain**. 15 **We are even
found to be misrepresenting God**, because we testified about God that he
raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not
raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And
if Christ has not been raised, **your faith is futile** and **you are still in your
sins**. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 **If in
Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.**
20 **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep.

How important is the Resurrection?

EVERYTHING hinges on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The empty tomb validates that everything accomplished at the Cross was of God…

- SIN atoned for!
- SATAN defeated!
- DEATH defeated…spiritual death now and eventually physical death itself will be abolished!

Status (post cross)…

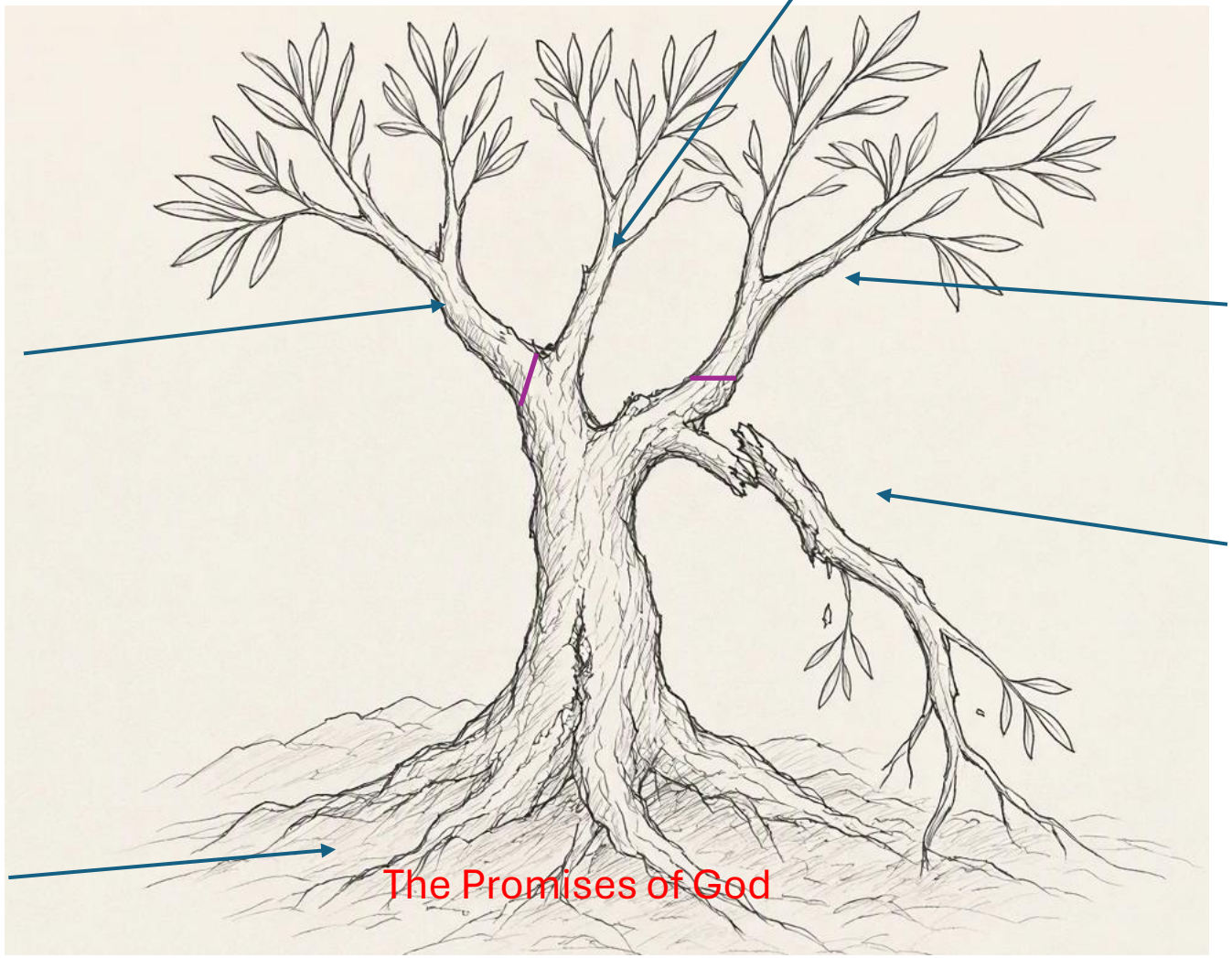
- Sin nature permeates the human race and Satan is the unseen enemy.Sin remains but does not prevail; Satan has been defeated in an ultimate sense.
- Therefore, death is universal.The spirit is alive now(Eph 2:5); The body will be resurrected in the future (1 Cor 15:42,51-54)
- God chooses some – mostly within the spiritual lineage of Abraham (but a few Gentiles) – for individual/personal salvation. The door is open for salvation to all, through Christ, but most Jews are hardened while believing Gentiles are gathered in. (Romans 11:25). All who believe are "Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise" (Gal 3:29)
- This is Entirely by grace but believing God and His promises is the only way to salvation.The promise of the OT has been clarified…it is still by grace alone but now we know the promise is fulfilled through Christ alone. (Eph 2:8-9)

Status (post cross)…

- ISRAEL has been offered salvation **as a nation** if they will follow God as their king. When the hardening of Israel, and harvesting of the Gentiles, is complete, God will turn them back to Him. (Ez 36:22-38; 37:24-28; Romans 11:25-26)
- They have scorned this offer many times which has resulted in severe discipline.The past 2 thousand years have been difficult for the Jews. The discipline continues to this day.
- Nevertheless, God has preserved a "remnant" for Himself in every generation. He still preserves a remnant in every generation. (Is 10:20-22; Rom 11:5; 2 Cor 3:14)
- Because ISRAEL has been wayward, God has not used them in a big way to bless "the nations". This didn't happen as they expected. Through Christ, the "mystery" of God using the seed of Abraham has been revealed. (Matt 13:11; Acts 15:7-9; Eph 3:4,9; Col 1:26,27)
- ISRAEL awaits their king from the "Branch of David". He has come in the person of Jesus the Christ but – except for the remnant – they can't see it. (2 Cor 3:14-16)

ROMANS 11…
A Picture of God's Redemptive Plan

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“Candidates” for the tree trunk in Romans 11

A. **Jesus –** Scripture calls Him a “branch” and the “root of Jesse” and He described Himself as the “true vine” (Jeremiah 2:21 compared to John 15:1). Couldn’t He be the tree trunk too? After all, all things “hold together” in Christ (Col 2:17)

B. **The Church** – What if the body of Christ existed (symbolically?) before the Cross and ascension? We know the church now exists and everyone who is saved is part of His church. (Gal 3:28)

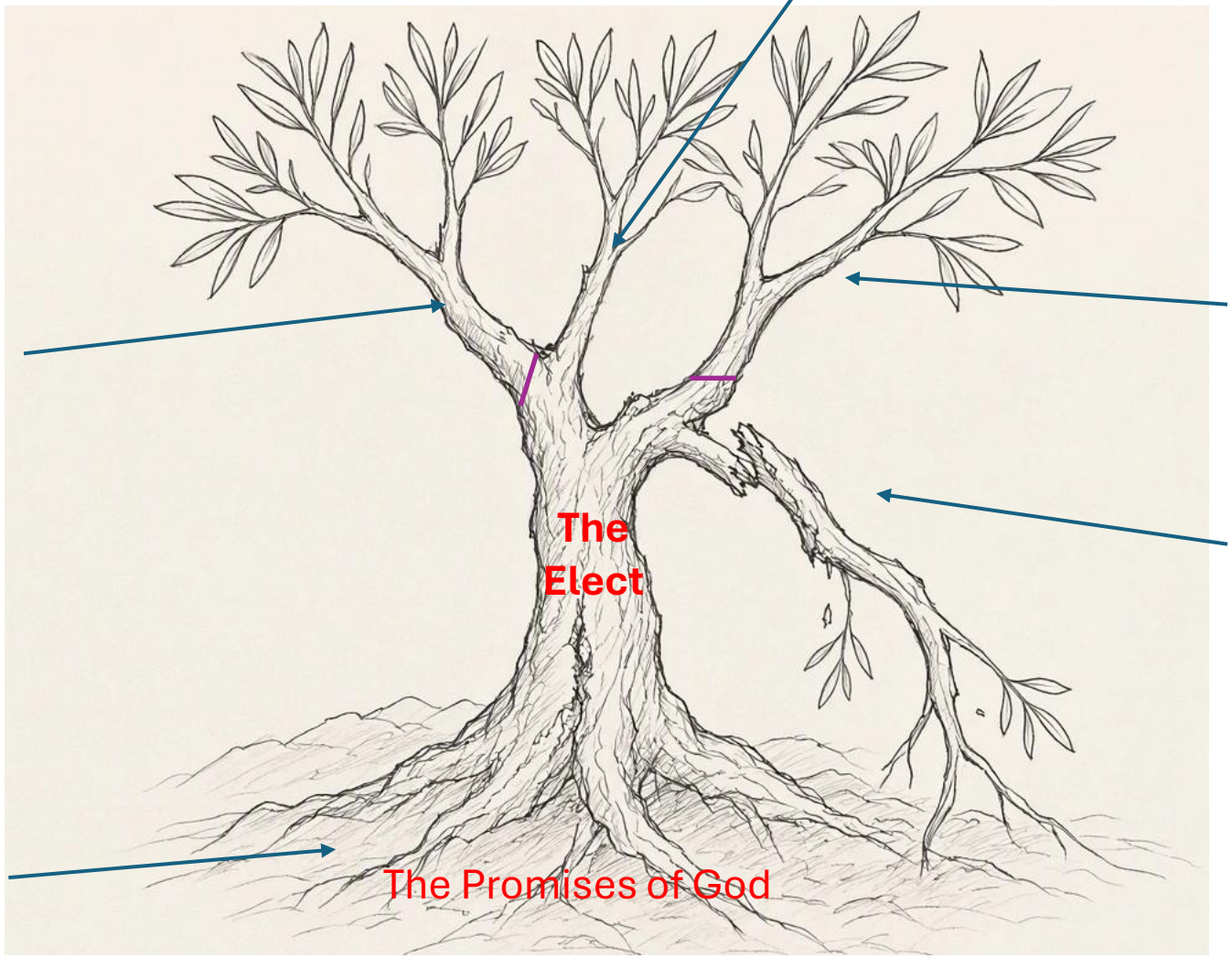
C. **The Elect** – God has known since the foundation of the world who He was going to save (Eph 1:4; Rev 20:15) and that fits with the historical “choosing” of Abraham and his descendants as well as including Gentiles in the Abrahamic blessing.
   A. The “unified people of God” in all ages…the chosen Jews and Gentiles.
   B. The “covenant people”…Abrahamic blessing was to all.
   C. “true Israel” …using a re-definition of Israel to mean the same as A & B.

D. **It doesn’t matter** – God didn’t tell us so it can’t be that important.

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WEEK 6…God Indwells His People!

QUESTIONS ?

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The Coming of the Holy Spirit

SUMMARY:

As progressively revealed by God in 5 Covenants:

3 On-going Major themes:

KINGDOM

CREATION

REDEMPTION



Noahic

Abrahamic

Mosaic

Davidic

New Covenant

Palestinian Covenant
(Deut 29-30)

MICRO



MACRO



WHICH VIEW BETTER DEPICTS “REALITY”?

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The Indwelling Spirit of Christ

- *"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, **much more**, having been reconciled, we **shall be** saved by His life."*

  Romans 5:10

"Reconciled to God by Christ's death and being saved by His life - the **crisis** involves an initial act of faith that accepts Christ for what He did; the **process** involves an attitude of faith that continues to enjoy all that Christ is. ***For He not only died for what you have done; He rose again from the dead to take the place of what you are***, which He does by His Holy Spirit indwelling you."

Major Ian Thomas

"The Indwelling Life of Christ"

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The Holy Spirit's role in God's overall plan of Redemption:

Father – initiator or source

Son – agent or mediator

Holy Spirit – perfecting presence

At age 99, Abraham receives further revelation from God…the covenant of circumcision

9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be ***circumcised****. 11 And* ***you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin****, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.*

Genesis 17:9-11

Moses tells Israel to love God with their whole heart…but God must first "circumcise" their heart

5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

Deut 6:5



6 "Moreover ***the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants****, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live."*

Deut 30:6

God promises the New Covenant… to write His law on hearts, not tablets

31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. 33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Jesus reveals the coming of His Spirit…

5 "Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, ***unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God****.*
6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." *John 3:5-6*

*38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, '****From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water****.'" 39* ***But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

John 7:38-39

Jesus reveals the coming of His Spirit…

*16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you**.*

John 14:16-17

*26 But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you** all things, and **bring to your remembrance all that I said to you**.*

John 14:26

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7 "But I tell you the truth, ***it is to your advantage that I go away****; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And* ***He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment****;"*

John 16:7-8

13 "But when ***He, the Spirit of truth****, comes,* ***He will guide you into all the truth****; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for* ***He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you****".*

John 16:13-14

The resurrected Christ's last words to His disciples…

3 "To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and ***speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God****. 4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

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*[6] So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "**Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; [8] but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth**."*

Acts 1:3-8

Jerusalem,Judea, Samaria, remotest part of the earth…

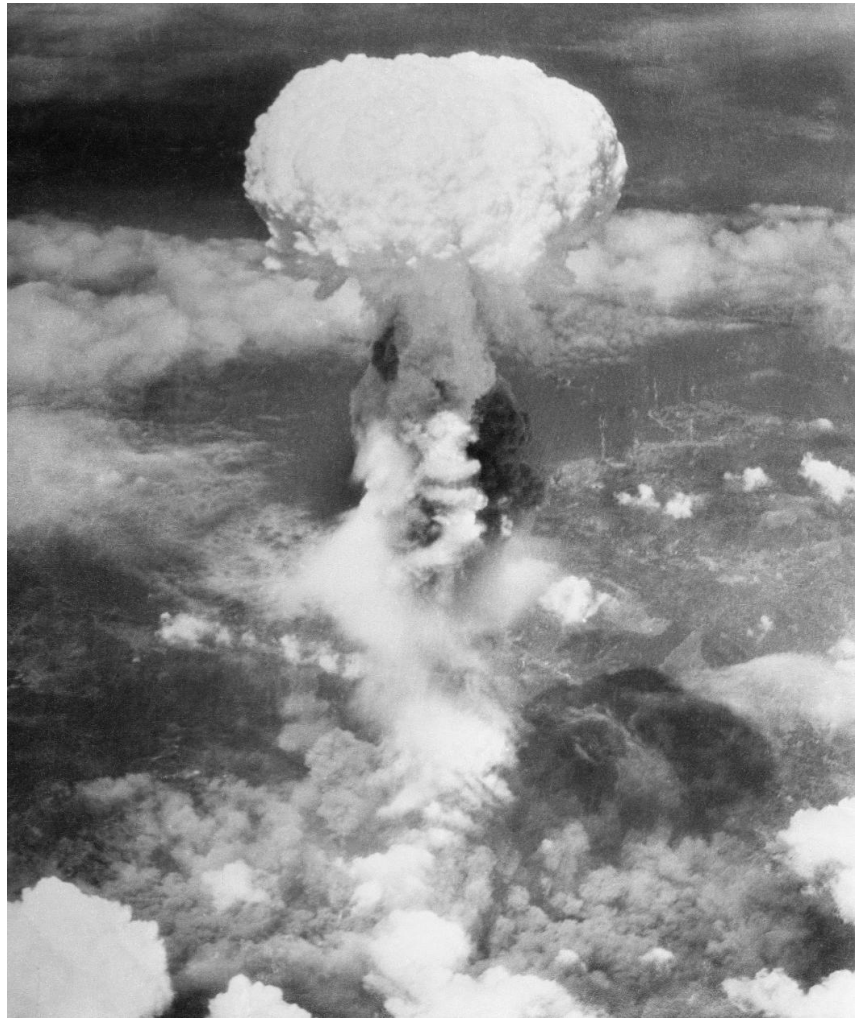
Holy Spirit → DISCIPLES:

Empowered for witness

Adopted as sons

Pledged an inheritance

Sealed for the day of redemption



In Jerusalem

- Acts 2…the Spirit comes on Pentecost… "now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven"
- Acts 3…Peter's 2nd sermon… "repent and return"

25 "*It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'* **26** *For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways." (Acts 3:25-26)*

- Acts 7-8…Stephen martyred; Saul persecutes the church

"And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and ***they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles****." Acts 8:1*

- Acts 9…Saul converted on the road to Damascus

In Caesarea (Samarian region)

- Acts 10 & 11…Cornelius & the angel…Peter and the vision

[34] Opening his mouth, Peter said:

"I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, [35] but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him…[44] While Peter was still speaking these words, ***the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message****. [45] All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because* ***the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also****. [46] For they were hearing them* ***speaking with tongues and exalting God****."*

Acts 10:34,35,44-46

[17] "Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" [18] When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, ***"Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life****."*

Acts 11:17-18

Paul preaches to the Jews… then turns to the Gentiles

(1st missionary journey-Antioch,Perga,Antioch, Iconium)

- Acts 13&14…

46 "Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken ***to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles****.*
47 For so the Lord has commanded us,

'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES,
THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'"

48 When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and ***as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed****."*

Acts 13:46-48

The Council at Jerusalem… “Must Gentile converts abide by Mosaic law?”

- Acts 15…

7 ”After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brethren, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 And God, who knows the heart, testified to them giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us; 9 and He made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why do you put God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? 11 But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are.”

Acts 15:7-11

Peter argues from experience.

The Council at Jerusalem… “Must Gentile converts abide by Mosaic law?”

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13 After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Brethren, listen
to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from
among the Gentiles a people for His name. 15 ***With this the words of the Prophets***
agree*, just as it is written,*

16 ‘AFTER THESE THINGS I will return,
AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN,
AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS,
AND I WILL RESTORE IT,
17 SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD,
AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,’
18 SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.

19 Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from
among the Gentiles,

Acts 15:13-19

James argues that Peter is supported by scripture.

Paul continues to preach the gospel to the remote parts of the earth

- Acts 19… Paul in Ephesus

6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, ***the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying****. 7 There were in all about twelve men.*

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the ***kingdom of God****."*

Paul continues to preach the gospel of the kingdom…

- Acts 28… Paul in Rome before the Jews of the city

23 "When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening."

28 "Therefore let it be known to you that ***this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen****." 29 [When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.]*

30 And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered."

Acts 28:23,28-30

A couple of questions to answer…

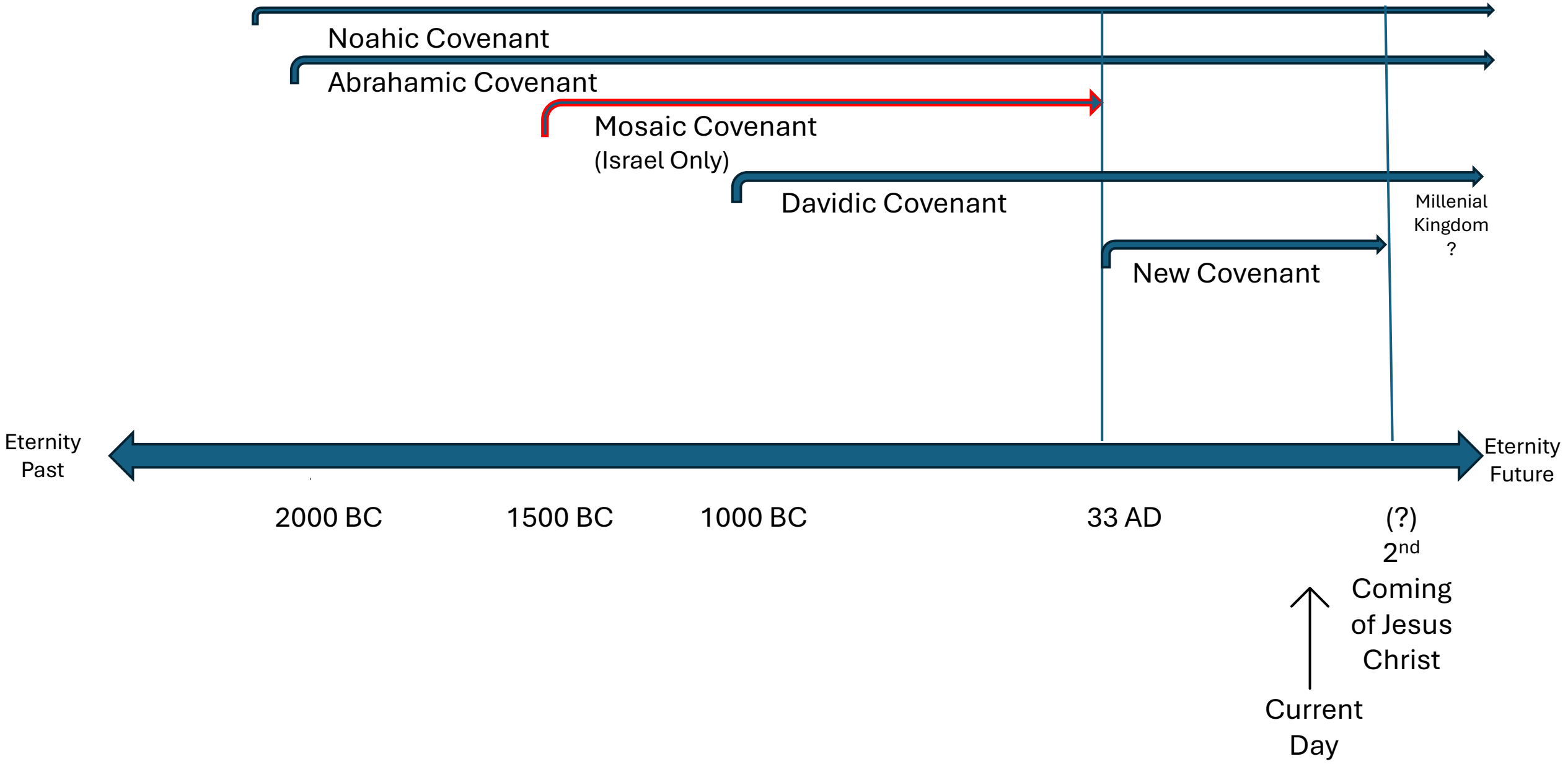
- Does the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts indicate a pattern we should seek to follow?
  - As the Gospel spread outwardly from Jerusalem, the signs and wonders were the same as at Pentecost so they would recognize it was the same experience.
  - An Apostle was present.
  - After Ephesus (Acts 19), it was not repeated.
  - Conclusion: This experience was descriptive not prescriptive.

A couple of questions to answer…

- Is the gospel Paul preached consistent with, or different from, the “kingdom of God” preached by Jesus?

Jesus & Paul: Same Gospel, Different Stage

Jesus' Gospel		Paul's Gospel
The kingdom has arrived in the Messiah	CONTENT	The kingdom has arrived through the crucified & risen Messiah
Pre-cross, pre-resurrection	STAGE	Post-resurrection, Spirit poured out as a pledge/downpayment of future inheritance
Israel first, with Gentile implications	AUDIENCE	Jew & Gentile united in one body
Announcement of arrival	FOCUS	Explanation of how the kingdom works
New covenant promised	COVENANT	New covenant inaugurated
Inaugurated	KINGDOM	Inaugurated and expanding


Noahic Covenant
Abrahamic Covenant
Mosaic Covenant
(Israel Only)
Davidic Covenant
Millenial
Kingdom
?
New Covenant
Eternity
Past
Eternity
Future
2000 BC
1500 BC
1000 BC
33 AD
(?)
2nd
Coming
of Jesus
Christ
Current
Day

What constitutes “the Church”? Is it a separate and unique people group added to the Bible’s story of Israel and “the nations” ?

For those of us who belong to Christ, we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. And there is a *spiritual reality* binding us (the body of Christ) together which overrides every other “grouping”…ethnic, language, age, geographical, national, tribal, political, socioeconomic, etc.. **It does not change, supersede or merge those groupings; it transcends it.** Ultimately, our identity in Christ defines us, not any other grouping.

*“ For **you are all sons of God** through faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And **if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise**.”*

Galatians 3:26-29

*13 ”But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might **make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace**, 16 and might reconcile them both in **one body** to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR; 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household,”*

Ephesians 2:13-19

In the New Jerusalem

12 “It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the ***names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel****. 13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were* ***the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb****.”*

Revelation 21:12-14

In the New Jerusalem

[22] "I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. [23] And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] ***The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it****. [25] In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed; [26] and* ***they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;"***

Revelation 21:22-26

What happens to “the Church” of Jesus Christ?

- The salvation of their souls…eternal life in the presence of God from the moment of belief.
- Will not face a judgment day for past sins.
- The resurrection of the physical body…glorified body.
- Share in the inheritance given to Jesus Christ by the Father.
- Receive every blessing and every promise given by God to His children.
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Treated as the CHILDREN of GOD

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” John 1:12

A final loose end…what happens to Israel in this story?

The promises of God were never about ethnicity.

The apostle Paul explains this in Romans 3-4. Remember how Abraham was pronounced righteous? He *believed God* and it was *credited to him as righteousness*.

The OT looks ahead to the promise of the Messiah and now we look back at the historical fulfillment but men in all ages have been saved by Faith…believing God.

A final loose end…what happens to Israel in this story?

God is not finished with Israel…the story is still being written.

- Jesus said in Luke 21:24 that “Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles **until** the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled”.
- Paul said in Romans 11:25 that “a partial hardening has happened to Israel **until** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in”.
- Throughout the Old & New Testament we see repeatedly that God preserves a “remnant” of His people Israel in every generation.

A final loose end…what happens to Israel in this story?

Israel's future will be glorious!

- Israel will be gathered back from the ends of the earth (Zech 2:8-12; 8:1-23; 10:8-9; Jeremiah 30-31) and Jesus will return to rule from Jerusalem/Zion (Zech 14:4-11; Psalm 110:2).
- The same story is told in Ezekiel 34-37 and Amos 9. God will restore their cities(Amos 9:11-15; Isaiah 66:10-17) and make the desolate land like the garden of Eden (Ez 36:33-35). God promises to regenerate their hearts by putting His Spirit within them(Ez 36:26-28) . God promises salvation to a great number in Israel(Rom 9-11).

Zechariah 12:10

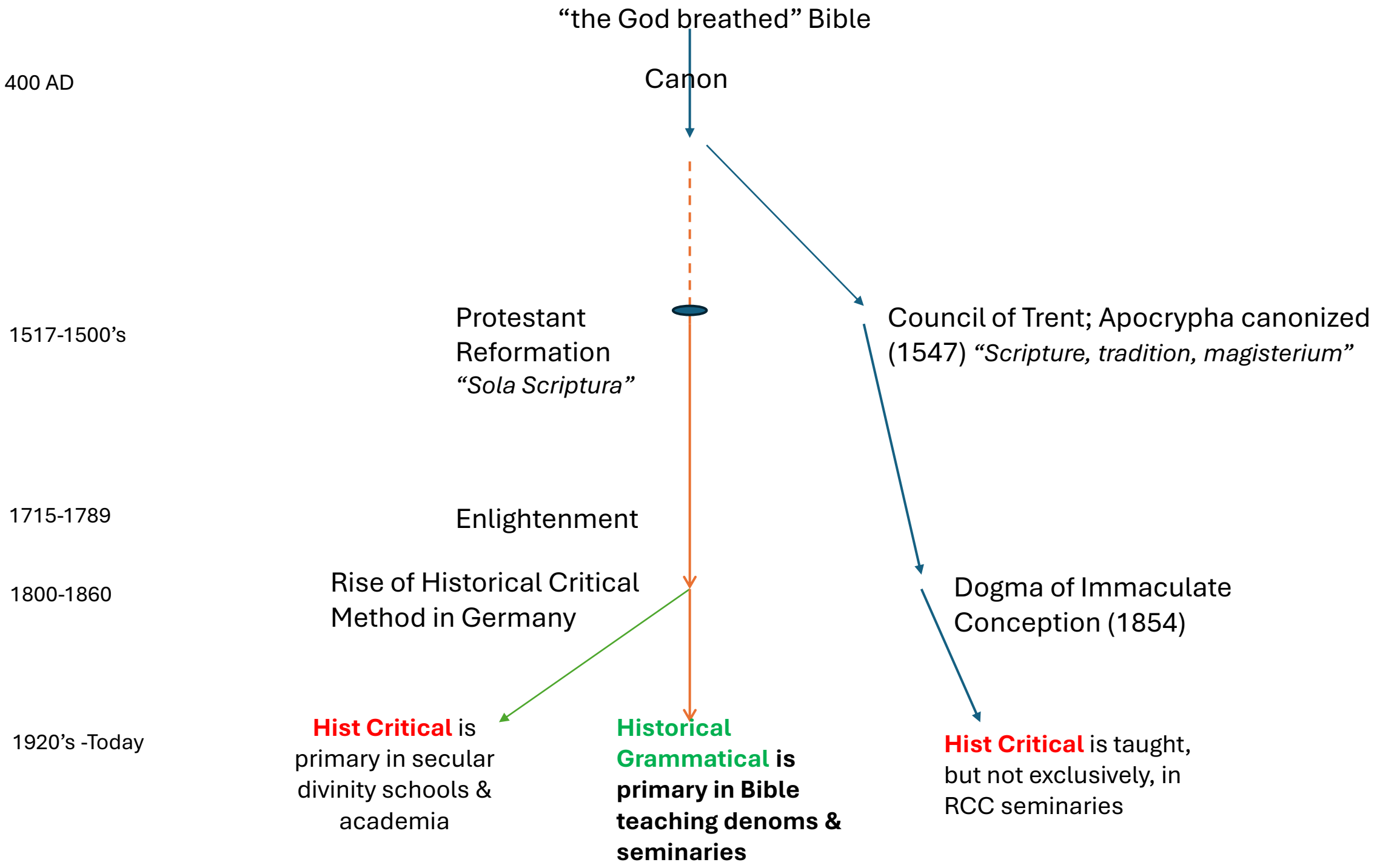
"And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."

ISRAEL WILL NOT MISS THEIR MESSIAH A 2ND TIME!

In Jesus Christ, ALL of the promises of God will be fulfilled!

EPILOGUE

(What about the last two thousand years?)


"the God breathed" Bible
400 AD
Canon
1517-1500's
Protestant Reformation
"Sola Scriptura"
Council of Trent; Apocrypha canonized (1547) "Scripture, tradition, magisterium"
1715-1789
Enlightenment
1800-1860
Rise of Historical Critical Method in Germany
Dogma of Immaculate Conception (1854)
1920's -Today
Hist Critical is primary in secular divinity schools & academia
Historical Grammatical is primary in Bible teaching denoms & seminaries
Hist Critical is taught, but not exclusively, in RCC seminaries

Feature	Historical-Grammatical	Historical-Critical
Primary Goal	Discover original intended meaning for original audien	Investigate historical development and context of text
Assumptions	Scripture is divinely inspired and coherent	Scripture is shaped by historical and literary forces
Methodology	Grammar, syntax, genre, and historical-cultural contex	Source, form, redaction, and textual criticism
View of Scripture	Affirms biblical inerrancy and authority	Treats texts as evolving religious literature
Use of External Sources	Limited to historical and linguistic background	Extensive use of archaeology and comparative religion
Treatment of Miracles	Accepts supernatural events as historical	Often skeptical of supernatural claims
Application	Emphasizes doctrinal consistency and personal applic	Focuses on historical understanding and literary develo
Typical Users	Evangelical, conservative, confessional scholars	Academic, liberal, secular scholars
Strengths	Preserves theological coherence and respects text inte	Illuminates historical layers and cultural influences
Criticisms	May overlook textual complexity or development	May undermine theological claims or spiritual authority

QUESTIONS ?

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