

Why Eschatology Matters

Session 2 – History of Prophecy

Review - Lesson 1


Hermeneutics

Interpretation of Scripture



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The background of the slide is a close-up, high-contrast photograph of an ancient scroll. The scroll is made of a dark, textured material, possibly leather or papyrus, and is covered in intricate, golden-brown Hebrew script. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, emphasizing the texture of the scroll and the clarity of the text.

Exegesis vs Eisegesis

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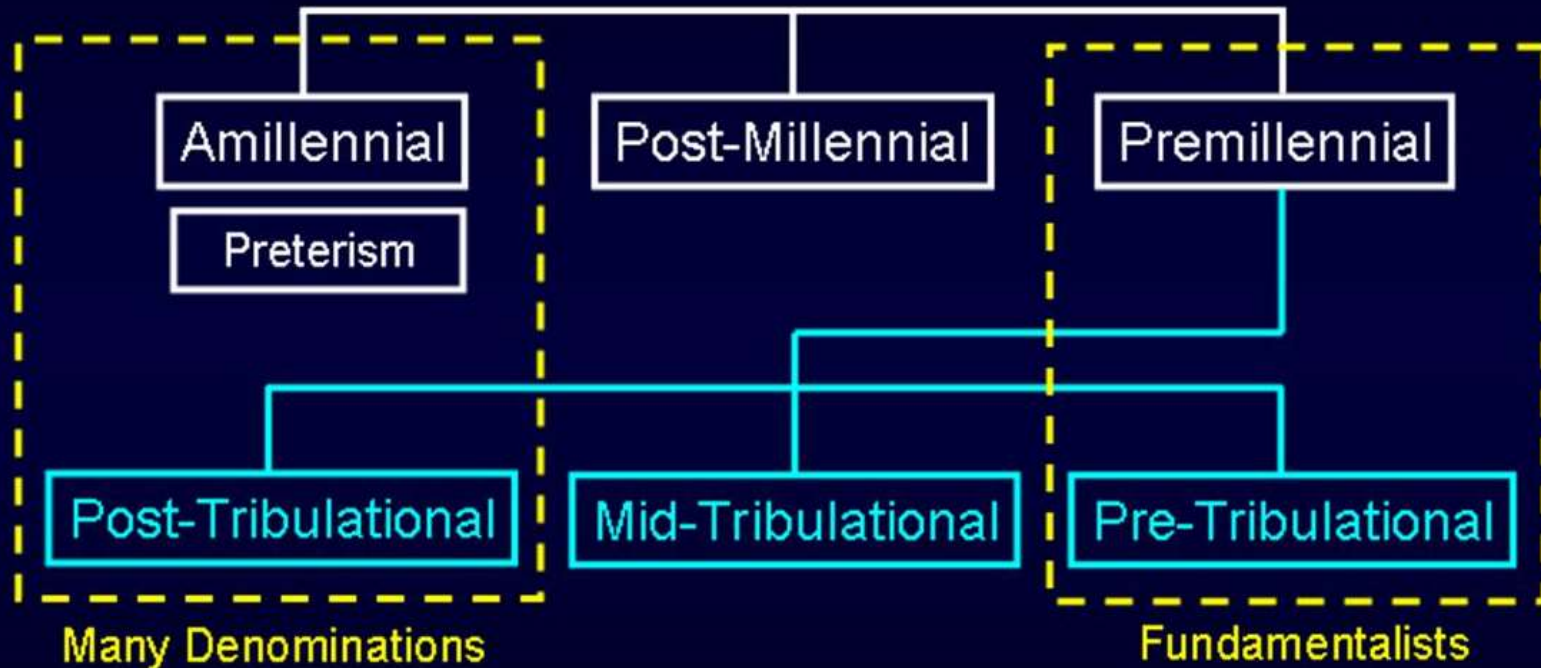
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Revelation 20:3

Millennium - "mille" - "anum" - 1000 years

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

Eschatology



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

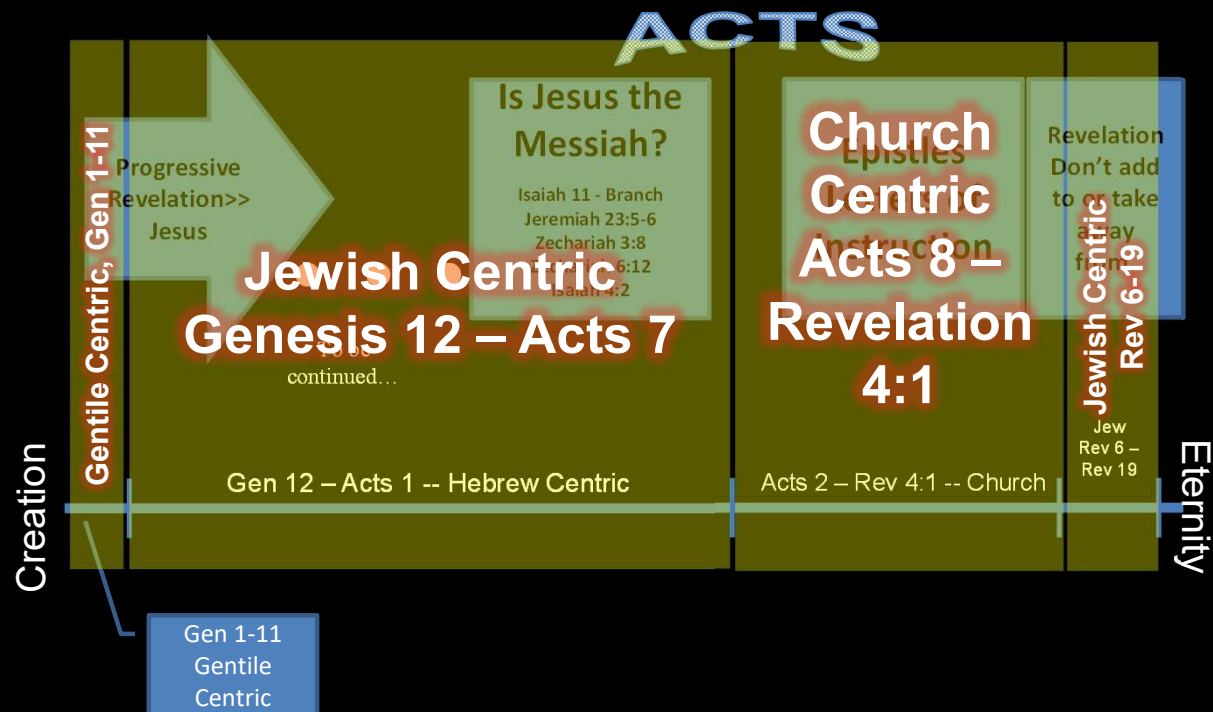
– Genesis 1-11

Jews – Genesis 12 - Acts 1

Church – Acts 2 – Revelation 4:1

Jews – Revelation 6 - 19

Outline of Bible



A digital illustration of a classroom. On the left is a large wooden door with a yellow frame. A small 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. The wall is dark grey with a textured pattern.

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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.

Pentecost

From Acts 2 – 8

The Church was 100% Jewish

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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 bloodiest 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. Hephæstus 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 mortal lover, the prince of Troy, was immortalized in the story of the Trojan War.



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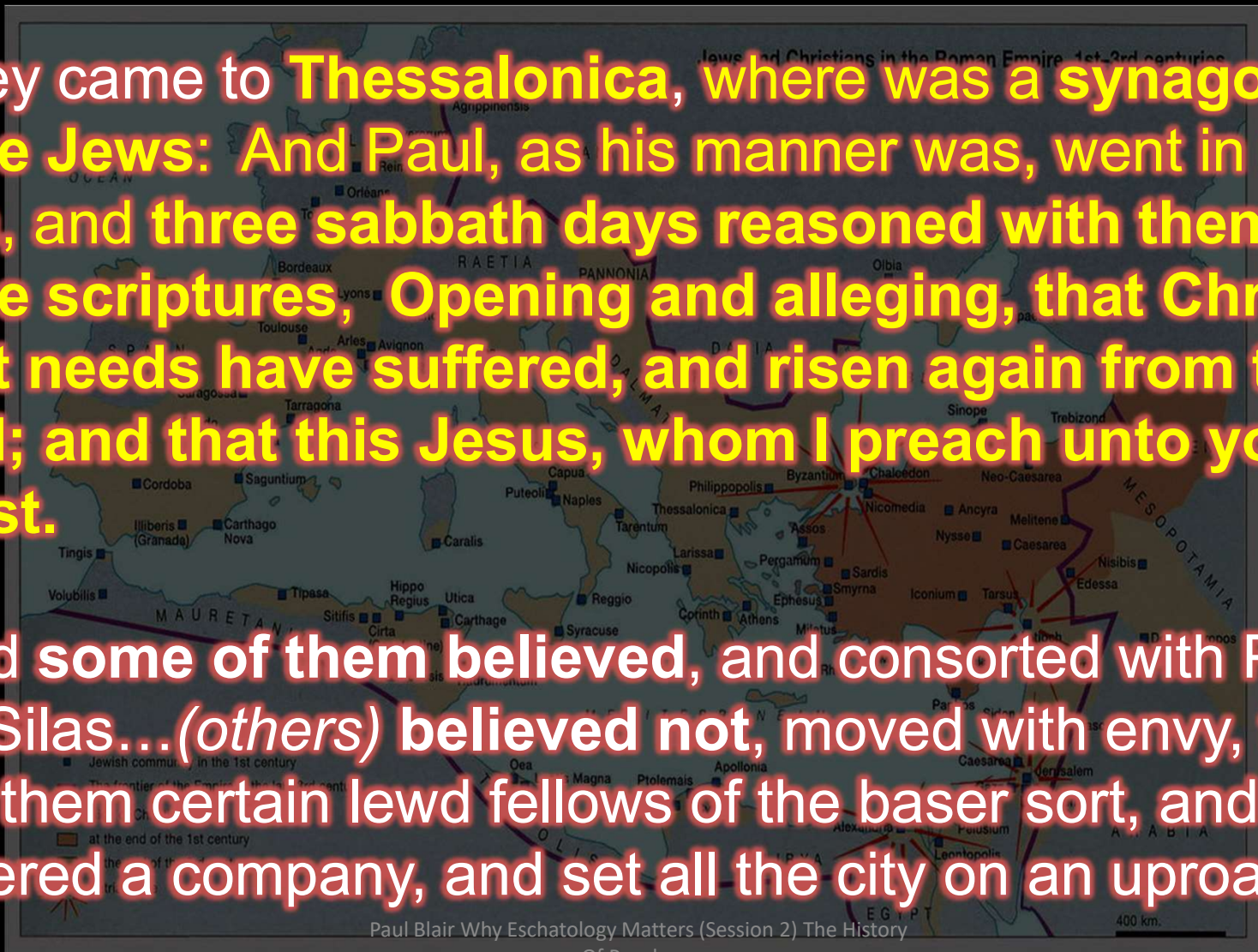
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Acts 17:1-5

...they came to **Thessalonica**, where was a **synagogue of the Jews**: And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

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...



**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



Acts 15:1-6

1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.



3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.



7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.

13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

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:

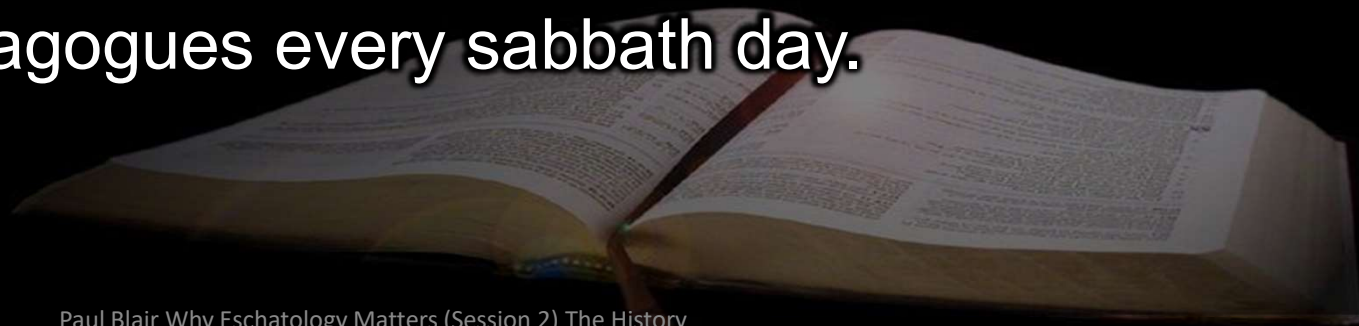
17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.



22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

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.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

Acts 15:14-17

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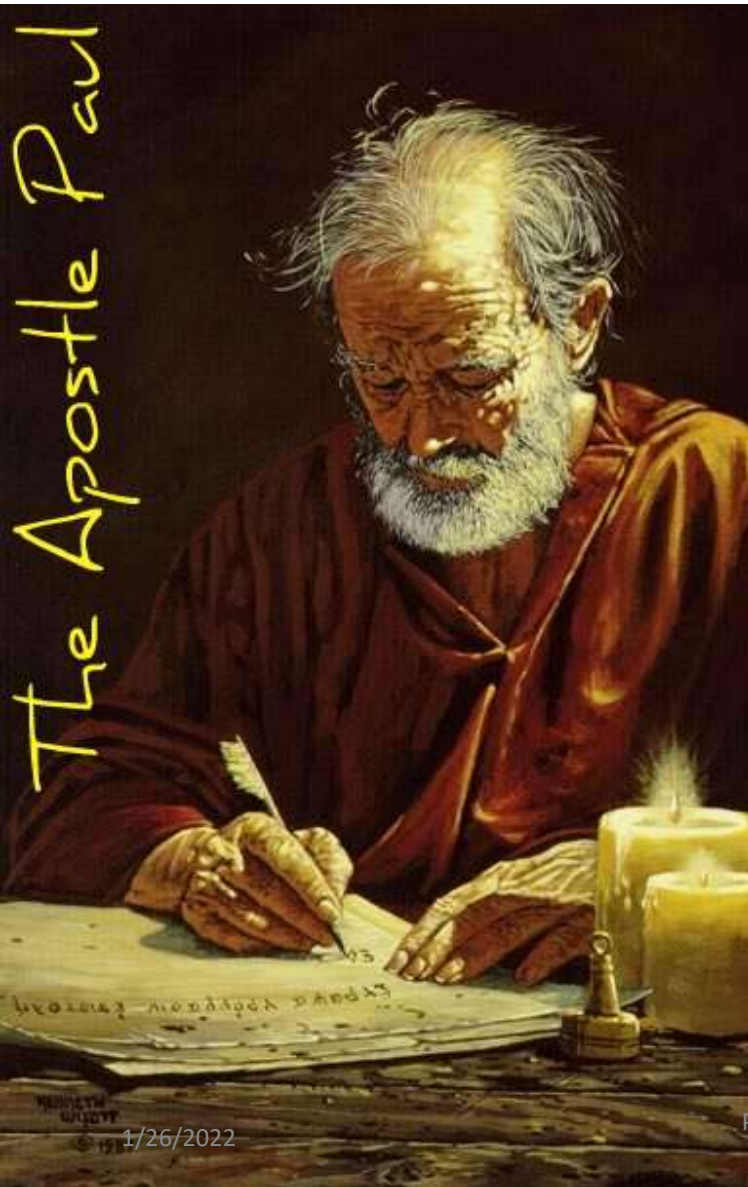
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If not, then is God done with Israel?

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*.

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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.

This Period was Hidden in the O.T.

- Matt 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the **mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given. (13:33-35) Another parable spake he unto them...All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; **I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.**
- Eph 3:3-9 How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel...I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:



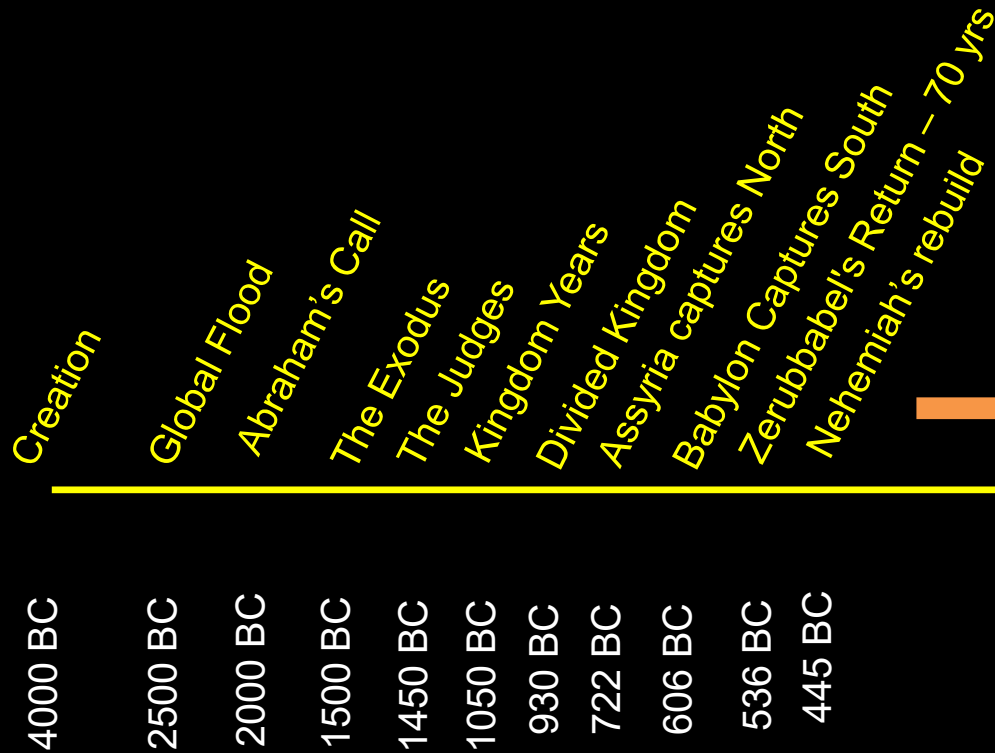
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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,

(Now – Hidden in OT)

*...and **the day of vengeance of our God**; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.*



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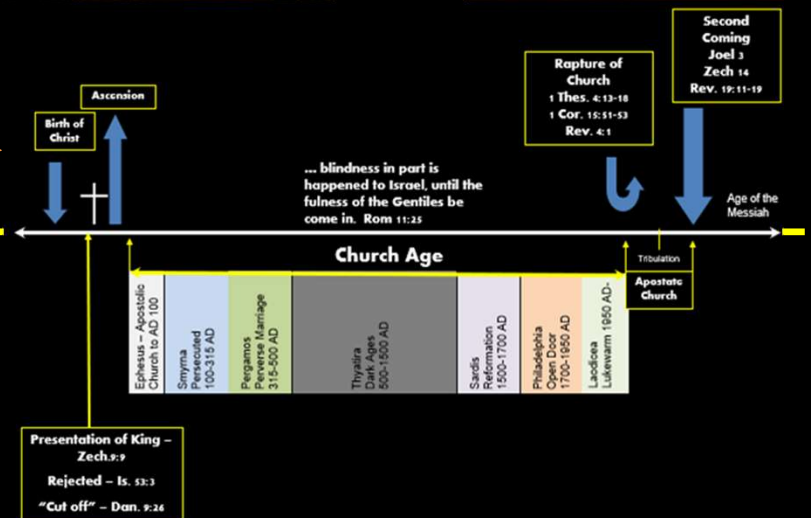
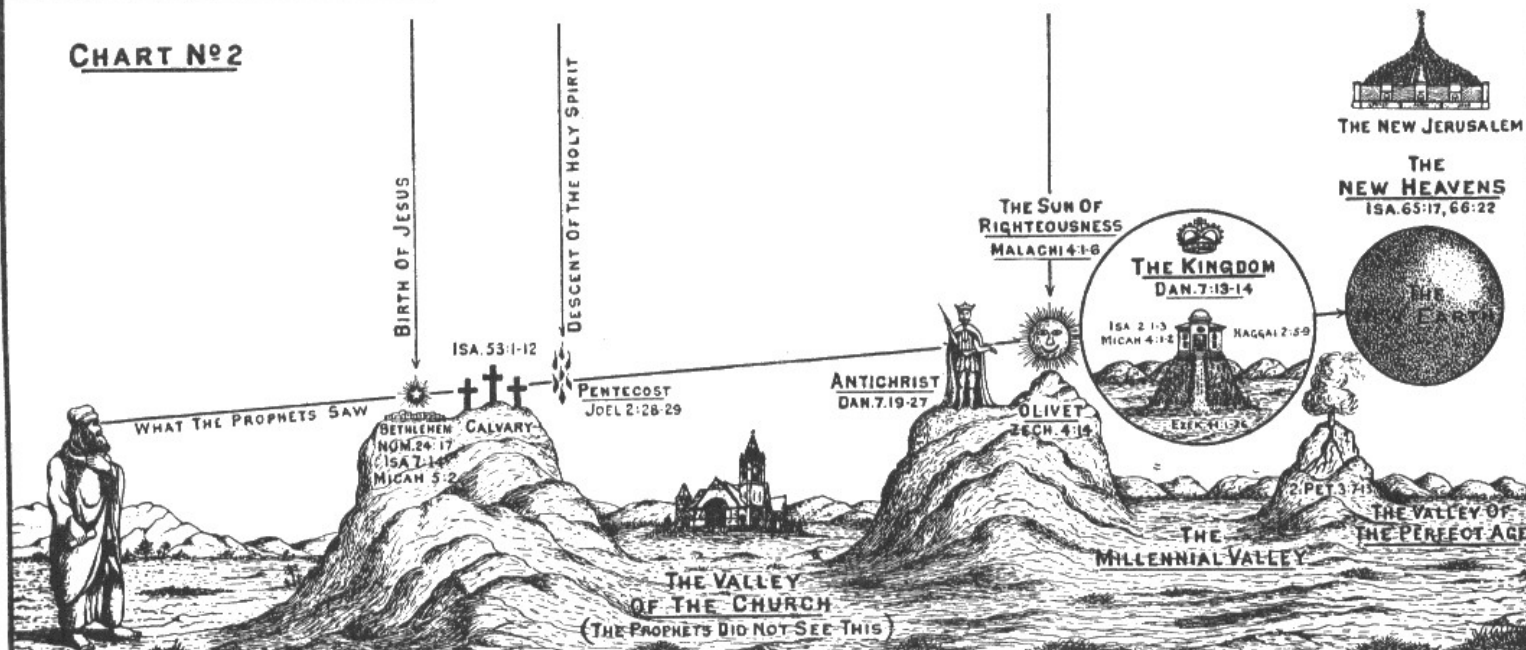


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THE OLD TESTAMENT VALLEY
THE VIEW-POINT OF THE PROPHETS

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.