

Good Morning Arising Church,

- **Isaiah 14:26–27 (NIV)**

²⁶ This is the plan determined for the whole world;
this is the hand stretched out over all nations.

²⁷ For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him?
His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?

Today, you are going to hear the Israel Dependent Gospel.



We are not going to waste a bunch of time trying to rip apart the sales pitch that many people use as they try to corner and convince people into Christianity. Our goal instead is to walk you through the plan of God determined for the whole world. The church must understand it's purpose because according to Ephesians 3:10, the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly realms are watching us. In fact consider

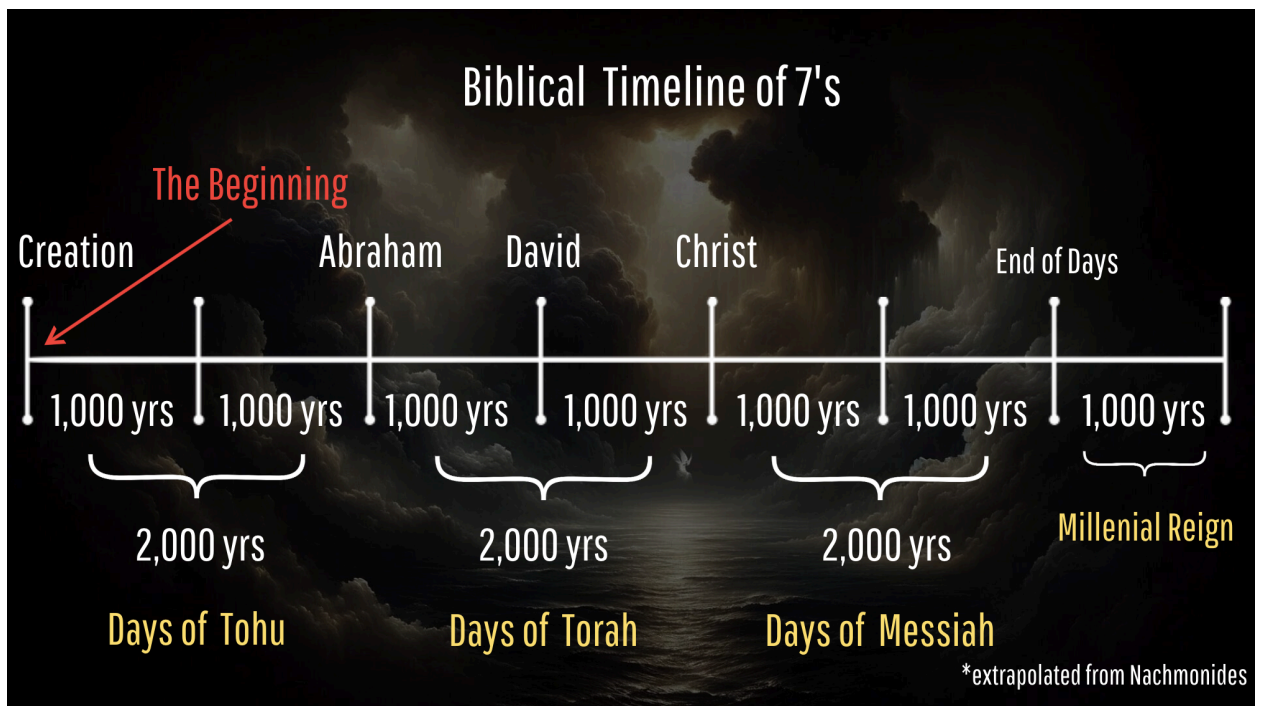
this verse:

- **Revelation 14:6 (ESV)**
- Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people

The gospel that we aim to preach to the world is the same gospel that heaven proclaims, and the same gospel that has been from the beginning.

We have a great work ahead of us in stealing Muslims away from Islam and bringing them into our families while at the same time learning to take our role as servants to our Jewish brothers. We must have the Israel dependent gospel in our hearts so that when we minister, it is according to the plan of God determined for the whole world.

Let's jump right into the scripture and get busy.



The best place to start is at the beginning of the story of man.

Open your Bibles to Genesis 1.

- **Genesis 1:28 (ESV)**

- 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion...

God created man with purpose. He gave him work to do and He blessed that work. He was called to be fruitful, fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion. Before any drama seems to unfold, there is something present that must be subdued.

- **Genesis 2:15–17 (ESV)**

- The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Instruction was given to Adam to save him from death. He was given freedom along with restriction.

- **Genesis 3:1 (ESV)**

- Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

From the beginning there is an enemy who is seeking to disrupt God's chosen instrument for subduing the world. His strategy was to instill doubt about the words and character of God and to create division between the man and the woman.

The serpent lures Adam and Eve to disobey God—then sin enters the world.

- **Romans 5:12 (NIV)**
- ¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Because Adam was the first man, his sin introduced sin into the line of all mankind...sin brought death. But God also spoke directly to the serpent and said this:

- **Genesis 3:15 (NIV)**
- And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

This event in the garden was just the beginning. Now all descendants of Adam would be looking for the "HE" that would crush the head of the serpent. Man caused the problem but he is also forecasted to be the solution. God was far from done with Adam, His plan and purposes were not done.

- **Genesis 3:24 (ESV)**
- He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

We learn from Revelation 12:9 that the serpent from the garden is Satan...and Revelation 22:2 tells us that mankind will again eat from the tree of life...but until then, the way back is guarded. The story from here would be about how the Lord was going to bring man back to the tree of life.

Creation

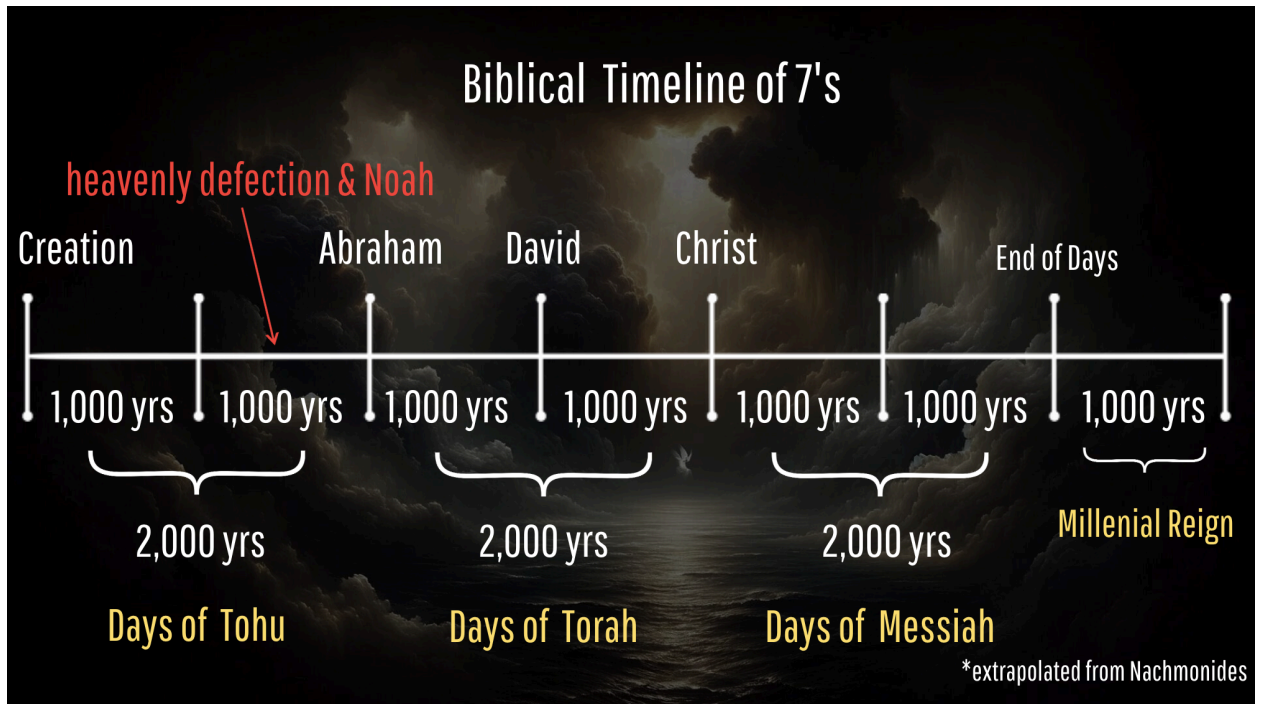
PASSAGES	DESCRIPTION
Gen 1:26-30	God extended His governmental authority to man
Gen 2:15-17	Man called to work and keep garden
Gen 2:17, 3:6	Mankind is now subject to death by breaking the command of God
Gen 3:15	Promised redeemer through mankind will crush the serpent
Gen 3:17	Creation is subject to futility
Gen 3:22-23	Man kicked out of the garden
Mark 16:15	Preach the gospel to ALL creation
Ro 8:20-22	Creation is groaning waiting for the sons of God to be revealed
Rev 21:1	Creation itself will be made new along with mankind
Rev 22:2	Man will once again eat from the tree of life

But before it got better, it was going to get much worse.

Turn in your Bible's to Genesis 6.

- **Genesis 6:4 (ESV)**
- 4 The Nephilim (or "giants" KJV) were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

Many centuries after Adam, sons of God or "Benai Ha Elohim" came down in rebellion to carry out their own plans...



Jude says this about them:

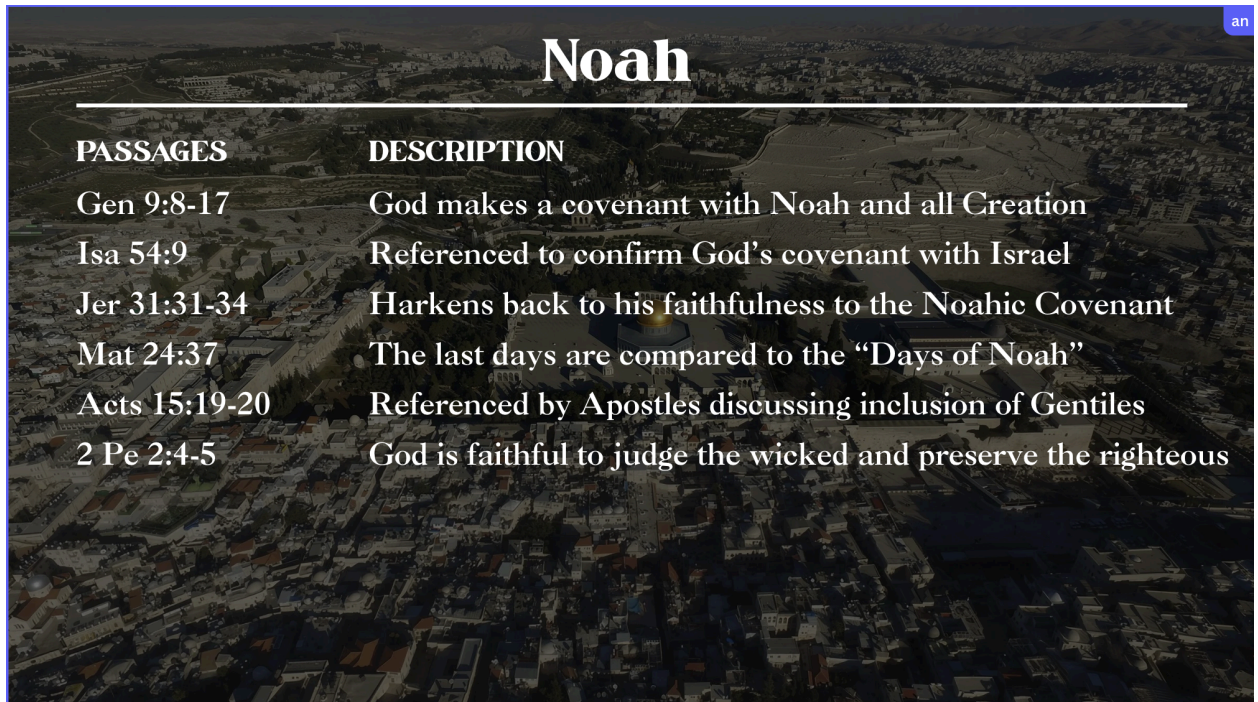
- **Jude 6 (NIV)**
- ⁶ And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling...

Additionally, 2 Peter 2:4 says that these angels (Benai Ha Elohim) sinned in doing this.

This defection polluted the human race and produced wicked giants who led men into greater degrees of evil. The hearts of men grew exceedingly wicked until God had no choice but to destroy them.

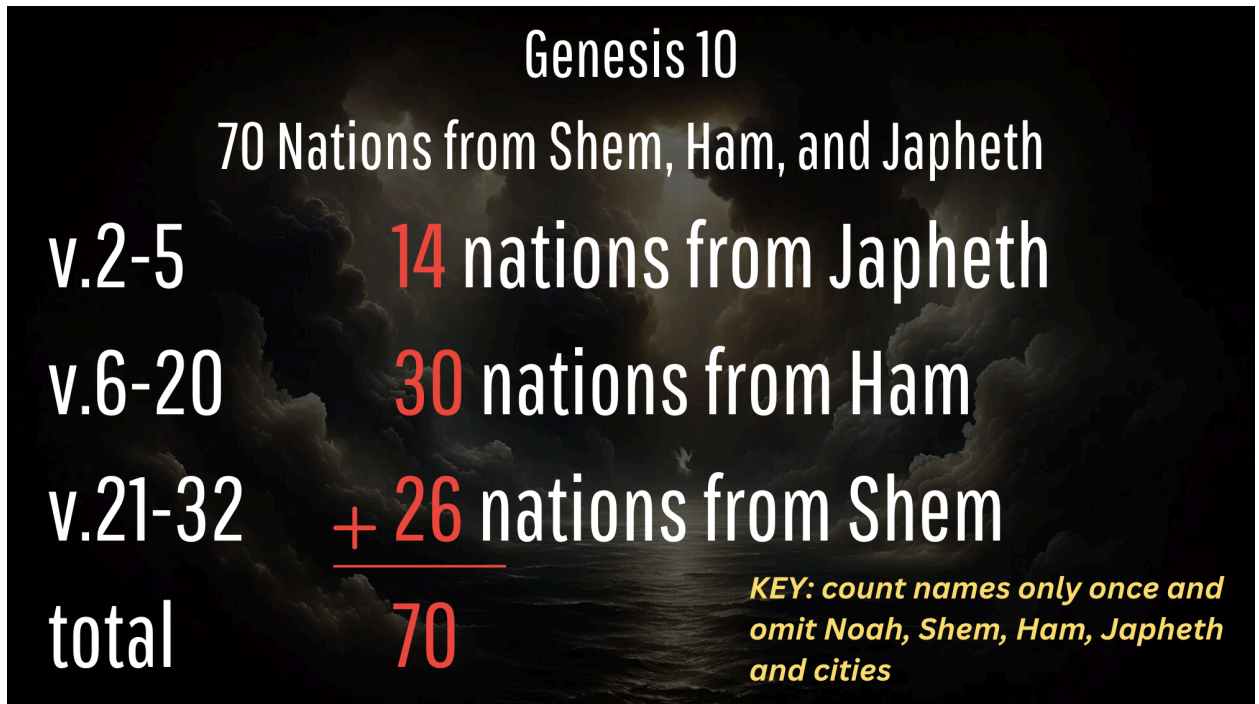
- **Genesis 6:5,7,8 (ESV)**
- 5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 7 So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping

things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.



Noah	
PASSAGES	DESCRIPTION
Gen 9:8-17	God makes a covenant with Noah and all Creation
Isa 54:9	Referenced to confirm God's covenant with Israel
Jer 31:31-34	Harkens back to his faithfulness to the Noahic Covenant
Mat 24:37	The last days are compared to the “Days of Noah”
Acts 15:19-20	Referenced by Apostles discussing inclusion of Gentiles
2 Pe 2:4-5	God is faithful to judge the wicked and preserve the righteous

There is so much we could discuss about Noah, here are some passages for further study. The point is, because of His original plan and promise in the garden God preserved a righteous man Noah and his family and destroyed the rest of mankind.



After the flood, Noah's sons produced 70 sons who would become the 70 nations of the world.

But even after the flood the nations united in rebellion against God seeking to make a name for themselves at the tower of Babel.

- **Genesis 11:6–8 (ESV)**
- 6 And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

The Lord divided the 70 nations and dispersed them all over the earth.

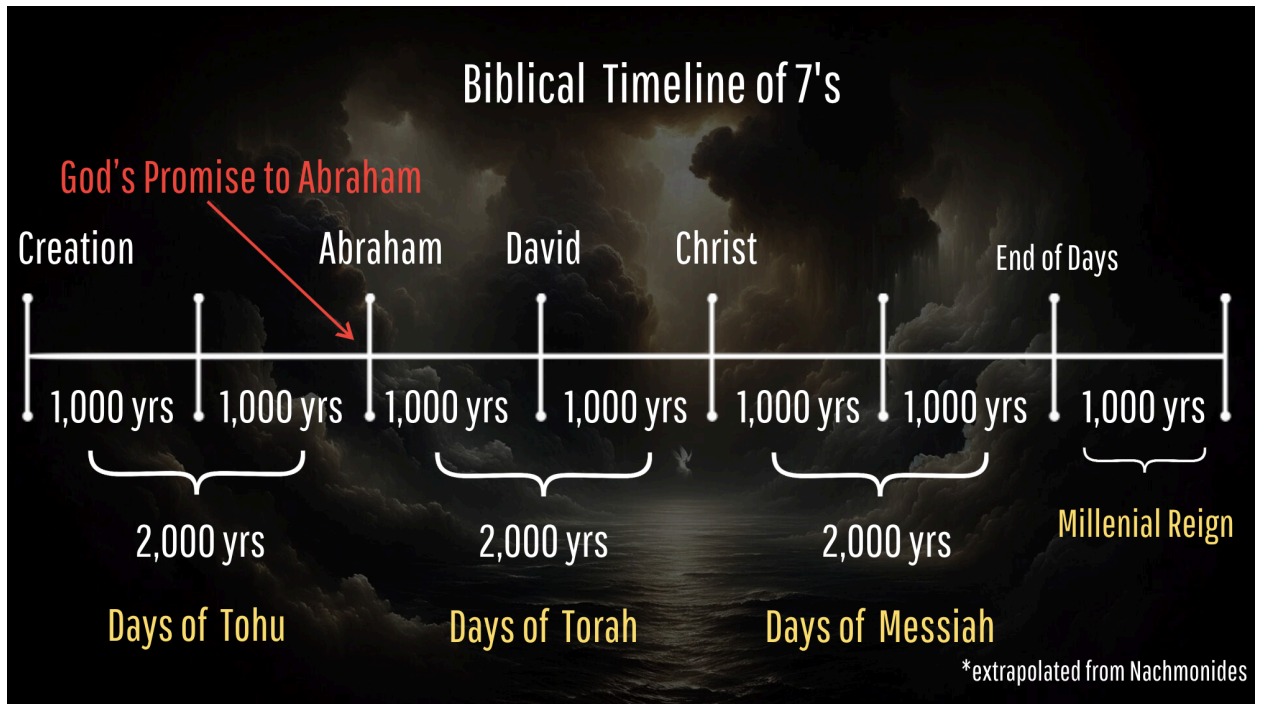
Look at what is happening in the heavens during this event.

- **Deuteronomy 32:8–9 (ESV)**
- 8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
when he divided mankind,
he fixed the borders of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of God.
9 But the LORD's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted heritage.

After the dispersion of the nations, God assigned each of these 70 nations to lesser gods. While the "sons of God" or Benai Ha Elohim would be in charge of the other 70 nations of the world, The Lord would reserve a nation for Himself...a nation that was not one of the 70. Over time God found fault with the way these lesser gods were ruling their nations.

- **Psalms 82:1–2 (ESV)**
- 1 God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
2 "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

These lesser gods were unjust and partial to the wicked. The 70 nations they were given, they only polluted and lead into more and more wickedness—again. There would be another response, this time it was not a flood. Instead, God would raise up His own nation who would rule like Him..



God called a man named Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees later known as Babylon who would trust and obey His commands.

Abraham

PASSAGES	DESCRIPTION
Gen 12:1-3	Man, land, and plan are established as God's plan for the world
Gen 17:1-8	Promise of resurrection added to original covenant
Gen 17:18-19	The promise is passed onto Isaac, not Ishmael
Gen 28:13-15	The promise is passed onto Jacob, not Easu
Lev 26:42	The Mosaic Covenant is built on the promises given to Abraham
1 Chron 16:15-18	David was assured by the promises given to Abraham
Is 41:8-9	Prophets rely on the promises given to Abraham
Is 51:1-2	Instruction to return to the Lord, looking to the promises to Abraham
Luke 1:54-55	Mary reafirms promises made to Abraham and his offspring
Gal 3:7-9	The Gospel is that all nations will be blessed through Abraham
Heb 11:17-19	Abraham was living with the resurrection in mind the whole time

Here is a list of many passages concerning Abraham. We did not make these to teach on all of the verses but instead we had the hope they would supplement the message with material for further study.

Turn in your Bible's to Genesis 12.

- **Genesis 12:1–3 (NIV)**

- **12** The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

To establish His own nation, God called a man out of one of the nations that belonged to other gods to bring him to a specific land. His plan was to make this man into a great nation to ultimately be a blessing to all nations. Other nations would be affected based on how they treated him.

- **Genesis 13:14-16 (NIV)**

- **14** The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west.

15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

16 I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted.

God is speaking to the man with a barren wife—your offspring will be as numerous as the dust of the earth. That is incredible! Moreover, after Lot and Abram separate, God tells Abram to look in every direction. The land that he sees is being given to him BY GOD. There is only one land and one people that God has purposely and eternally connected—Israel. This land that God assigned Abram would be his *and* his descendants forever. This begs the question—how can a single man *and all* his descendants inherit a land all together? Let's keep reading.

- **Genesis 17:8 (NIV)**

- ⁸ The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

This land that he and his descendants would inherit forever was the land of Canaan, and would become the land of Israel.

- **Genesis 15:5 (NIV)**

- He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Not only had God made promises about the quantity of Abraham's offspring, He now was telling Abraham that his descendants would become like the stars. The promises of God to Abram were now concerning their quantity like the dust and a quality like the stars in the heavens, and extending on into eternity. This would require the transformation of his descendants into something heavenly that would endure forever.

Abraham's trust in this reality would be put to the ultimate test as he was asked to sacrifice his promised son, Isaac through whom the

prophecy was supposed to be fulfilled.

- **Hebrews 11:17–19 (NIV)**

- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

What God has already told Abraham was rooted in his heart. He AND his descendants were to inherit the land together, this is the resurrection. Abraham's trust in God and faith in the resurrection enabled him to be willing to offer his son to the Lord. Though God intervened with a substitutionary sacrifice in Genesis 22 and Isaac was spared, a sacrifice that would be provided in the future was foreshadowed. A son of Abraham who would be the willing sacrifice was still to come.

The land that God was leading Abraham's family into was a special land. Let's take a minute and talk about this land—turn in your Bibles to Deuteronomy 11:10.

- **Deuteronomy 11:10-12 (NIV)**

- 10 The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden.
11 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven.
12 It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

This land that God was giving to Abraham and his descendants

forever was not like any other land on earth. It is a land that God Himself cares for.

- **Leviticus 25:23 (ESV)**
- “The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine. For you are strangers and sojourners with me.”

God also made it clear to Abraham's descendants that the land of Israel belongs to Him. Therefore He had clear guidelines for them to remain in it. Leviticus 18 lists off a variety of sins to be abstained from and then says this:

- **Leviticus 18:24–28 (ESV)**
- “Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, 25 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.
26 But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you
27 (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean),
28 lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.”

The land had instructions, rules, guidelines and commands that any nation living in it had to abide by. Previous nations that lived in it but did not abide by these rules were vomited out of the land.

If we jump forward into the prophets, we see that other nations have tried to possess the land of Israel, but it never works because they do not act in righteousness. In Ezekiel 36, there is a prophecy concerning this very topic, and the prophecy is to: the LAND.

Land

PASSAGES

DESCRIPTION

Gen 17:8	The land was promised to Abraham and his offspring
Lev 25:23	The land is the LORD's, not to be sold permanently
Lev 18:24-28	The land vomits out those who don't keep the commands
Eze 36:1	Prophecy is given to the mountains of Israel
Isa 62:4-5	The land will be married
Hos 2:21-22	The restoration of the land is part of the promised restoration
Rev 21:1	Even in the end Jerusalem is still the promised land

Israel's relationship with the land is such an overlooked topic, please look into these scriptures later. For now turn in your Bible's to Ezekiel 36.

- **Ezekiel 36:1-10, 34-35 (ESV)**
- **1**“And you, son of man, **prophecy to the mountains of Israel**, and say, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord. **2**Thus says the Lord God: Because the enemy said of you, ‘Aha!’ and, ‘The ancient heights have become our possession,’ **3**therefore prophecy, and say, Thus says the Lord God: Precisely because they made you desolate and crushed you from all sides, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you became the talk and evil gossip of the people, **4**therefore, **O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God: Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and the hills, the ravines and the valleys, the desolate wastes and the deserted cities**, which have become a prey and derision to the rest of the nations all around, **5**therefore thus says the Lord God: Surely I have spoken in my hot jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave my land to themselves as a possession

with wholehearted joy and utter contempt, that they might make its pasturelands a prey. [6](#)Therefore **prophecy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys,** Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I have spoken in my jealous wrath, because you have suffered the reproach of the nations. [7](#)Therefore thus says the Lord God: I swear that the nations that are all around you shall themselves suffer reproach.

[8](#)“But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home.

[9](#)For behold, **I am for you**, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

[10](#)And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt.

[34](#)And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by.

[35](#)And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’

As you can see other nations battle to possess this land. When Israel went through cycles of disobedience, they themselves were removed—why? Because God's name was not only tied to the people **but also the land**. God holds this standard in the land because God will not allow his name to be profaned among the nations.

These other nations fight to possess the land but the land *longs* to be inhabited by Israel. God is FOR the **LAND** of Israel, He has plans for it and intends for it to be filled with people who will follow His ways. He has given these instructions to Israel and they will ultimately live in it and it will thrive in this partnership. Listen to this verse from Isaiah:

- **Isaiah 62:4–5 (ESV)**

- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
 but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and **your land Married;**
 for the Lord delights in you,
and **your land shall be married.**

5 For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
 and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Israel is not like any other place on earth. Here, Isaiah says that the land will be married to the people. God's promise here is that this marriage is coming and they will never be uprooted or forsaken again, which means the people will follow all of the instructions of the Lord. Eventually, the Lord and Israel (people and land) will become one.

God's intentions for Abraham's descendants was always that they would rule like Him from the land that He was entrusting them with. This would require much instruction and much discipline.

Moses and the Law

PASSAGES

Ex 19:5-6

Deut 4:6-8

Deut 6:24

Deut 29:9

Deut 32:46-47

Jos 1:7-8

Is 2:3

Ps 119:89

Ps 119:93

Ps 119:160

Matt 5:17

DESCRIPTION

Keeping commands ensures promises; kingdom of priests

Keeping commands is Israel's wisdom

Obedying God's decrees so that they might prosper and live

Keeping the words of the covenant causes Israel to prosper

The law is no empty word, but their very life

Being careful to do the law to have good success wherever they go

The law shall go forth from Zion

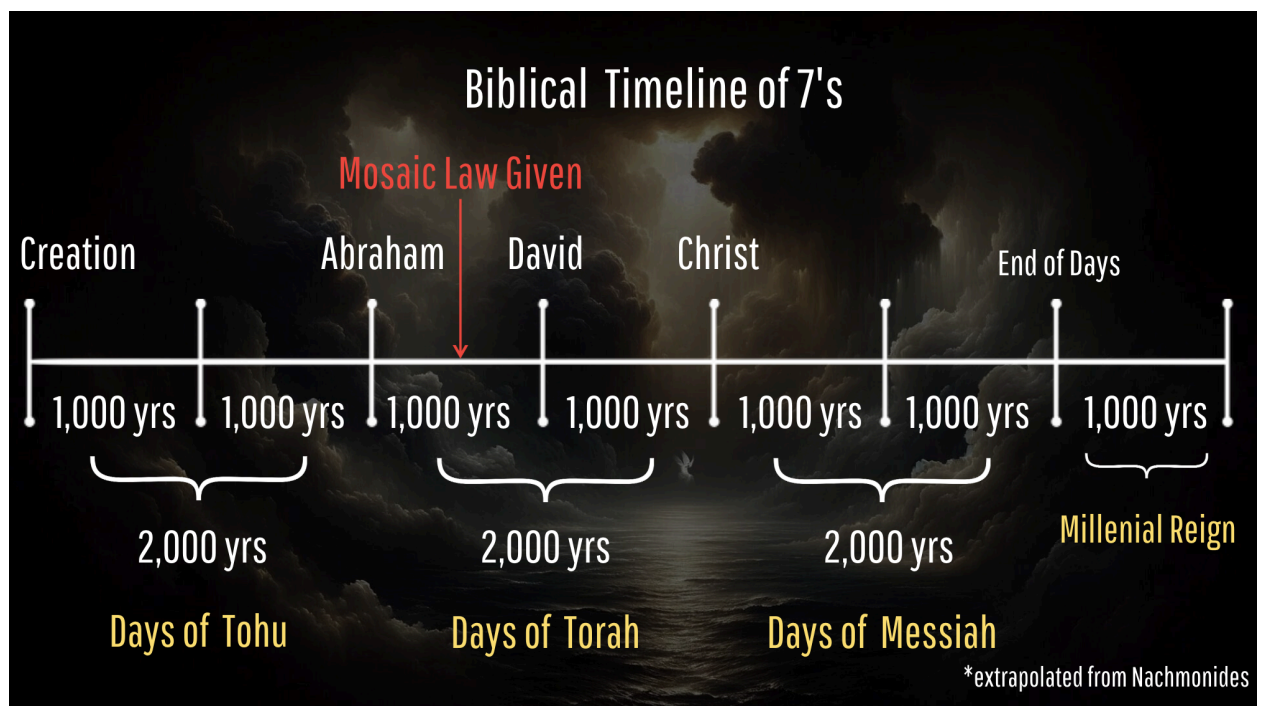
His word is eternal

His precepts give life

His righteous rules endures forever

Jesus did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it

Enter the Law. This takes us to the time of Moses and the giving of the Law.



In accordance with the prophecy given in Genesis 15 Abraham's family goes down to Egypt during the famine and they grow into a nation. The Lord comes to them in Egypt and delivers them and brings them into the desert where He will give them His instructions as to how they are to live with Him and conduct themselves as a nation.

Listen to how He speaks to them.

- **Deuteronomy 4:5–8 (NIV)**

- ⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

He even spoke these Laws on Mount Sinai to ALL the Nation of Israel.

FOUR AND SIX

GOD {

1. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

These four commands illustrate the way that the bride would now relate to Adonai as the groom.

MAN {

5. Honor your father and your mother
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's... (anything)

These six commands illustrate the way that the bride would reflect the greatness of Adonai as the groom to the rest of the world.

The expectation that the Lord set for the people is that they would obey these commands and it would show their wisdom before all the nations of the earth. In Deuteronomy 28 He specifically lists blessings that accompany following these commands.

- **Deuteronomy 28:1 (NIV)**
- **28** If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.

The blessings that accompany obedience concern their fields, their homes, their families and their health. And pay attention to how He ends this section on blessing.

- **Deuteronomy 28:14 (NIV)**
- ¹⁴ Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

The Lord is using these instructions to train the people to be like Him and not like the other gods that are leading other nations.

From here He takes them through the curses that accompany disobedience.

- **Deuteronomy 28:15 (NIV)**

- ¹⁵ However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

In the same way that blessings accompany obedience to teach the people to want to do good, curses accompany disobedience to discipline out of them, rebellious behavior.

One of these major curses is found in verse 25.

- **Deuteronomy 28:25 (NIV)**

- ²⁵ The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You will come at them from one direction but flee from them in seven, and you will become a thing of horror to all the kingdoms on earth.

This curse of being defeated before their enemies would be humiliating before the nations, especially because there was a constant growing list of enemies who wanted to see them fail. Even worse than this is another curse found a few verses down.

- **Deuteronomy 28:36–37 (NIV)**

- ³⁶ The Lord will drive you and the king you set over you to a nation unknown to you or your ancestors. There you will worship other gods, gods of wood and stone. ³⁷ You will become a thing of horror, a byword and an object of ridicule among all the peoples where the

Lord will drive you.

The idea of being removed from the land and given over to other gods would be the ultimate punishment. And it was one their enemies were all too ready to join in.

Turn in your Bible's to Psalm 83.

- **Psalm 83:2-8 (NIV)**

- 2 See how your enemies growl,
how your foes rear their heads.
3 With cunning they conspire against your people;
they plot against those you cherish.
4 “Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation,
so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.”
5 With one mind they plot together;
they form an alliance against you—
6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
of Moab and the Hagrites,
7 Byblos, Ammon and Amalek,
Philistia, with the people of Tyre.
8 Even Assyria has joined them
to reinforce Lot’s descendants.

Thus, the Lord would use these commands, the curses and blessings and even the other nations as training and discipline that would eventually develop them into who God was calling them to be.

- **Deuteronomy 8:5 (ESV)**

- Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.

Even when their disobedience leads to them being removed from the land, God remains faithful to the original promise He made to

Abraham, to his son Isaac, and to his son Jacob.

- **Leviticus 26:44–45 (ESV)**

- Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with them, for I am the LORD their God.
45 But I will for their sake remember the covenant with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.

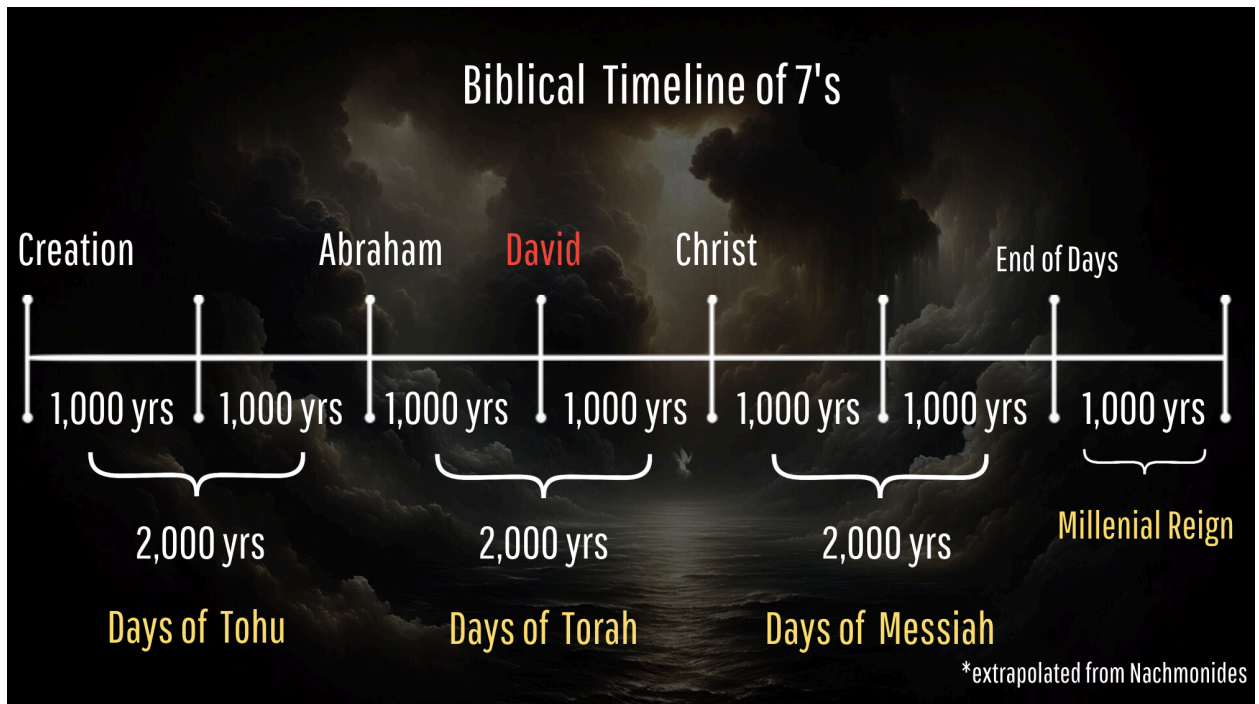
And so the war is made clear. There is an ongoing battle among the nations against Israel, there is a battle in the heavens among the gods trying to wipe out the people that God has put His name on, and there is an ongoing battle for the hearts of the people to make them like Him. Israel is in desperate need of deliverance.

God always had in mind to raise up for them a deliver. Listen to this ancient prophecy spoken to Judah the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham.

- **Genesis 49:8–10 (NIV)**

- 8 “Judah, your brothers will praise you;
your hand will be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons will bow down to you.
9 You are a lion’s cub, Judah;
you return from the prey, my son.
Like a lion he crouches and lies down,
like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?
10 The scepter will not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,
until he to whom it belongs shall come
and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

God is going to raise up a king for the people of Israel to defeat all their enemies.



What is important to remind you of at this point is that God is not reactionary in His plan. The enemy is the one reacting each time that God reveals what He will do, the Lord's plan has been set from the beginning, He will use man to crush the head of the serpent and bring them back to the garden. 100's of years before David was born, before he became king and led Israel to overwhelming victory over her enemies, this prophecy was spoken over Judah concerning his descendant.

This descendent of Judah will place his hand on the neck of his enemies, defeating them. He will also be given a scepter, a ruling staff that will NEVER depart from him. Keep that in mind as we read the promises spoken by God over King David.

- **2 Samuel 7:8a, 9-13, 16 (NIV)**

- ⁸ “Now then, tell my servant David... ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.
“ ‘The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you:
¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

At the time these words are spoken over David, he already had victory over his enemies and yet the Lord is speaking of a time in the future when all oppression will cease and no one will disturb Israel in the land ever again. He was also speaking of a house where He and His people would live forever together. He was speaking of a king that would come from David whose kingdom would be established forever. Who would rule on the throne forever. While David had partially fulfilled the prophecy spoken over Judah these words were pointing to someone greater that would come from the line of David.

Listen to how the prophet Jeremiah speaks of this descendant of David centuries later.

- **Jeremiah 23:5–6 (NIV)**

- ⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.”

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is **the name by which he will be called**:

The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

A righteous Branch will come specifically through David, he will

- Be a King
- Reign wisely
- Do what is right in the land
- Make Judah and Israel safe

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And what is most amazing, this branch from David—HE will be called **YHWH** our righteous Savior. David's life and the promises made to Him reveals something truly incredible, a MAN will be called YHWH.

There is a problem however...shortly after the time Jeremiah prophesies this, the last descendant of David to sit as king over Judah is removed. The people had rebelled and the Lord was bringing upon them the curses for disobedience just like He had promised. Listen to the description of the state of Judah as it is taken into captivity:

- **2 Chronicles 36:15–16 (NIV)**

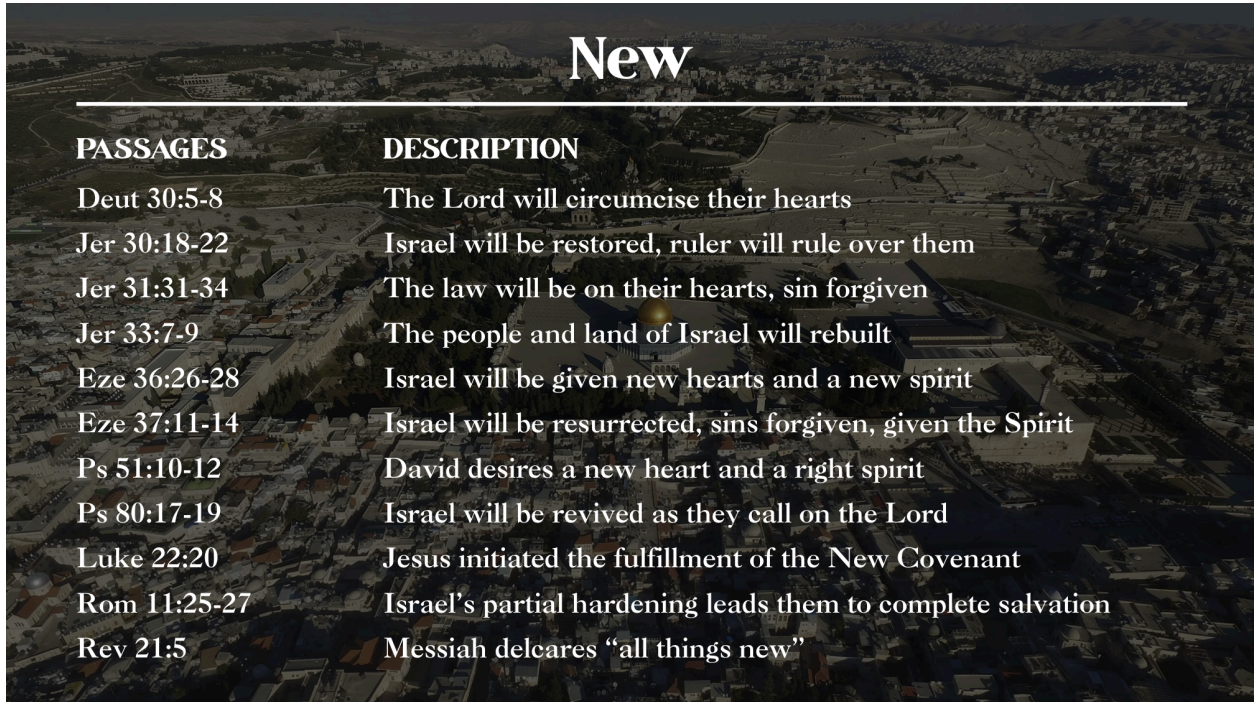
- ¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.

The people needed the one who would crush the serpents head. They needed one who could lead them into following the instructions of Adonai, they needed a descendant of David who could defeat their enemies and cause them to dwell with God, they needed a King, they needed a Savior.

And it is the prophet Jeremiah who records these words concerning a New Covenant that would be the hope for Israel.

- **Jeremiah 31:31–34 (NIV)**
- 31 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.
32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.
33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.
“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.”
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

The most important thing for you to notice about this new covenant is who it's made with: ISRAEL!!! With the people of JUDAH!!!



New	
PASSAGES	DESCRIPTION
Deut 30:5-8	The Lord will circumcise their hearts
Jer 30:18-22	Israel will be restored, ruler will rule over them
Jer 31:31-34	The law will be on their hearts, sin forgiven
Jer 33:7-9	The people and land of Israel will rebuilt
Eze 36:26-28	Israel will be given new hearts and a new spirit
Eze 37:11-14	Israel will be resurrected, sins forgiven, given the Spirit
Ps 51:10-12	David desires a new heart and a right spirit
Ps 80:17-19	Israel will be revived as they call on the Lord
Luke 22:20	Jesus initiated the fulfillment of the New Covenant
Rom 11:25-27	Israel's partial hardening leads them to complete salvation
Rev 21:5	Messiah declares "all things new"

When you remember this, all of the passages you can read later on this slide become even more rich.

Notice in verse 33 how the New Covenant includes the LAW being put into their minds and being written on their hearts? The problem was clearly not with the LAW, the problem was with the people and their ability to carry it out. They needed to be transformed! He is going to forgive them for all the times they have disobeyed and abandoned His laws, and He will change their hearts and put his LAW IN THEM. During a similar time that Jeremiah is prophesying, God is speaking the same message to another—Ezekiel.

- **Ezekiel 36:26–28 (NIV)**
- **26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27**

And I will put my Spirit in you and **move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.** 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

The New heart and New Spirit that Adonai is giving His people is going to bring them back into their land. They will follow the decrees and Laws given by Moses and dwell in the land promised to Abraham.

- **Ezekiel 39:25-27 ESV**

- **25** “Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. **26** They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, **27** when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations.

The Lord says He will be jealous for His holy name! He says that He will vindicate, which means to prove right, His name...and how will He do it? Through Israel and He will do it in the sight of all the nations. The gods over these nations who were trying to stop His plan, the people's of the nations who wanted to destroy Israel...God cannot abandon Israel because they are the people through which He will vindicate His name showing that He can do exactly what He says He can.

But how will He give them a new heart. How will He give them a new Spirit? How can their sins be forgiven? Where is this prophesied son of Abraham? This son of David?

The introduction of Jesus by the gospel of Matthew!

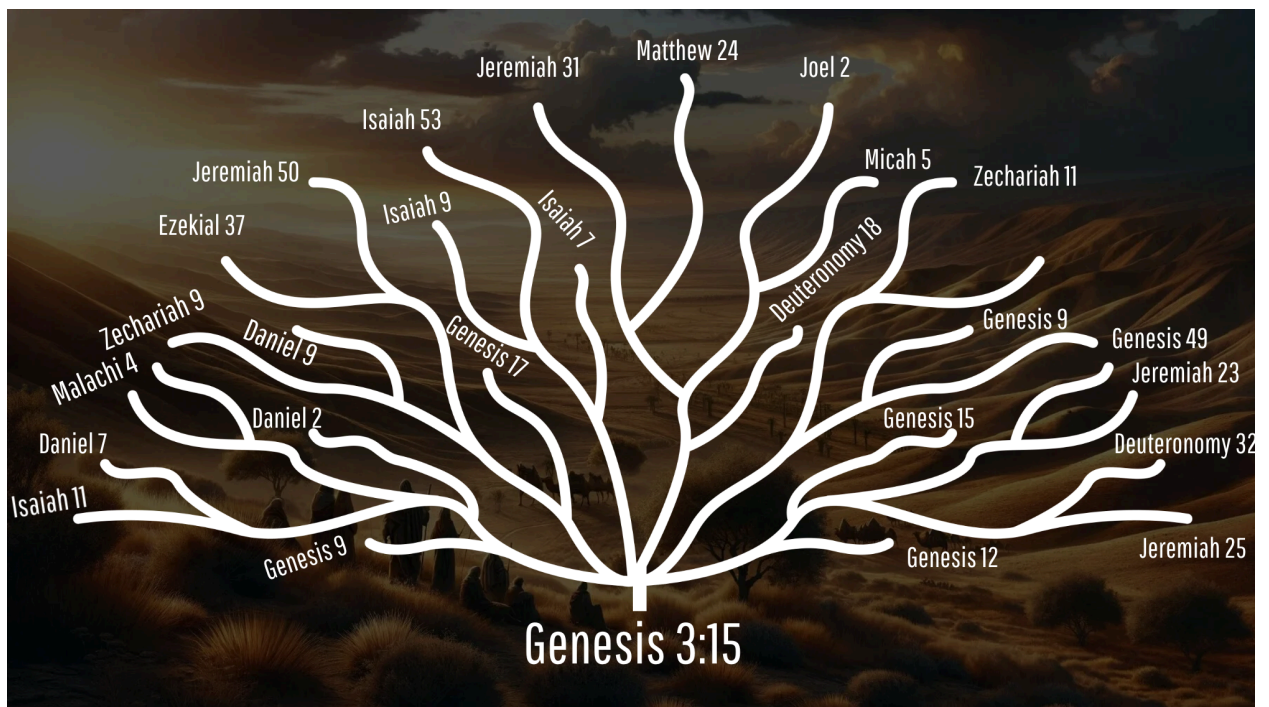
- **Matthew 1:1 (NIV)**

- 1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

The introduction to Jesus by the angel Gabriel in the book of Luke:

- **Luke 1:31–33 (NIV)**
- ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,** ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Jesus is the son of Abraham who will be the substitutionary sacrifice. He is the son of David who will take His rightful place on the throne. He is the one who crushes the head of the serpent.



Everything in the story has been pointing back to the one who would

crush the head of the serpent— and now he is finally on the scene.

Listen to the prophecy spoken by the Spirit of God through Zechariah

- **Luke 1:67–79 (NIV)**

- **Zechariah's Song**

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

71 salvation from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us—

72 to show mercy to our ancestors

and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,

and to enable us to serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God,

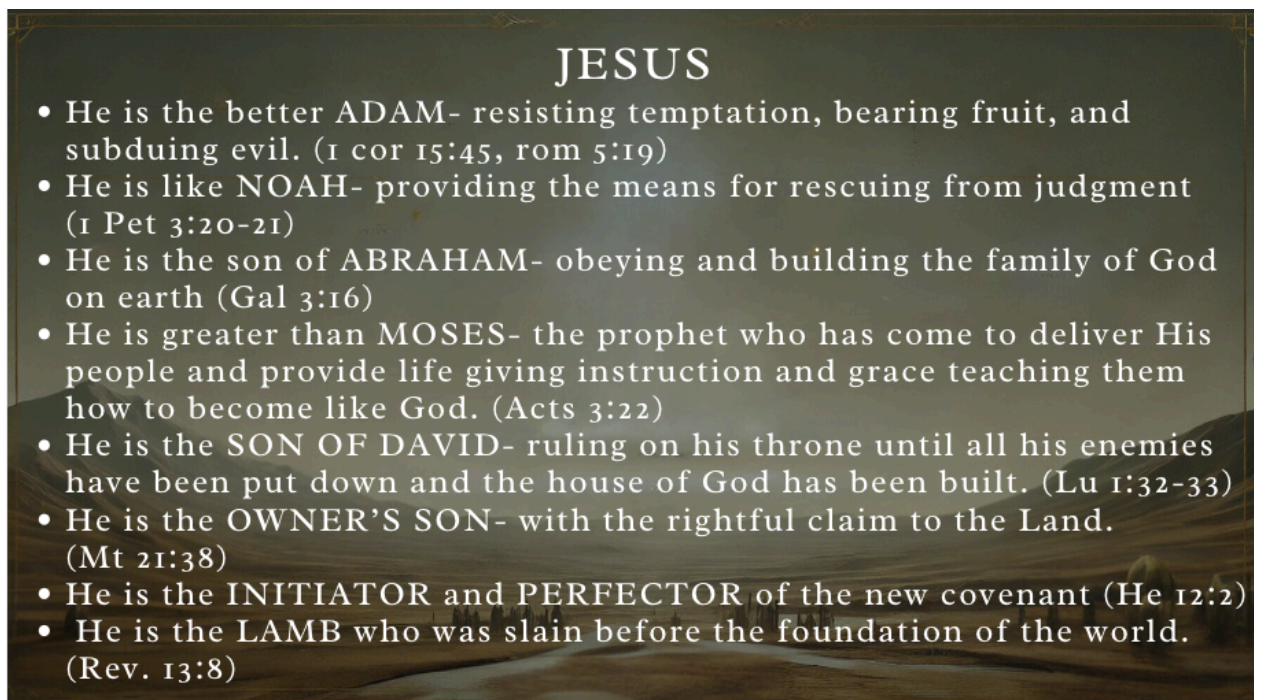
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

79 to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

- He is going to bring ultimate salvation from their enemies
- He is going to remember the covenant to Abraham
- He is going to enable Israel to serve Him in holiness and righteousness.
- He is going to bring salvation and forgiveness of sins.

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Everything that has been spoken from the beginning is culminating in Jesus, the son of Abraham, the son of David.



He is the better Adam resisting temptation, bearing fruit, and subduing evil.

He is providing the means for rescuing from judgment like Noah

He is the son of Abraham obeying and building the family of God on earth

He is the prophet greater than Moses who has come to deliver His

people and provide life giving instruction and grace teaching them how to become like God.

He is the son of David ruling on his throne until all his enemies have been put down and the house of God has been built.

And He is not just the custodian of the land He is the Master's Son with the rightful claim to the inheritance.

He is the initiator and perfecter of the new covenant and He is the lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world.

Contrary to what the misinformed perpetuate, Jesus did not break Torah nor do away with the Law! He is the one who is going to write the LAW on their hearts.

- **Matthew 5:17–18 (NIV)**

- 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

- **John 15:10 (NIV)**

- 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I **have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.**

He is the one who is by his death and resurrection initiating the New Covenant spoken by Jeremiah.

- **Luke 22:20 (ESV)**

- 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “**This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.**”

Notice that Jesus does not say, "My covenant" in my blood, but refers back to the New Covenant spoken of in the prophets. This was the plan all along. Jesus initiated the New Covenant through His blood and He is in the process of reconciling all things on earth back to the

Father.

- **Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)**

- “For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

- **Ephesians 1:9-10 (NIV)**

- “He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

When all things have been brought to unity then the New Covenant will be fulfilled. When all Israel is saved, the New Covenant will be fulfilled. Until then, He has given His Holy Spirit to those who have received Him starting with the Jews.

- **John 16:7 (NIV)**

- ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

John 16:12–13 (NIV)

¹² “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

- **Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

- ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth.”

- **Ephesians 1:13–14 (NIV)**

- ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

The purpose of sending His Holy Spirit was continue His redemptive and reconciliatory work through His people. The Holy Spirit is our advocate, our guide into all truth who tells us what is to come. He empowers us to be witnesses for Christ to the ends of the earth. And by now most of you have realized how it was a mystery that Gentiles would be able to be included!

- **Ephesians 3:4–6 NIV 1984**

- In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets.
⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

It was not a mystery that Israel would be a blessing to the nations as promised to Abraham, it was a mystery that we would get to be heirs together with Israel and that has only been made possible through Christ!

- **Ephesians 2:10–13 NIV 1984**

- For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men)—

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

We gentiles previously had no hope and no future. Apart from Christ we were dead men walking, but now because of Christ we have not only been brought near, we have actually been created in Christ Jesus to do specific works! Each person has specific work to do within God's great plan to ultimately reconcile the world back to Himself!

- **Romans 11:25–27 (NIV 1984)**

- I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

“The deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

27 And this is my covenant with them
when I take away their sins.”

The truth is that the plan of Israel's redemption is still in full effect, but God has used their partial hardening to give Gentiles time to be saved and to assist in completing the work of Christ. We are now here to do the same things as He did in the world. Destroying the works of the devil and laying our lives down to serve Israel and bring salvation to the world. But there is a trap we must avoid!

- **Romans 11:17–18 (NIV 1984)**

- If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root,
18 do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you.

The temptation for gentiles who have now been included is to become arrogant! Remember, you are supported by the root of the faith of the patriarchs and the faithfulness of God to His promises to Israel. Do not be arrogant but rather become a servant to those who have given you a family to be brought in to!

- **John 4:22 (NIV)**
- ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

If there is no Jewish people, this is no salvation for the world. Our salvation is Israel-dependent—the gospel is a Israel dependent message. The restoration of mankind was the goal of Adonai, and his means of achieving it was also Israel.

- **Revelation 2:26–29 (NIV)**
- ²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—²⁷ that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’ —just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

- **Revelation 20:4 (NIV)**

- ⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge...They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The truth is the life we have been given is very short and this passage is speaking of what Abraham and all the heroes of the faith were so confident about...the resurrection! In this world we are living for the life to come! Do you see how it says to the one who overcomes? The reward that is given is in the resurrection. We will participate in ruling and judging with Christ and carrying out His laws and commands on the earth forever! The obedience of the nations will be His and so He will not only have saved Israel...but also the nations! He will have populated the nation that He created out of nothing with people who have abandoned those other worthless gods and have joined themselves to the God of Israel!

- **Revelation 22:1–2 (NIV)**

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the **river stood the tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.



And so just as the God of Israel never forgot the promises that He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, so he fulfills His promise and plan to all mankind to return us to the garden to eat from the tree of life...with the all evil in the world subdued...and where is the garden? Well it has become a city, the city of Jerusalem where the river of life flows and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

AND THAT IS THE GOSPEL!