


Why Eschatology Matters

Session 1 - Hermeneutics



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The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of an open book. The pages are aged and yellowed, with some text visible on the left page. A black bookmark is placed between the pages, resting on the right page. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a scholarly and contemplative atmosphere.

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Rev 20:1-3

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years,**

³ And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Millennium – “mille” – “anum”

1 000 years

- **Post-millennial** – in the millennium, things better until Christ
- **Amillennial** – no actual millennium, allegorical, spiritual kingdom
- **Premillennial** – literal 1000 yr. reign

One Thousand Years of Shabbat

By: Mois Navon

R. Katina said, "Six thousand years the world will exist and one [thousand, the seventh], it shall be desolate (*haruv*), as it is written, 'And the Lord **alone** shall be exalted in that day' (Isa. 2:11).¹ ... R. Katina also taught, "Just as the seventh year is one year of release (*mushmetet*) in seven, so too does the world have one thousand years out of seven that are fallow (*mushmat*), as it is written, 'And the Lord **alone** shall be exalted in that day' (Isa. 2:11); and further it is written, 'A psalm and song for the Shabbat day' (Ps. 92:1) – meaning the day that is altogether Shabbat – and also it is said, 'For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past' (Ps. 90:4)."²

*Sanhedrin 97a*³

Replacement Theology become the position of the Church during the time of Augustine (A.D. 354-430), who popularized it in his book *The City of God*. Initially Augustine claimed that he was a Chiliast, the belief in the literal thousand year reign of Christ on the earth, the basic view of Premillennialism today. Having come to the conclusion that this view was "inferior" and "carnal," he adopted the position that the reign of Christ should be much more "spiritual" and it would occur during this present Church Age. His spiritualizing method, of course, eliminated true Israel and the losing of all the promises God made to the Jewish nation, which he viewed as now being fulfilled within the Church.

What Did The Apostolic Church Believe?

Almost all students of the early church agree that Premillennialism, or Chiliasm, was the most widely held view of the apostolic church. Philip Schaff, the noted authority on church history writes,

"The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene Age [A.D. 100-325] is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, . . . a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, and Lactantius" (Philip Schaff. *History of the Christian Church*. New York: Scribner, 1884, Vol. 2, p. 614).

Premillennialism began to die out in the established Catholic Church during the time of Augustine, though it has always survived as a Church doctrine.

<http://www.messianicassociation.org/ezone17-at.replacement-theology.htm>

— Revelation 20:4-6

Thus, *John of Patmos* characterizes a millennium where Christ and the Father will rule over a theocracy of the righteous. While there are a kingdom of God throughout the Old and New Testaments, this is the only reference in the Bible to such a period lasting one thousand y

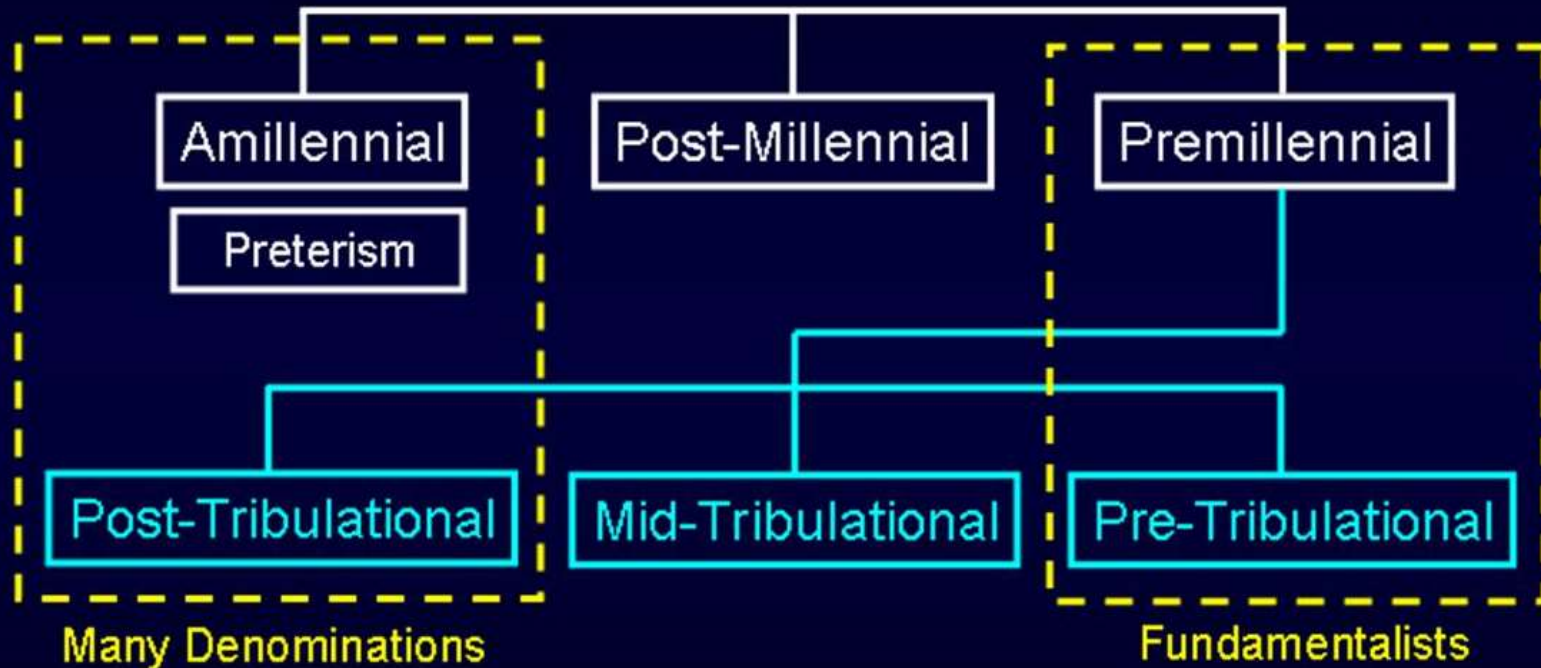
Early church [edit]

During the first centuries after Christ, various forms of *chiliasm* (millennialism) were to be found in the Church, both *East* and *West*.^[4] It was a decidedly majority view at that time, as admitted by *Eusebius*, himself an opponent of the doctrine:

The same writer (that is to say, *Papias of Hierapolis*) gives also other accounts which he says came to him through

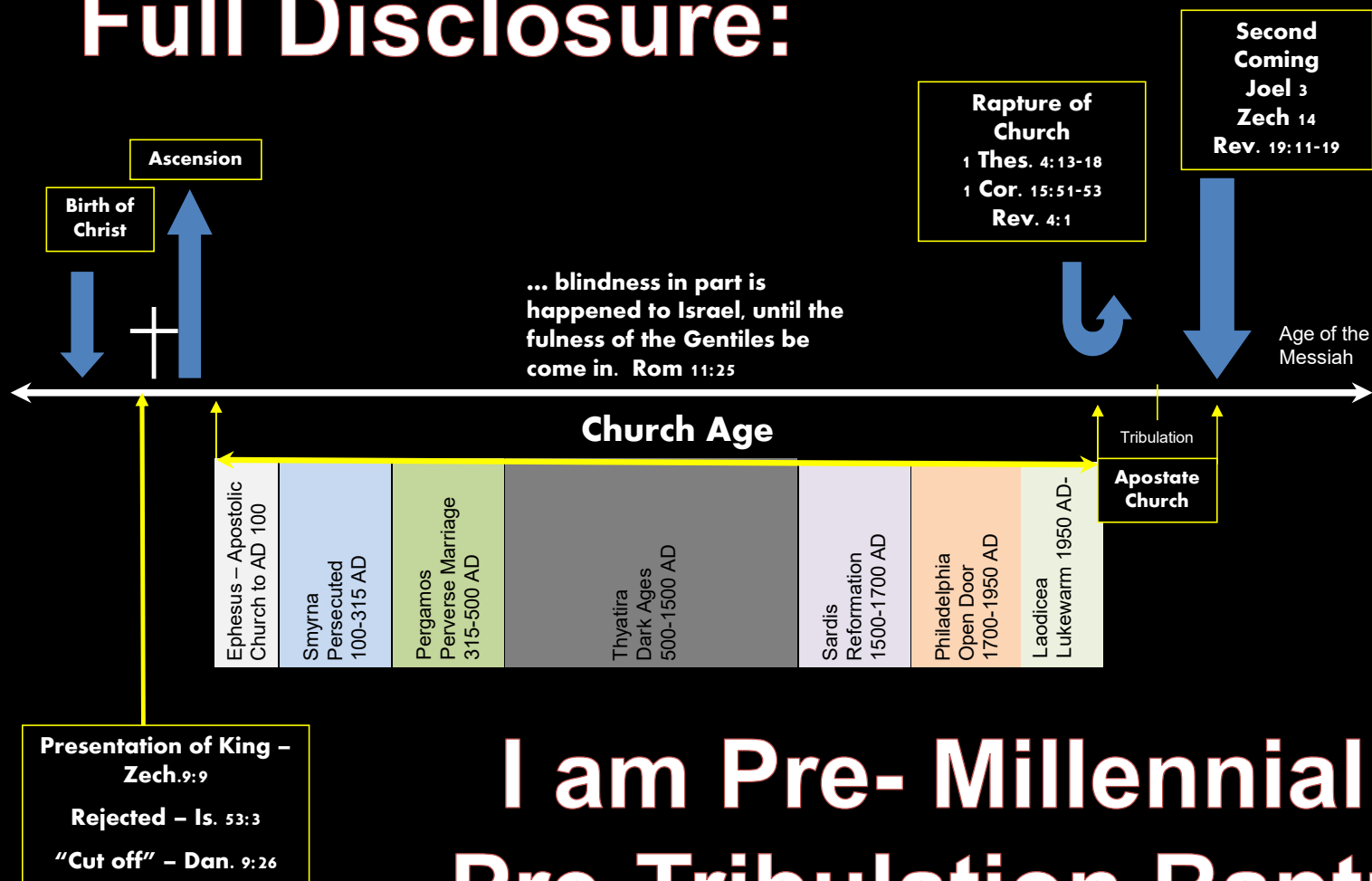
unwritten tradition, certain strange parables, and other more mythical things. To these

Eschatology



ACTS 17:11

Full Disclosure:



I am Pre- Millennial & Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Ultimately, there are two groups of people:

BELIEVERS & UNBELIEVERS

John 5:29

*And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the
resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the
resurrection of damnation*

1 Corinthians 10:32

*Give none offence, neither to the **Jews**, nor to the **Gentiles**, nor to the **church** of God:*



Gentiles

– Genesis 1-11

Jews – Genesis 12 - Acts 1

Church – Acts 2 – Revelation 4:1

Jews – Revelation 6 - 19

Outline of Bible





Acts 17:1-9

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

² And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and **three sabbath days** reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

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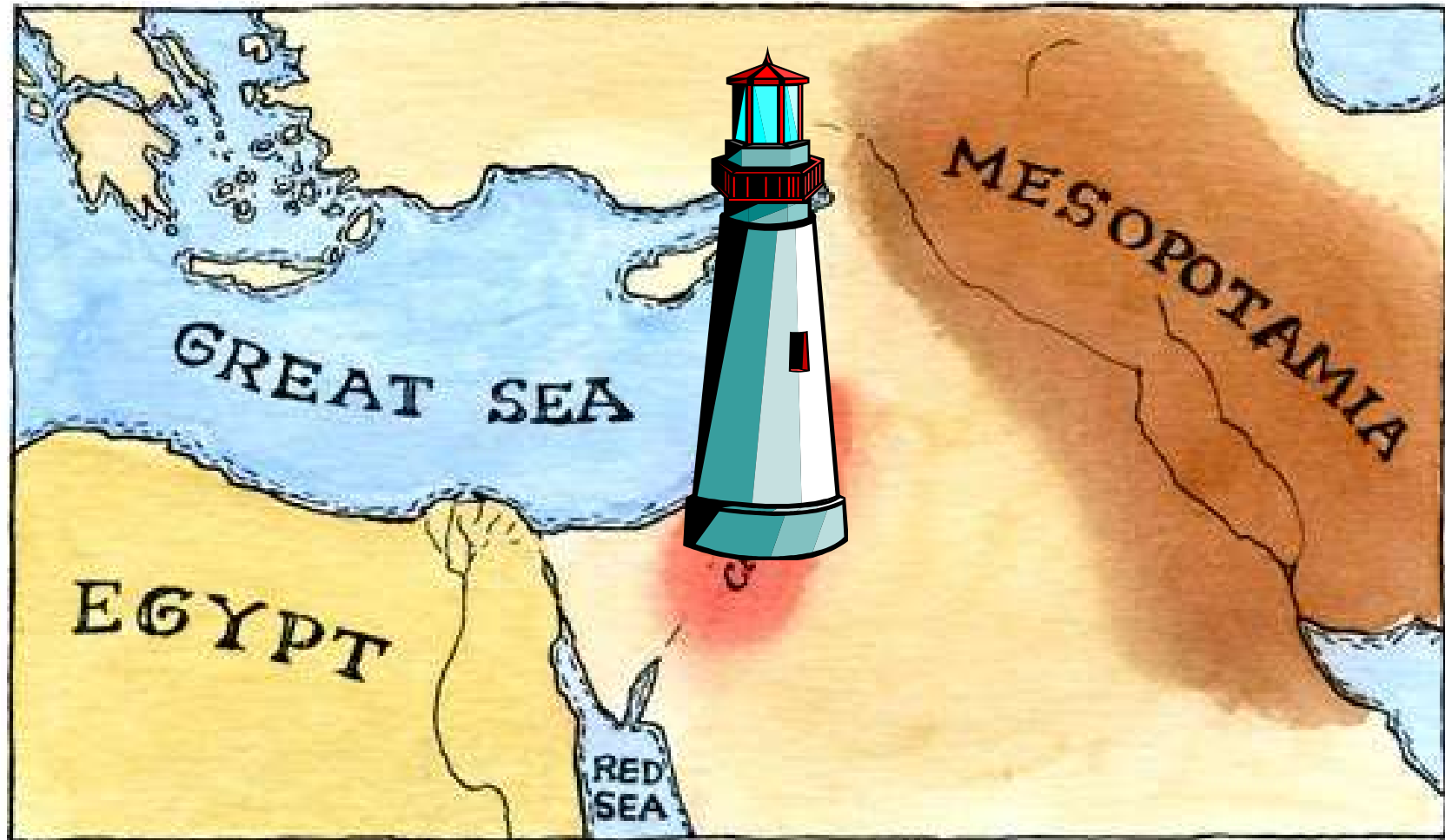


A digital illustration of a classroom. On the left is a large wooden door with a yellow frame. A window in the door shows a blue sky with white clouds. A red ribbon is tied to the top of the window frame. To the right of the door is a green chalkboard with a brown frame. Below the chalkboard is a small wooden desk with a black chair. On the desk are several books, a peach, and a green apple. A brown bag sits on the floor next to the desk. The wall is dark grey with a textured pattern.

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Diaspora

Isa 11:10-12

¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

¹¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

¹² And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Babylon

606 BC-536 BC

ROME

70 AD- 1948 AD

Ezek 36:17-23

17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it:

19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.



20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the Lord, and are gone forth out of his land.

21 But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.






22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.







GREEK AND ROMAN GODS

GREEK	ROMAN	Symbol	Description
CRONUS	SATURN		Personified Titan who swallowed his children to prevent their overthrow of his rule, until Zeus, reborn by Rhea, grew up and forced him to change Zeus' identity.
RHEA	OPS		Daughter of Uranus and Gaea, sister/wife of Cronus/Saturn. The Titan mother of six gods.

THE CHILDREN OF CRONUS AND RHEA

Greek	Roman	Symbol	Description
DEMETER	CERES		Goddess of agriculture and associated with fertility. Demeter presides over the cycle of life and death. Demeter is the mother of Persephone, wife of Hades.
HESTIA	VESTA		Goddess of Home, hearth, and family. Her Roman virgin priestesses, the Vestals, were vital to the fortunes of Rome.
HERA	JUNO		Queen of the gods. Sister and wife of Zeus/Jupiter. Goddess of marriage, childbirth, and women.
HADES	PLUTO		King of the Underworld, one of the three realms of Earth. He is not the god of death. That's Thanos, the feared person in the underworld. Pluto, in Roman mythology, is often confused with Plutus, the god of wealth, who lends his name to plutocrats and plutocracy.
POSEIDON	NEPTUNE		God of the sea, brother of Zeus and Hades, and ruler of one of the three realms of the Earth. Neptune rules the wind and is associated with dolphins and horses.
ZEUS	JUPITER		King of the gods and leader of Mount Olympus, the home of the gods. Zeus is king of the realm of the sky and ruler of thunder, law, and justice.

THE CHILDREN OF ZEUS

Greek	Roman	Symbol	Description
ARES	MARS		The god of war for both Romans and Greeks. In Greek mythology, Ares represents the violent side of war. In Roman mythology, Mars is the dignified father of the Roman people and is of more importance.
APOLLO	APOLLO		God of the sun, music, and prophecy. Apollo is revered by Romans and Greeks alike.
ARTEMIS	DIANA		Twin sister of Apollo. Artemis is a goddess of the hunt, carrying a bow and arrow. She is often associated with the moon. Although a virgin, she is a goddess of fertility and childbirth, and through the hunt, she is the animal protector.
ATHENA	MINERVA		Virgin goddess of wisdom and crafts. Athena is also associated with warfare. As her wisdom leads to strategic planning, Athena is the patron goddess of Athens.
DIONYSUS	BACCHUS		God of the grape harvest, wine, and madness. If you're attending a Bacchanalia, be ready to eat, drink, dance, and make merry.
HEPHAESTUS	VULCAN		The Roman version of this god's name was given to volcanoes, and he required frequent tribute and pacification. Hephaestus is the god of fire, blacksmithing, crafts, metal working, and artifice. Married to Aphrodite, he spent a lot of time at home while she was out causing trouble.
HERMES	MERCURY		Messenger of the gods, he leads the souls of the dead into the afterlife. God of trading, travel, and communication.
PERSEPHONE	PROSERPINA		Goddess of spring, unhappy wife of Hades, her time in the Underworld corresponds to winter months.
APHRODITE	VENUS		Goddess of love and beauty, she may or may not be a daughter of Zeus. Her mother, the Apple of Discordia, was instrumental in the start of the Trojan War.

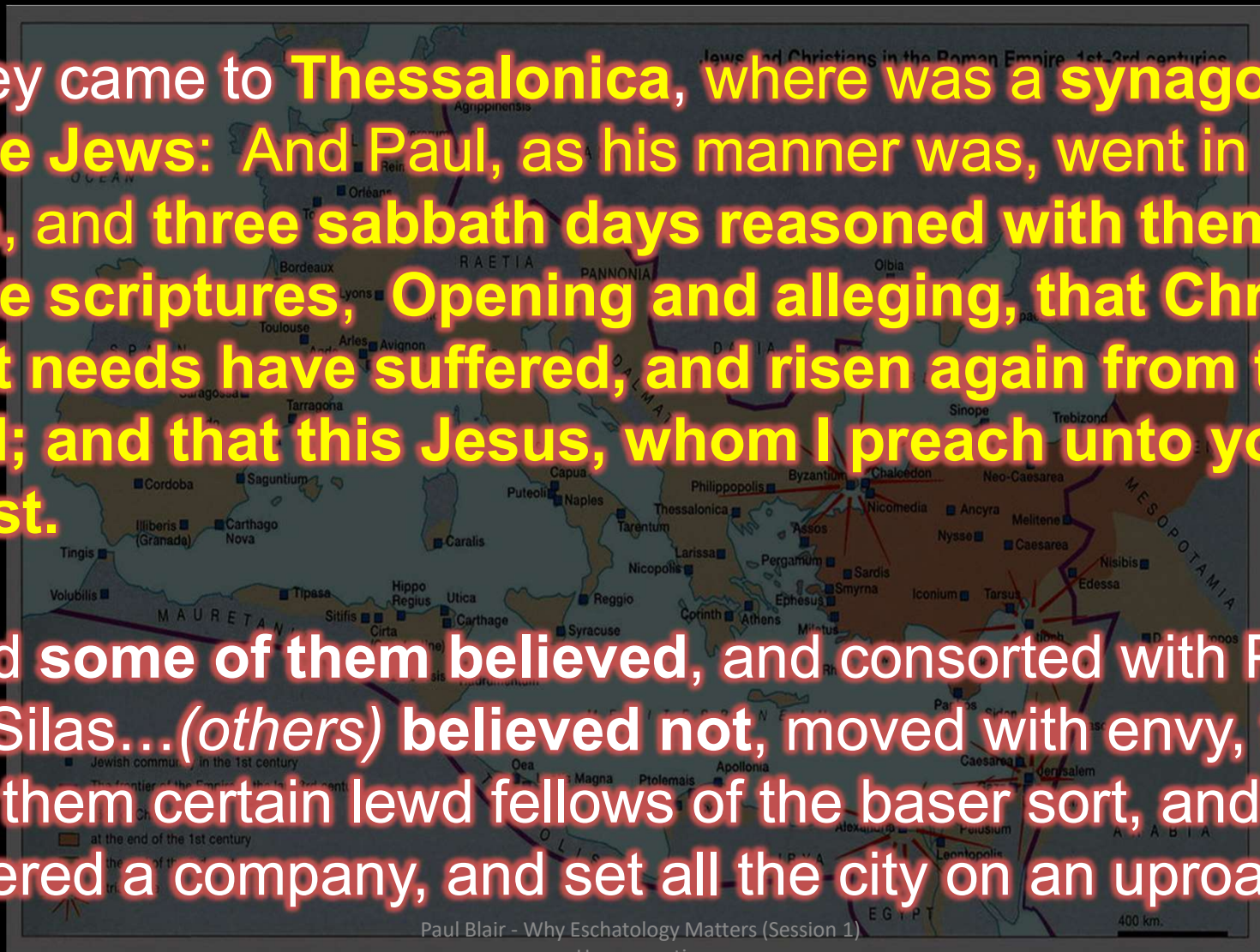


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4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas...(*others*) believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar...





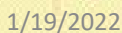
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**The big question of the
early church was not
about Gifts of the Spirit or
how one was baptized, it
was about Circumcision**

“Did a Gentile have to become a Jew to be a follower of the God of Israel?”

- Peter’s vision in Joppa and the conversion of Cornelius and his family.
- Paul’s letter to the Galatian churches and his experiences among the Gentiles
- Council in Jerusalem – Acts 15



24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, **“Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law”**: to whom we gave no such commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell you the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye **abstain from meats offered to idols**, and **from blood**, and from **things strangled**, and from **fornication**: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.



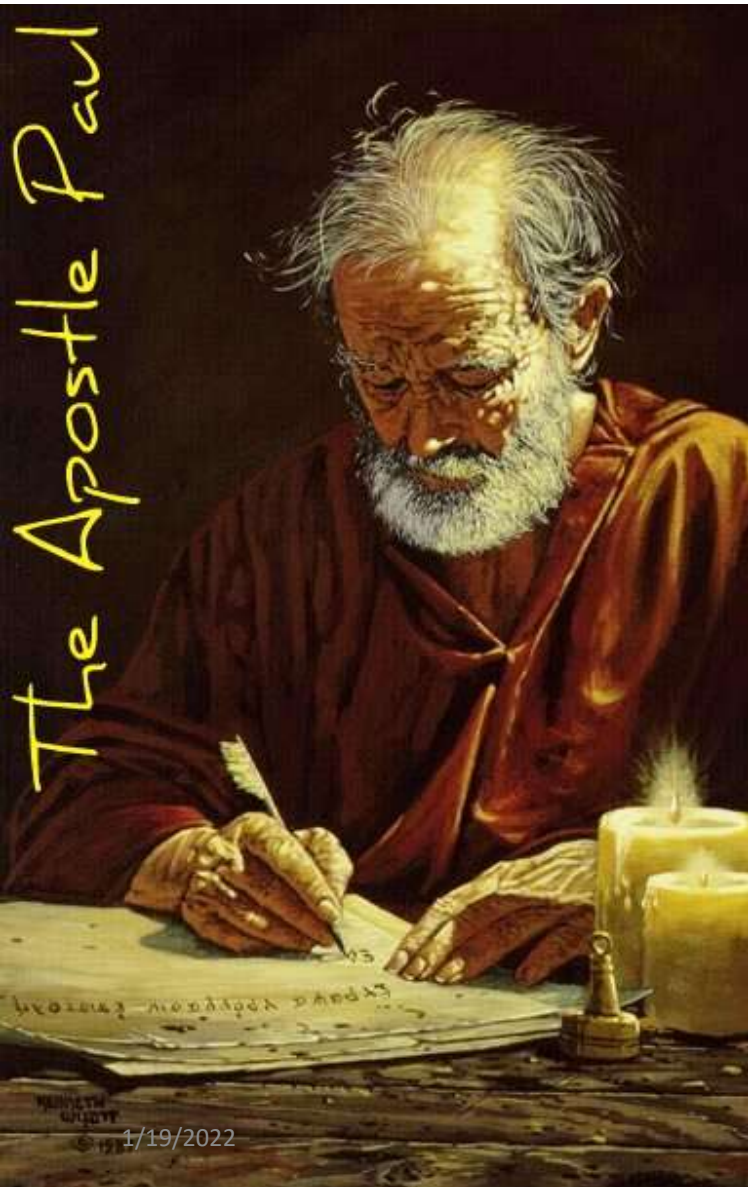
Acts 15:14-17

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.



If not, then is God done with Israel?

Rom 11:1-2

*I say then, Hath God cast away
his people? God forbid. For I
also am an Israelite, of the seed
of Abraham, of the tribe of
Benjamin. God hath not cast
away his people which he
foreknew.*

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Creation
Global Flood
Abraham's Call
The Exodus
The Judges
Kingdom Years
Divided Kingdom
Assyria captures North
Babylon Captures South
Zerubbabel's Return – 70 yrs
Nehemiah's rebuild



4000 BC
2500 BC
2000 BC
1500 BC
1450 BC
1050 BC
930 BC
722 BC
606 BC
536 BC
445 BC



70th Week of Daniel

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even *the time of Jacob's (ISRAEL's) trouble*; but *he (Israel)* shall be saved out of it.

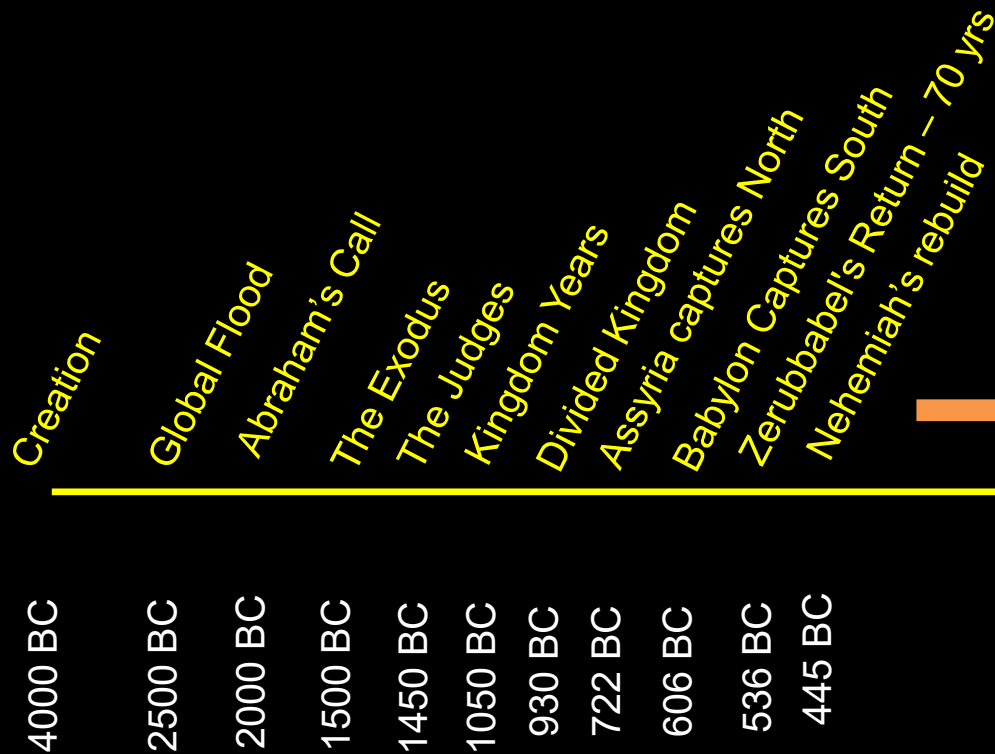
Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks have been decreed *for your people and for your holy city...*

KINGDOM

(Age of the Messiah /1000 Year Millennial Reign of Christ)

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:

Mic 4:2-4 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.



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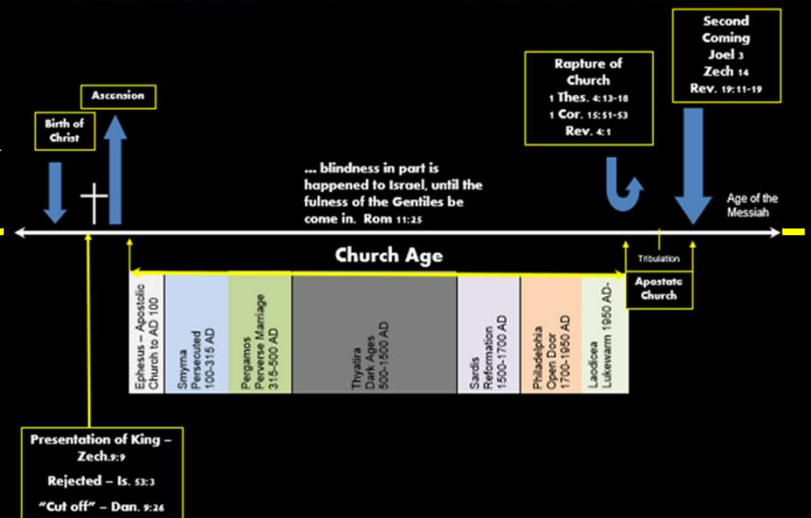
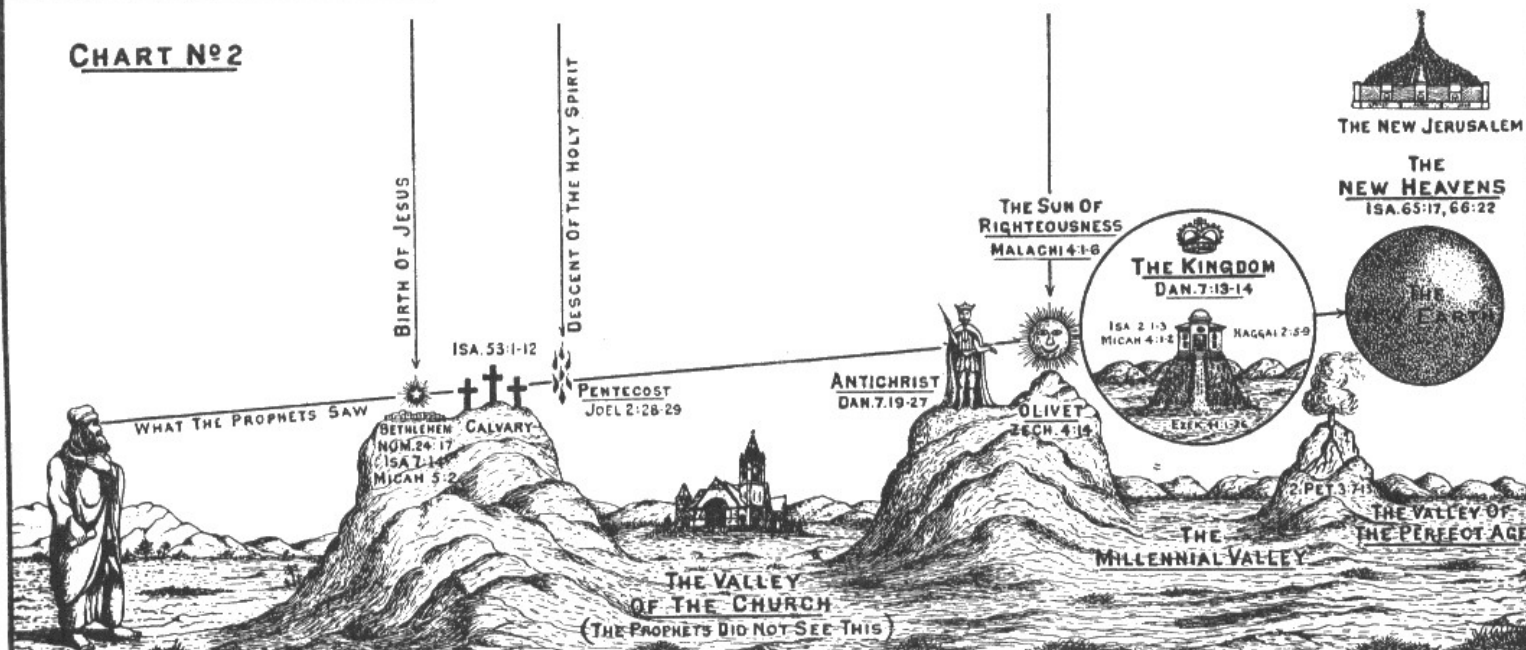


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THE OLD TESTAMENT VALLEY
THE VIEW-POINT OF THE PROPHETS

OUR VIEW-POINT
WE SEE THE "MOUNTAIN PEAKS" AND "VALLEYS" FROM THE SIDE
AND SO CAN SEPARATE THE FIRST AND SECOND COMING PROPHECIES

THE "MOUNTAIN PEAKS" OF PROPHECY

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Conclusions:

Eschatology is basic, fundamental Christianity.

So many Protestant denominations retain a Catholic (replacement) view of end times.

Seminarians are told NOT to teach from Revelation.

Few churches preach about End Times.

Fundamental to know that God is not done with Israel and how God is currently working through the Church, but will keep His promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David.