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Dear Student

This course has been written with a clear conviction that the greatest knowledge a person can have is a knowledge of God. The highest level of human thought centres on God: who He is, what He has done, is doing and will yet do.

The Bible brings this knowledge to us. God desires to communicate with us for our enlightenment and blessing. He has not, therefore, presented us with a book of puzzles for us to solve as best we can. The Bible has been written to clarify and inform, not to mystify and mislead. God clearly intends us to understand what has been written, for He wishes to make Himself and His purposes known to us.

Our God is engaged in an eternal work with important events taking place during the ages of time. Divine purposes move ever onwards. They can never be defeated, deferred or deflected. The eternal God is steering the course of the ages with unerring precision, in spite of the way things often seem. The Bible presents to us the unfolding of these purposes, with God working progressively through time towards His desired end.

This course has these great truths in mind. It will take you on a journey - perhaps the most important journey of your life. As you travel you will visit many places and meet many people. The journey is a long one for it covers the whole of time, from its beginning in Genesis to its conclusion in Revelation. But the most important feature is that you will be travelling with God, for this is a journey through His book, the Bible, from the past, up to the present and on into the future.

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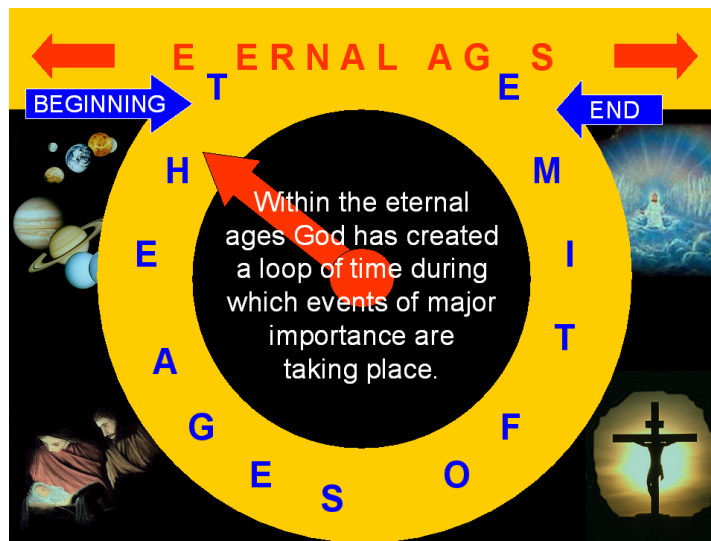
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# INTRODUCTION

GOD is eternal, “the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy” (Isaiah 57.15). He is timeless in His existence, limitless in His power, changeless in His character, boundless in His wisdom, faultless in His actions and ceaseless in His love. In His divine purpose God has designed the ages of time – a short but highly significant interlude in the ages of eternity – in order to extend the sphere of His glory and of His love through His Son.

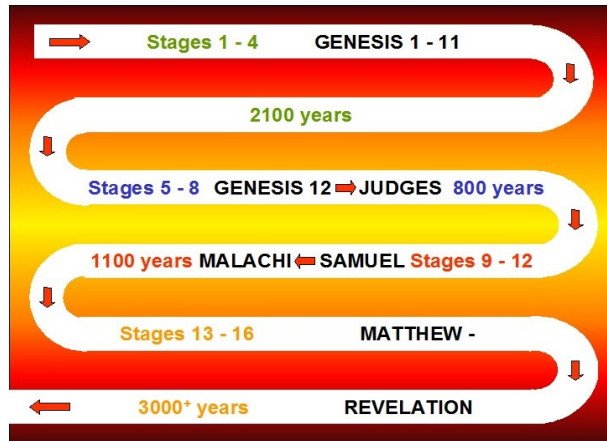


Our journey is divided into sixteen stages which mark important periods of time or points in time throughout the Bible. These stages are –

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. CREATION     | 9. CROWNINGS     |
| 2. CORRUPTION   | 10. CAPTIVITY    |
| 3. CONDEMNATION | 11. CONSTRUCTION |
| 4. CONFUSION    | 12. CONFLICT     |
| 5. COVENANT     | 13. CHRIST       |
| 6. CRUELTY      | 14. CHURCH       |
| 7. COMMANDMENTS | 15. CLIMAX       |
| 8. CONQUESTS    | 16. COMPLETION   |

The first twelve of these stages cover the Old Testament and the last four stages cover the New Testament.

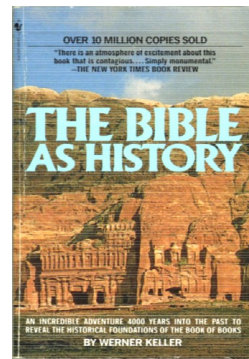
This chart shows the books of the Bible covered by these stages and the approximate time factors involved. The first half of Old Testament history is covered in only eleven chapters, but the second half takes up 918 chapters.



### THE BIBLE IS HISTORICALLY ACCURATE - the Past

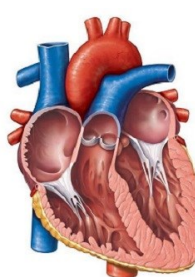
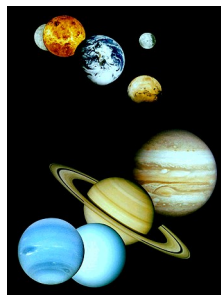
Numerous artefacts have been discovered which confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible. Werner Keller, in his book *"The Bible As History"*, writes –

*"In view of the overwhelming mass of authentic and well-attested evidence now available, as I thought of the sceptical criticism which from the 18th century onwards would have demolished the Bible altogether, there kept hammering on my brain this one sentence : 'The Bible is right after all' "*



### THE BIBLE IS SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE - the Present

The Bible provides us with the best and most satisfying explanation for the existence of the universe, the earth and life itself, especially the existence and behaviour of man.

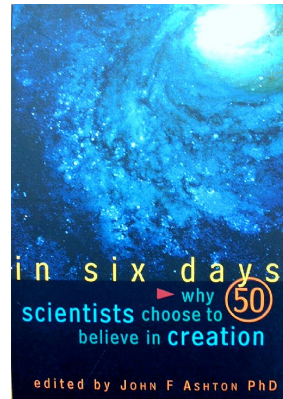


A biblical world-view provides answers to many of the questions being asked today. Scientific investigation increasingly shows that biblical creation is a viable alternative to evolutionary theory.



Many believe that evolutionary theory has dealt a death blow to the reliability of the Bible, but there is a growing number of highly educated scientists who have serious doubts about evolution and who believe the biblical account of Creation.

In this book, for example, fifty scientists explain their reasons for this choice. All the contributors have an earned doctorate from a State recognised university and include professors and researchers, geologists, zoologists, biologists, botanists, physicists, medical researchers, mathematicians, chemists, and engineers.



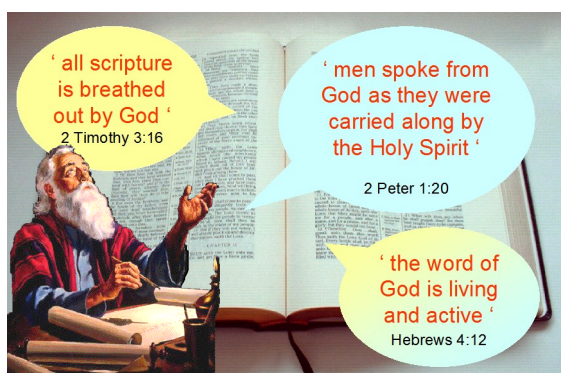
The editor writes, *"Having reviewed the discussions posed by these scientists, in the light of my own education and experience, I am convinced that a literal understanding of the Genesis account of creation is the most reasonable explanation out of all the current theories of how we came to be here."* John F. Ashton PhD

## THE BIBLE IS PROPHETICALLY ACCURATE - the Future

There are numerous prophecies and promises in the Bible, especially about Christ the Messiah, many of which have already been fulfilled and some await fulfilment. Here are just a few -

CHRIST TO BE ...	PROPHECY	FULFILMENT
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7.14	Matthew 1:22/23
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5.2	Matthew 2.4/5
Called out of Egypt	Hosea 11.1	Matthew 2.15
Anointed with the Spirit	Isaiah 11.2, 61.1	Math 3.16, John 3.34
Healer of the sick	Isaiah 53.4	Matthew 8.17
Hated without cause	Isaiah 49.7, Psa 69.4	John 15.24/25
Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41.9, 55.12-24	Math 26.21, Jhn 13.18
Given vinegar to drink	Psalms 69.21	Matthew 27.34
Buried with the rich	Isaiah 53.9	Matthew 27.57-60

Jesus said, **“all things must be fulfilled, written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me.”** Luke 24.44



The most important statements as to the authority of the Bible are those found within itself. The words of Scripture are the product of the breath of God which means, therefore, that the Bible is of divine origin. The men God

used to record His word were **“carried along”** (2 Peter 1.21) by the Holy Spirit, as a sailing ship is borne along by the wind. This does not mean that there was a mechanical transmission of Scripture which suppressed the writers’ own characters, but rather that the minds of the human authors were in willing and active co-operation with God. As a result the Bible is both accurate and authoritative.

A sound framework of biblical chronology is essential to a study of Old Testament Scripture. An ordered sequence of events, traceable throughout the Old Testament, provides a backbone to its history.

The timing of these events and their relationship to other events, biblical or secular, helps us to understand the flow and continuity of history. This chart provides us with a timeline, from the details given in Scripture, so that

we not only know what God has done but also when He has done it. The numerous time factors mentioned throughout Scripture are part of the inspired text and are therefore accurate and reliable.

The events of the Bible centre around the eastern Mediterranean. Ten of the stages took place in specific areas, mainly in the land of Israel, but the first and last three stages are worldwide in their effect.



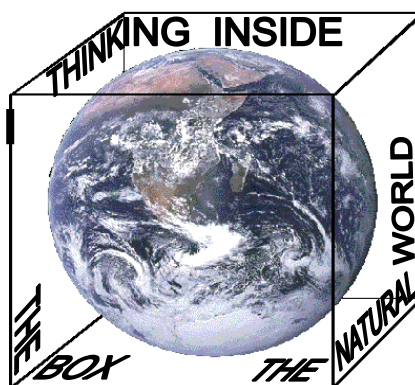


The land of Canaan (also called Palestine or Israel) is at the centre of biblical events and at the centre of the promises of God. This small stretch of land is of great importance in both history and prophecy .

### FOUNDATIONS for BELIEF

On our journey we will encounter both NATURAL and SUPERNATURAL events, and it is very important for us to understand the differences.

Evolutionary theory is firmly based on naturalism and the false assumption that everything in the universe can be explained through discoverable, natural laws. This makes belief in God unnecessary, which is what many would prefer.



Evolutionists see the universe as a self-determining and self-regulating natural system, so that all events and phenomenon are explained in terms of the factors within that system. The natural world, accessible to science, is all that there is - there is nothing outside. This is an unnecessarily restrictive belief: there is no sound reason for rejecting even the possibility of the existence of God.

It is an act of irrational faith to conclude that the supernatural realm does not exist simply because science cannot access it. Such self-imposed restrictions to our thinking seriously inhibit our access to the whole panorama of truth as revealed by God in Scripture. The Bible speaks of events that cannot be attributed to natural causes. God has performed many miracles, starting with creation itself. Satan also has the power to cause supernatural events to occur as witnessed by those who practice spiritism today. (see Exodus 7.11, 22; 8.7).

#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *Ready to Give an Answer* by David Reid  
*God's Word is Truth* by William MacDonald  
[www.christiananswers.net](http://www.christiananswers.net)

## INTRODUCTION - Test 1

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### **Choose the correct answer/statements**

1. Hosea 11.1 and Matthew 2.15 speak of Christ as being
  - a. betrayed by a friend
  - b. born in Bethlehem
  - c. called out of Egypt
2. The first half of Old Testament history
  - a. is covered by the first five books of the Bible
  - b. takes 918 chapters
  - c. is covered in only eleven chapters
3. The human authors of the Bible were '*carried along*' by the Spirit.  
This means that the writers
  - a. were in willing and active co-operation with God
  - b. had complete freedom to write what they wanted
  - c. own characters were suppressed
4. The first three and last three stages
  - a. centre around the Eastern Mediterranean
  - b. are not confined to any geographical location
  - c. take place in specific areas
5. To access the truth about God we
  - a. need a good knowledge of science
  - b. should not restrict ourselves to the 'box' of naturalism
  - c. reach our own conclusions without the Bible

### **Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:**

6. Many believe that evolutionary theory has dealt a death blow to the reliability of the Bible
7. The Bible is both accurate and authoritative
8. Biblical chronology is irrelevant to a study of Old Testament Scripture
9. Satan is not able to cause supernatural events to occur
10. The conclusion that the supernatural does not exist is an act of irrational faith

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

Why is a timeline of biblical events very useful?

## Stage 1

# CREATION

The biblical, creation account is an historical narrative which proceeds from the less complex to the more complex. It presents an ordered sequence of events which took place in close succession throughout the creation week and which culminated in the creation of man. God's progressive work in Genesis 1 can be likened to the work of a potter.



### **DAY 1 - EARTH PRODUCED - v1-5**

Universe created. Time, energy, space and matter brought into existence. Earth, water and light.

### **DAY 2 - EARTH PARTITIONED - v6 - 8**

God separated the waters by an expanse or sky.

### **DAY 3 - EARTH PREPARED - v9 -13**

God moulded the unformed earth resulting in sea, land and vegetation.

### **DAY 4 - EARTH PROGRAMMED - v14 - 19**

God created the sun, moon and stars to regulate life on earth.

**DAY 5 - EARTH POPULATED - v20-23.** God began to fill the earth with life in the sea and in the air .

**DAY 6 - EARTH POSSESSED - v24 - 31.** God created land animals and finally man, His masterpiece, as head over creation.

**DAY 7 - EARTH PERFECTED -** God's six day work completed.

There is no sound, biblical reason for introducing vast time intervals between the verses or between the days, or for regarding the days as of indefinite length. Interpretations like these do not come from the Bible itself but are often imposed on the biblical text in an attempt to harmonize the account with perceived, evolutionary demands.

A plain, straightforward reading of the creation account makes it clear that God worked in stages from start to finish. At the end of each of the first five days the creation remained incomplete; it did not reach its final, finished state until the end of the sixth day.

## The First Seven Words of Scripture

בראשית ברא אלהים את הסמים ואת הארץ

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"*

Evolutionary theory would seek to replace this statement with -

*"In the beginning nothing exploded into something  
which eventually became everything."*

But this raises more questions than it answers. How, in the natural, scientific sphere, could something be produced from nothing in the first place, and how could the complexity of life be attributed to numerous chance events over millions of years? Such a belief system must surely be regarded as unscientific, unbiblical and therefore totally implausible and completely unacceptable.

Every living creature has a story to tell about its Creator, and scientific discovery is continually adding more amazing detail to these stories which defy evolutionary theory time and time again.

The human brain, three pounds of the most complex material in the universe, is clearly the work of a highly intelligent Designer and could not possibly be regarded as the result of any evolutionary process, even over vast periods of time.



There are numerous examples of specialization in living things that could not have developed gradually but which needed to be fully formed and functional from the start to ensure the organism's survival. It is clearly evident that the earth is finely tuned for life. Everything that exists points continually to this conclusion - it is all meant to be here. A genuine searcher for truth, when confronted with all the evidence, will find the case for a Creator overwhelming.

Although relatively very small compared with the vast universe, the earth is central to God's purposes. Not only is man, God's masterpiece, here but God Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, came here, lived here, died here; returned to heaven from here and is coming back here.

On day six, when the earth was fully prepared and ready, God said,

*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness .... so God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them"* Genesis 1.26

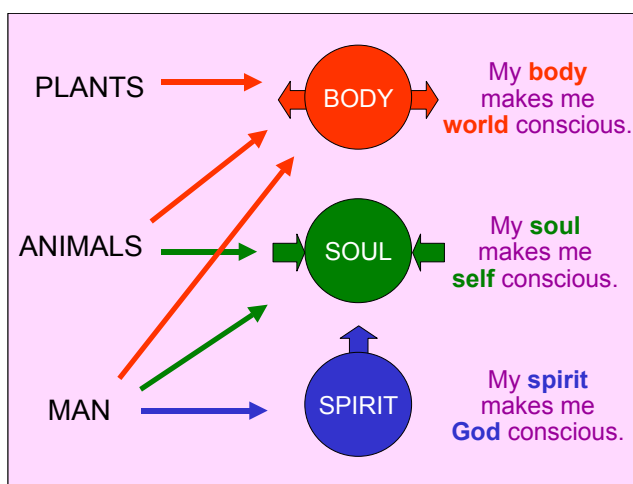
*"the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living soul."* Genesis 2.7

The word **"image"** means to shade, so that as a shadow represents its substance, so man represents God on earth. The word **"likeness"** refers to spiritual similarity. We too are eternal beings like God (1 Tim 1.17).

Plants, animals and Man have similarities in structure but they are essentially different in the way and purpose for which they were made. Plants were made for food (Genesis 1.29/30) and their life and death is not the same as that of animals. There is also a clear distinction between the life and death of animals and that of Man (Math 10.31), who is a complex being distinct from all other forms of life. He is made up of three parts - **BODY**, **SOUL** and **SPIRIT** (1 Thessalonians 5.23).

My body enables me to interact with the environment using my five senses. It is described as, **"the earthly tent we live in"** (2 Cor 5.1).

My soul is my unique self identity; it is the life force or factor and includes my emotions, thoughts and will. Man **"cannot kill the soul"** (Math 10.28), it lives on beyond the death of the body.



My spirit enables me to communicate with God and to confirm my relationship with Him as a Christian.

*"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God".*

Romans 8.16

The earth was thus **FOUNDED**, **FORMED**, **FILLED** and **FINISHED** in six days. This is confirmed in Exodus 20.8-11; 31.16/17, where the seventh day, the Sabbath day, is clearly a normal day of 24 hours and therefore, to be consistent, the other six days must be of the same duration.

It is very important to see that the New Testament confirms the accuracy of the Old Testament, for the two stand together. The Lord Jesus clearly regarded Adam, Eve, Abel and Noah as genuine historical characters and the events connected with creation, Satan's deception and the flood as being as historically accurate as any other Old Testament narrative. The One who spoke about these events which took place at the beginning was actually there Himself, not simply as a witness, but as the active Creator (John 1.3; Colossians 1.16), and therefore He would only give support to a record of any of those events if it was accurate and authoritative. These numerous references provide conclusive evidence as to the authenticity and historical accuracy of these Genesis narratives, establishing that they are a true record of real places, real people and real events. Check through the following references for yourself.

### Creation in 6 days.

DAY 1 - Light and darkness divided  
 DAY 2 - Waters divided by the sky  
 DAY 3 - Sea, land and vegetation  
 DAY 4 - Lights in the heavens  
 DAY 5 - Life in the sea and sky  
 DAY 6 - Life on land including Man  
 DAY 7 - Rest through completion

*"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished"* Genesis 2:1  
*"In six days the Lord made heaven and earth"*  
 Exodus 20:11, 31:17

Matthew 19.4-6; 23.35; 24.37-39.

Mark 10.6-9; 13.19.

Luke 3.34-38; 11.51; 17.26/27.

John 1.1-3; 8.44.

Acts 14.15; 17.24;

Romans 1.20; 4.17; 5.12-19; 8.20-22.

1 Corinthians 6.16; 11.3,7,8,9;

15.21-22, 38-39, 45,47.

Colossians 1.16; 3.10.

1 Timothy 2.13-14; 4.4.

Hebrews 1.10; 2.7-8; 4.3,4,10;

11.3,4,5,7; 12.24.

James 3.9;

1 Peter 3.20. 2 Peter 2.5; 3.4-6;

1 John 3.8,12.

Jude 11,14.

### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *In the Beginning* by Colin Lancashire

*Names of God* by Mary King

*The Genesis Record* by Henry M. Morris

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[www.creationresearch.net](http://www.creationresearch.net)

[www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)



## Stage 2

# CORRUPTION

The results of sin in God's world are summarized in Romans 5.12.

### 1. SIN'S ENTRANCE - *"Through one man sin entered into the world*

Sin did not originate on earth. It came from an outside source and entered the world in its full force through one man.

### 2. SIN'S EFFECT - *... and death through sin,*

Its results were certain – *"dying you shall die"* (Genesis 2.17).

On the day Adam sinned the sure sentence of death was passed. Genesis chapter 5 records the carrying out of this sentence.



### 3. SIN'S EXTENT - *and so death passed to all men for all have sinned."*

It was not confined to Adam and Eve, for the sin of the first man caused the second man to murder the third man.

Sin originated with Satan – the sin of pride (1 Timothy 3.6). This high-ranking but created being, in an act of almost unbelievable foolishness, dared to challenge his Creator. Having been cast down he brought sin into the world in order to ruin man. Thus two of God's creatures, each supreme in his own realm, rebelled against God (Isaiah 14.12-15)

God said to Satan,

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

Genesis 3.15

The Bible records Satan's persistent attempts throughout time to oppose the purposes of God and the people of God. The devil was defeated at Calvary (Hebrews 2.14) but his eternal sentence will not be put into effect until the end of time (Revelation 20.10).

(Read 1 Chronicles 21.1; Job 2.7; Zechariah 3.1; Matthew 13.39; 16.23; Mark 4.15; Luke 22.3; 1 Thessalonians 2.18; 1 Peter 5.8)

Sin has also had a devastating effect on the natural world for,

*“the whole creation has been groaning together in  
the pains of childbirth until now ”* Romans 8.22

God judged the whole of creation when its head, Adam, sinned. Creation is now restricted and awaits its freedom to fully function according to the original, intended purposes of God. Nature will not always be as it is today. When Christ returns to reign He will recover the earth for God and the natural realm will realize its full potential. (eg Isaiah 11.6-9; 65.25)

We need to understand the true cause of suffering, disease and death and of the numerous undesirable aspects of God's otherwise beautiful creation. Many conclude that God must either be non-existent or very cruel for such



conditions to exist. Some believe they are the natural by-products of an evolutionary process that is moving towards the eradication of all forms of evil.

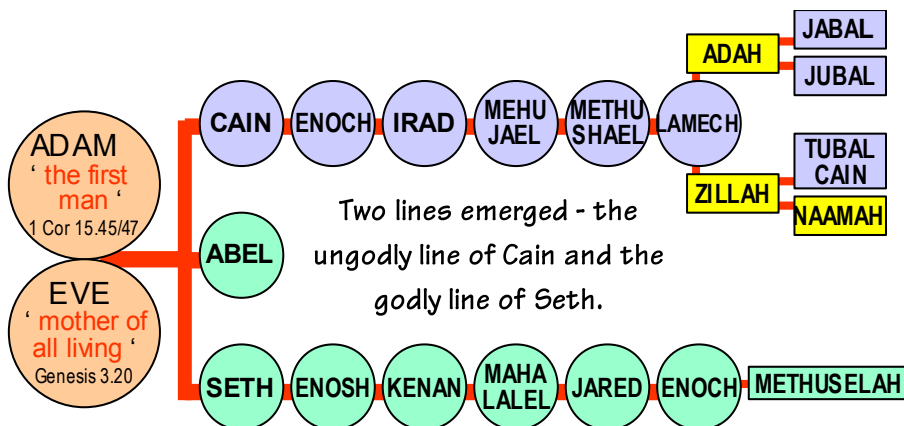


The Bible, however, teaches that we live in a fallen, cursed world in which death is an enemy (1 Corinthians 15.26). It was not part of God's original creation for that was pronounced as *“very good”* (Genesis 1.31). God allows the world to continue

with the beauty of creation, as produced by God, and the results of sin, as introduced by man, evident everywhere. We live in two worlds.

God's answer to the problems brought in by the first man Adam has been to bring in a *“second Man ”* (1 Corinthians 15.47), Jesus Christ His Son, Who won a mighty victory at Calvary over Satan, sin and death. Through Christ alone God will retrieve all that was lost through Adam and will gain much more beside.

*“as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”* 1 Corinthians 15.22



After the birth of Seth's son Enosh (235 A.H.), there was a spiritual revival for, *"people began to call upon the name of the Lord"*. Genesis 4.26

The question is often asked as to where Cain and his brothers got their wives. Note that Adam and Eve had plenty of time to produce a large family.

*"all the days that Adam lived were 930 years ... and he had other sons and daughters"* Genesis 5.4/5

The Jewish historian, Josephus, wrote, *"The number of Adam's children, as says the old tradition, was thirty-three sons and twenty-three daughters."*

Every person inherits a set of genes from his/her mother and father which contains many mistakes or mutations. The more closely related two people are, the more likely it is that they will have similar mistakes in their genes which could pair together in any offspring and so result in defects.



By the time of Moses (about 2,700 years later), degenerative mistakes would have accumulated to such an extent in the human race that it was necessary for God to bring in laws restricting sexual relationships to keep Israel distinct from other nations (see Leviticus 18). But, being the first human pair, Adam and Eve were able to pass on perfect genetical information to their children. Brother and sister could then have married without any potential to produce defective offspring. Cain and his brothers could, therefore, marry their sisters or nieces.

### A Chronology from Adam to the Flood

	Year AH	Son born	Death	Year
Adam	0	130	930	930
Seth	130	105	912	1042
Enosh	235	90	905	1140
Cainan	325	70	910	1235
Mahalalel	395	65	895	1290
Jared	460	162	962	1422
Enoch	622	65	365	987
Methuselah	687	187	969	1656
Lamech	874	182	777	1651
Noah	1056	502	950	2006
Shem	1558	100	600	2158
[ Abraham born 2008 AH ]				
[ Sarah died 2145 AH – Isaac was 37 ]				

There is no sound reason to suppose that this genealogy from Genesis 5 has gaps in it. The precise way in which it has been recorded indicates its unbroken continuity.

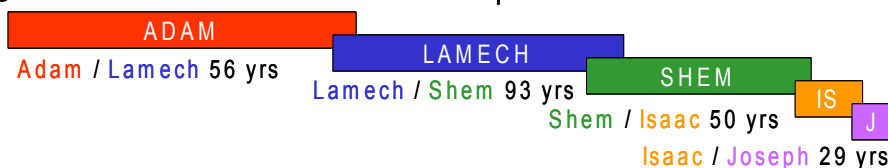
eg. *“When Seth had lived for 105 years he fathered Enosh. Seth lived after he had fathered Enosh for 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.”*

Genesis 5.6-8

How could God convey to us that Genesis 5 is an unbroken, continuous chronology? Surely in

exactly the way He has done here, so the onus is firmly on those who believe otherwise to explain why God has given us the distinct impression that this is a gapless, family tree, if in truth it is not! To confirm the accuracy of the above details, we note that the genealogies of 1 Chronicles 1.1 and Luke 3.36/37 are in full agreement and that Jude 14 confirms Enoch was indeed the *“seventh from Adam”*.

The chart shows that Noah died two years before Abraham was born and that Shem died after Sarah died when Isaac was 37. This huge overlap would have made it easy for oral as well as written details of the creation, the flood and many other events to be passed on to successive generations. The lives of five men overlap to cover the whole of Genesis.



### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Course - *Start of the Race* - *Studies in Genesis* by R.E. Harlow

[www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org)

[www.csm.org.uk](http://www.csm.org.uk)

[www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org)

[www.creationresearch.net](http://www.creationresearch.net)

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## CREATION & CORRUPTION - Test 2 (Stages 1 & 2)

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

**Choose the correct answer/statement.**

1. In Genesis 1.9 - 13 we see
  - a. the Earth Programmed
  - b. the Earth Prepared
  - c. the Earth Populated
2. There is no sound Biblical reason for
  - a. introducing vast time intervals between the verses or between the days
  - b. regarding the days as of indefinite length
  - c. both the above
3. Which of the following statements is **incorrect**?
  - a. God created man in His own image
  - b. Man is an eternal being
  - c. Man is made up of two parts, body and soul
4. Sin, disease and death in the world
  - a. show that God is either non-existent or very cruel
  - b. are by-products of an evolutionary process, which is moving towards the eradication of evil
  - c. are the results of sin.
5. Which of the following statements is **incorrect**?
  - a. The lives of five men overlap to cover the whole of Genesis
  - b. Sarah died when Isaac was 27 years of age.
  - c. Noah died two years before Abraham was born

**Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:**

6. The earth is central to God's purposes
7. The Lord Jesus never referred to the early chapters of Genesis.
8. Nature will always be as it is today.
9. After the birth of Enosh, *'people began to call on the Name of the Lord'*.
10. Through Christ God will retrieve all that was lost through Adam.

### WHAT DO YOU SAY?

How would you explain the three-part being of man?

## Stage 3

# CONDEMNATION

### 1. THE FAILURE GOD SAW or The Generation Noah Faced

*"giants were on the earth in those days ... when the sons of God came into the daughters of men ... the wickedness of man was great on the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."*

Genesis 6.4/5

The *"sons of God"* may well have been men possessed and controlled by evil spirits (fallen angels - 2 Peter 2.4) as in New Testament times. (eg Luke 7.21; 8.2,29; 9.42; Acts 19.16; Rev 16.13)

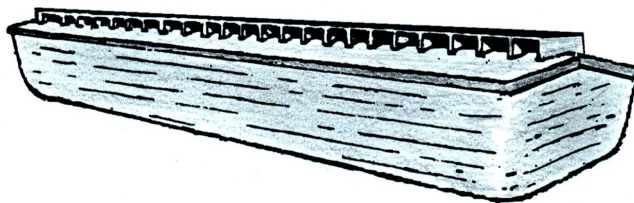
Noah and his family lived in the most dangerous times in human history so far. Satan launched an all-out attack in an attempt to take control of the human race and thus annul the promise of God made in Genesis 3.15. But God prevented Satan from taking the last eight persons.

### 2. THE FAMILY GOD SAVED or The Grace Noah Found

*"Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house"* Hebrews 11.7

*"God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved."* 1 Peter 3.20

Probably at least ten people worked on the ark but only eight were still living when the flood came. Lamech, Noah's father, died four years before the flood came and significantly Methuselah, Noah's grandfather, died in the year of the flood; a testimony to the longsuffering grace of God.



The ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high (half the length of the *Titanic* and 17 feet narrower). It had an 18 inch skylight above the roof to allow air and light to enter. It was designed to float and to remain upright in very severe conditions.



Its three floors covered over 100,000 square feet (1.3 football pitches) with space for the equivalent of 125,000 sheep (or 432 double-decker buses) and a cargo capacity of 15,000 tons. It had numerous 'nests' or 'cells' to house the animals. A larger vessel, the *Great Eastern*, was not built until 1858, over 4,200 years later, and that had an iron hull.

### 3. THE FLOOD GOD SENT or The God Noah Feared.

*"every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground ... Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark."*

Genesis 7.23

Jesus said, *"Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all."*

Luke 17.27

Events associated with the flood were natural and supernatural. God did not just simply allow it to happen - He caused it to happen.

The flood was sent to,

1. terminate Satan's evil plan;
2. show the seriousness of man's sin;
3. show the certainty of God's judgement.

### EXTRA-BIBLICAL PROOFS OF THE FLOOD

#### 1. Ancient Civilisations

Flood traditions from all parts of the world tell of gods, a flood and a floating object which saved people from death. The descendants of Noah would have passed on details of the flood as well as the details they had received about the creation of the world. As tribes and families spread across the world the story of the flood would have changed over time, with local heroes and beliefs being mixed with the true account of the flood. It is evident however, that these numerous accounts have a common origin, and this points once again to the historical accuracy of the word of God - *"The Bible is right after all."*

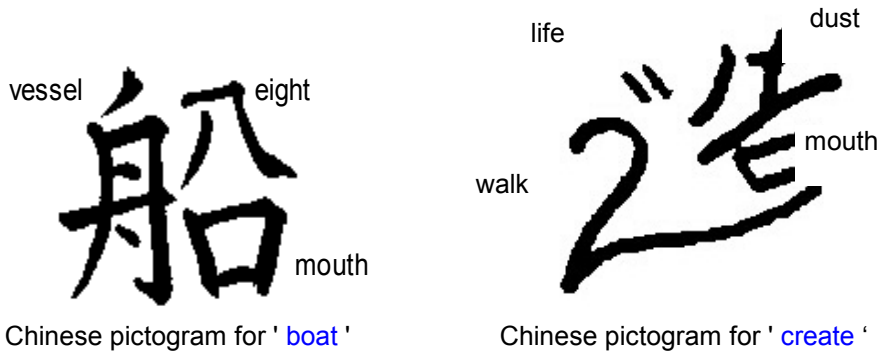


Babylonia

Aztecs of South America

Fiji Islands

The Chinese people developed pictograms, which were combined to form words. These symbols indicate that the early Chinese had a knowledge of creation and of the flood, which they built into their own language.



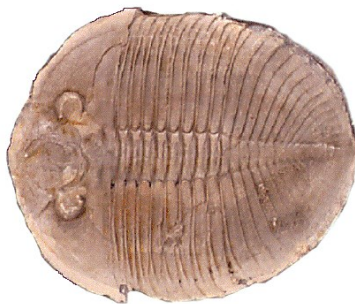
## 2. Sedimentary Rock

Three quarters of land surface is covered by rock laid down by water, such as sandstone, limestone, shale and conglomerates which are mixtures containing sand, gravel, pebbles and rocks



cemented together. The world-wide flood in Noah's day provides us with a sound explanation for such massive, widespread deposits.

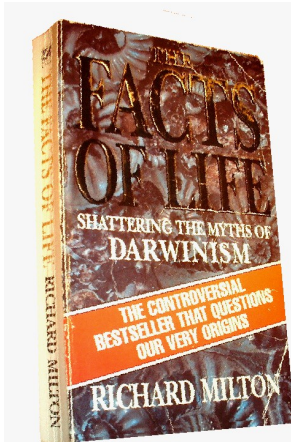
## 3. Fossils



trilobite fossil

Fossils are remains of creatures preserved from the past. All over the world sedimentary rock forms graveyards for millions of fossilized creatures, many showing signs of sudden death. To be preserved these would require rapid burial by vast amounts of water-borne sediment.

Extracts from  
*The Facts of Life*  
by Richard Milton



Northern Scotland - *"In an area 100 miles across, the Old Red Sandstone contains the fossils of billions of fish, contorted and contracted as though in convulsion and resulting apparently from some catastrophic event."*

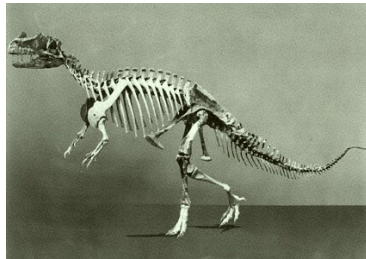
Siwalik Hills, India - *"contain extraordinarily rich beds crammed with fossils: hundreds of feet of sediment, packed with the jumbled bones of scores of extinct species ... these animals must have been killed by some singular event over a relatively short space of time."*

Lake Ontario, Canada - *"whale fossils have also been found 440 ft above sea level."*

Burma - *"deposits ... containing mastodon, hippopotamus and ox ... thousands of fossilized tree trunks scattered in sandstone sediments."*

New Mexico - *"there were literally scores of skeletons on top of one another ... they all died together and were buried together."*

Wyoming - *"a veritable mine of dinosaur bones."*



Belgium - *"the fossil boneyard was evidently one of gigantic proportions, especially notable because of its vertical extension through more than a hundred feet of rock."*

Milton adds, *"these examples can be multiplied almost endlessly."*

Whatever explanation evolutionists give for these deposits, the fact remains that they fit very well indeed with the biblical explanation and are just what would have been produced by a worldwide flood.

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*God's Promise To The Chinese* by E.R.Nelson, R.E.Broadberry & G.T.Chock

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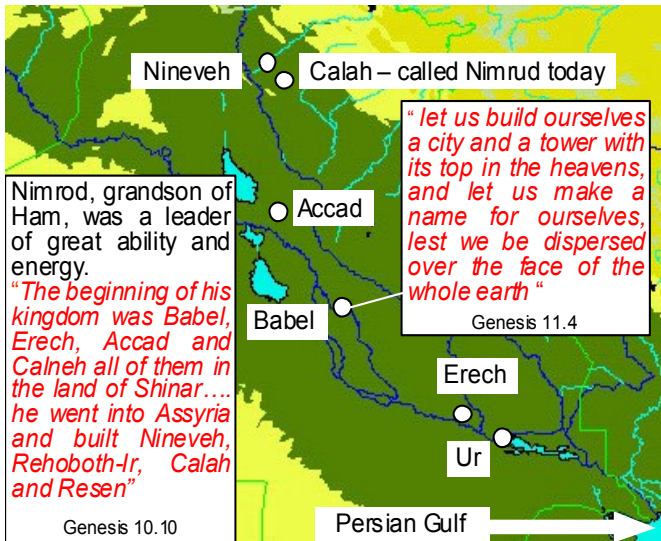
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## Stage 4

# CONFUSION

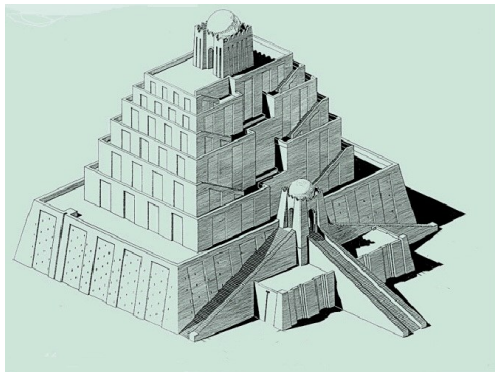
### 1. THE PLAN DETERMINED The Tower



Although sinful people were removed at the time of the flood, sin still remained. Man once again asserted himself against God. This rebellion seems to have been led by Nimrod, who built the first post-flood cities.

The tower they began to build was not a primitive, scientifically naive effort to reach the highest heavens. Rather it was an enterprise, dominated by human pride and self-will, to ignore God who had commanded man to

*"be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"* Genesis 9:1



The top compartment of this huge tower was intended, like the later Mesopotamian ziggurats, to represent heaven and to house man-made gods. Satan almost succeeded in completely dominating mankind again, as he had done at the fall of Adam and Eve and as he had almost done before the Flood. But God moved swiftly and this highly complex building project, involving the entire human race, was brought to an end through the introduction of multiple languages.

## 2. THE PROJECT DISRUPTED The Tongues

*"let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech "* Genesis 11.7

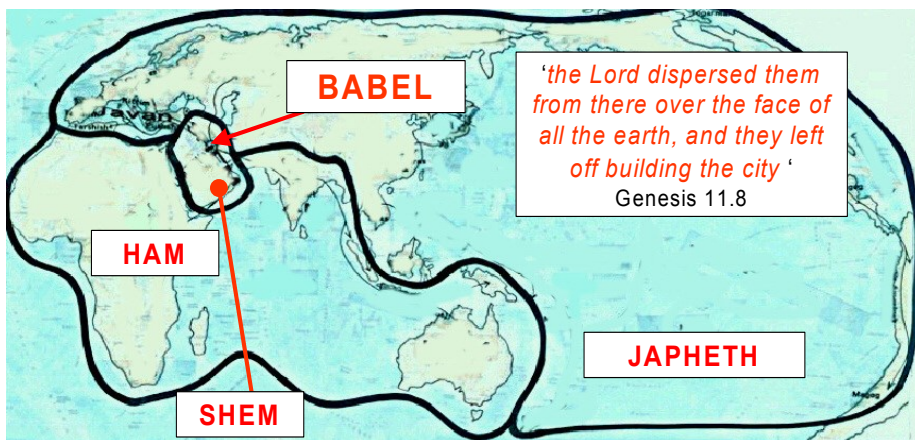
Before Babel everyone spoke the same language (Genesis 11.1). Only a relatively small number of new languages would have been introduced with estimates generally between 8 and 20; 12 or 13 being common. Each of these has subsequently diversified considerably.

Today, the similarity between the words for "mother", for example, indicate developments from a common source.

English	German	Danish	Latin	Spanish	Italian	French	Greek
Mother	Mutter	Mor	Mater	Madre	Madre	Mère	Metera

*"The evidence is wonderfully consistent with the notion that a small number of languages, separately created at Babel, has diversified into the huge variety of languages we have today."* Creation, Vol 22 (1) (1999)

## 3. THE PEOPLE DISPERSED The Table



The dispersal probably took place during the lifetime of Peleg, for *"in his days the earth was divided"* (Genesis 10.25 - some believe this verse refers to the breaking up of the land mass). Peleg was the sixth generation from Noah and was born 100 years after the flood. Noah had three sons and sixteen grandsons. Assuming a similar birth rate and a similar ratio of sons and daughters, the population at the dispersal, would have been at least 1000 and possibly as many as 12,000.



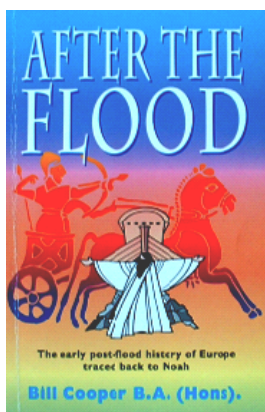
The dividing of the people at Babel was along family or tribal lines (Genesis 10), so that children would be born to closely related couples for many generations. Distinctive characteristics, such as hair texture, facial features, skin colour and temperament, would thus develop from smaller genetic pools and also as a result of environmental factors. At creation, God built into the genetic code of every living organism the capacity for wide variation, but within limits.

The Bible divides mankind according to **clans, languages, lands** and **nations** (Genesis 10), but never into "races"; a term which has evolutionary overtones. In the past, evolutionary ideas led to Aborigines being considered as links between ape-like ancestors and man (*New York Tribune* 10 Feb 1924) and an African pygmy being displayed in a zoo along with an orang-utan. (*Creation* Vol 16(1) 1993).

Stephen J. Gould, a leading evolutionist, states, *"Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1850, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of evolutionary theory."*

Gould S.J. *Ontogeny and Phylogeny*, 1977

Although these ideas are no longer accepted by evolutionists they illustrate how wrong conclusions can be reached by building on a wrong foundation.



“ In this book the author gives astonishing evidence showing how the earliest Europeans recorded their descent from Noah and Japheth in meticulously kept records, knew all about creation and the flood, and had encounters with creatures we would call dinosaurs. These records lend chapters 10 and 11 of Genesis a degree of accuracy that sets them apart from all other historical documents of the ancient world.” (Book Cover)

*“The Bible is right after all “*



### A Chronology from the Flood to the Exodus

Again, as in Genesis 5, there is no good reason to assume that there are gaps in this chronology. The way in which it is recorded is clearly intended to safeguard against such a conclusion.

eg. *“when Nahor had lived for 29 years, he fathered Terah. And Nahor lived after he fathered Terah for 119 years and had other sons and daughters”*

Genesis 11.24

	Born	Son	Lived	Died
Arphaxad	1658	35	438	2096
Salah	1693	30	433	2126
Eber	1723	34	464	2187
Peleg	1757	30	239	1996
Reu	1787	32	239	2026
Serug	1819	30	230	2049
Nahor	1849	29	148	1997
Terah	1878	130	205	2083
Abraham	2008	100	175	2183
Isaac	2108	60	180	2288
Jacob	2168	91	147	2315
Joseph	2259	-	110	2369
Egypt	2298			
Moses	2428	-	120	2548
Exodus	2508			

The average length of life before the flood was 912 years. After the flood this dropped dramatically to around 400 years, then 200 years. The average life span of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph was 153 years. This decrease can be attributed to environmental and genetical changes brought about as a result of the worldwide flood and the dispersal of the people from Babel.

The line of Shem shown in the above chart is confirmed in 1 Chronicles 1.24 and Luke 3, except that the latter includes Cainan as a son of Arphaxad. Terah was 70 years old when his first son was born but 130 years old when Abram was born (comp Acts 7.4; Genesis 11.32,12.4). The first son named in a sequence of names is not necessarily the eldest.

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## **CONDEMNATION & CONFUSION- Test 3 (Stages 3 & 4)**

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### ***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. The flood was sent to
  - a. terminate Satan's evil plan
  - b. show the seriousness of man's sin
  - c. show the certainty of God's judgement
  - d. all the above
2. The ark
  - a. is not mentioned in the New Testament
  - b. was designed to float and remain upright in severe conditions
  - c. was larger than the famous *Great Eastern*
3. The building of the tower of Babel was
  - a. in obedience to God's command
  - b. man asserting himself against God
  - c. a naïve effort to reach the highest heavens
4. Man's project was disrupted by God
  - a. confusing their language
  - b. dividing the earth
  - c. sending a famine
5. Which of the following is correct?
  - a. Probably about 8 to 20 new languages arose at Babel.
  - b. The average lifespan of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph was 150 years.
  - c. Terah was 70 when Abraham was born.

### ***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. The world-wide flood could not account for the widespread deposits of sedimentary rock across the world.
7. Fossil deposits found all over the world are just what would have been produced by a world-wide flood. .
8. Noah had three sons and sixteen grandsons.
9. The population at the dispersal must have been less than 1000.
10. At creation, God built into the genetic code of every living organism the capacity for wide variation, but within limits.

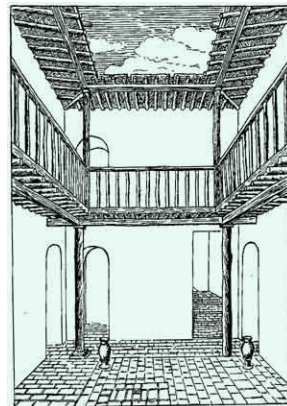
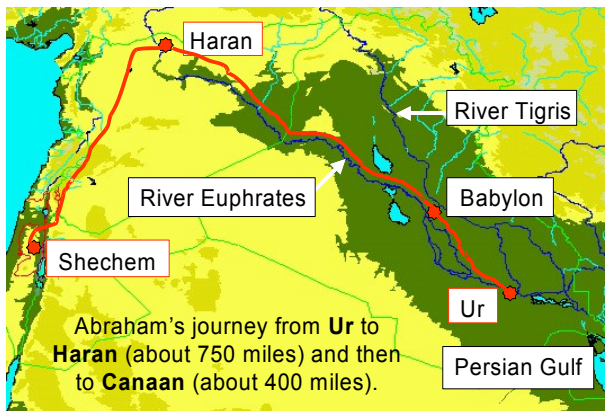
### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

Give an example of an extra-Biblical proof of the flood.

## Stage 5

# COVENANT

**ABRAHAM** was born in 2008 A.H. and he lived for 175 years.  
His life highlights **God's Call and Promise**  
(Genesis chapters 11 to 25).



Archaeologists have discovered that Ur of the Chaldees, the city in which Abraham lived, was an advanced society.

*"how well its citizens lived, and in what spacious homes ... large two-storied villas with thirteen or fourteen rooms ..walls neatly coated with plaster and whitewashed".*

But something happened in the experience of Abraham which changed his life forever -

*"The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia ... and said to him, go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you".* Acts 7.2

*"By faith Abraham ...obeyed, not knowing where he was going."* Hebrews 11.8

God made an unconditional promise to Abraham.

*" I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Genesis 12.2/3

The major events in his life include the three visitors to his tent (18.1), the birth of Isaac (21.1-3) and the call to sacrifice him (22.1).

In all these experiences -

*"Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness, and he was called a friend of God."*

James 2.23; Genesis 15.3

Faith is the great principle that pleases God (Hebrews 11.6). It involves taking God at His word in total dependence on Him. Abraham was justified (made righteous) by his faith and then by his works. His belief determined his behaviour. His behaviour confirmed his belief.



**ISAAC** was born in 2108 AH. and he lived for 180 years.

His life emphasizes **God's Choice and Provision**

(Genesis chapters 21 to 35).

**1. HIS BIRTH** - *"in Isaac shall your seed be called"* Genesis 21.12

Isaac was the promised son, and through him the promised blessings of God continued. He was not born first but, as seen in other instances, he inherited all the rights of the firstborn. (See Romans 9.7; Hebrews 11.18)

**2. HIS BRIDE** - *"Isaac ... took Rebekah and she became his wife"* Genesis 24.67

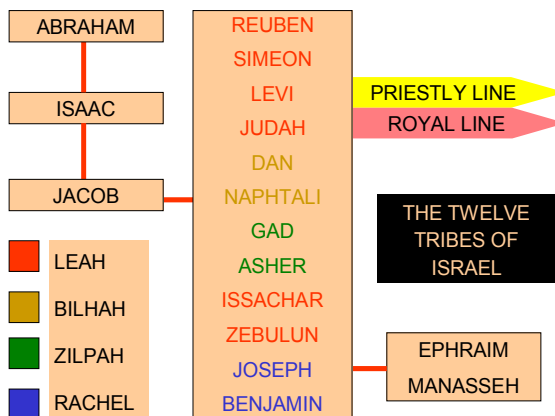
Abraham's servant was clearly guided by God to the right place and to the right person in his choice of a bride for Isaac.

**3. HIS BLESSING** - *"Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him"* Genesis 26.12

This happened as a result of Isaac staying in the land in spite of a famine. God's unconditional promise made to Abraham was also confirmed to Isaac (Genesis 26.24), who *"by faith ... blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come."* Hebrews 11.20

**JACOB** was born in 2168 AH. and he lived for 147 years.  
His life demonstrates **God's Care and Protection**  
(Genesis chapters 25 to 49).

Jacob was a twister by nature, but at Bethel he met God (Genesis 28.13-15) and his life and character began to change completely. As he progressed in the school of God, Jacob the deceiver became Israel, a prince with God. God did not require Jacob's deceit (Genesis 27.19) for the fulfilment of His promise. In ways hard to understand, divine purpose both incorporates and over-rides human failure. The covenant promises God made to Abraham and Isaac were confirmed to Jacob .



From Jacob's twelve sons came the twelve tribes of Israel. The characteristics of these sons can be traced in the tribes as prophesied in the utterances of Jacob (Gen 49). Although his natural sight had diminished (Gen 48.10) his spiritual vision was clear.

*"by faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped on the top of his staff." Hebrews 11.21*

**JOSEPH** was born in 2259 AH. and he lived for 110 years.  
His life clearly shows **God's Control and Purpose**  
(Genesis chapters 30 to 50).

*"the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt but God was with him and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and all his household " Acts 7.9*

### 1. DREAMER

The course of Joseph's life was marked out by three pairs of dreams. Joseph himself had the first two significant dreams in which his family bowed down before him. This caused his brothers to hate him and when the opportunity arose they sold him as a slave and he was taken to Egypt.

### 2. PRISONER

While working for Potiphar, the captain of the king's guard, Joseph was falsely accused of immorality and put into prison. There he met two men who both had dreams which Joseph was enabled to interpret. Pharaoh himself had two dreams and their meanings, which God again revealed to Joseph, concerned the years of plenty and of famine.



### 3. RULER

It was in this high position over Egypt that Joseph's own dreams, as a boy of seventeen, came to pass. The king made him second in command over Egypt so that he could make preparation for the seven years of famine.

Joseph accepted his circumstances because he recognized that God was not only working behind the scenes but also out on the open stage determining and controlling the course of history.

When his brothers asked for forgiveness Joseph said,

*“ you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good ”* Genesis 50.20.

*“ By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. ”* Hebrew 11.22

Some of the clearest pictures of the Lord Jesus can be seen in the life of Joseph. He came from the Father into a world where He was despised and rejected. But God has appointed the day in which He will reign in righteous, with Israel and the nations bowing to His authority.

### FURTHER READING and STUDY

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*Survey of the Bible* (Old Testament Law & History) by J. Catron



## Stage 6

# CRUELTY



The Egyptians responded to this seeming threat.

*'they made their lives bitter with hard bondage'*  
Exodus 1.14

### 1. GOD DEVELOPED HIS MAN - The Promise (Exodus 2 - 4)

Moses' life of 120 years was divided into three lots of 40.

(a) **LEARNING** in Egypt. After his divine preservation at the age of three months, he was brought up amid Egyptian royalty - *"instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds."*

(b) **LIVING** in Midian. In a moment of anger he killed an Egyptian for his cruelty to an Israelite slave, and then for safety, *"he fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons."*

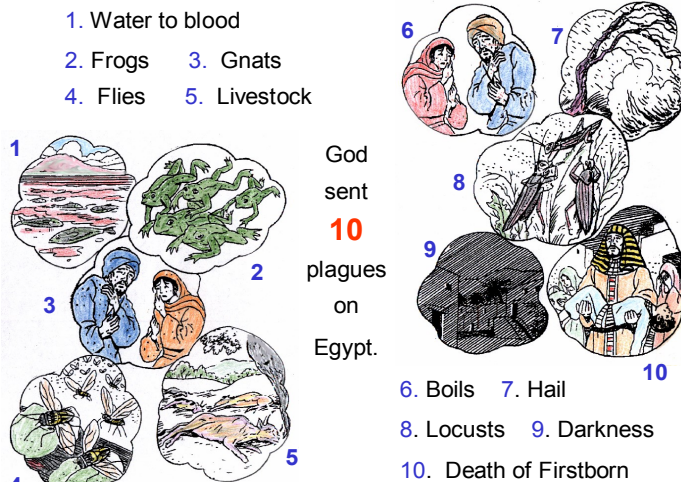
(c) **LEADING** in Sinai. Here he was prepared by God to set Israel free, *"... he led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness .."* Acts 7.22,29,36

Two thirds of Moses' life was taken up in training for the task that would occupy the last third, emphasizing the principle that God has more to do **IN** us than **THROUGH** us.

Moses occupies a prominent place in Scripture; his name is recorded over 800 times. The Jews held him in high esteem (eg John 9.29) but they failed to understand the significance of what he said and did (eg Mark 12.26; John 7.19; Acts 3.22). The Lord Jesus often spoke of him (eg Luke 16.31, John 5.46) and he also spoke to him (Matthew 17.3).

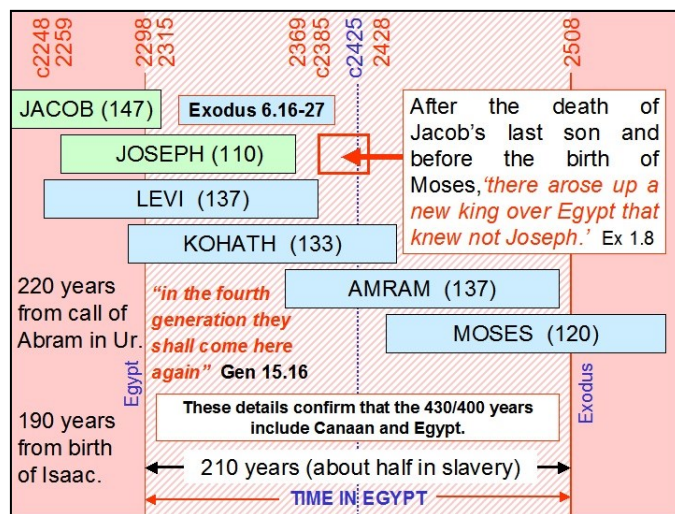
## 2. GOD DEMONSTRATED HIS MIGHT – The Plagues (Exodus 7-12)

Egypt reeled under the mighty hand of God as the plagues came on the land to force Pharaoh to let God's people go free from slavery. The changing of the rod to a snake and the



first two plagues were copied by the Egyptian magicians, but they could not reverse the effects of any of the plagues God sent. Satan is powerful, but God is all-powerful (Exodus 8.18/19). At least four of the plagues did not affect Goshen, where the Israelites lived.

This chart uses the information in Exodus 6.16/17 to show that the



time spent in Egypt, covering four generations, was about 210 years. As Joseph was alive for the first 70 years, the slavery would not begin until some time after his death, reducing the 210 years even more.

### 3. GOD DECLARED HIS MIND – The Passover (Exodus 12)

*“by faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.”*

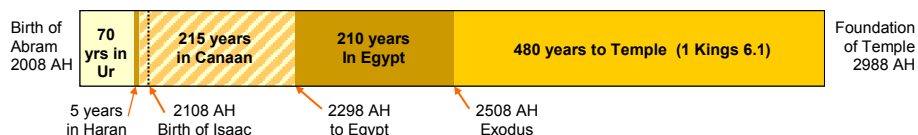
Hebrews 11.28

The great event of the Passover changed the Israelites' calendar, making the seventh month in which it occurred the first month of the year. This night was to be remembered throughout all generations (Exodus 12.14). Applying the blood of the Passover lamb on the door brought salvation to the household and the eating of the lamb gave them strength for the journey. So likewise Christ our Passover Lamb has provided salvation (John 1.29, 1 Corinthians 5.7) and He gives us strength for our journey as we enjoy the spiritual food He provides.



A careful consideration of all the relevant scriptures indicates that the 430 years of Exodus 12.40 and Galatians 3.17 began with Abram's call in Ur of the Chaldees (Acts 7.2). The 400 year period of Genesis 15.13 and Acts 7.6 began with the birth of Isaac. Thus Abram spent five years in Haran. Both of these periods ended at the Exodus.

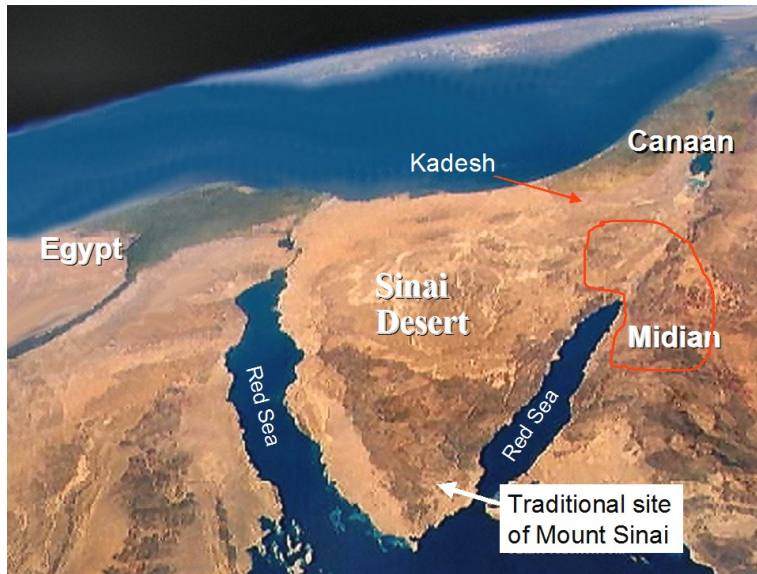
(See also Exodus 6.16-20, Numbers 26.58/59, 1 Chronicles 6.1-3)



*“by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land”* Hebrews 11.29

God led His people out of Egypt as He said He would (Exodus 3.7/8) and made a way for them through the desert, mountains and sea (Psalm 78.14; 106.9; 107.7, Isaiah 48.21). They witnessed His protection and His power against the pursuing Egyptians (Exodus 17.13) for,

*‘the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea’* Exodus 14. 27



The route of the Exodus and the location of Mt Sinai have not been established beyond doubt. The traditional site in the south of the Sinai desert is probably not the true location of Mt Sinai ( Horeb). A search of all the relevant scriptures (eg Exodus 3.1; 4.27, Deuteronomy 1.2, Galatians 4.25) indicates that Mt Sinai, the mountain of God, is more likely to be situated within or near the area enclosed in red on the above map.

God directed and protected His people day and night in the pillars of cloud and fire (Exodus 13.21/22); and miraculously provided them with food and water (Exodus 15.25,27; 16.4) for forty years until they reached the border of Canaan (Exodus 16.35). Yet they complained continually about their conditions and often expressed their desire to return to Egypt (eg Exodus 17.3). Their behaviour even reached the point of open rebellion against God and against Moses which resulted in judgement on them.

*“ For forty years I loathed that generation, and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways.”* Psalm 95.10; Acts 13.18

#### **FURTHER READING and STUDY**

Emmaus Course - *The Way Out and The Way In* by R.E. Harlow

## **COVENANT & CRUELTY- Test 4 (Stages 5 & 6)**

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### ***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1.
  - a. Jacob was born after the death of Abraham
  - b. Joseph never saw his grandfather
  - c. Isaac lived for 180 years
  - d. From the birth of Abraham to the death of Joseph was less than 350 years.
2. God's unconditional promise to Abraham included
  - a. I will make of you a great nation
  - b. I will make your name great
  - c. I will bless those who bless you
  - d. all the above
3. Joseph
  - a. was Jacob's youngest son
  - b. became second-in-command in Egypt
  - c. refused to forgive his brothers for selling him into slavery
4. The great event of Passover
  - a. changed the Israelites calendar
  - b. was to be remembered throughout all generations
  - c. involved applying the blood of the lamb to the door posts and lintel
  - d. all the above
5. Moses
  - a. lived for 150 years
  - b. spent half of his life in Egypt
  - c. was often spoken of by Jesus

### ***Enter TRUE or FALSE after each statement:***

6. Archaeologists have discovered that Ur of the Chaldees was an advanced society.
7. Joseph gave instructions that he was to be buried in Egypt.
8. Moses' name is recorded in Scripture over 900 times.
9. Only two plagues did not affect Goshen.
10. God directed His people in pillars of cloud and fire.

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

In your own words, state what faith is, according to Hebrews 11:1.



## Stage 7

# COMMANDMENTS

### 1. THE EDICT OF THE LAW (Exodus 19 - 24)



*"The Lord said to Moses, Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction"*

Exodus 24.12

About forty-six days after leaving Egypt the Israelites camped by Mt Sinai and remained there for over twelve months. Here they witnessed the majestic power of God as He came down into the mountain making it holy ground on which the Israelites were instructed not to tread (Exodus 19.12). Only Moses (and sometimes others such as Aaron and Joshua) was permitted to climb the mountain to speak with God, to see His glory and to receive His commandments for Israel. These commandments were for the establishment and maintenance of right relationships between God and man and between man and man. No one can attain to the holy and righteous standards of God. The law shows our weakness and leads us to Christ (Galatians 3.24).

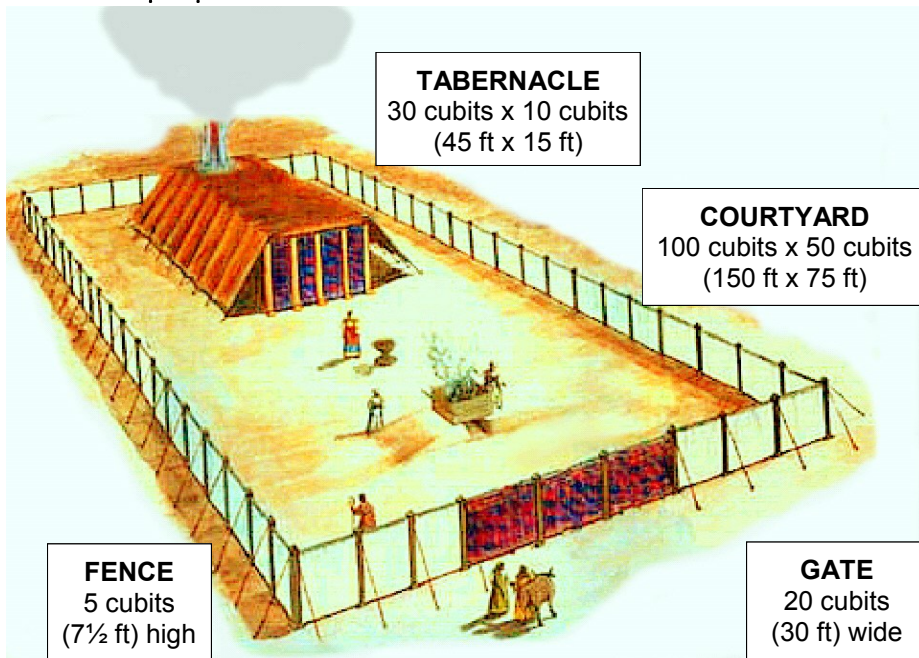
Moses was alone with God on the mountain for forty days and nights receiving detailed instructions for the orderly and God-honouring life of the nation of Israel. The law was recorded on two stone tablets, *"written with the finger of God"* (Exodus 31.18). When the people saw that Moses was away for so long they produced their own substitute god in the form of a golden calf which brought God's hand of judgement against them.

The purpose of God to accomplish His promises is unchangeable and the patience of God in working with fallen and failing humanity should cause us to worship and obey Him.



## 2. THE ERECTION OF THE TABERNACLE (Exodus 25-40)

Moses was given full details for the construction and erection of the tabernacle in which God would dwell in the centre of His redeemed people.



The tabernacle had three main areas - the outer court with the bronze altar and the laver; the Holy Place containing the table of shewbread, the lampstand and the altar of incense; and, beyond a thick curtain, the inner Holy of Holies which housed the ark of the covenant with its cover called the mercy seat, where God spoke with Moses (Exodus 25.22). Each piece of furniture had its own pattern, position and purpose.

The tabernacle itself was made of 48 boards overlaid with gold. Four different coverings ( fine white linen, goats' hair, rams' skins dyed red, badgers' or seals' skins) were draped over these boards.

There were five main offerings (Burnt, Meal, Peace, Sin and Trespass) burnt on the bronze altar. Every item and every event was important and necessary for Israel to maintain their relationship with God. However, we can only begin to understand the full significance of the tabernacle as we look at the Person and work of Christ.



The cross formed by the positions of the furniture is probably not intentional, but it serves to remind us that the whole tabernacle system was a shadow of Calvary.

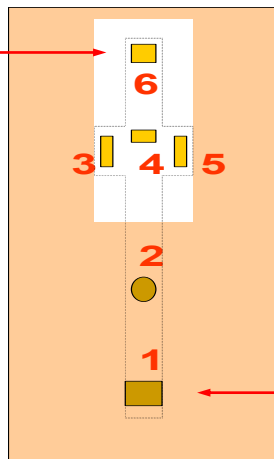


Diagram of courtyard, enclosures and furniture of the tabernacle.

1. Brazen Altar
2. Laver
3. Lamp stand
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Shewbread
6. Ark of the Covenant



THE APPOINTED FEASTS OF THE LORD - Leviticus 23								
1. PRACTICE								
FIRST MONTH (Nisan)			MONTH	THIRD MONTH (Sivan)	FIFTH MONTHS	SEVENTH MONTH (Tishri)		
Feast of Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Feast of First Fruits		Feast of Weeks		Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Tabernacles
14th Day	15th Day. seven days	16th Day		6th Day		1st Day	10th Day	15th Day
2. PURPOSE								
Remember deliverance from Egypt	Food offering to the Lord	First of grain harvest consecrated	SECOND	Harvest completed	FOURTH SIXTH	Call to Israel to gather	Remember sins	Rejoicing in God's goodness
3. PICTURE								
Redemption at Calvary	Removal of evil	Resurrection of Christ		Pentecost. Present Church Age	No Feasts	Israel regathered	National repentance	Reign of Christ

### 3. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRIESTHOOD (Exodus 28-39)

The tribe of Levi was commissioned, cleansed and consecrated by God for priestly work in the courtyard and in the holy place of the tabernacle. Only the high priest was permitted to enter the most holy place on behalf of the people and that at specified times (Leviticus 16.2). The clothes worn by the high priest indicated the dignity and honour of his office (Exodus 28). He represented the people before God, as is seen, for example, by the twelve precious stones attached to the breast plate, one for each of the tribes.

The tabernacle system showed the way in which the redeemed nation of Israel were to approach God, and maintain their fellowship with Him. The tabernacle is God's picture book which speaks to us of Christ and heavenly things. It was only a provisional measure which anticipated the time when Christ would come to offer a superior, once for all sacrifice and thus establish an eternal relationship with God for all who come to Him through Christ.

*“Christ being come a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, nor through the blood of goats and of calves, but by His own blood, He entered in once into the Holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.”*



Hebrews 9.11/12

About fourteen months after leaving Egypt, the Israelites reached Kadesh-Barnes on the border of Canaan. Twelve spies (one from each tribe) went into Canaan for forty days to assess it. They found an abundance of good things in the land but were afraid of the strength of its inhabitants. Although two of them, Joshua and Caleb, told the people that God would give them the victory, the other ten persuaded Israel not to go forward into the land.

God was angry with His unbelieving people and He sent them back into the desert to wander for forty years until all those who had rebelled had died. Those years were eventful ones marked by disobedience, defeat, disease and death. Even Moses himself disobeyed God and forfeited his right to enter the promised land.

Eventually, with Joshua as the new leader of a new generation of Israelites, they came to the border of the land once again.

#### **FURTHER READING and STUDY**

Emmaus Courses - *The Way Out and The Way In* by R.E. Harlow  
*Desert Journey* by R.E. Harlow  
*Home Within the Wilderness* by Stephen Olford  
*Hebrews* by David Macleod

## Stage 8

# CONQUESTS

### 1. DOMINATION

1. The CENTRAL Campaign
2. The SOUTHERN Campaign
3. The NORTHERN Campaign



After the death of Moses, God gave instructions to Joshua, Israel's new leader,

*"go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them"*

Joshua 1:2/3

The strategy was to divide and conquer. The secret of success was faith and obedience. It took seven years to defeat

*"seven nations greater and mightier than you".*

Deuteronomy 7:1

The land was taken because *"the Lord fought for Israel"* (Joshua 10:14), but there were some set-backs on the way. These were caused by *disobedience*, as when Achan took some treasures from Jericho for himself (Joshua 7:1); *deceit*, as when the Gibeonites tricked Israel into forming an alliance with them (Joshua 9:15) and *distress*, as when the enemy seemed to be formidable.

There were three main excavations at Jericho during the twentieth century -

John Garstang (1930's)  
Kathleen Kenyon (1950's)  
Bryant Wood (1990's).



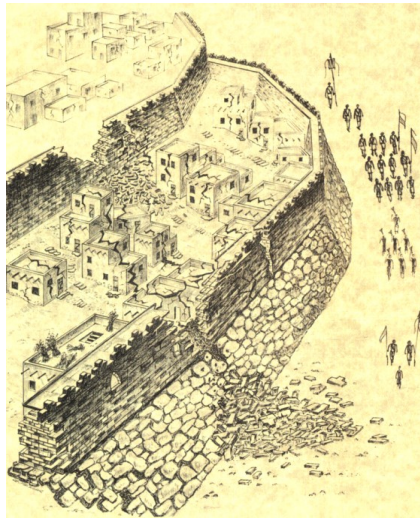


Garstang – *“the walls fell outwards so completely, the attackers would be able to clamber up and over the ruins of the city.”* (see Joshua 6.5,20)

Kenyon – *“The destruction was complete. Walls and floors were blackened or reddened by fire and every room was filled with fallen bricks.”*

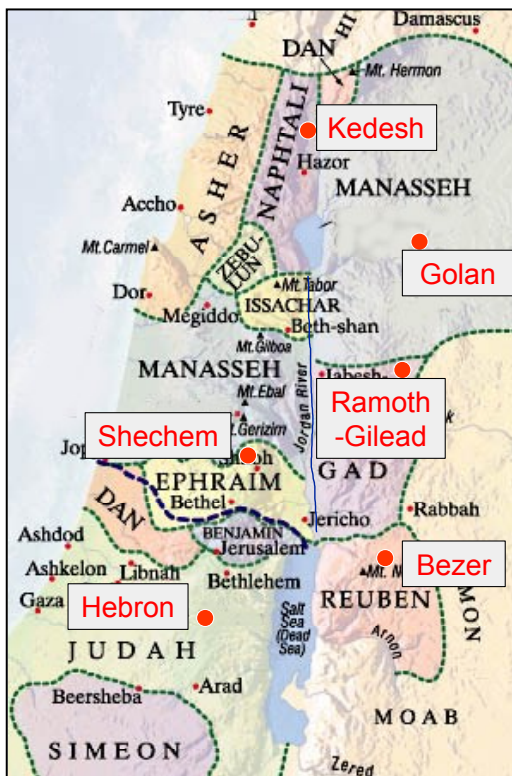
(see Joshua 6.24)

Wood – *“The pottery, stratigraphic considerations, scarab data [stone ornaments] and a carbon-14 date all point to a destruction of the city around the end of the Late Bronze Age, about 1400 B.C.”*



## 2. DIVISION

The land was divided between the tribes according to their numbers. No territory was given to the Levites, but they were allocated 48 cities throughout the land (Joshua 21). Six cities were appointed as places of refuge (Joshua 20) where a person who had unintentionally killed another could enter and be safe from an avenger.



*“Thus the LORD gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. And the LORD gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the LORD had given all their enemies into their hands. Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.”*

Joshua 21.43-45

### 3. DEFEAT

The Enemy	Subjection	Deliverer	Peace
Mesopotamians	8	Othniel	40
Moabites Ammonites Amalekites	18	Ehud Shamgar	80
Canaanites	20	Deborah & Barak	40
Midianites	7	Gideon (Abimelech - a usurper) Tola, Jair	40 3 23, 22
Ammonites	18	Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	6, 7 10, 8
Philistines	40	Samson	20
Total = 410 yrs		111 yrs	299 yrs

Samuel

Allowing for overlap, the period of the Judges was about 350 years. Judges 11.26 confirms that from entry to the land until the time of Jephthah was 300 years.

After the death of Joshua and his contemporaries, the victories experienced by Israel were often replaced by cycles of defeat because of compromise and incomplete obedience (Judges 1.27-33, 2.11).

Sin resulted in suffering as God allowed the enemy to take the upper hand. When this was eventually followed by supplication to God, He sent a judge, a saviour, who brought salvation to God's people again. This cycle of events occurred at least twelve times.



The Spirit of the Lord came upon these judges enabling them to bring deliverance to the people of God. They were God's men raised up to meet the needs of God's people in times when

*"every man did what was right in his own eyes"* Judges 17.6; 21.25.

The priesthood also was in a poor condition. Eli lacked discernment and determination in dealing firmly with his immoral sons who defiled holy things. God prepared Samuel, the last of the judges. He was raised by a godly mother who gave him back to the Lord for service.

From the start he *sought God's will*, not his own, for when God spoke to him he answered,

*"speak for your servant hears"*

1 Samuel 3.10

He was a man who *wrought God's work*, not his own. As a result he

*"judged Israel all the days of his life"*

1 Samuel 7.15.

He also *taught God's word*, not his own, for we read,

*"Samuel told all the words  
of the Lord to the people"*

1 Samuel 8.10



Samuel brought to Eli (1 Samuel 1.28)

The Philistines were subdued and territory was restored in Samuel's time and through him the people of Israel were continually challenged about their responsibilities before God. As a prophet he established a school for the sons of the prophets and he played a significant role in the establishment of the monarchy, anointing and advising Israel's first two kings. His life is an example of faithfulness to God.

#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Course - *Winning and Losing* by R.E. Harlow

## **COMMANDMENTS & CONQUESTS - Test 5 (Stages 7 & 8)**

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### ***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. Which dimensions are correct
  - a. Tabernacle 45ft x 35ft
  - b. Courtyard 150ft x 70ft
  - c. Fence 7.5ft high
  - d. Gate 20ft wide
2. Which is the correct order for the Feasts
  - a. Passover, Tabernacles, First Fruits
  - b. Trumpets, Unleavened Bread, Atonement
  - c. Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles
3. The land was taken
  - a. in a single campaign
  - b. because the enemy was weak
  - c. because the Lord fought for Israel
4. The judges were
  - a. raised up by God to judge and condemn the people
  - b. raised up by God to bring salvation to God's people
  - c. all males
5. Samuel
  - a. challenged the people about their responsibilities
  - b. established a school for the sons of the prophets
  - c. anointed and advised Israel's first two kings
  - d. all the above

### ***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. The tabernacle system showed how the redeemed nation of Israel were to approach God and maintain their fellowship with Him.
7. Any priest could enter the most holy place at any time.
8. Seven cities were appointed as places of refuge.
9. Israel experienced cycles of defeat because of compromise and incomplete obedience.
10. The Philistines subjected the Israelites to the longest servitude.

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

In what ways is Samuel an example for us?

## Stage 9

# CROWNINGS



### 1. The Demand for the Kingdom

**SAUL** (1096 -1057) - The Tragedy of a Disobedient Life

God intended to give Israel a king but it was to be one of His own choice and in His own time. Israel wanted a king like the other nations. Their desire was in fact a rejection of God (1 Samuel 8.7).

Saul had a promising start but a tragic end. As Israel's **first king** he had popularity with the people and a great opportunity to rule the nation for God. He began with humility and gained an early victory over the enemy, but he became the **foolish king** marked by pride, presumption and partial obedience to God. He ended as the **failed king**, noted for his self will, his involvement with the spirit world and his eventual suicide. Saul did not learn that, *"to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams."* 1 Samuel 15.22

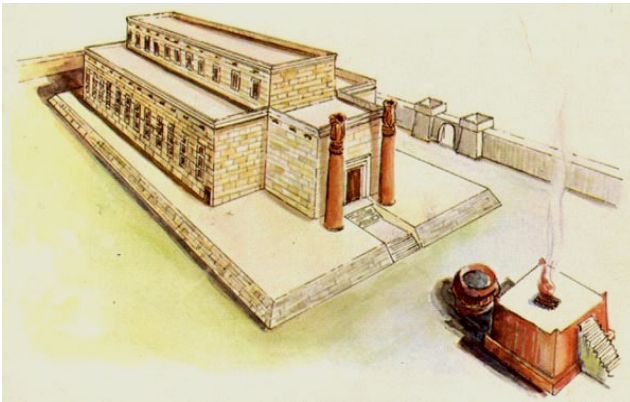
**DAVID** (1057 - 1018) - The Triumphs of a Devoted Life

David was God's choice; a man *"after his own heart"* (1 Samuel 13.14). He proved himself a **man of courage** in feeding and defending the sheep and in fighting the giant. He was a **man of conquests**, showing victory over self and hence over Saul. He was a **man of character** as a lover of God and a leader of men. Although there were several notable failures in David's life, his heart remained true to God, and his throne has been established forever (1 Kings 2.45, Luke 1.32/33 ).

The importance of his place in Scripture is seen by the fact that his name is mentioned over 1000 times in the Old Testament and about 60 times in the New. David wrote many psalms in which he expressed his thoughts and experiences of God and of life.



## SOLOMON (1018 - 976) - The Troubles of a Divided Life



Solomon began his reign well by requesting and receiving from God wisdom to rule the people. He demonstrated this wisdom by the decisions he made, and he displayed his

wealth in the palace and temple he built. He became renowned for these and his fame spread far and wide. But his downfall began when his many wives took him away from the worship of God into idolatry. Solomon ignored the clear warnings of Deuteronomy 17.16/17, and thus the seeds were sown for the future disruption of the kingdom.

### 2. The Division of the Kingdom



After Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam had a wonderful opportunity to establish a good relationship with the people, but he took the wrong advice and increased their burden. This led to rebellion and the disruption of the kingdom, with ten tribes owing allegiance to Jeroboam and two tribes remaining with Rehoboam (1 Kings 12).

As always, God had foreseen these events and had forewarned Jeroboam (1 Kings 11.31-40) of His purposes in allowing them to happen. God gave Jeroboam the great opportunity to obey Him and thus to establish the kingdom God had given him. However, Jeroboam introduced his own system of worship by erecting golden calves at Dan and Bethel and proclaiming them as the gods who brought the nation out of Egypt (1 Kings 12.28). He appointed his own priests and his own special days, contrary to the commandments of the Lord. The awful indictment against this king is stated several times in Scripture as "Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin". (eg 1 Kings 22.52).

The historical accuracy of Scripture has been confirmed many times by various artefacts that have been discovered. Here are three.

### **The Moabite Stone**

Discovered in 1868, this stone bears an inscription by Mesha, King of Moab. It is 3½ feet high and 2 feet in breadth. It consists of thirty-four lines, written in Hebrew-Phoenician characters. It was set up by King Mesha (2 Kings 3) as a record and memorial of his victories including his wars with King Omri of Israel (885 – 874 B.C), who is mentioned in 1 Kings 16.



### **Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser III**

This obelisk of black marble, seven feet in height, records the annals and conquests of the Assyrian king Shalmaneser. Each of its four sides is divided into five sections representing the tributes brought to the King by vassal princes, including Jehu of Israel (841–814 B.C.). Shalmaneser died in 823 B.C. after a reign of thirty-five years.

### **Sennacherib's Prism**

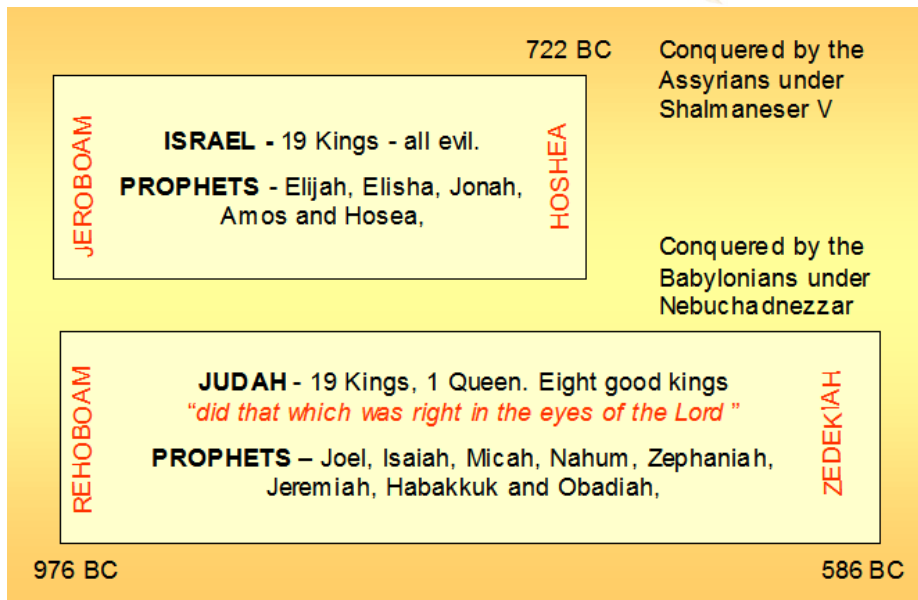
This six-sided clay prism was discovered among the ruins of Nineveh. It contains the annals of Sennacherib, the Assyrian king who besieged Jerusalem in 701 B.C. during the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of King Hezekiah of Judah. (2 Kings 18.13).

Sennacherib boasted that he shut up “Hezekiah the Judahite” within Jerusalem his own royal city, “like a caged bird.”





### 3. The Decline of the Kingdom



This chart shows that Israel and Judah were divided for 390 years as Ezekiel 4.5 confirms (see chart on page 59).

All the kings of Israel, the northern kingdom, followed in the steps of Jeroboam, and the nation departed from the ways of the Lord in spite of the calls to repentance from His prophets. In 722 B.C. the Assyrians **"captured Samaria and carried the Israelites away to Assyria"** 2 Kings 17.6.

The southern kingdom of Judah had eight good kings who repeatedly brought the people back to God assisted by the prophets of the Lord. But finally the longsuffering of God with His rebellious nation gave place to judgement and He used the Babylonians to scourge His people.

KING	YEARS of REIGN
ASA	911 - 873
JEHOSHAPHAT	873 - 848
JOASH	835 - 796
AMAZIAH	792 - 767
UZZIAH	767 - 739
JOTHAM	739 - 731
HEZEKIAH	715 - 686
JOSIAH	640 - 609

#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *King David* by R.E. Harlow

*Kingdom Divided* by William MacDonald



## **CROWNINGS - Test 6 (Stage 9)**

***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. Saul
  - a. was a very unpopular king
  - b. was noted for his obedience to God
  - c. had a promising start but a tragic end
2. David
  - a. was God's choice; a man 'after His own heart'
  - b. was a lover of God and a leader of men
  - c. failed many times
  - d. all the above
3. Solomon
  - a. received wisdom from God to rule the people
  - b. was not a well-known king
  - c. always obeyed God's Word
4. Rehoboam
  - a. had a good relationship with the people
  - b. became king after Solomon's death
  - c. ruled over ten tribes
5. Which of the following statements is **incorrect**?
  - a. All the kings of Israel, the northern kingdom, were evil
  - b. In 722 BC the Assyrians took Israel into exile.
  - c. All the kings of Judah followed the ways of the Lord

***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. Israel's desire for a king was a rejection of God.
7. David is mentioned a few times in the New Testament.
8. Solomon had many wives who took him away from the worship of God into idolatry.
9. The southern kingdom of Judah had eight good kings who brought the people back to God assisted by the prophets.
10. The historical accuracy of Scripture has never been confirmed by archaeological discoveries.

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

The Psalmists expressed their thoughts and experiences of God and life. Choose one that has been particularly meaningful to you and say why.

## Stage 10

# CAPTIVITY

The defeat of Jerusalem and the exile to Babylon took place in three stages.

1. In **605 BC** - *"Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand."*

Daniel 1.1/2; 2 Chronicles 36.6

The leading nobles including Daniel were taken to Babylon.

2. In **598 BC** - *"the city was besieged ... Jehoiachin ... gave himself up to the king of Babylon ... in the eighth year of his reign"*

2 Kings 24.10

The king and people of importance, including Ezekiel, were taken away.

3. In **586 BC** - (the 7th day of 5th month of Nebuchadnezzar's 19th year).

*"the army of the Chaldeans ... broke down the walls ... and the rest of the people .... carried into exile"*

2 Kings 25.10/11

Zedekiah, the puppet king, had broken his agreement with Nebuchadnezzar who thus returned to destroy the city and deport the remainder of the people to Babylon.

The reasons for this were clear. God had given His people instructions -

*"For six years you shall sow your field ... but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land."* Leviticus 25.3/4

The nation of Israel were in the land of Canaan for over 800 years and should have observed about 120 sabbatical, or seventh, years. But they failed to do so 70 times and God was now to claim back those lost years by removing the people from the land and allowing it to lie desolate.

*"... to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths ... to fulfil seventy years."* 2 Chronicles 36.21

With the downfall and destruction of Jerusalem, God no longer dwelt among His people as He had done. The glory had departed (Ezekiel 10.4,18). The *"times of the Gentiles"* (Luke 21.24) had begun and will continue until the return and reign of Christ.

The years of exile were times of testing and triumph for Daniel and his friends. He was given a privileged position in the king's palace where he stood firm for God from the start and God honoured him (Daniel 1.8,20). He experienced the truth of God's words to Eli, **"them that honour me I will honour"** (1 Samuel 2.30).

Daniel's courage and conviction were put to the test many times but he remained faithful under all conditions, no wonder God called him a **"man greatly loved"** (Daniel 9.23; 10.11,19). He was given knowledge and understanding of divine purpose and control in the kingdoms of men.

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream (Daniel 2) which troubled him greatly but which he could neither understand or even remember. The mystery of the image was revealed by God to Daniel who made it known to the king. It concerned four successive kingdoms allowed by God to rule, mainly in Old Testament times. These kingdoms were also prefigured as wild beasts in a dream and vision given to Daniel himself (Daniel 7 ).



#### 1. BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

605 - 538 B.C.

Head of gold – Lion with eagle's wings



#### 2. MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

538 - 331 B.C.

Chest /arms of silver – Bear with 3 ribs



#### 3. GRECIAN EMPIRE

331 - 167 B.C.

Belly/thighs of bronze – Leopard 4 heads

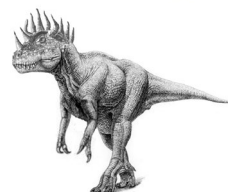
(Period of Jewish Independence)



#### 4. ROMAN EMPIRE

63 B.C. - 476 A.D.

Legs of iron – Beast with iron teeth  
(The ten toes and ten horns represent ten future kingdoms)



History has confirmed prophecy - *"The Bible is right after all"*.

The fourth-kingdom vision (the Roman empire) had both a short and a long term fulfilment (several Bible prophecies have a partial and a complete fulfilment). The Roman empire came to an end about 476 A.D., but a power similar to it in character is to arise again in the future, during which the complete fulfilment of the momentous events of Daniel 2.44-45 and 7.9-14,24-27 will take place. But the outcome of all human conflict and aspirations for power is clearly stated -

*"a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces."* Daniel 2. 34

Here is a clear picture of the glorious return and reign of Christ and the destruction of all man-made systems raised in defiance of God.

*"in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever."*

Daniel 2. 44

After many years in Babylon, Daniel read the words of Jeremiah the prophet (Jeremiah 25.11/12;29.10, Daniel 9.2) and realized that the seventy years captivity (10 x 7) was coming to an end. As he prayed earnestly about the condition of his people, God revealed to him the details of another period seven times longer than the first (70 x 7) which again concerned the Jews and Jerusalem.

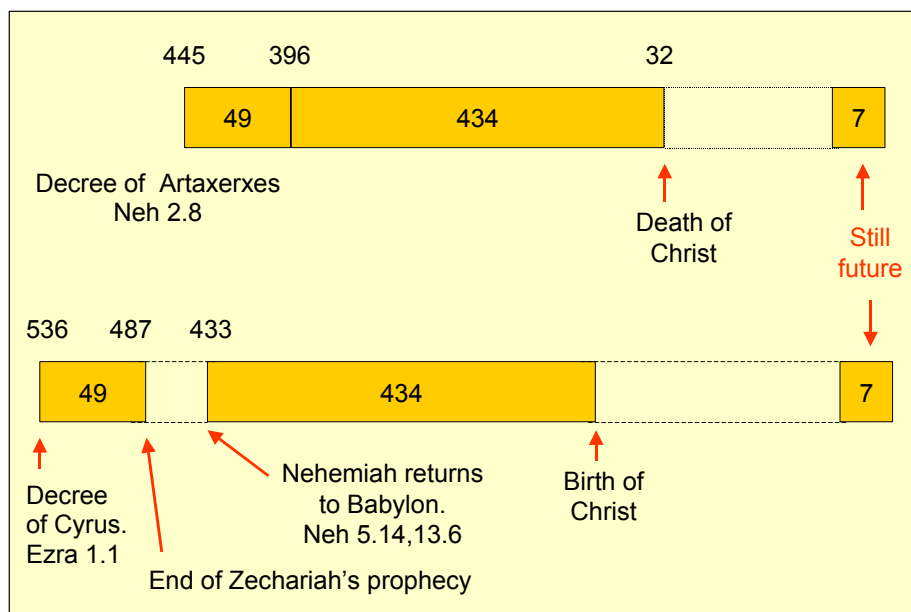
*"Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your holy city"* Daniel 9.24

Unlike the seventy years, these seventy sevens of years are divided into three parts -

**7 x 7 = 49 yrs      62 x 7 = 434 yrs      1 x 7 = 7 yrs**

Some Bible students base their interpretation of this prophecy on the conversion of a 360 day year (150 days = 5 months, Genesis 7.11; 8.4, 1260 days = 42 months, Revelation 11.2/3) into a solar year which results in the 483 years being fulfilled on the day the Lord rode into Jerusalem (Luke 19.42). Others base their interpretation on God's word about Cyrus (Isaiah 44.28, 45.13) and the strong possibility of two gaps within the 490 year period.

The edict of Cyrus was undoubtedly the main authority for the return of the people and the rebuilding of the temple and the city. Subsequent kings of Medo-Persia referred back to this edict when granting or confirming permission for the work, which was delayed several times, to continue in their day (Ezra 5.17, 6.3,14).



The main differences between these two understandings as indicated on this chart is in the starting point of the seventy weeks and the end point of the sixty-ninth week, issues that do not alter the fact that 483 years of this prophecy concerning the nation of Israel have already run their course and seven years remain for future fulfilment. This will take place after the completion of the intervening Church age during the period of time known as the Day of the Lord. (See page 69 and compare the 'middle of the week' {Daniel 9.27} with Revelation 12.6, 14. 13.5)

#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Course - *Daniel* by James Stahr  
*Thessalonians* by H.C. Woodring  
*Things To Come* J. Dwight Pentecost

**CAPTIVITY - Test 7 (Stage 10)**  
(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. In 605 BC the following were taken to Babylon
  - a. The leading nobles including Daniel
  - b. The king and people of importance, including Ezekiel
  - c. The remainder of the people
2. The Sabbath of rest for the land
  - a. was commanded by God
  - b. was to take place every six years
  - c. was faithfully observed by the nation of Israel
3. Daniel
  - a. was given a privileged position in the king's palace
  - b. remained faithful under all conditions
  - c. was called by God a 'man greatly loved'
  - d. all of the above
4. The third kingdom
  - a. was the lion with eagles wings
  - b. took control over Israel in 63 BC
  - c. represented by the belly and thighs of bronze
  - d. was the Medo-Persian empire
5. Which is correct
  - a. the 70 'weeks' is divided into four parts
  - b. the final 7 years are still future
  - c. there is full agreement as to when the 70 'weeks' began

***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement***

6. The exile to Babylon took place in two stages.
7. With the destruction of Jerusalem, the 'times of the Gentiles' began and will continue until the return and reign of Christ.
8. Daniel was able to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
9. History has confirmed Daniel's prophecy.
10. Daniel understood from reading Jeremiah that the captivity would last 100 years.

**WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

*"Those who honour me I will honour"* (1 Samuel 2:30) In what ways was this Scripture fulfilled in Daniel's life?



## Stage 11

# CONSTRUCTION

### 1. Restoring the Temple - Zerubbabel 536 BC

Like the exile from the land, the return took place in three stages. It began when King Cyrus said,

*"The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel - he is the God who is in Jerusalem."* Ezra 1.3

About 50,000 people returned with Zerubbabel, who was of the line of David (Matthew 1.13), but the majority preferred to stay in Babylonia under Persian rule where the conditions were good. For the rising new generation, the pull of the homeland they had never experienced or seen was not very strong.



The Cyrus Cylinder tells how Cyrus of Persia captured Babylon and remedied the evil done by the Babylonians. He sent captives back to their own lands and gave help with the restoration.

Cyrus gave the returning remnant the original treasure taken from the temple. The journey back was slow and hazardous, and on arrival they had to face opposition from the people who had settled there. They began with the erection of the altar and then with the foundation for the temple, but opposition caused the work to stop. In 520 B.C. the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 5.1/2) encouraged the people to continue, and Zechariah gave Zerubbabel personal encouragement from the Lord (Zechariah 4.9). The temple was finished in 516 B.C., seventy years after it had been destroyed and twenty years after the return. On the fourteenth day of this first month they kept the Passover and there was great rejoicing.

## 2. Reforming the People - Ezra 458 BC

It was nearly sixty years after the completion of the temple that Ezra and some of the people went to Jerusalem from Babylon in the reign of Artaxerxes of Persia (465 - 424 BC). His purpose was to bring the people back to God by teaching them the Scriptures and explaining the promises and purposes of God for Israel.



*"Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."* Ezra 7.10

*"They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading."*

Nehemiah 8.8

It seems that some earlier attempts had been made to rebuild the walls, but those opposed to this sent a letter to the king and the work was stopped (Ezra 4.12/13). It is also apparent that although most of the people who returned came from the two tribes of Judah, there were many from the other ten tribes also. (Note 2 Chronicles 10.16, 15.9; Ezra 2.70, 6.17, 8.29 and also that the Persian empire had conquered the Assyrians who had taken the ten tribes into exile.)

The people of God had become mixed with the people of the land and as a result had compromised or abandoned the law of God. But a revival came about following Ezra's clear teaching. There was conviction and confession of sin, and at great cost the people of God severed their alliances with the people of the land. Ezra saw the necessity of this in order to preserve the unique identity of Israel, whose purpose was still to testify to the name and character of God before all other nations.

### 3. Rebuilding the Walls - Nehemiah 445 BC

#### HIS VISION

*"send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it."*

Nehemiah 2:3

#### HIS VENTURE

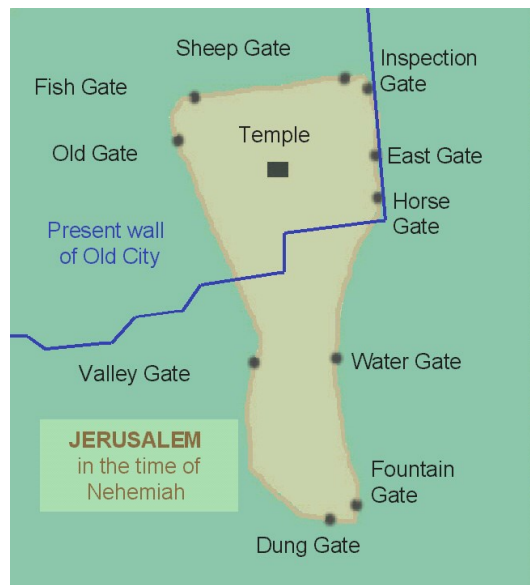
*"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work."*

Nehemiah 2:18

#### HIS VICTORY

*"so the wall was finished ... in fifty-two days."*

Nehemiah 6:15



Twelve years after Ezra's return to the land, Nehemiah was deeply disturbed by news from Jerusalem and he obtained permission from the king to return and rebuild the walls of the city. It seems logical to conclude that the destruction of the walls and gates referred to in Nehemiah 1:3 was not that done by Nebuchadnezzar 140 years previously but rather that done by those opposed to the work of the Jews when attempts were made to rebuild the walls as mentioned in Ezra 4. Although it was over ninety years since the first return under Zerubbabel, conditions left much to be desired, and there remained much to be achieved. Nehemiah demonstrated his godly, skilful leadership in encouraging and organizing the people to rebuild the walls and to defend what they built at the same time (Nehemiah 4:6, 9). He worked tirelessly, exhorting them, *"Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord who is great and awesome .... our God will fight for us"* (Nehemiah 4:14,20). The wall was thus finished in fifty-two days. Nehemiah also had to deal with social injustices, conspiracies against him, the establishment of divine order and the consecrating of the people for the service of the Lord.

Malachi spoke for God in the latter days of Nehemiah and beyond, when the people had again become complacent and casual in their attitude towards God. Even when God challenged them about their behaviour, they protested their innocence.

*"How have you loved us? "* 1.2  
*"How have we despised your name? "* 1.6  
*"How shall we return? "* 3.7  
*"How have we robbed you? "* 3.8  
*"How have we spoken against you? "* 3.13



Once again the storm clouds gathered for Israel. One thousand years after entering the land of promise they would have to learn, yet again, the lessons so frequently demonstrated throughout their history. As the Old Testament record came to an end God renewed His promise concerning the coming Messiah (Malachi 3.1) and spoke of the day of refinement for Israel and of retribution for all nations. Once again a remnant held true to His name; the faithful, who awaited the time of His visitation (Malachi 3.16; 4.2).

Malachi demonstrates the twofold work of a prophet. He was a forth teller and a foreteller in that he brought the message of God to the people regarding their present circumstances and he announced the message of God regarding future events that were to take place.

Malachi brought the last message from God. Several centuries were to pass before John, the forerunner of Christ, announced the wonderful news of the arrival of the long-awaited Saviour of the world.



**The Fulfilment of Prophecy**

Short term, medium term and long term prophecies.  
 Some prophecies have more than one fulfilment.

### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *Ezra and Nehemiah* by Mary King

*16 Men with a Message* - The Old Testament Prophets

## Stage 12

## CONFLICT

The political, religious, and social atmosphere of Palestine changed significantly during the next 400 years between the two testaments with the main course of events prophesied by Daniel. The Jews, under the control of the Persian Empire (536-332 BC.) had been allowed to rebuild the temple and reinstate the worship of God (2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-4). However, this relatively peaceful time was just the calm before the storm.

The great empire of the Medes and the Persians corresponded to the breast and arms of silver in Nebuchadnezzar's dream (Daniel 2.32); to the bear raised up on one side (Daniel 7.5); and to the ram with the two horns, one of which was higher than the other (Daniel 8.20).

Alexander the Great defeated Darius of Persia in 332 B.C. His was the third, bronze kingdom of Daniel 2.39, the leopard-like beast of Daniel 7.6 and the goat of Daniel 8.21. Alexander required that Greek culture be promoted in every land that he conquered. As a result, the Hebrew Old Testament was translated into the Greek Septuagint, from which most of the New Testament references to Old Testament Scripture are taken. Alexander allowed the Jews religious freedom but he still strongly promoted Greek culture, which was a threat to their worship of God.



Alexander the Great

After Alexander died the empire was divided up between his four generals (Daniel 8.8,21,22), Ptolemy, Seleucus, Lysimachus and Cassander. The first two, who ruled in Egypt and Syria, affected the history of the Jews as they continually contended for control of Palestine. Ptolemy I (323-283 B.C.) favoured the Jews and brought many of them to Alexandria. The Ptolemaic kings ruled in Palestine until 198 B.C. when the Seleucids drove the Ptolemaics back to Egypt and Palestine became part of the Seleucid empire.



The Seleucid king Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163 B.C.) was known for his hatred and cruelty towards God's people and for his determination to destroy their faith and bring them completely into Greek culture. He killed many Jews, took many into slavery, robbed the temple of its valuable items, replaced the rightful line of the priesthood and defiled the altar with unclean animals, causing the Jews to abandon the temple, putting an end to the daily sacrifices as predicted by Daniel (Daniel 11.31). In that historic act of Antiochus we have a foretaste of what Antichrist will do in the end times (Matthew 24.15). In another attack, on the Sabbath, he killed many more people, plundered and burned the city and pulled down the walls.



A coin of Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

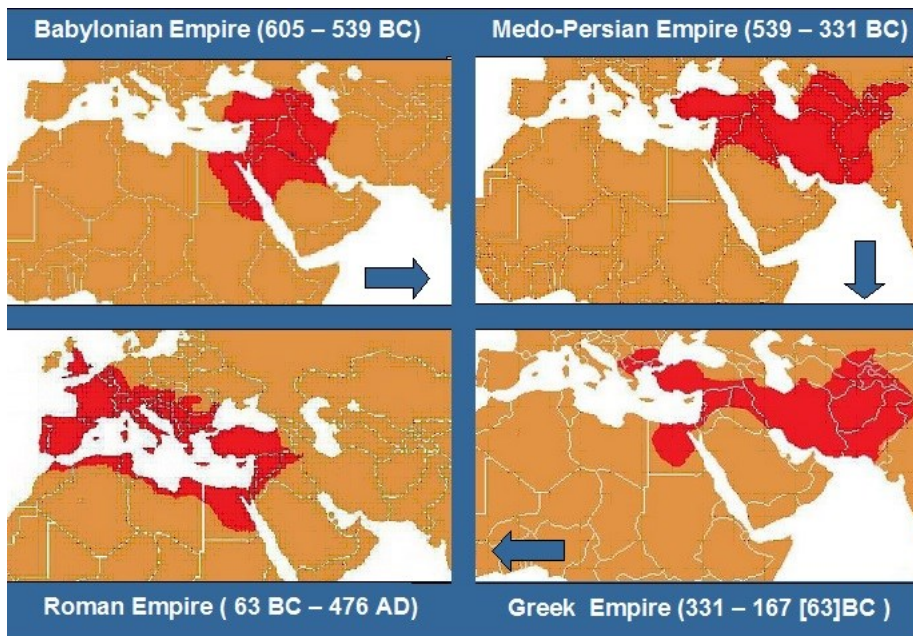
The inscription reads, 'Antiochus, image of God, bearer of victory'.

Many escaped to Egypt or to caves in the mountains. Heathen were brought in as colonists and Jerusalem was paganized. Copies of the Law were destroyed and the Jews who remained were forced to participate in heathen feasts.

Daniel had written, **"the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action"** (Daniel 11.32). Mattathias and his five sons, Johanan, Simon, Judas, Eleazar and Jonathan began their opposition to this cruelty and desecration. They took to the mountains from where they launched numerous successful attacks against the enemy. In 164 B.C. under the leadership of Judas, known as Judas Maccabeus, they occupied Jerusalem, purified and rededicated the temple; reinstating the worship of God. The sons of Mattathias continued their struggle for freedom beyond Jerusalem, eventually losing their lives as a result.

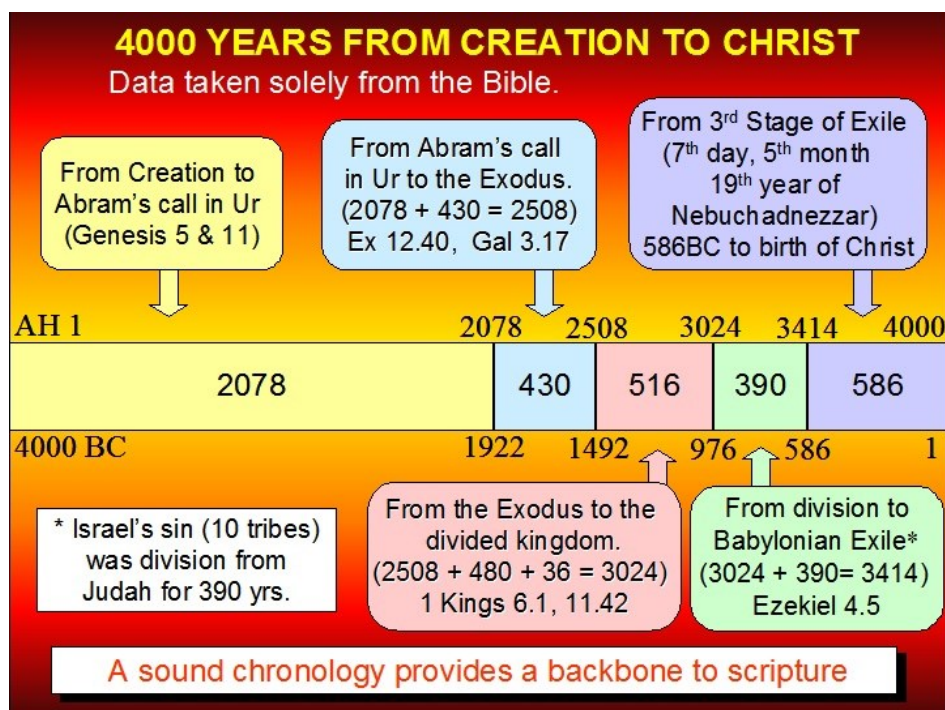
After twenty-five years the Seleucids granted the Jews their independence (142-63 B.C.) Although a time of peace and prosperity followed, further conflict from without and within resulted in continual unrest. It was towards the end of this period that the prophetess Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, was born (Luke 2.36-38) and probably Simeon (Luke 2.25) and others who were "waiting for redemption in Jerusalem " and for the "consolation of Israel ".

About 63 B.C., Pompey of Rome (106 - 48 B.C.) conquered Palestine, putting all of Judea under the control of the Caesars. This eventually led to Herod being made King of Judea by the Roman emperor and so the dream and visions made known to Daniel centuries before were fulfilled. The fourth empire (the Roman empire) was thus in control of Palestine when the Son of God came to our troubled world. Here He lived, was crucified and rose again, and to this same land He will soon return to terminate centuries of man's evil deeds and to replace man's gross misuse of God's earth with a glorious reign in righteousness and peace (Zechariah 14).



The extent of the four empires referred to in Daniel's vision.

Many of the political and religious parties mentioned in the Gospels arose during, or before, the inter-testamental period. The **Pharisees** were the exponents and guardians of the written and oral law. The **Sadducees** were an aristocratic, political party. In religious beliefs they were the 'modernists' of the day. The **Herodians** were a political group who derived their authority from the Romans and who, therefore, opposed any political change. The **Samaritans** were a mixed people consisting of those left behind after the Assyrian captivity, together with people re-colonized by the Assyrians. The **Synagogue** was the place where the Jews assembled. It dates back to the captivity in Babylon where the exiles had no temple but felt the necessity of gathering together to keep alive the knowledge of the Law.



#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Course - *Survey of the Bible* (Part 1) by J.R. Catron  
*A Guide To The Gospels* by W. Graham Scroggie

## **CONSTRUCTION & CONFLICT - Test 8 Stages 11 & 12)**

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### ***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. The walls of Jerusalem were broken down and rebuilt in
  - a. 536 B.C and 445 BC
  - b. 520 B.C and 520 BC
  - c. 586 BC and 445 B.C
2. Zerubbabel
  - a. led the first group of exiles back to Jerusalem
  - b. took the majority of the people with him
  - c. organised the rebuilding of the walls
3. Ezra
  - a. led a group of exiles back in the reign of Cyrus
  - b. organised the rebuilding of the temple
  - c. sought to bring the people back to God by teaching them the Scriptures
4. Nehemiah
  - a. heard good news from Jerusalem
  - b. returned fifty years after Zerubbabel
  - c. organised the rebuilding of the walls
5. The exponents and guardians of the written and oral law were
  - a. the Pharisees
  - b. the Sadducees
  - c. the Herodians

### ***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. Malachi commended the people for their behaviour.
7. There were 500 years between the two Testaments.
8. Daniel's prophesies about empires were fulfilled.
9. Heathen were brought in as colonists and Jerusalem was paganised.
10. In 164BC Jerusalem was re-occupied, the temple purified and the worship of God reinstated.

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

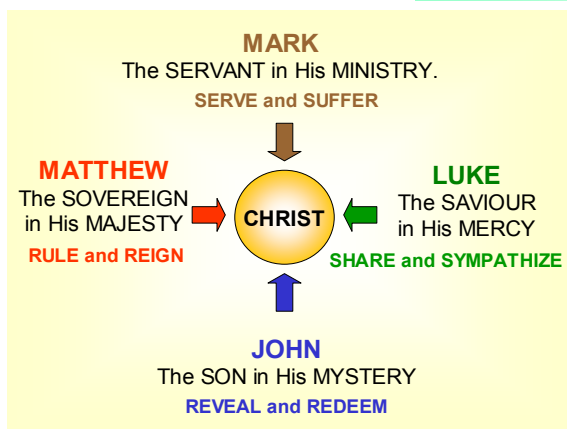
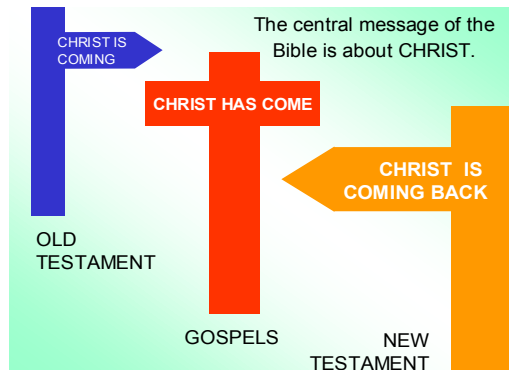
Study and comment on the timeline chart on page 59.

## Stage 13

# CHRIST

To write 'The End' after the Old Testament would leave many practices unexplained, many purposes unachieved and many of God's promises unfulfilled.

The Old demands the New, for all its roads converge in Christ.



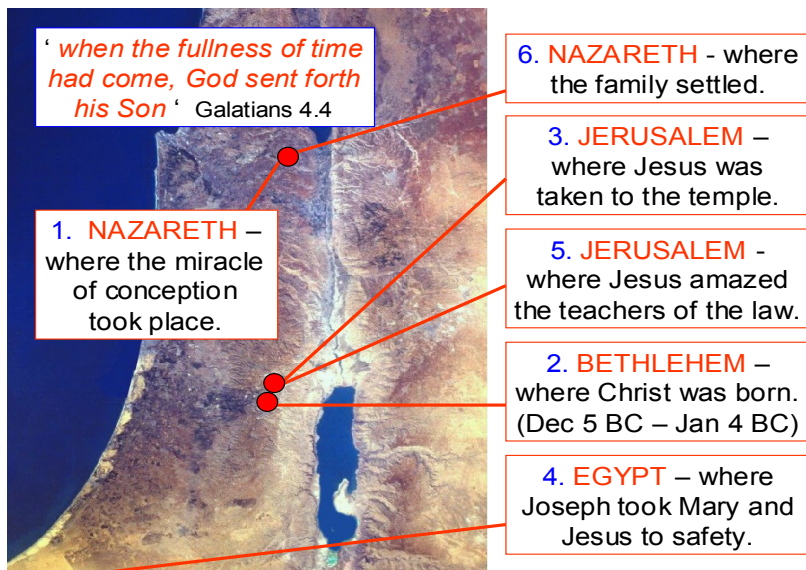
The four gospel writers each focus on a different aspect of the Person of Christ. They are like four artists drawing an object from four different perspectives, each complete in itself but each complemented by the others.

1. **HIS COMING IN.** Into this world the Son of God came; the One on Whom all the hopes of the past and the future are centred. He did not originate here, but the eternal Son entered the world He had made - 'God manifested in flesh' (1 Timothy 3.16). God chose Mary as the human vessel through whom His Son would be born. To her the angel said,

**"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."** Luke 1.35

Thus in the most wonderful miracle of all, the timeless Son of God entered time - the seamless blending of perfect humanity with eternal deity. Satan launched a swift attack on "the seed of the woman", but God had already moved to protect His Son, for the divine plan of salvation could never be terminated.





From an early age the mind of the Lord Jesus was set to do exactly what His Father had sent Him to do (Luke 2.49), and for thirty years in His earthly home in Nazareth, "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2.52).

**2. HIS PASSING THROUGH.** The gospels record about thirty of the journeys the Lord Jesus made. He taught with authority using over 50 parables. People said, "No one ever spoke like this man" (John 7.46). Of His 35 recorded miracles, 3 were in raising the dead; 9 were over nature and 23 were healing.

"the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear and the dead are raised" Matthew 11.5.

Christ's public work began with His baptism by John in the Jordan when He was about thirty years of age. He chose twelve disciples to "be with him" (Mark 3.14) as He "went about doing good" (Acts 10.38). As He lived among us the Lord Jesus displayed the character of His Father so that for the first time we have a full revelation of what God is like. Again, as He lived among us the Lord Jesus experienced what it was like to be a man on earth. He felt the opposition of man in its many forms and He experienced human weakness through tiredness, hunger and thirst.

Having been “one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin ” (Hebrews 4.15), He is now able to understand and to sympathize with us as our great high priest in heaven.

Christ came to set up the kingdom long promised to Israel (Mark 1.15), but the nation ultimately rejected the King and in so doing denied themselves the kingdom (Luke 19.11/12). However, the divine plan has not been abandoned but simply deferred to a future time. The Lord Jesus, moved on to Calvary to obtain an even greater prize.

PARABLE		FEATURE	MEANING
SOWER	The SPREAD of the Kingdom	proclamation	There will be a sowing of the word of God throughout the age,
TARES		imitation	which will be imitated by a false counter-sowing;
MUSTARD SEED		expansion	the kingdom will assume huge outer proportions,
LEAVEN		corruption	but will be marked by inner corruption in its teaching and practice.
TREASURE	The SUBJECTS of the Kingdom	preciousness of the good	Nevertheless the Lord will gain for Himself a treasure from Israel,
PEARL		purchase of the good	and from the church;
DRAGNET		preservation of the good	the age will end in judgement with the righteous taken into the blessings of God's kingdom and the unrighteous excluded.

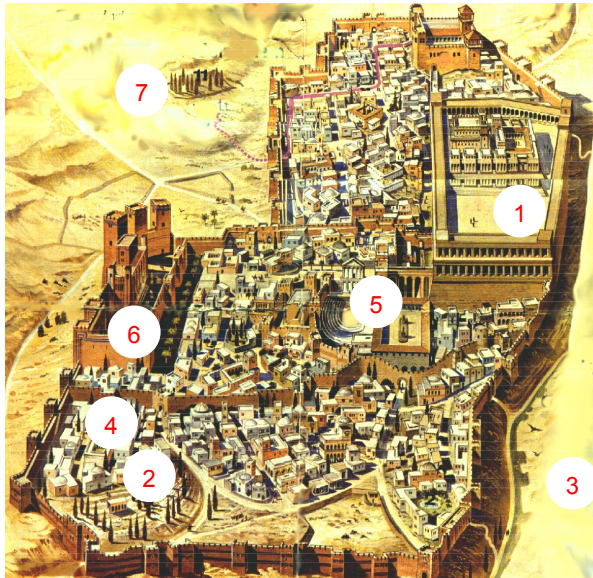
The seven parables of Matthew 13 outline the course of this age during the absence of the King. (Adapted from Pentecost J.D. *Things To Come*)

**3. HIS GOING OUT.** On the evening before the day of crucifixion the Lord Jesus gathered His own disciples around a table in an upstairs room in Jerusalem. There they kept the Passover and then the Lord used the bread and the cup as symbols of His death. From the room they crossed the Kidron brook and entered the garden of Gethsemane where the Lord engaged in earnest prayer and tears to His Father regarding the awful events that lay ahead. A large crowd of armed people arrived in the garden led by Judas the traitor. Jesus was arrested and several trials took place. First He came before the high priest, but they could not place a real charge against Him until He Himself confessed to being the Son of God, at which they condemned Him.

## JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF CHRIST

1. TEMPLE
2. UPPER ROOM
3. GETHSEMANE
4. HIGH PRIEST'S HOUSE
5. PILATE'S PALACE
6. HEROD'S PALACE
7. CALVARY

He was taken to Pilate the Roman governor and then to Herod, but neither could find any fault in Christ.



Finally Pilate, in order to please the people, passed the sentence they wanted and the Lord of glory (1 Corinthians 2:8) was crucified upon the **tree**, where He died for our sins. His body was placed in a new **tomb**, but on the third day He rose in **triumph** as He said He would (Luke 24:7). He appeared to many, proving that He was indeed alive. Forty days later, from the Mount of Olives, He ascended through the clouds, re-entered heaven and took the highest **throne** of the universe.



*"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore"* Revelation 1.18

*"Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."*

1 Peter 3.22

The disciples, along with many others, remained together in Jerusalem as the Lord had told them, awaiting the coming of the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1.4/5).

### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *Matthew* by C. Ernest Tatham  
*Mark, Luke, John* by William MacDonald (3 courses)  
*Perfect Person, Perfect Work* by C. Douglas Hewlett  
*A Guide to the Gospels* by W. Graham Scroggie

## Stage 14

# CHURCH

### 1. THE CHURCH EXPECTED

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples,

*"upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it."* Matthew 16.18

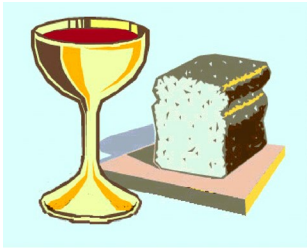
*"this rock"* is the God-given statement of Peter (Matthew 16.16) as to the true identity of Christ as the Son of God. This is confirmed in that,

*"no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."* 1 Corinthians 3.11

The church is not built on a set of principles or even on a set of practices but on a **PERSON** – the Lord Jesus Christ. His church is built both on Him and by Him. There is no other foundation and no other builder.

### 2. THE CHURCH ESTABLISHED

On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down and filled the room in Jerusalem where about 120 disciples had gathered. They were all baptised in, anointed by and filled with the Holy Spirit. Note -



(a) The **PEOPLE** who formed the Church

*"those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."* Acts 4.41

A local church consisted then, and consists now, of people who have had the life-changing experience of salvation through receiving the gospel and who then express their desire to follow and serve their Lord by being baptised and becoming part of a local fellowship in which there is a common appreciation and enjoyment of spiritual things.

(b) The **PRACTICES** that formed the Church

*"they continued steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers."* Acts 2.42

More principles and practices were taught by the apostles as the church developed. The completed Scriptures contain all that God wants us to know for our individual and collective Christian living.

### 3. THE CHURCH EXTENDED

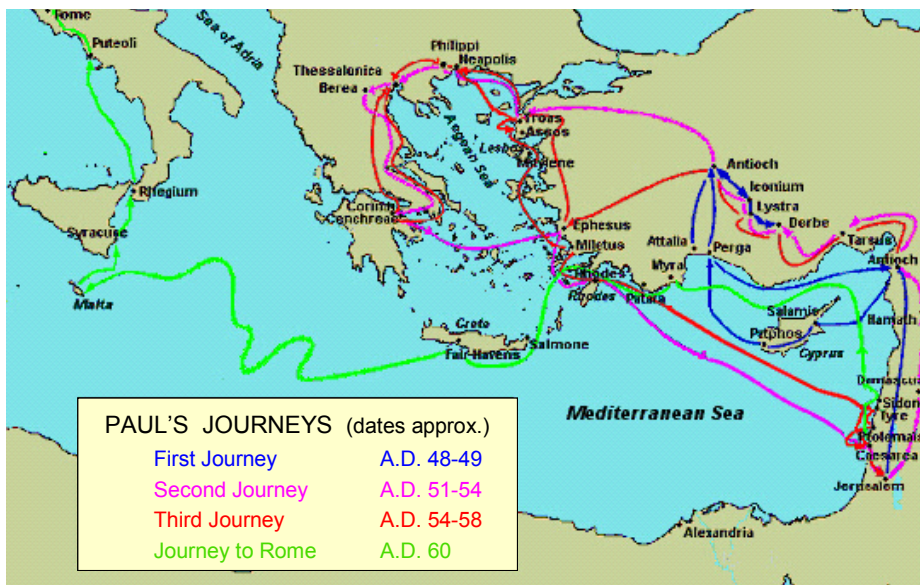
The Lord Jesus said to His disciples, *"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* Acts 1.8.

*"Go ... and make disciples of all nations ..."* Matthew 28.19

The gospel began to be spread beyond Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria following the martyrdom of Stephen when,

*"there arose ... a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria ... those who were scattered went about preaching the word."* Acts 8. 1,4

But God had His eye on a man who was at the centre of the persecution. On a journey of hatred to Damascus (Acts 9), Saul of Tarsus met the Lord and spiritual enlightenment and understanding flooded his soul. The transformation was outstanding. He was chosen and commissioned by God to take the name of Christ to the Gentiles (Acts 9.15/16). The Christians said of him, *"He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."* Galatians 1.23



Paul travelled many miles across Asia and into Europe proclaiming the gospel, teaching the believers, defending the truths God had revealed to him and suffering as a result. (2 Corinthians 11.23-33).



In A.D. 60/61 Paul was taken to Rome at his own request to stand before Nero, the Roman emperor (Acts 27). He stayed in Rome for two years, apparently under some form of house arrest, after which he was released to travel again in the service of the Lord. He visited Philippi (Philippians 2.24), Macedonia (1 Timothy 1.3), Ephesus (1 Timothy 4.13, 2 Timothy 1.18) and Crete (Titus 1.5). After this he went to Nicopolis (Titus 3.12), Miletus (2 Timothy 4.20), Corinth (2 Timothy 4.20) and Troas (2 Timothy 4.13). He was again apprehended and taken to Rome (2 Timothy 2.9) where he anticipated his death (2 Timothy 4.6). Paul was beheaded in Rome in about the year A.D.67.

### THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

In A.D.70 Titus, the Roman general, came to take Jerusalem, with about 80,000 soldiers, because of its constant rebellion. He built a siege wall around the city and within three months it was taken and destroyed.

This arch was built in Rome to commemorate his victory.

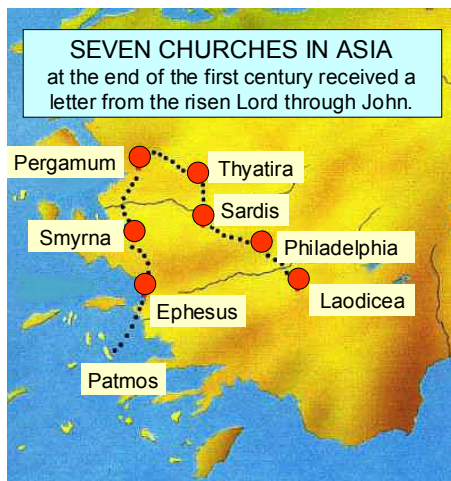


Thus the prophecy given to Daniel was fulfilled -

*"the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary."*

Daniel 9.26

The menorah, or lampstand being removed from the temple by the Romans.



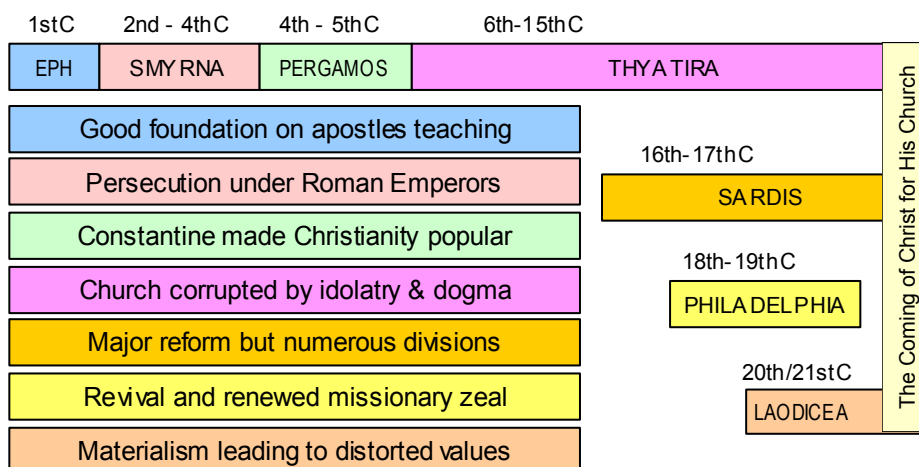
John wrote to seven churches from exile on Patmos about A.D.90. These churches can be viewed in three ways -

Historically - Actual churches existing in first century Asia.

Typically - Conditions found in churches at any point in time.

Prophetically - The church as viewed through the ages from commencement to completion.

The chart below gives a view of the significant events and trends during the centuries of the church age which began when the Spirit came and will end when the Lord comes.



A study of the seven feasts of Israel (page 38) together with a study of the seven parables of Matthew 13 (page 62) and a study of the seven churches will give the student of scripture an excellent overview of the unfolding of divine purpose during these end times.

#### FURTHER READING and STUDY

Emmaus Courses - *The Book of Acts* by R.E. Harlow

*Christ Loved the Church* by William MacDonald

## **CHRIST & CHURCH- Test 9 (Stage 13 & 14)**

(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

### ***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. Matthew and John focused on
  - a. The Servant in His Ministry and The Sovereign in His Majesty
  - b. The Saviour in His Mercy and The Servant in His Ministry
  - c. The Sovereign in His Majesty and the Son in His Mystery
2. The Lord Jesus came to
  - a. show us what God is like
  - b. to experience Manhood
  - c. to die
  - d. all the above
3. The Lord Jesus
  - a. will set up His Kingdom on earth in a day to come
  - b. experienced tiredness, hunger and thirst
  - c. is now able to understand and sympathise with us
  - d. all the above
4. The Church
  - a. existed in the Old Testament
  - b. is a building for worship
  - c. consists of anyone who is baptised
  - d. was established on the day of Pentecost
5. The practices which formed the Church were
  - a. the teaching and fellowship of the apostles
  - b. the breaking of bread
  - c. prayers
  - d. all the above

### ***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. Pilate passed sentence on Jesus because he found Him guilty.
7. Christ now occupies the highest throne in the universe.
8. The gospel began to spread beyond Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria following the martyrdom of Stephen.
9. Paul only went on two missionary journeys.
10. John wrote to the seven churches about A.D.90.

### **WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

Explain the practices of the first church. Why are these a blueprint for today?

## Stage 15

# CLIMAX

The great purposes of God will approach their climax with the sudden return of Christ for His own in fulfilment of His promise -

*"if I go ... I will come again and take you to myself ..."* John 14.3

*"the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God ..."* 1 Thessalonians 4.16

The **SHOUT** will send the Command    **The Divine Announcement**

The first indication will be a great shout from the Lord Himself.

The **VOICE** will sound the Challenge    **The Divine Authority**

No power in the universe will be able to stop His coming or our going.

The **TRUMPET** will signal the Change    **The Divine Activity**

Our bodies will be changed and made suitable for heaven.

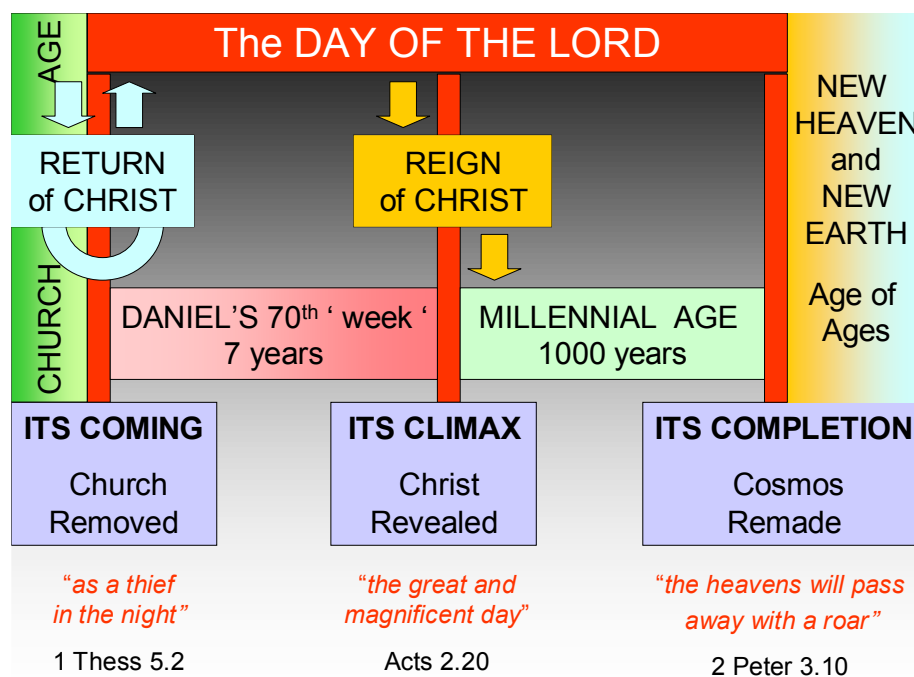
(1 Corinthians 15.35-58; Philippians 3.20/21)

This long awaited event will most surely take place for God has promised and He cannot lie or break His promises. The Christians at Thessalonica were described as people who had,

*"turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he [God] raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."* 1 Thessalonians 1.10

Clearly, they were expecting the Lord to come at any time - certainly within their lifetime - and His coming would be an act of deliverance from coming wrath. Christians will never face God's wrath at any time, for we have obtained salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5.9; Romans 5.9). Because we are not told when Christ is coming, every generation of Christians should anticipate His return at any time and should show the reality of this by living for Christ now.

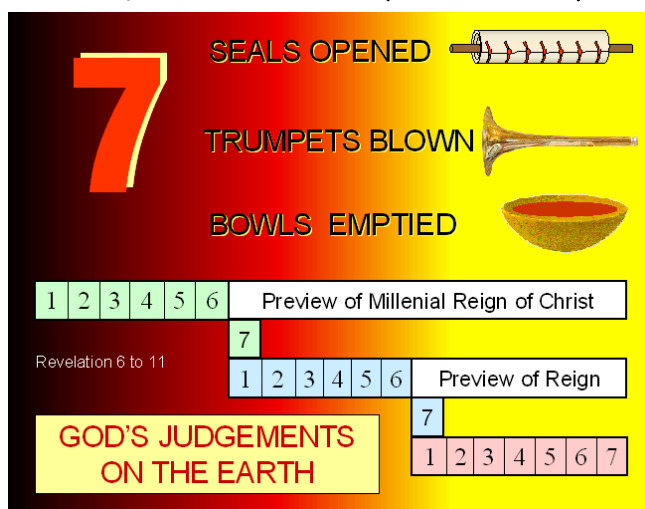
The chart below gives an overview of events still to take place. The Church Age will come to an end with the return of the Lord Jesus for His own. With the removal of the Church (the restraint mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2.6), the Holy Spirit (the Restraint mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2.7) will no longer hold back the tide of evil as He does now and so the “mystery of lawlessness” will advance rapidly and unrestrained, with the appearance of the “man of lawlessness” and the coming of the Day of the Lord.



The final seven years of Daniel's vision will then be fulfilled, details of which are given by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 24 and 25 and also under the seal, trumpet and bowl judgements in the book of Revelation. This part of the Day of the Lord (a phrase often used by the Old Testament prophets) will be a momentous time when God will be seen to intervene in earth's affairs, both against the nation of Israel and against all the ungodly, Gentile nations.

Read the descriptions of this period of time in Isaiah 13.6,9; Ezekiel 30.3; Joel 1.15, 2.1,11; Amos 5.18,20; Obadiah 1.15, Zephaniah 1.14

After the removal of the Church, God will turn again to the nation of Israel. Since their rejection of the Messiah and throughout the Church Age, God has not dealt with them as a nation. Individual Jews are saved today on the same grounds as the Gentiles (Ephesians 2.11-22), for there is no distinction and no difference. Because of their rejection of the true Messiah and their future acceptance of the false messiah, the Day of the Lord for Israel will include a time of great persecution as God finally refines the nation (Zechariah 13.9).



The three sets of judgements spoken of in Revelation from chapter 6 to 16, will take place during the final 'week' or seven years of Daniel's prophecy (Dan 9).

The Day of the Lord will reach its climax with the return of

Christ in power and glory (Revelation 19.11) to put down His enemies and to take the throne of David and reign for 1000 years. His coming in this way and for this purpose is spoken of clearly in Scripture -

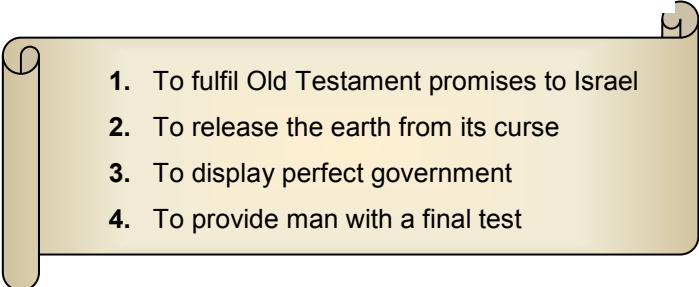
*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*

Matthew 24.29/30

The first time the Son of God came to earth He was rejected and crucified, but at His second appearance, with the vast host of heaven, man's verdict, declared at Calvary, will be seen to have been reversed.



The PURPOSE and CHARACTER of  
THE 1000 YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST

- 
1. To fulfil Old Testament promises to Israel
  2. To release the earth from its curse
  3. To display perfect government
  4. To provide man with a final test

"They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Revelation 20.4). The reign of Christ on earth is both prophesied and demanded by Old Testament Scripture. Much prophecy, as yet unfulfilled, is devoted to the character and conditions of this glorious age in which all of God's covenants with Israel will be realized. This is the time when the disciples' prayer will be fully answered - "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is [now] in heaven" (Matthew 6.10). Thus an earthly kingdom will be established in the millennial age. It will be spiritual in character, noted for its -

**Righteousness** Isaiah 60.21, Malachi 4.2, Matthew 25.37.

**Holiness** Isaiah 4.2-4, 35.8, Ezekiel 39.7, 43.7, Zechariah 14.20/21

**Truth** Isaiah 16.5, 65.16, Zechariah 8.3-8

**Fullness of the Spirit** Ezekiel 36.27, 37.14, Joel 2.28/29

In that day, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11.9, Habakkuk 2.14.

The **character** of the kingdom age will determine its **conditions**. With Satan absent and Christ present (Revelation 20), it will be marked by **peace, joy, justice, full knowledge, healing, prosperity** and **unity**. These conditions will continue into the eternal state, for the Lord Jesus Christ is going to reign forever (Luke 1.33).

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## Stage 16

# COMPLETION

After the thousand year reign of Christ, Satan will be released and allowed to continue his evil work for a short time (Revelation 20.3,7). He will find a vast number of people willing to join him in battle against God and against Jerusalem, but fire from heaven will destroy them. The devil will finally be dealt with by God, and then every member of the human race will stand before God's throne for judgement.



The names of all men and the deeds they have done have been placed in heaven's records. Every member of the human race will receive an individual judgement based on the way he/she lived. Men will then realize that God knows everything about them and can therefore pass a just sentence. Although there will be different degrees in judgement (Matthew 11.22,24), these will not be the basis for eternal life. Only those whose names are written in “another book”, the book of life, will enter into the joys of eternal salvation. (Revelation 20.11-15. See also 13.8; 17.8; Luke 10.20; Philippians 4.3).

There will probably be an overlap between millennial and eternal conditions, for while those in heaven will be in their final state, those still on earth await the completion of God's purposes. We are only given a glimpse into God's eternal heavens and earth. It is significant, however, to read the description of eternal conditions in terms of what is NOT there (Revelation 21.4; 22.3-5). The numerous results of sin - sorrow, suffering, pain and death will never exist again for "the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21.4).

When all authorities and powers have been destroyed and all has been made subject to Christ the Son (Ephesians 1.10), then the universal kingdom will be placed into the hands of God the Father, who will be "all and in all" (1 Corinthians 15.24/28).

The ages of time, created by God as an arena for the glory of His Son through the unfolding drama of redemption, will have served their divine purpose and will be submerged into the vastness of the eternal ages..

In the light of God's wonderful revelation every Christian should -

**LEARN THE TRUTH**

This involves the **MIND**

We need to fill our minds with the truths of Scripture.

**LOVE THE TRUTH**

This involves the **HEART**

We need to love what we learn so that it affects the heart.

**LIVE THE TRUTH**

This involves the **WILL**

That which fills our minds and hearts should be evidenced in our lives.

It is the prayerful desire of all at the Emmaus Bible School that this course will contribute towards an increase in your understanding, love and practice of the Scriptures and that, as a result, your life will count more for God in our times as we await the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**CLIMAX & COMPLETION- Test 10**  
(Use EXAM FORM B on the website menu)

***Choose the correct answer/statement***

1. In John 14:3 Jesus tells us that
  - a. He will not return to earth
  - b. He will send angels for those who believe in Him
  - c. He Himself will come again
2. The Christians in Thessalonica
  - a. were expecting Jesus to return at any time
  - b. did not believe that Jesus would return from heaven
  - c. served idols
3. The 1000 year reign of Christ will
  - a. fulfil Old Testament prophecies to Israel
  - b. release the earth from its curse
  - c. display perfect government & provide man with a final test
  - d. all the above
4. Satan
  - a. will be released before Christ's thousand year reign
  - b. will find few people to join him in his battle against God
  - c. will finally be dealt with by God
5. Every Christian should
  - a. Learn the truth
  - b. Love the truth
  - c. Live the truth
  - d. All the above

***Enter TRUE or FALSE for each statement:***

6. The great purposes of God will approach their climax with the sudden return of Christ.
7. Christ's earthly kingdom will be noted for its righteousness, holiness, truth, and fullness of the Spirit.
8. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to reign forever.
9. Every member of the human race will receive an individual judgement based on the way he/she lived.
10. Only those whose names are written in the book of life will enter into the joys of eternal salvation.

**WHAT DO YOU SAY?**

What does the anticipation of heaven mean to you?

## A SUMMARY OF OUR JOURNEY

### 1. CREATION

God displayed His awesome power  
As the universe He made -  
Creating the heavens, then the earth,  
With sure foundation laid.

He worked in order through the week  
According to His plan;  
Reaching the climax on day six  
When He created Man.

### 3. CONDEMNATION

To Noah God said, A boat you must build  
In order your family to save  
Then the earth was immersed in a fearful flood;  
Man destroyed in a watery grave.

For over a year they remained in the ark,  
Then out to restart on new ground;  
With memories spreading across the world  
The proof in the rocks still is found.

### 5. COVENANT

Abraham heard the call of God  
And moved out to a land unknown.  
Through Isaac, his son, God's choice  
can be seen  
In calling a people His own.

Jacob, the twister, spent time in God's school  
Experiencing much of His care;  
And Joseph submitted his life to God  
Of God's control he was so  
much aware.

### 7. COMMANDMENTS

A new nation born, they crossed the Red Sea  
On their way towards their new land  
God's presence among them and food  
for their need  
And the law written down by God's hand.

Their hard hearts delayed the blessings of God  
They began to complain and to moan;  
So God turned them back to the  
desert again  
And for forty years there they did roam.

### 2. CORRUPTION

But sin came in and ruined all,  
It led to death and pain;  
Man expelled from the presence of God  
And Abel murdered by Cain.

Although there were some who sought  
after God,  
Mankind sank lower in sin  
As Satan sought to destroy the seed  
God promised would one day destroy him.

### 4. CONFUSION

But sin still remained in the nature of man,  
And he sought to increase his own power  
By building a city in defiance of God,  
Then constructing a gigantic tower.

God came down to see what men had done  
Which was contrary to what He had said;  
He confused their speech and the work had to stop  
And out from that place they were spread.

### 6. CRUELTY

In Egypt the people were subdued as slaves,  
Then came Moses, God's man for the hour;  
Preserved and prepared for his  
leadership task  
And to demonstrate God's mighty power.

Ten plagues hit the land with an awful result  
Causing Egypt to reel from its plight;  
Then God moved for His people;  
His final display  
And they came out on that Passover night.

### 8. CONQUESTS

And so into Canaan at Joshua's command  
Sounds of victory filling the air  
Defeating the foe and dividing the land  
So that each of the tribes had their share.

But they never learned God's way  
is the best,  
Repeating the cycles of sin;  
With nations allowed to subjugate them  
Through which God brought them  
back to Him.

## 9. CROWNINGS

They wanted a king like the nations around,  
So Saul was the first on the throne;  
But he wasted his life and David was crowned,  
A man with a heart like God's own.

Solomon's wisdom and wealth were known  
near and far,  
God's temple with glory did shine;  
Then the nation divided, the North and  
the South  
And both kingdoms went into decline.

## 11. CONSTRUCTION

Seventy years on, it was time to return  
To the land that is close to God's heart;  
Rebuilding the temple, the city and walls,  
So the people could have a new start.

They met opposition and the work  
had to stop,  
Problems within and without;  
Men of God took the lead with  
courage and strength,  
And a great reform came about.

## 13. CHRIST

In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son  
Upon Him all the ages depend;  
Miraculous birth, impeccable life,  
He is both God and Man – perfect blend.

But man gave God's Son a cruel cross  
Where He died an object of shame;  
But He rose from the grave in  
conquering power,  
And He'll never die again.

## 15. CLIMAX

The Lord has promised to return,  
We do not know the hour;  
But He will come to take us home  
In an act of mighty power.

And from the clouds He will descend,  
Shout, voice and trumpet blast;  
And those 'in Christ' all caught away,  
This present life then passed.

## 10. CAPTIVITY

Because of their sin, the enemy came,  
And took them away from the land;  
The temple and city were razed  
to the ground,  
And they tasted the force of God's hand.

In the country of exile some stayed faithful to God,  
Such as Daniel and his three friends;  
God made known His control in the  
kingdoms of men,  
And His use of them for His own ends.

## 12. CONFLICT

The nation went back to its old ways,  
Not giving to God what was right;  
With attitudes hard they questioned  
His love,  
Not weighing values true in His sight.

Between Old and New Testament days  
times were hard  
Under Greek and Roman control;  
As ever, a remnant standing for God  
Divine plan moving on to its goal.

## 14. CHURCH

The church, the bride of Christ, began  
The day the Spirit came;  
From Jerusalem the gospel spread  
Like an unquenchable flame.

And so, today, the people of God  
Are found in every land;  
Upholding the truth of the Word of God  
For Christ they make their stand.

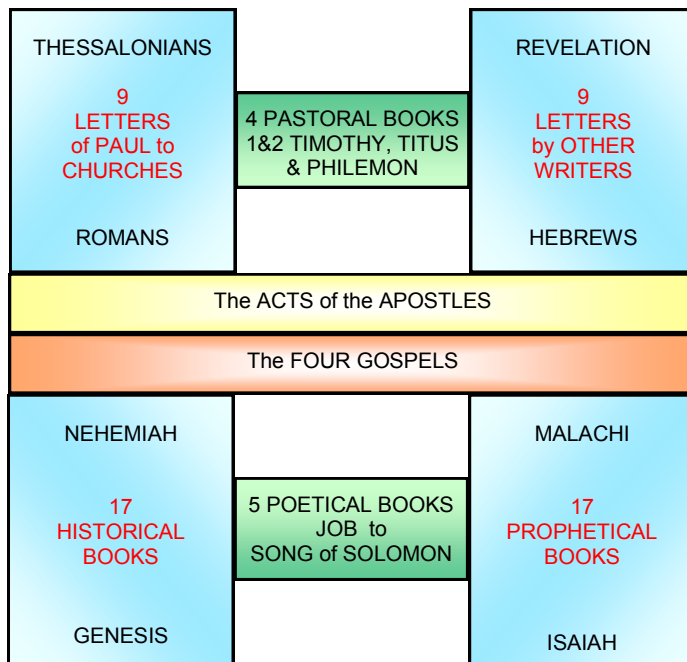
## 16. COMPLETION

Upon the earth turmoil and fear  
The full results of sin  
Then Christ in glory shall appear  
Every eye focused then on Him.

He will defeat His every foe,  
And then in righteousness reign;  
With Christ and His people  
triumphant at last  
As God did foreordain.



## THE STRUCTURE OF THE BIBLE



This chart shows the symmetrical structure of the Bible. The Old Testament contains historical, poetical and prophetical writings with a 17 - 5 - 17 symmetry. The prophetical books mirror, to a large extent, the historical books. Isaiah, for example, has much to say about creation and the minor and major prophets interact with the history of Israel. The first five of the two seventeens contain the pentateuch and the major prophets respectively. The two major sections are also linked by the poetical books.

The four Gospels present the fulfilment, or capstone, of the Old Testament and also establish the foundation for the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles stems from the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament is built on this double foundation.

A symmetry of 9 - 4 - 9 is seen in Paul's letters, the general letters and the link of the pastoral letters between these two.

The books of Romans and Hebrews both expound the great truths of the gospel, and Thessalonians and Revelation speak of end times.

## GOD'S TEMPLE OF TRUTH - from FOUNDATION to FULFILMENT

REVELATION		
<p>116 quotes from the Psalms in the New Testament</p> <p>Messianic Psalms 16, 22, 24, 40, 68, 69, 118.</p> <p>Psa 126, 119 Ezra LXX Psa 146 Haggai LXX</p> <p>Psa 137 Jer/Zech LXX Hezekiah's Songs of Degrees 120 - 134</p> <p>PSALMS</p> <p>ECCLESIASTES PROVERBS SONG of SOLOMON Solomon Psa 72, 127 David - 73 Psalms</p> <p>Psa 107 - 150 Psa 90 - 106 Psa 73 - 89 Psa 42 - 72</p> <p>JOB Psa 1 - 41</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 JOHN JUDE HEBREWS 2 TIMOTHY 2 PETER 1 PETER TITUS 1 TIMOTHY</p> <p>PHILIPPIANS PHILEMON EPHESIANS COLOSSIANS ROMANS 1 &amp; 2 CORINTHIANS GALATIANS 1 &amp; 2 THESSALONIANS JAMES</p> <p>MATTHEW MARK LUKE JOHN</p> <p>NEHEMIAH</p> <p>EZRA ESTHER</p> <p>605 <i>Babylonian Captivity</i></p> <p>722 <i>Assyrian Captivity</i></p> <p>2 KINGS</p> <p>976 <i>Kingdom Divided</i> 1 KINGS 2 CHRONICLES</p> <p>2 SAMUEL 1 CHRONICLES</p> <p>1 SAMUEL</p> <p>JUDGES RUTH</p> <p>JOSHUA</p> <p>DEUTERONOMY NUMBERS LEVITICUS EXODUS</p> <p>GENESIS</p>	<p>New Testament Prophets until completion of scripture</p> <p>John the Baptist</p> <p>MALACHI HAGGAI ZECHARIAH</p> <p>DANIEL EZEKIEL OBADIAH LAMENTATIONS JEREMIAH HABAKKUK NAHUM ZEPHANIAH ISAIAH MICAH AMOS HOSEA JONAH JOEL</p> <p>Elijah, Elisha &amp; others.</p> <p>Nathan</p> <p>Samuel, Gad</p> <p>Moses, Aaron</p> <p>Enoch, Abraham</p>
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### **Other Books**

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MacArthur J. *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

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