



Can we trust the Bible?

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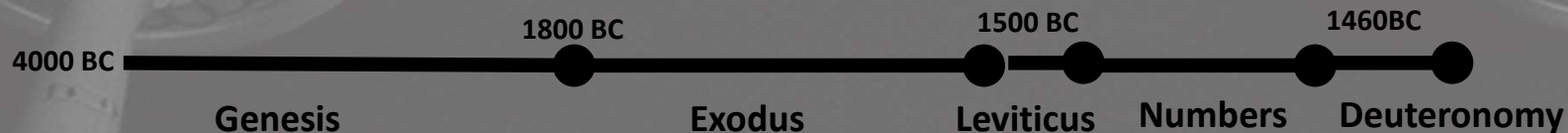
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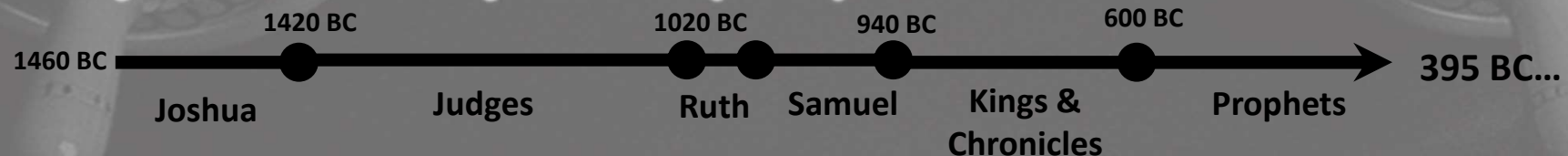
The LAW

- **Genesis:** *The Book of Beginnings, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph in Egypt.*
- **Exodus:** The Rescue of Israel from Egypt.
- **Leviticus:** The instruction for holiness as God established the Aaronic Priesthood and established the sacrificial system formally.
- **Numbers:** The history of the Wilderness Wanderings
- **Deuteronomy:** The Second giving of the Law to the next Generation.

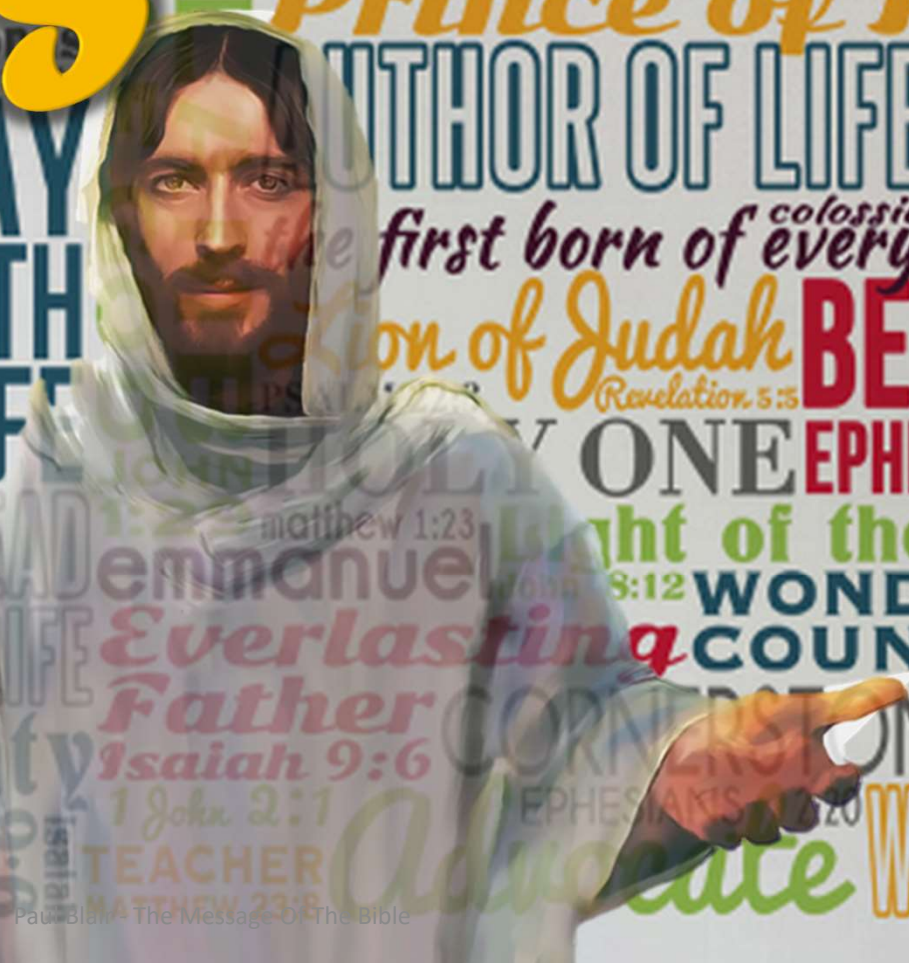


The WRITINGS & PROPHETS

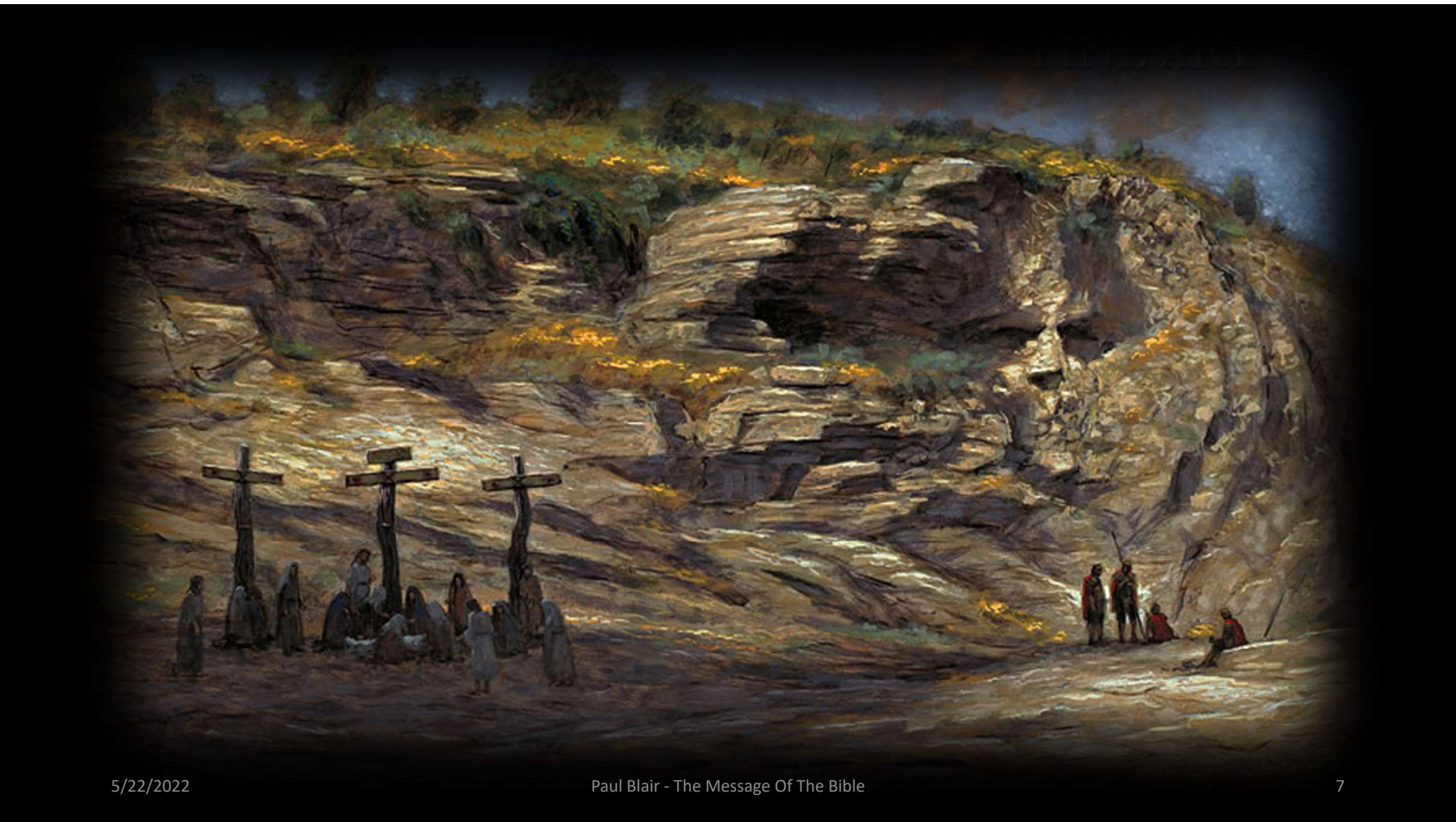
- **Joshua:** *The record of Joshua leading the conquest of the Promised Land.*
- **Judges:** 400-year history of the Republic of Israel
- **Ruth:** The Kinsman Redeemer
- **Samuel:** History of Saul and David (United Kingdom) (**Psalms**)
- **Kings:** The history of Judah and Israel written by Jeremiah before captivity. (**Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon**)
- **Chronicles:** Focusing on the seed of David written by **Ezra** after captivity
- **Major & Minor Prophets:** Captivity to Malachi

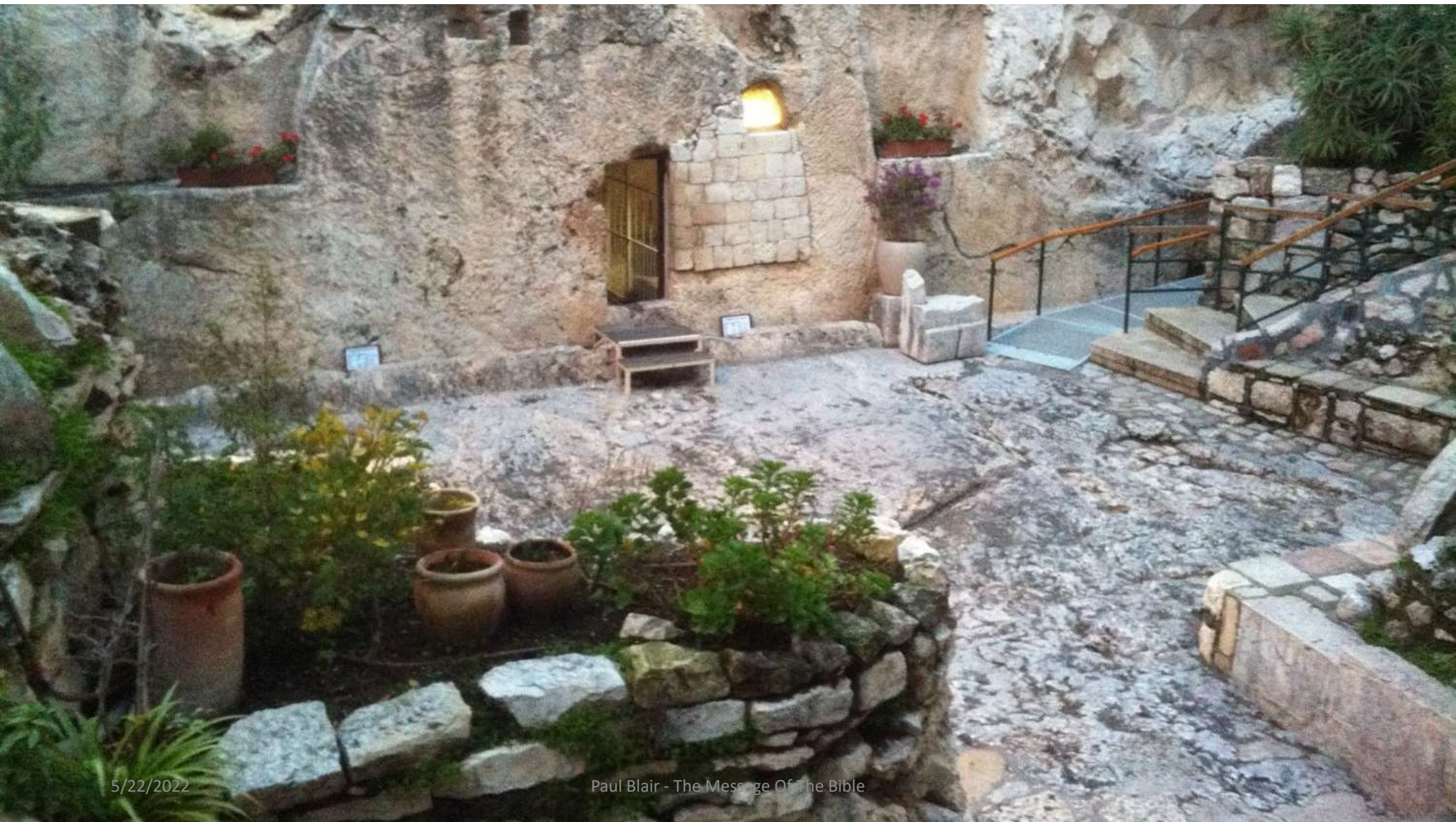


JESUS



UN SPEAKABLE GIFT
Bright & Morning Star
Revelation 22:16
JOHN 1:1
GOOD SHEPHERD
LUKE 19:4
SON OF THE MOST HIGH
Matthew 1:21
Jesus
Isaiah 9:6
MAY 12:18
Root of David
REVELATION 5:5
Prince of Peace
ACTS 3:15
I AM
John 8:58
AUTHOR OF LIFE
colossians 1:15
the first born of every creature
LORD GOD ALMIGHTY
Kion of Judah
Revelation 5:5
BELOVED
EPHESIANS 1:6
ONE
Light of the World
John 8:12
WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR
ISAIAH 9:6
1 JOHN 1:1
FATHER
Isaiah 9:6
CORNERSTONE
EPHESIANS 2:20
WORD OF LIFE
FRIEND
1:29
God
TEACHER
MATTHEW 23:8
Advocate
SAVIOUR
JOHN 4:42
ANCIENT OF DAYS
DANIEL 7:9
HIGH PRIEST
HEBREWS 4:14
CHRIST
ACTS 2:36
BREAD
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emmanuel
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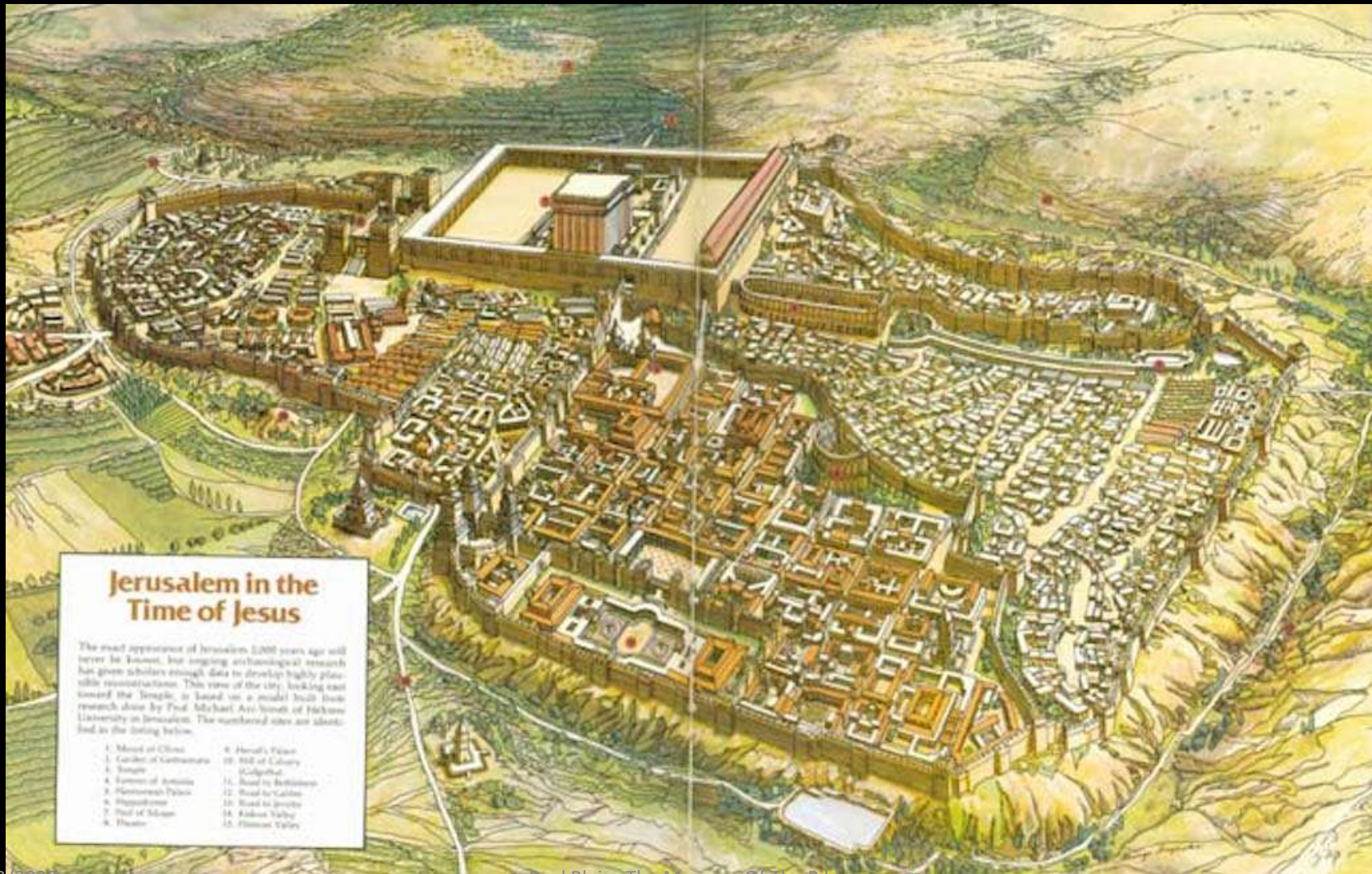
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Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles,

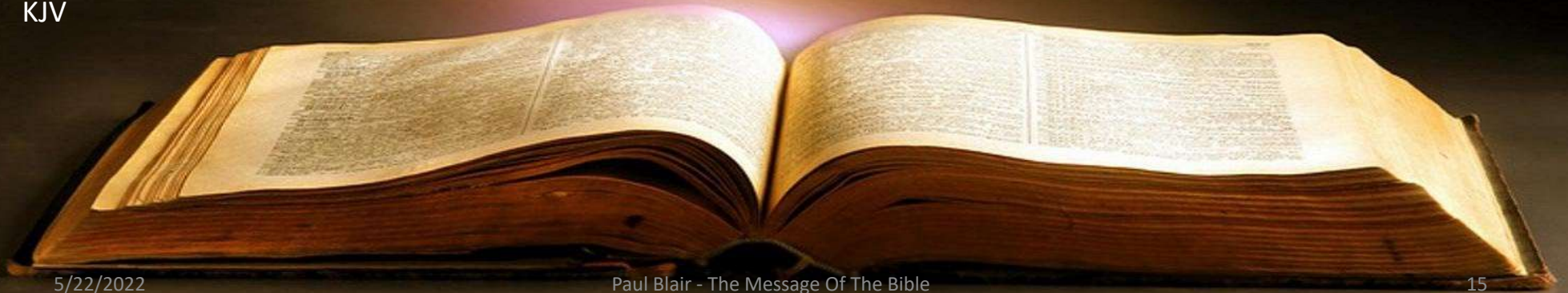
“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”



Acts 24:5-6

For we have found this man a pestilent fellow,
and a mover of sedition **among all the Jews**
throughout the world, and a ringleader **of the**
sect of the Nazarenes: Who also hath gone
about to profane the temple: whom we took,
and would have judged according to our law.

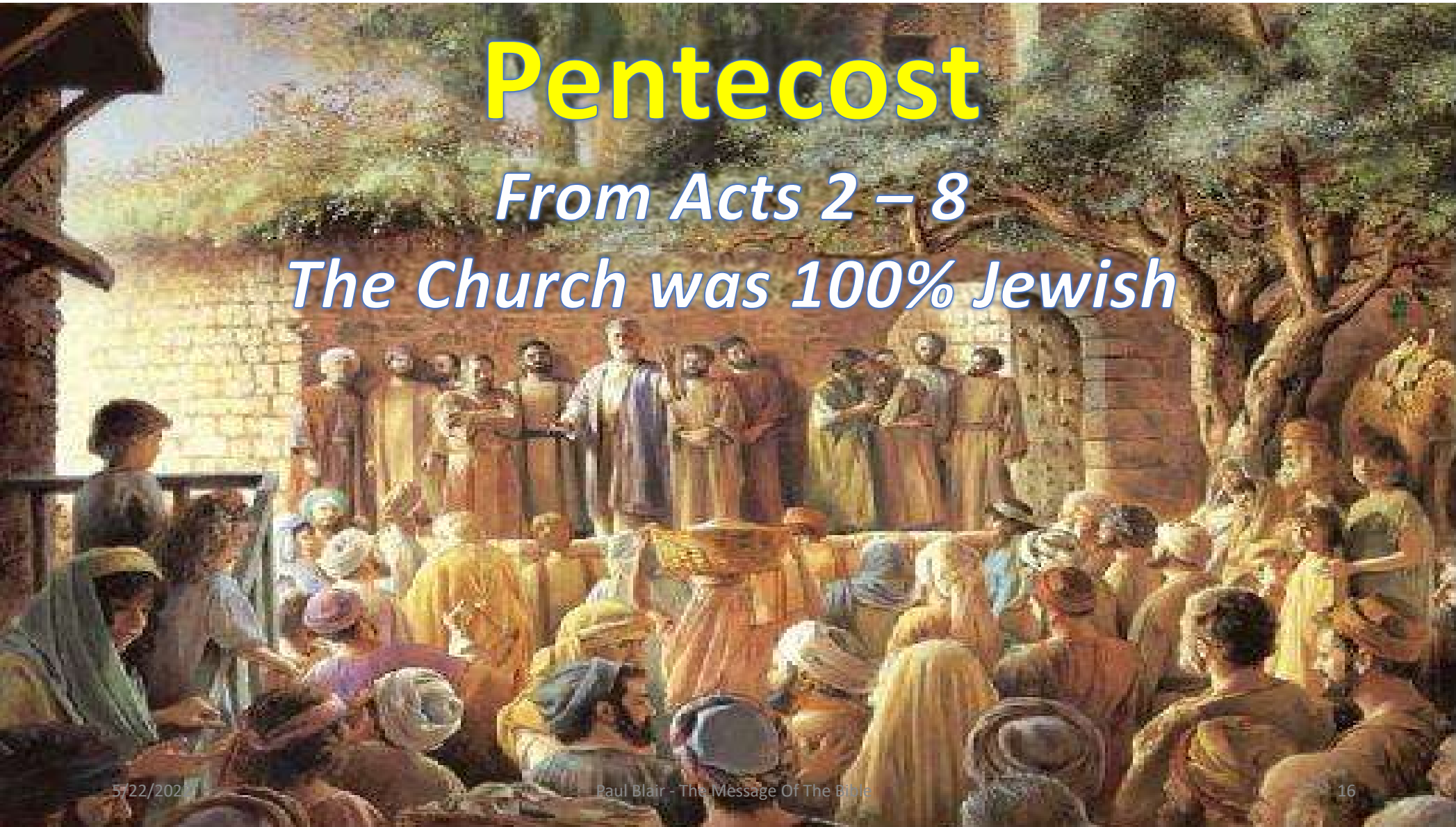
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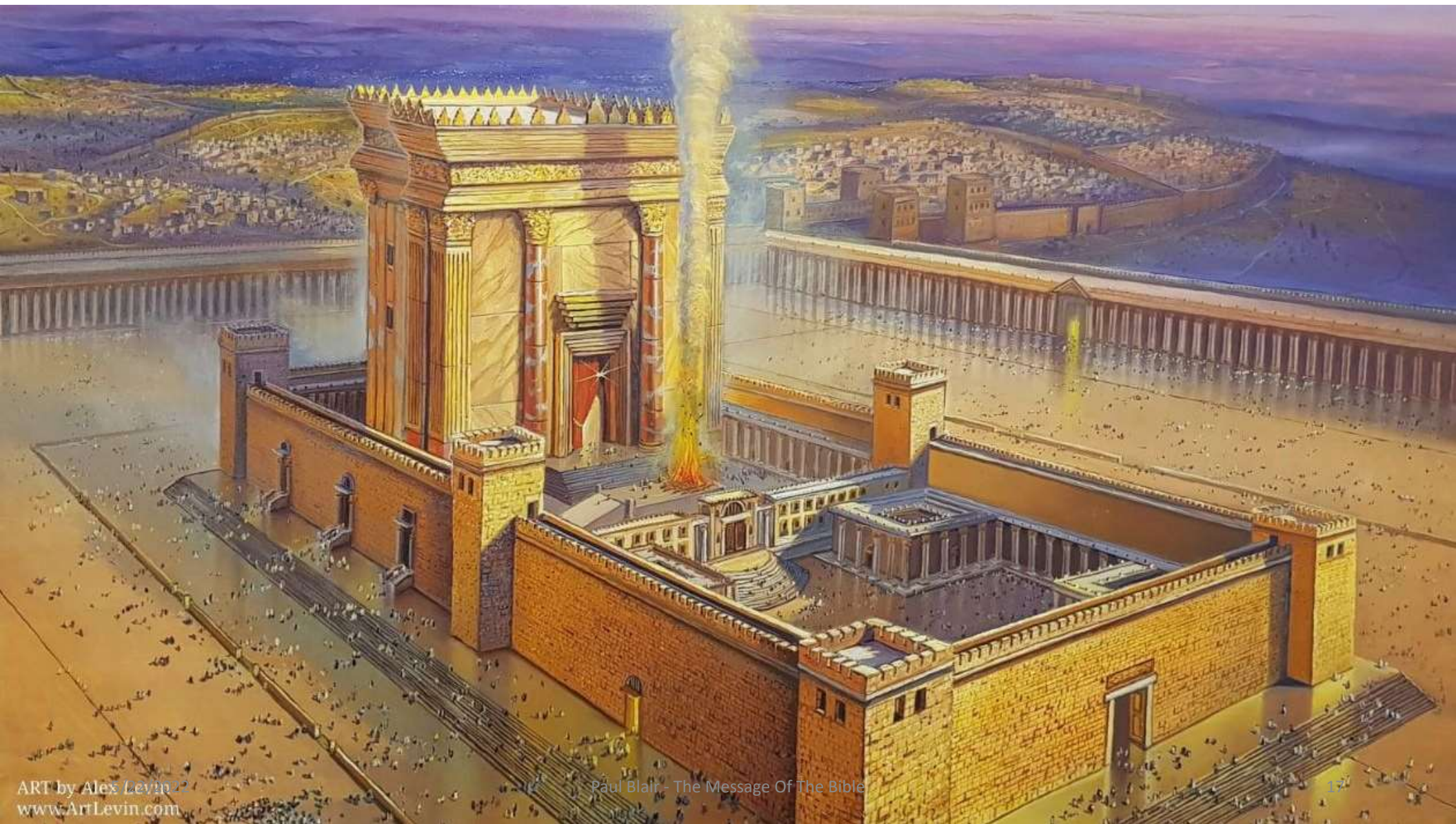


Pentecost

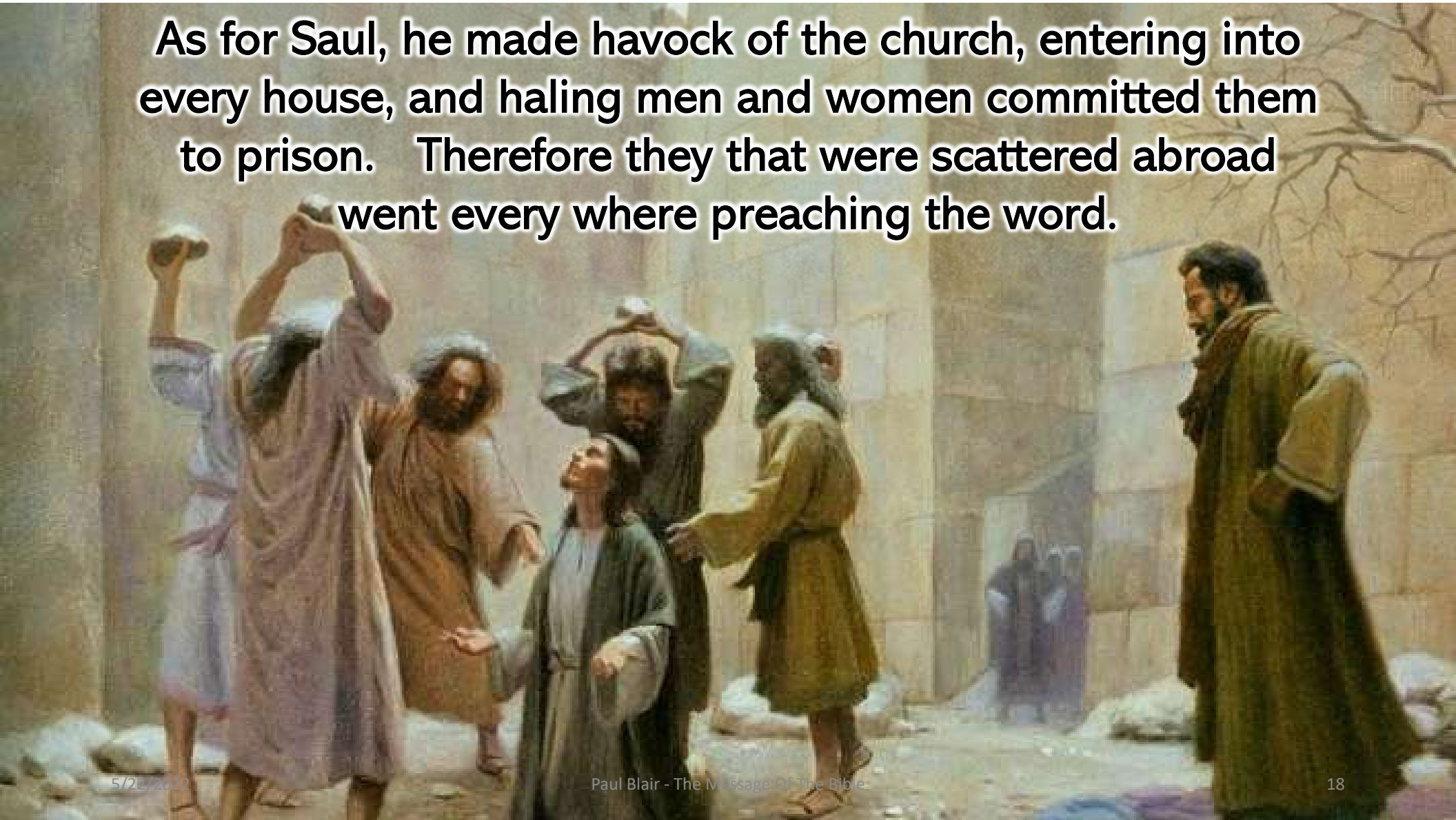
From Acts 2 – 8

The Church was 100% Jewish



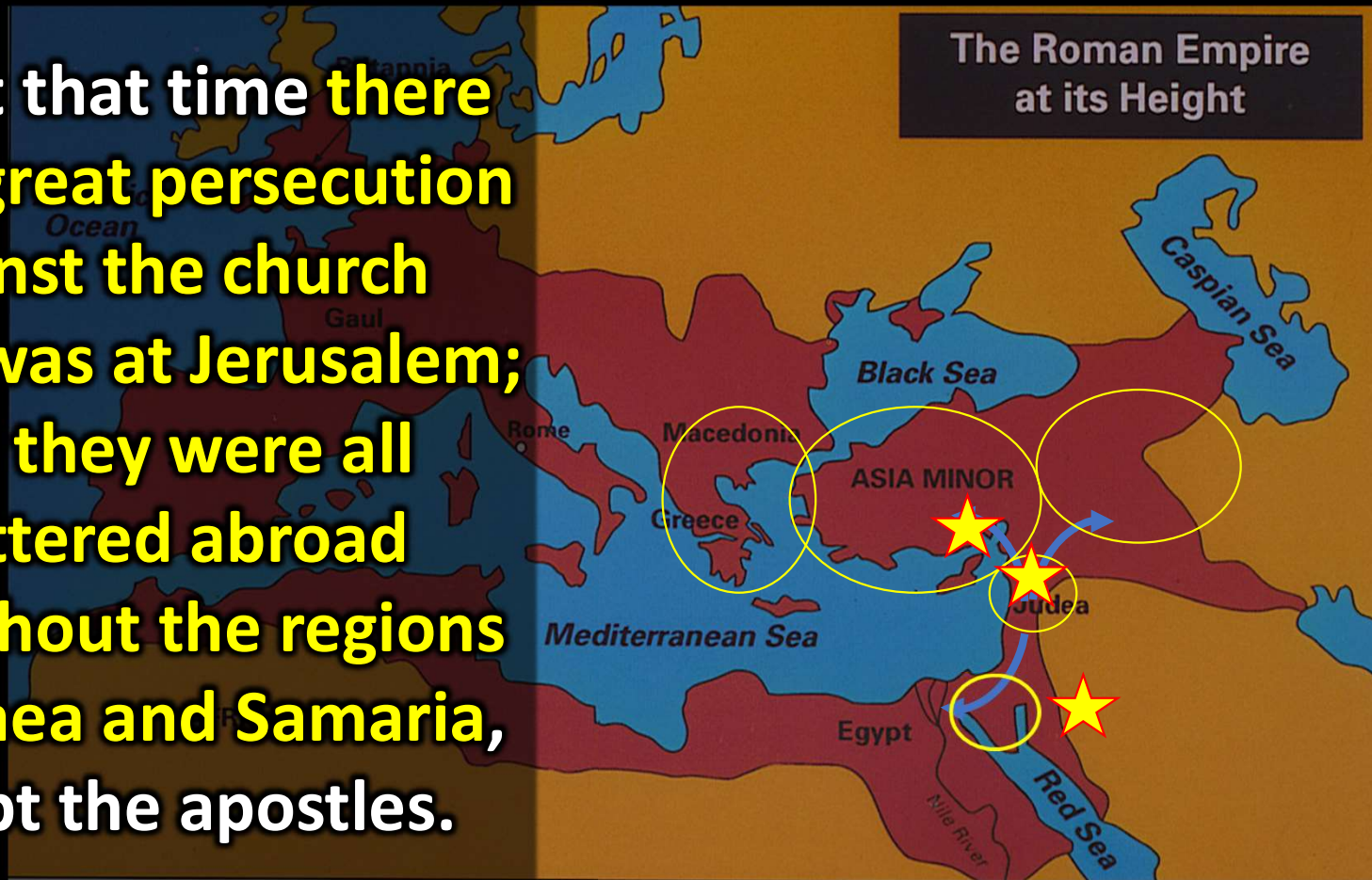


As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.



Acts 8:1-4

And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.





HERETICAL THREATS TO DOCTRINE & PRACTICE

- Gnosticism
- Stoicism
- Epicurianism
- Judaizers
- Hedonism
- Sexual Perversion
- Neglect of Widows & Orphans
- Pride
- Covetousness





- Help!
- What do we do?
- What is the answer?
- How should we respond?

Estimated Timeline of the New Testament

• Matthew	37 - 50 A.D.	• Philippians	60 – 62 A.D.
• James	45 A.D.	• Hebrews	62 – 64 A.D.
• Galatians	49 A.D.	• 1 Timothy	62 – 64 A.D.
• 1 Thessalonians	51 A.D.	• Titus	63/64 A.D.
• 2 Thessalonians	52 A.D.	• 1 Peter	64 A.D.
• Mark	55 A.D.	• Jude	67 A.D.
• 1 Corinthians	55 – 57 A.D.	• 2 Peter	67 A.D.
• 2 Corinthians	55 – 57 A.D.	• 2 Timothy	67 A.D.
• Romans	55 – 57 A.D.	• John	85 A.D.
• Luke	60 – 62 A.D.	• 1 John	90 A.D.
• Acts	62 – 63 A.D.	• 2 John	90 A.D.
• Ephesians	60 – 62 A.D.	• 3 John	90 A.D.
• Colossians	60 – 62 A.D.	• Revelation	95 A.D.
• Philemon	60 – 62 A.D.		

Credible Authors

- 14 written by Paul the Apostle
- 5 written by John the Apostle and Disciple of Jesus who lived to 100 AD
- 2 written by Peter the Apostle and Disciple of Jesus
- 1 written by Matthew the Disciple of Jesus
- 1 written by John Mark – the amanuenses of Peter
- 2 written by Dr. Luke – Paul's fellow traveler
- 1 written by James – the ½ brother of Jesus and pastor of Jerusalem
- 1 written by Jude – the ½ brother of Jesus

1. Salvation is not earned by works; it is God's gift received by trusting (faith) in the finished work of the Sacrifice and resurrection of the Lamb of God (Jesus of Nazareth).

- **Rom 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth*
- **1 Cor 15:1** *I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...(3-4), Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*

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- **Gal 2:16** *...man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
- **Eph 2:8-9** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
- **Phil 2:10-11** *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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- **Col 1:20** *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;*
- **1 Thess 4:14** *For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*
- **1 Tim 2:5-6** *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

2. Promise of the Resurrection

- **1 Thess 4:16-17** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*
- **1 Cor 15:13-14** *But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

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- **Rom 6:8** Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
- **Phil 3:21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
- **1 John 3:2** ...it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.



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- **1 Thess 4:3-9** *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.*

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- **1 Cor 3:16-17** *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*
- **1 Cor 6:9-11** *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

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- **1 Cor 6:15-20** *Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

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- **Heb 13:4** *Marriage is honorable in every respect; and, in particular, sex within marriage is pure. But God will indeed punish fornicators and adulterers. CJB*

4. Love your neighbor.

- **1 Cor 1:10** *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ... there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
- **Col 3:12-15** *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

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- **Eph 4:1-3** *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- **Eph 4:31-32** *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

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- **Phil 2:1-4** *If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (4:1-2) Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.*



Luke 10:27

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.