



WHY ESCHATOLOGY MATTERS

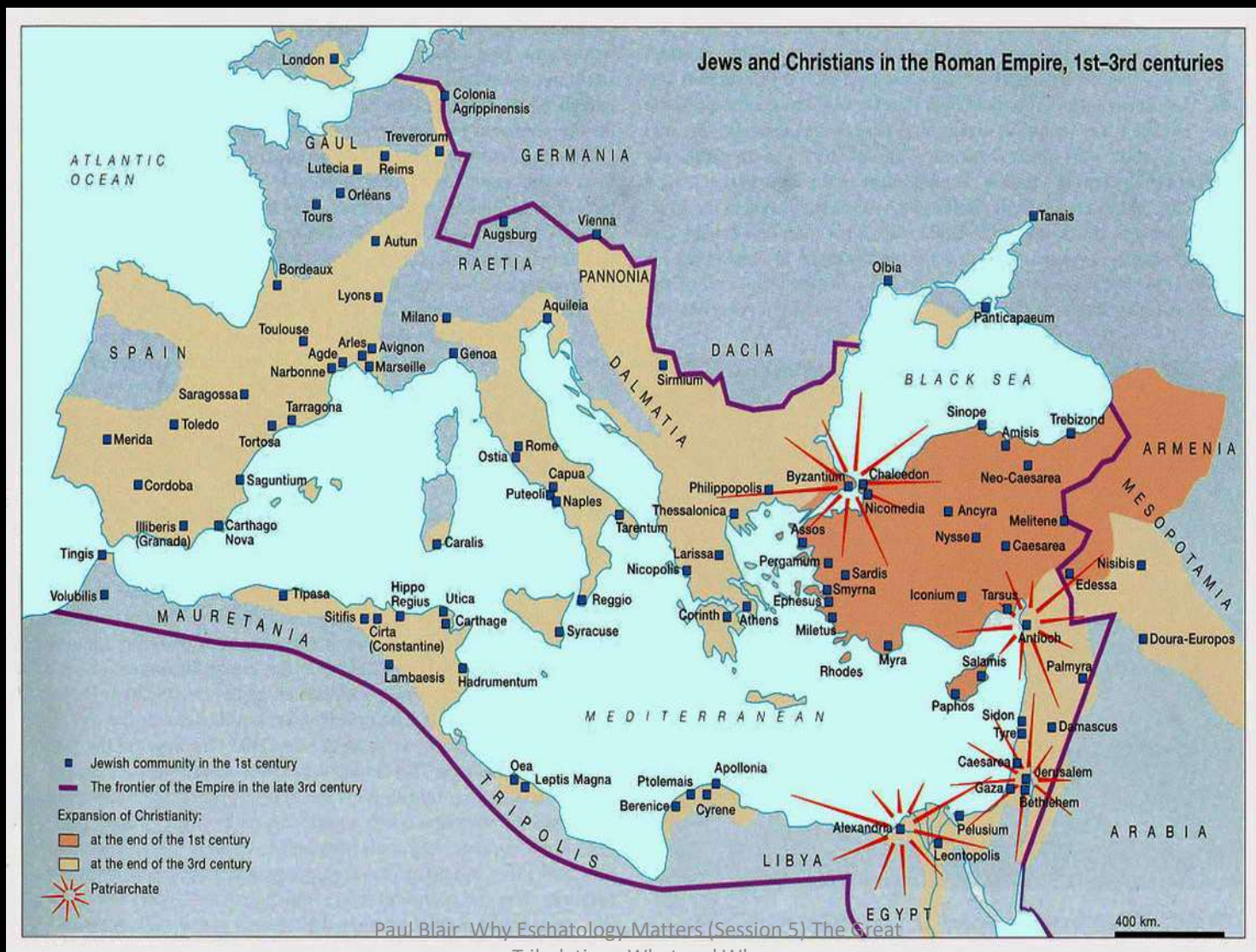
Session 5 - The Great Tribulation: What & Why?

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Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.



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A woman with short, wavy blonde hair, wearing a dark jacket, is shown in profile on the left side of the image. She is pointing her right index finger towards a map of the Roman Empire. The map is dark green and shows various regions and cities. Red lines with arrows trace Paul's missionary journeys across the empire, starting from Antioch and heading west towards Macedonia and the Aegean Sea. The text is overlaid on the right side of the map.

Paul traveled to synagogues across the Roman Empire because Paul was bringing Good News about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His Messiah.

Jesus of Nazareth WAS the Messiah.

Belief in Christ alone was necessary to become grafted into the Kingdom.

If Circumcision was not necessary to be saved, then is God done with Israel?

	Creation	Global Flood	Abraham's Call	The Exodus	The Judges	Kingdom Years	Divided Kingdom	Assyria captures North	Babylon Captures South
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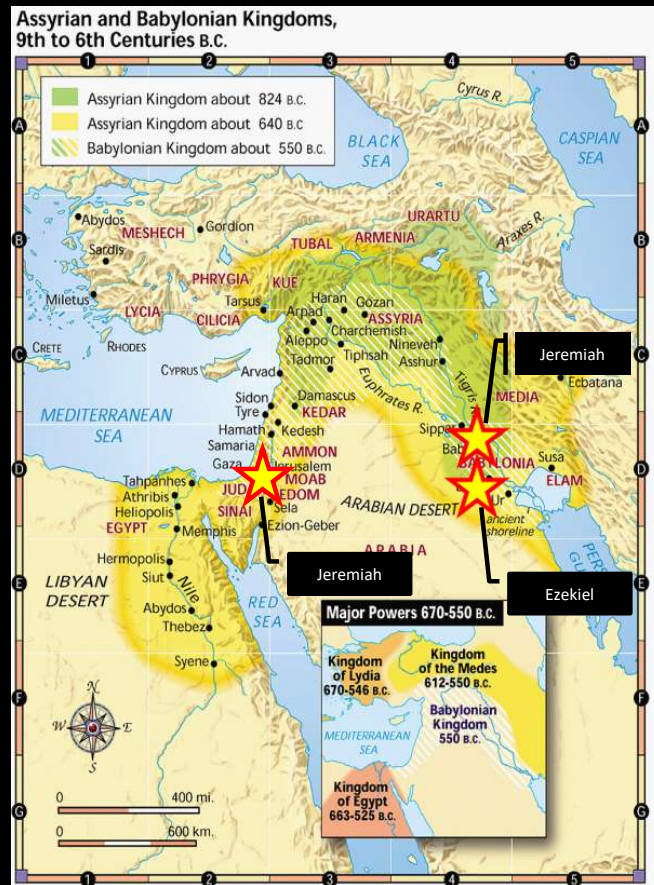
Three Conquests Three Prophets

606BC – Daniel taken to Babylon

597BC - Ezekiel take to Tel Aviv

Ezekiel called about 592BC.

586BC – Jerusalem destroyed (Jeremiah)



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



4000 BC
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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

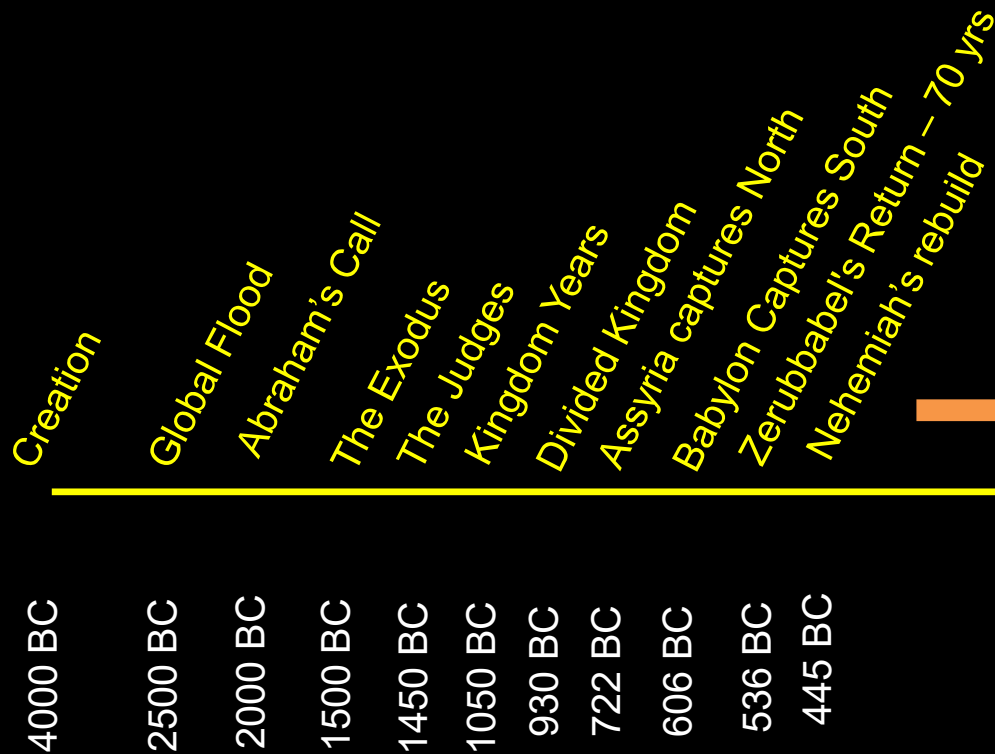
(Age of the Messiah /1000 Year Millennial Reign of Christ)

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

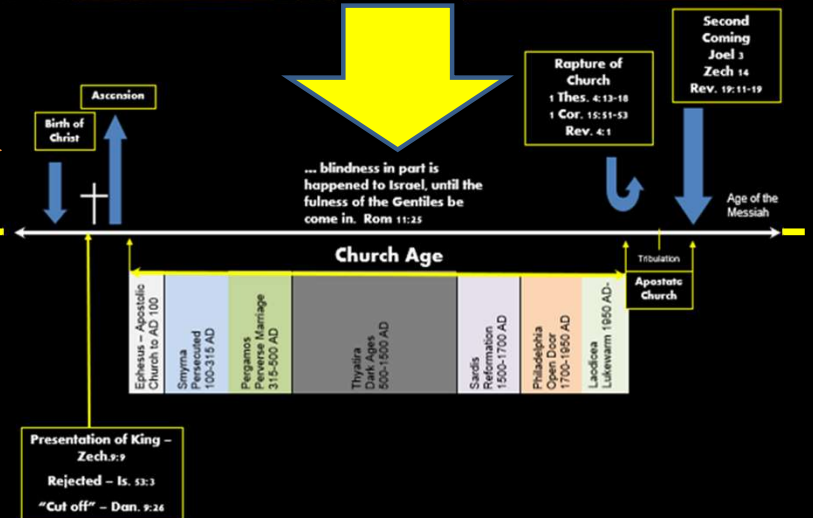
Mic 4:2-4 *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among 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.*

This Period was Hidden in the O.T.

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- 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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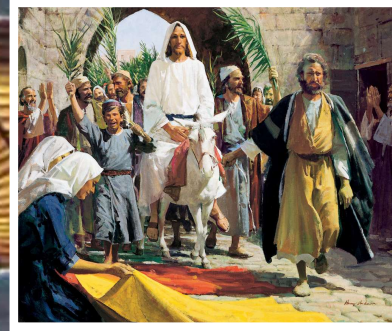




Babylon

Media-Persia

Greece



Rome



Ten
Kings

Messiah
And
The
Kingdom

Signs of the Last Days:

1. Technically began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. (Acts 2:17)
2. Israel is back in their land the Second time after a LONG period of time. (Is. 11:11, Ezek. 37)
3. The control of Jerusalem is fought for by the nations (Zech. 12:2-3)
4. Movement towards a Global Confederacy/Government (W.E.F.)



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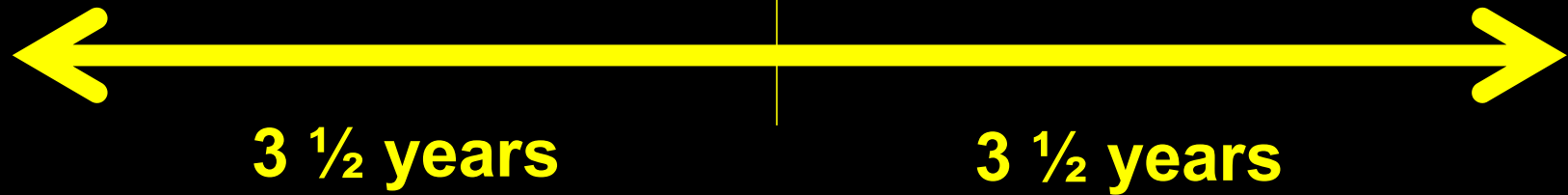
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Progressive prophetic revelations:

- **Initial captivity 70 years** (*Jer. 29:10*)
- **5 Gentile Kingdoms before “Kingdom of Heaven”** (*Daniel 2 & 7*)
- **Punishment multiplied by 70** (*Lev 26:18-19*)
- **One week (7 years) remaining** (*Daniel 9*)
- **During that period – Ten kings/global tyranny** (*Daniel 2, 7 & Rev. 12, 13, 17*)

70th Week of Daniel

Seven Years - Daniel 9:25-27



Zechariah 14, Revelation 19

Da 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and **in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Mt 24:15 When **ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

2 Th 2:3-5 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

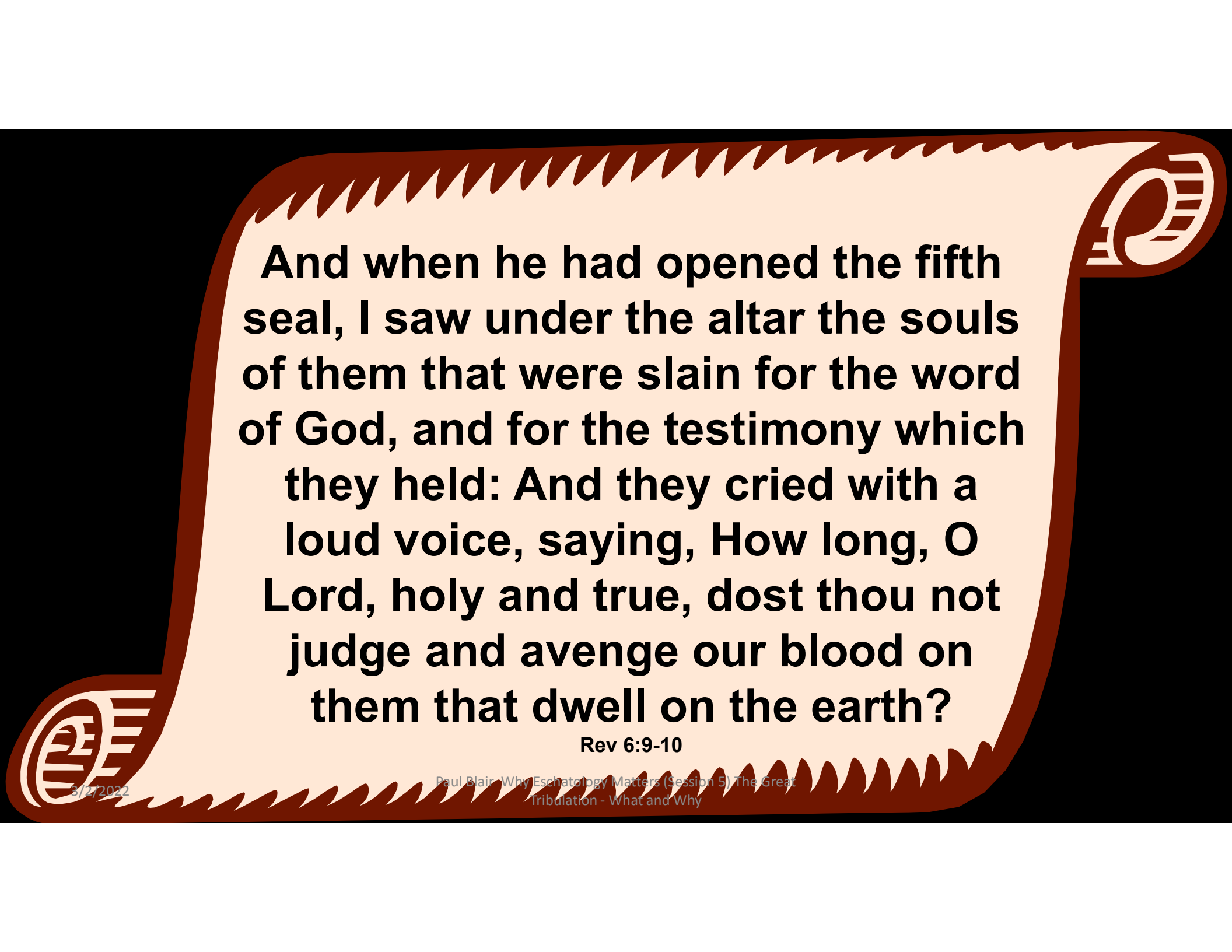
Why is there Great Tribulation?

1) To Punish the World

“Why does God put up with evil people?”

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:9-10

...despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But **after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:**

Romans 2:4-6



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Isa 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Isa 13:11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

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United Israelite Kingdom,
Israel in the Time of Kings Saul, David and Solomon, 1000 to 924 B.C.



- After nearly two years, the Israelites are at the southern edge of the Promised Land and send in Twelve men to inspect the land.

- Numbers 14:9 “...rebel not ye against the Lord”

God did fulfill his promise to the Nation of Israel, but not with that faithless generation.

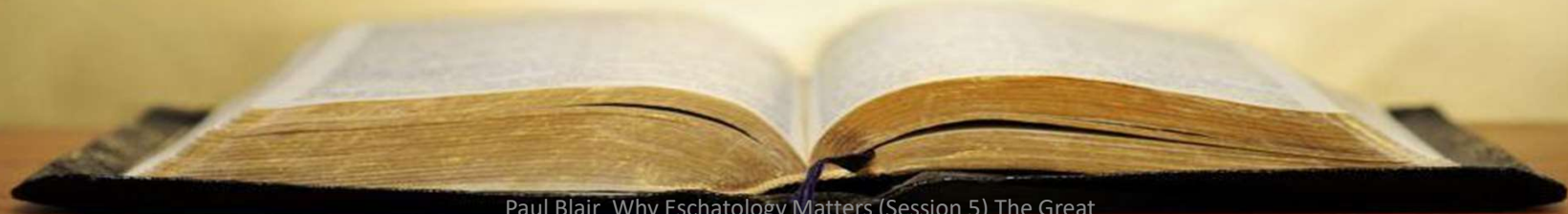
And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezek 20:34-38



And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Zechariah 13:8-9

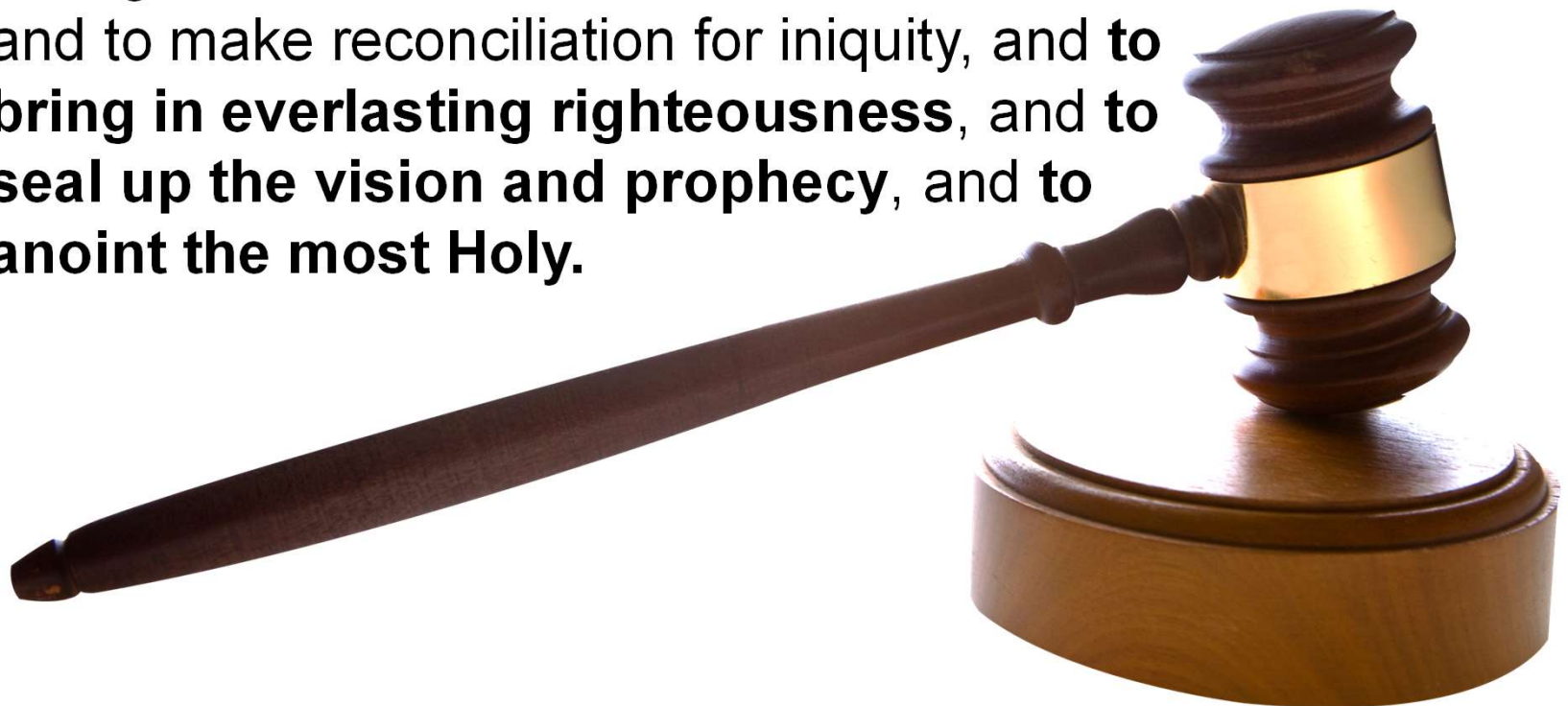



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- 3) A Nation will be Reborn

Dan 9:24-27

²⁴ **Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city**, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, and **to seal up the vision and prophecy**, and **to anoint the most Holy.**

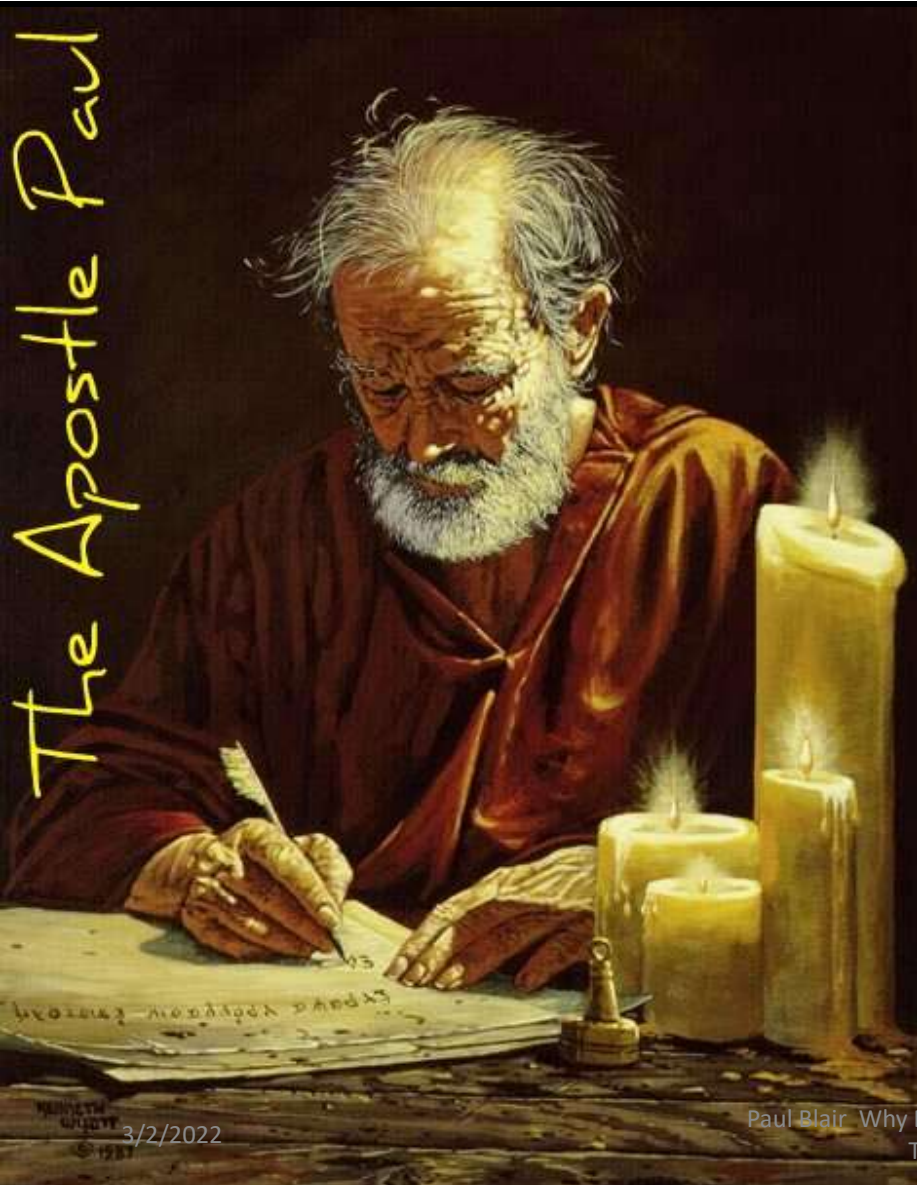




**Art thou a master of
Israel, and knowest
not these things?**

John 3:10

- **Jeremiah 4:4** **Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and *take away the foreskins of your heart...***
- **Jeremiah 4:14** **O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved.**
- **Ps 51:17** **The sacrifices of God are *a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart...***



The Apostle Paul

**...he was seen of
me also, as of one
born out of due
time.**

1 Cor. 15:8

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Saul of Tarsus



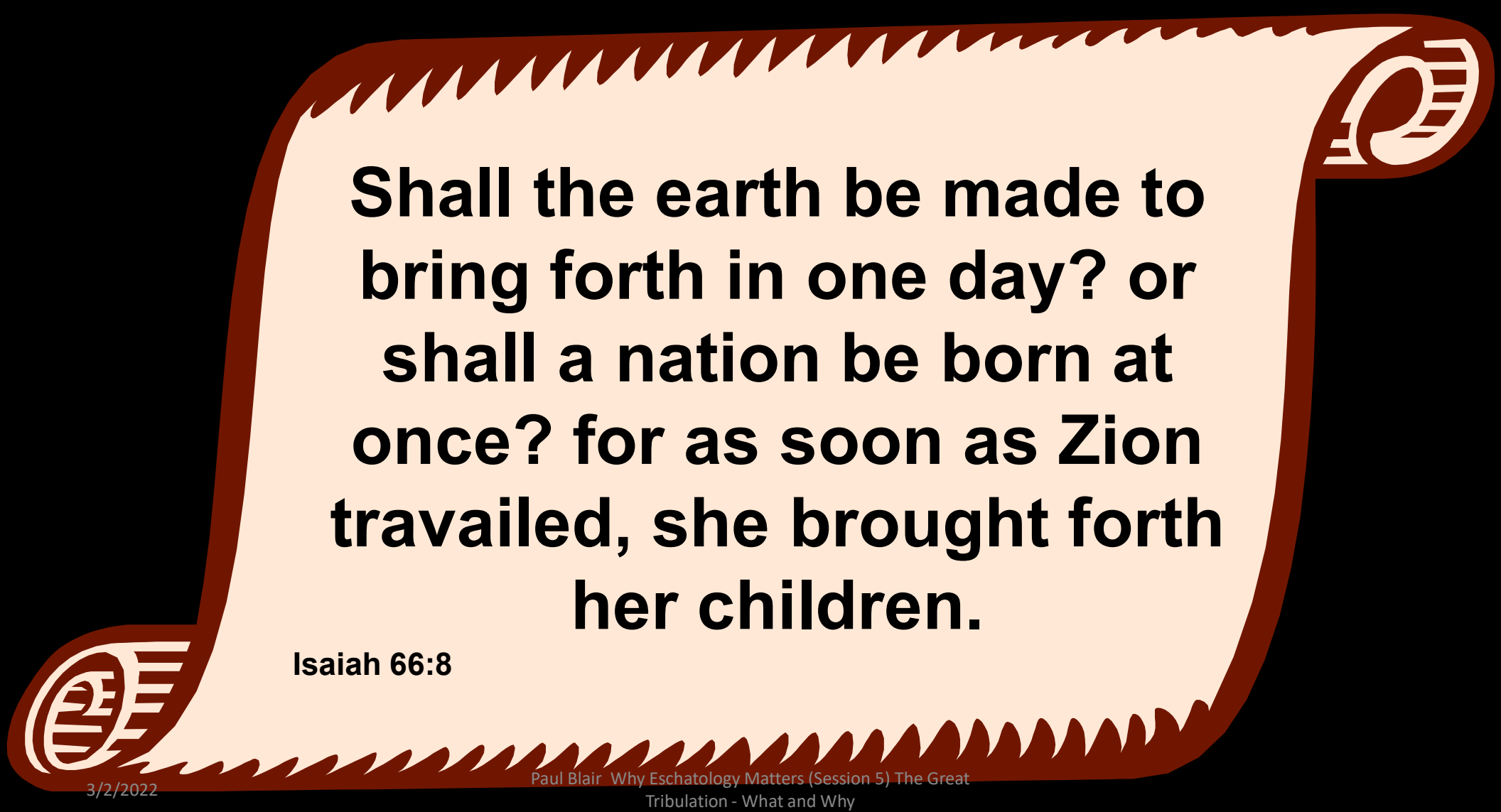
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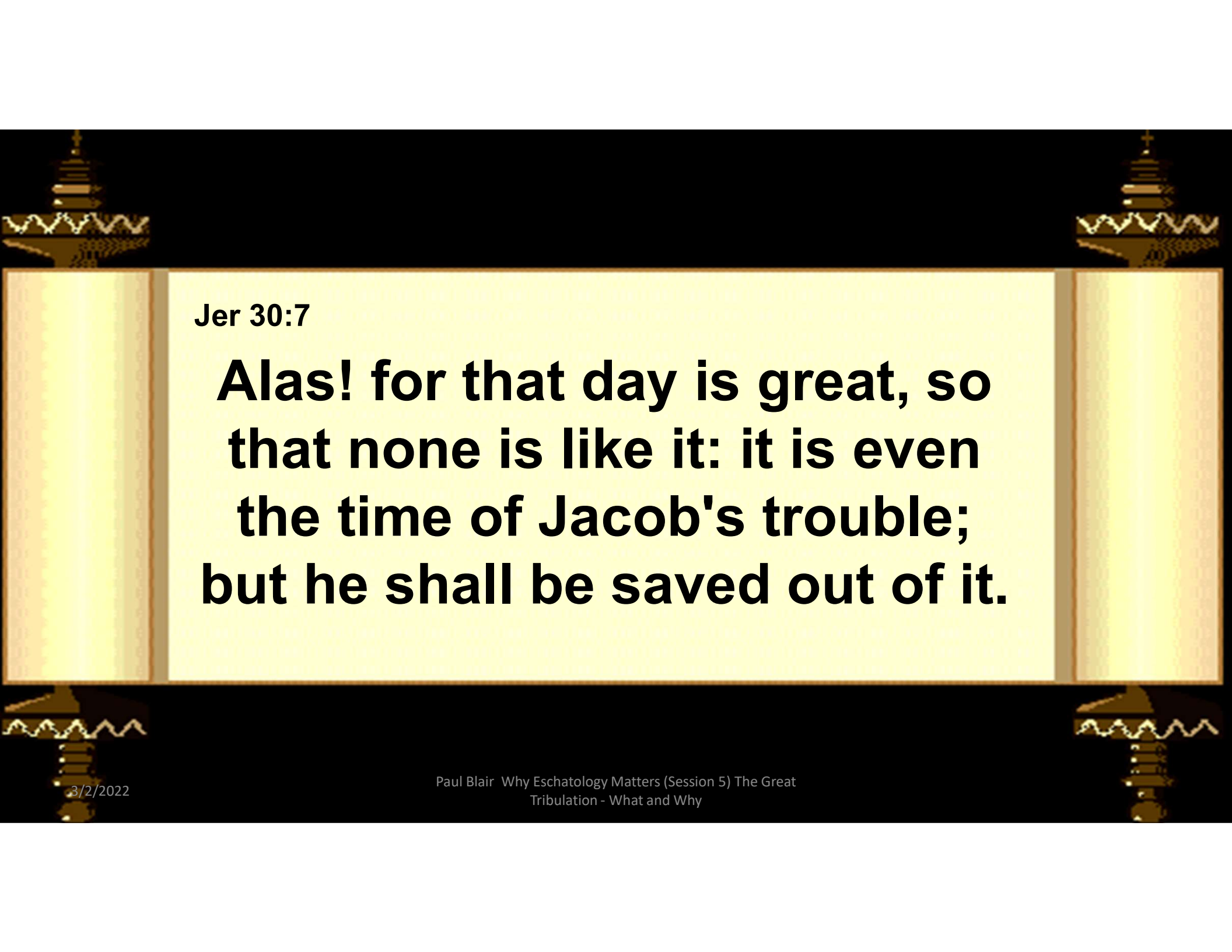
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**Shall the earth be made to
bring forth in one day? or
shall a nation be born at
once? for as soon as Zion
travailed, she brought forth
her children.**

Isaiah 66:8



Jer 30:7

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

Matt 24:8

**All these are
the beginning
of sorrows.**

A person is standing on a rocky, mountainous landscape under a cloudy sky. The person is wearing a long, light-colored robe and holding a staff. The background shows a vast, open landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the distance.

Ezek 36:24-28

For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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