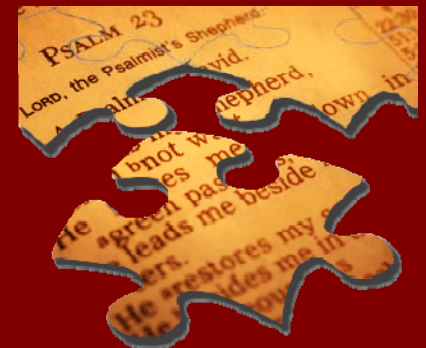


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GOD'S WORD FITS TOGETHER

We are excited that you are taking a step of faith as you embark on this journey with us.

This workshop will provide adventure and application in your daily life that will assist you in your spiritual growth!

Many Christ Followers are overexposed and underdeveloped. The Word of God was not given to satisfy our curiosity, but to transform our lives.

What if by investing a few hours of your time at this workshop you found one nugget of truth that changed your life?

What if you discovered by
using the original
languages a specific Word
gives you new meaning
for guidance or
clarification?

AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 7:00pm In your Seat Door Prize – Kick Off
- 7:10pm Overview of GWFT Workshop
- 7:15pm Overview of the Old Testament
- 9:00pm Dismissal

AGENDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00am In your Seat Door Prize – Kick Off
- 8:10am Overview of GWFT Workshop
- 8:15am How did we get the Bible?
- 9:00am Bible Translations
- 9:15am BREAK

AGENDA (continued)

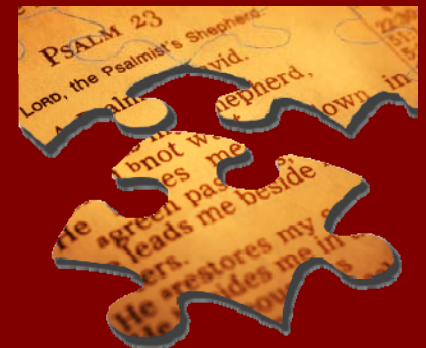
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 9:30am Overview of the New Testament
- 11:00am Concordance
- 11:30am LUNCH
- 12noon Word Study
- 2:15pm Workshop summary
- 2:30pm Workshop Wrap Up

The Message of the Old Testament

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THE BIBLE

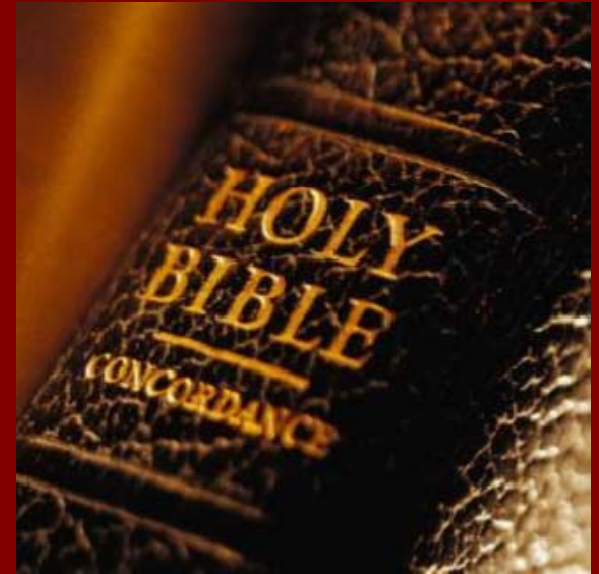
The Bible
(a brief introduction)

Part 1 – The Message of the Old Testament

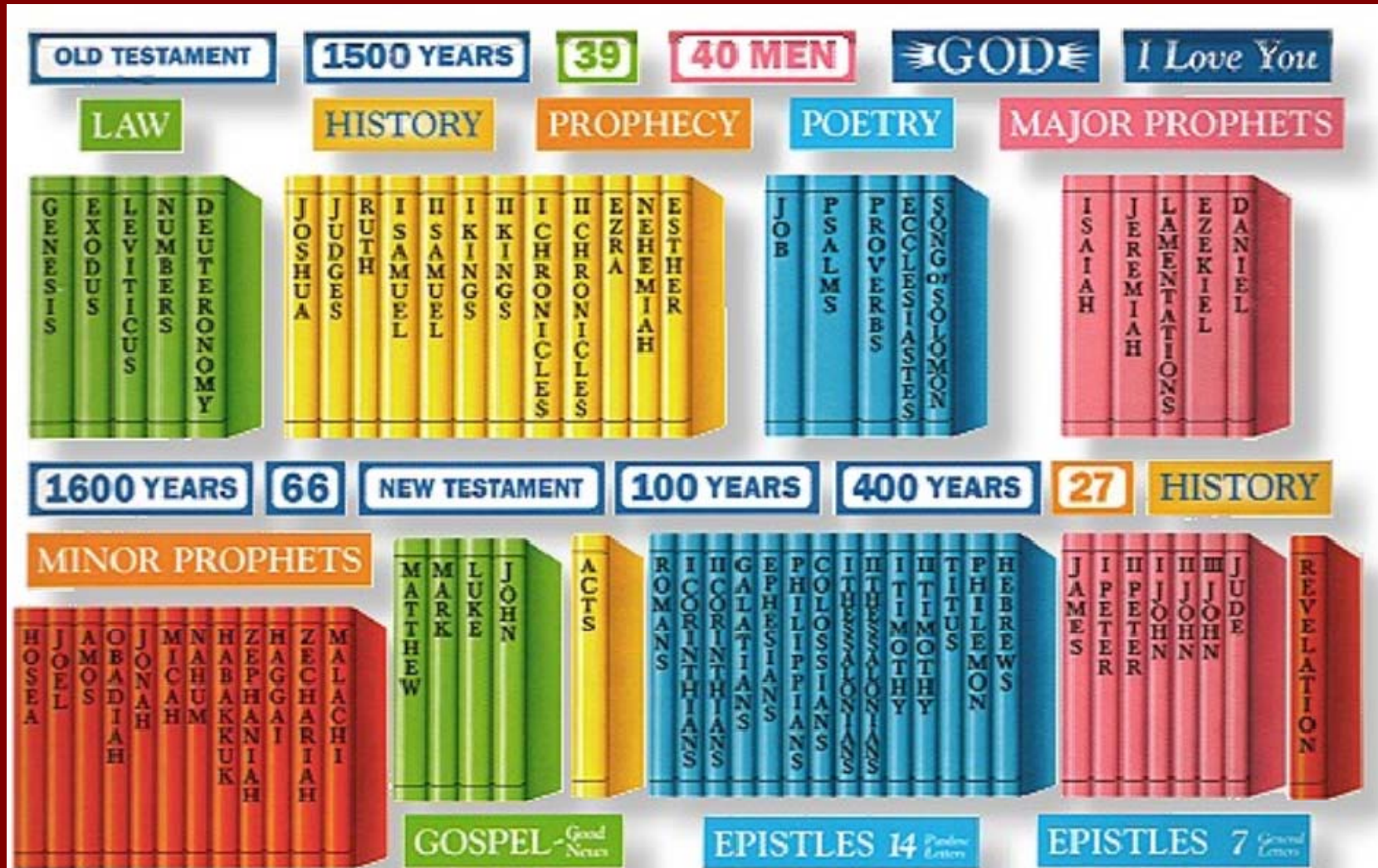
Part 2 – The Message of the New Testament

THE BIBLE (continued)

- God's revealed word to us
- The best-seller of all times
- Sixty-six books
- 40+ authors
- ~1600 years in the writing
- Three languages
- ... yet it contains one unified message



THE BIBLE (continued)



THE BIBLE (continued)

- Old Testament
 - 39 books
 - Written over ~1500 years
 - Languages: Hebrew and Aramaic
- 400 years between the Old and New Testament
- New Testament
 - 27 books
 - Written over ~100 years
 - Language: Greek
- Total:
 - 66 books
 - 1600 years
 - ~40 authors (All Jewish except for Luke who wrote 2 books)
 - One message: God's Love for Mankind

ACTUALLY *one* AUTHOR – GOD

- God spoke, through men, spoke by His spirit

“for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21 NKJV)

- One plan of redemption from Genesis to Revelation
- Progressively revealed through scripture

IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL REMINDER

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)



- Knowledge versus Wisdom
- Information versus Transformation
- Knowing about God versus Knowing Him intimately

THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION



- Begins in eternity, before the foundation of the world
- Ends with eternity, with the destruction of this world, and the creation of a New Heaven and New Earth
- The Theme is “The Redeemer” -- Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- The Old Testament looks ahead to His coming
- The New Testament back to His work on the cross and looks forward to His return

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CROSS!



“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJV)

- *We need to keep “the main thing, the main thing”...*

*“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”
(Corinthians 2:2 NKJV)*

THE MESSAGE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



GENESIS

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1 NKJV)

- How? By His Word! Think of the power of God's voice.
- We have the power of God's voice right here in the Bible – God's mind revealed to us.



HOW TO DO LIFE RIGHT

- God spoke and gave commands to man:
 - What to do
 - What not to do
 - How to do life right
- The problem:
 - Man did what he was supposed to *not* do
 - Disobedience = Sin
 - It started in the Garden of Eden



IT'S A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

- God speaking to the serpent...
And 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 NKJV)
- Here's the promise of redemption – although Satan will bruise the heel of Messiah, Messiah shall be victorious by delivering a fatal blow to the head of Satan.

THE PROBLEM: SIN

- Adam and Eve are removed from the garden because of their sin
- Note: they had a *perfect* environment and *perfect* fellowship, yet they wanted to do things *their way*
- It's a problem with our nature – internal
- The world and religions try to address this internal problem with external means – *wrong answer!*

CONTINUING IN GENESIS – JUDGEMENT AND GRACE

- *“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Genesis 6:5 NKJV)*



- This clearly shoots down the “man is basically good” theory
- God judges mankind with the flood but Noah finds grace with the Lord, and his family is saved

THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Grace –

Getting what I don't deserve



Justice –

Getting what I deserve

Mercy –

Not getting what I deserve

*“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and great in mercy” (Psalm 145:8 NKJV)*

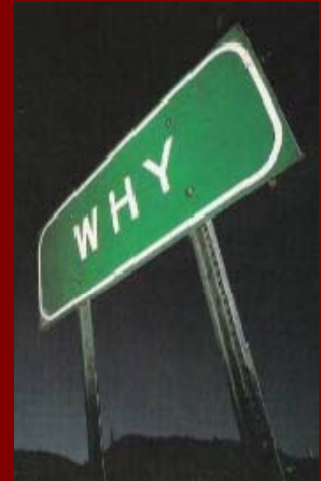
AFTER THE ARK

- God commands Noah to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth
- But a group of people decide to stay in one place, build a tower, and make a name for themselves
- So God confused their languages – Babel – and scattered them into different nations
- Consequences even today



THE BOOK OF JOB

- Believed to be the oldest scriptural text
- Written before Moses wrote Genesis
- Deals with the age old question “Why does God allow suffering?”
- Two key points
 - He's God, and we're not
 - It's not about us
- In the end, Job finally *knows* God and realizes he can count on God



The Abrahamic Covenant and the Founding of the Hebrew Nation

- God reaches down to one of the nations, Caldea, and selects a man, Abram
- God makes a covenant and promises that through Abram's descendants all the peoples of the earth will be blessed – that is the Messiah will come
- It seemed like an impossible promise

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV)

Jesus speaking “With men, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26 NKJV)

GOD BUILDS A NATION THROUGH ABRAHAM

- God's work is supernatural – He picks a barren woman and an old man – impossible
- God delights to work through impossible situations
- Unfortunately Abram and Sarai don't wait on God's promise (and timing) – they take matters into their own hands and the stepson Ishmael is born from the handmaiden Haggai
- The root of bitter conflict in the Middle East to this very day

GOD DOES AS HE PROMISES

- God renames Sarai to Sarah and Abram to Abraham
- Isaac is born, the promised son
- The covenant is restated – Abraham will be the father of many nations and will bless the earth
- The Land of Canaan is promised as an everlasting covenant
- This land, Israel, is the center of world conflict today

THE NATION GROWS

- Isaac also has two sons: Jacob and Esau
- The promise is passed to the 2nd son, Jacob
- Jacob's name is changed by God to Israel (“governed by God”)
- By the end of Genesis, the family grows to about 70 – the beginning of the 12 tribes of Israel
- Genesis covers ~1000 yrs

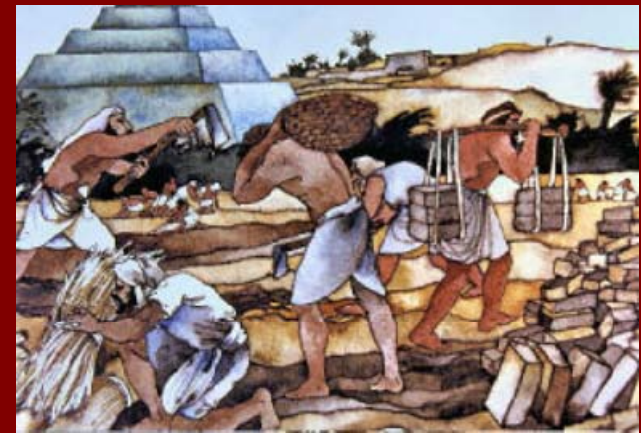


Down to Egypt – Exodus – God's Covenant with the Hebrew Nation

- One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers
- Joseph shows great faith through trials and becomes 2nd in command to Pharaoh
“But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good...to save many...”
(Genesis 50:20 NKJV)
- Joseph, with wisdom from God, stockpiles food against a coming famine
- The Jewish people (including Joseph's brothers) come to settle in Egypt and are saved from starvation

BONDAGE

- Time passes, Pharaohs come and go, Joseph's help is forgotten
- The Egyptians come to fear the growing Jewish population (now ~ 2 million)
- The Pharaoh uses the Jews as slaves building the pyramids
- God (behind the scenes) is growing His people per His promise



MOSES

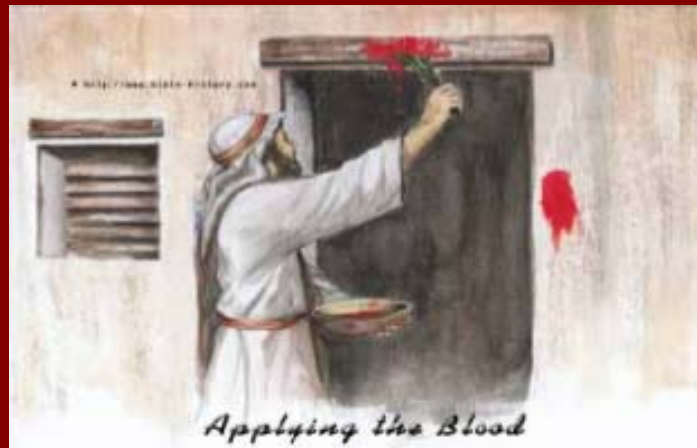
- The people cry out to God
- God hears their cry
- God raises up a deliverer
- Moses confronts Pharaoh
- Pharaoh resists
- Plague after plague
- Finally...



Moses wrote the first 5 books
of the Bible known as The
Pentateuch

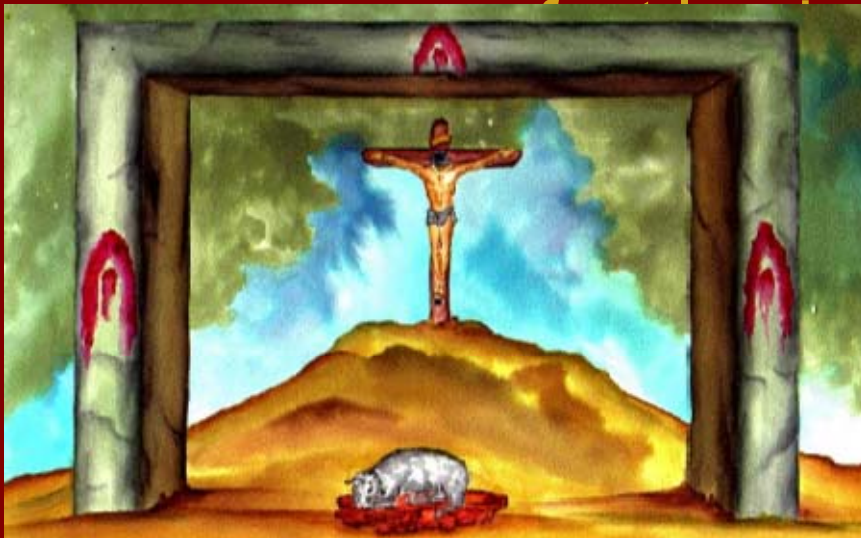
...THE 10th AND FINAL PLAGUE

- The Jews are instructed to sacrifice a perfect, innocent lamb
- They are to put the blood on the door posts of their houses
- Those who obeyed God's instructions were protected from the Angel of Death who “passed over” their houses



TODAY

- The Jewish people still celebrate Passover – deliverance from Egypt, rescue from bondage
- As a remembrance, mezzuzahs are placed on the doors of practically every Jewish home
- To Christ followers, Jesus is our



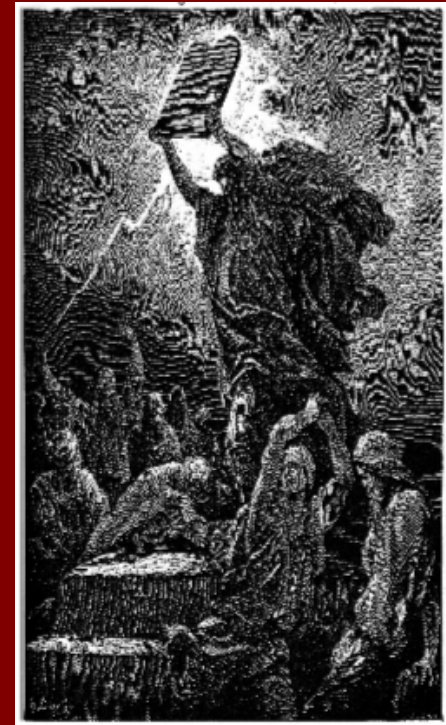
A LOT HAPPENS IN THE DESERT

- The parting of the Red Sea
- Manna from Heaven
- Water from the Rock
- Revelation of God at Mt. Sinai – smoke, fire, lightning, thunder, shaking
- The Law (The Ten Commandments)



THE MOSAIC COVENANT – THE LAW

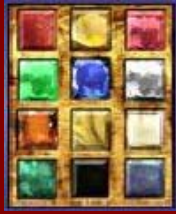
- The Law makes the Jewish people separate and holy – a light to the rest of the pagan world
- Content: The moral law and the ceremonial law
- Purpose: The law revealed:
 - God's holiness, and
 - man's sin (our need for grace)
- Correct response: submission and obedience
- Episode of the Golden Calf
- Exodus covers 500 years



THE MOSAIC COVENANT – THE LAW (continued)

- God gives the Jewish people a plan for a tabernacle (portable tent for worship)
- He guides them daily and protects them (cloud by day, pillar of fire by night)
- He dwells in their midst
- His glory fills the tabernacle





LEVITICUS

- Prescribes God's specific rules for worship to be carried out by the priestly tribe, the Levites
- Establishes the priests, sacrifices and offerings, and festivals
- Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur
 - Most holy day
 - Sin offering for the priest, and then for the people
 - Sacrifice of the perfect lamb
 - High priest, once a year enters the Holy of Holies



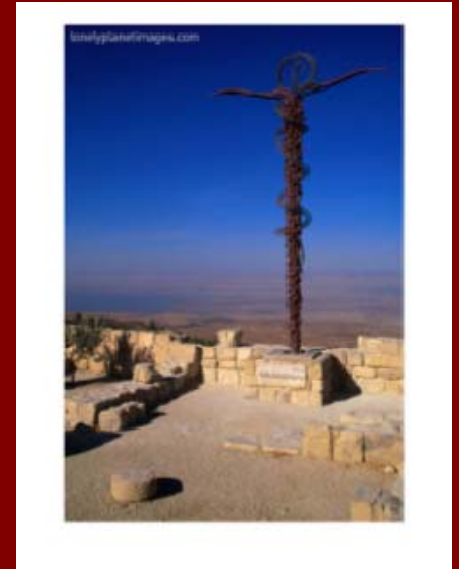
NEXT BOOK: NUMBERS – Heading for the Promised Land

- God leads his people – cloud by day, fire by night – When He moves, they move.
- The cloud provides shade; the fire provides safety
- They reach the promised land.
- The spies enter but most of them lack faith – the giants of the land scared them.
- They should have looked to God, not the circumstances.
- Consequences: because of unbelief they had to wander another 38 years in the desert;
- Only Jacob and Caleb and the next generation of children would live to enter the land



FINALLY, the promised DEUTERONOMY

- The 2nd giving of the law to the new generation
 - God goes beyond the law
 - Sh'ma
 - *Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One (Deuteronomy 6:4)*
 - The Greatest Commandment
 - *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJV)*
 - Moses sees the land, but cannot enter
 - He dies after passing leadership to Joshua



Mt. Nebo, Jordan

NEXT BOOKS: JOSHUA

The Conquest of Canaan

- Warrior leader
- Great victory at Jericho
 - The Lord gives them the city!
 - God's ways are not our ways
 - Great book to study the spirit filled life
- Conquer the land driving out seven major nations
- The tribes are given their apportioned areas (although they didn't claim it all)
- This book covers ~40 years

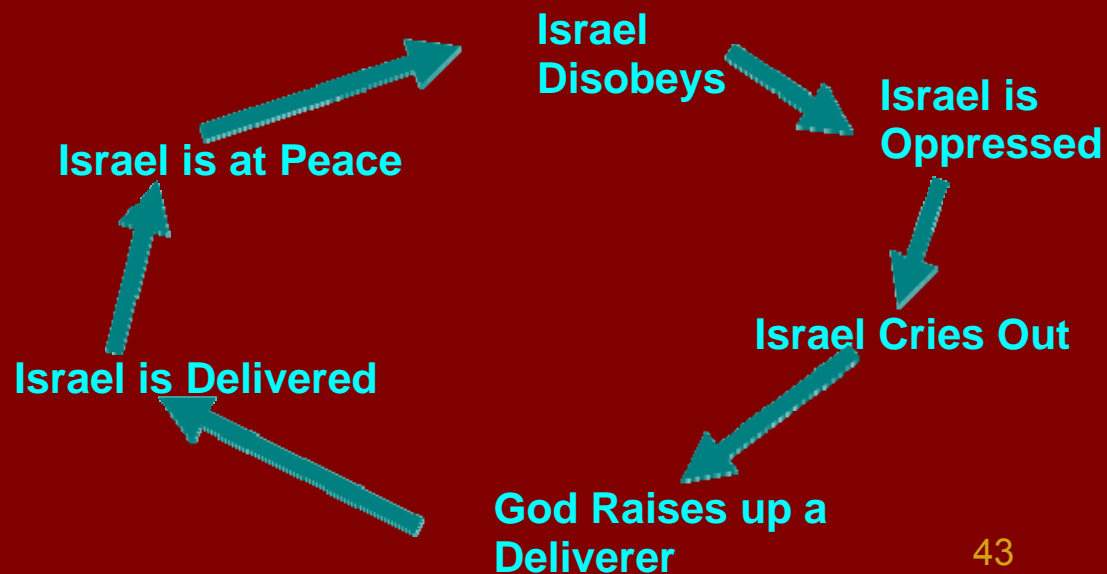


"...have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse..."

JUDGES – a dark period for Israel

- Covers approximately the first 300 years in the land
- Israel began to copy their worldly neighbors
- God sent enemies to oppress them
- The people would cry out to God, and God would deliver them
- But over time, the people forget, go back to their evil ways, and the cycle of sins is repeated (and gets worse)

Rebellion
Retribution
Repentance
Rescue
Rest



KEY VERSES

“In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

(Judges 17:6) (repeated 21:25 NKJV)

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.” (Proverbs 12:15 NKJV)

*“Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,
But the Lord weighs the hearts.”*

(Proverbs 21:2 NKJV)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

(Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV)

RUTH – Beginning of the Messianic Family of David

- “In the days when the judges ruled...”
- Story about a widowed woman Naomi and her pagan daughter-in-law Ruth redeemed by God
- Boaz, the Kinsman Redeemer in the story is a type of Christ
- This is the same Ruth we see in the genealogy of Jesus Christ given in Matthew (the great grandmother of King David!)



HISTORY OF ISRAEL

(North and South)

The history of God dealing with His people

- Israel in the north – 10 tribes
- Judah in the south – 2 tribes

1 – 2 Samuel ↔ 1 Chronicles
1 – 2 Kings ↔ 2 Chronicles

Repeated for a reason?



DAVID – a man after God's own heart

- A shepherd, a warrior, a poet, musician – fearless
- David and Goliath – David put his trust in God
- Author of many of the psalms – many written during 1st and 2nd Samuel when Saul was trying to kill David and David was hiding in caves!
- Psalms, the hymn book of Israel, are a great comfort to this very day



So many
lessons

1st SAMUEL -- Organization of the Kingdom

- The last judge and a prophet
- This book covers the transition from judges to kings in Israel's history (~ 64 yrs)
- The people wanted a king like the other nations
- Samuel prophesied that Saul would be the first king
- Saul looked good on the outside but failed to follow God's ways
- God withdrew the anointing on Saul and anointed David

2nd SAMUEL – Reign of David

- ~ 40 yr time period
- David defeats the remaining enemies in the land
- God promises David will have a descendant on the throne (Messianic promise)
- Unifies Israel, establishes Jerusalem as the capital (around 1,000 B.C.)
- David wants to build the Temple, a permanent house for the Lord
- But God tells him there is too much blood on his hands, so David makes preparations...

THE REIGN OF SOLOMON



- A time of peace and prosperity
- God asked Solomon what he wanted and Solomon asked for wisdom to rule the people. God was pleased and not only gave him wisdom but also great wealth.
- Amazing time – rulers from all the nations came to see Solomon's kingdom and the Temple of God
- This will happen in Jerusalem again when God establishes a New Heaven and New Earth!

SOLOMON

- **Wrote**
 - Most of Proverbs – about wisdom
 - Song of Songs (Song of Solomon) – about the glory of wedded love
 - Ecclesiastes – about the vanity of earthly life
- **Solomon's fatal flaws – violated scripture**
 - 700 wives and 300 concubines, turned him away from the true God (lust)
 - Collected horses (power)
 - Focused on his own house (money, pride, self)

SOLOMON

In the end, Solomon realized his mistake
in Ecclesiastes

*Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion
of the matter: Fear God and keep his
commandments, for this is the whole duty of
man. For God will bring every deed into
judgment, including every hidden thing,
whether it is good or evil.
(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)*

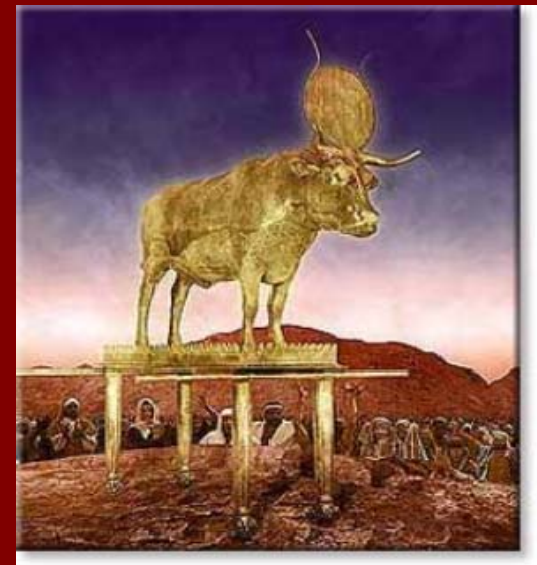
CONSEQUENCES FOR THE KINGDOM

- Unwise leadership, disobedience, idolatry... the kingdom splits (931 B.C.)
 - The 10 tribes in the north become **Israel**
 - The south including Jerusalem & the Temple becomes **Judah**
 - Because of God's promise, Solomon's descendants continue to rule in Judah (“**the remnant**”)



BACK TO THE CALF ...

- Jeroboam, the first king in the north, doesn't want the people returning to Jerusalem to worship
- So he sets up his own style of worship in Dan and Bethel – unsanctioned “priests” and the golden calf
- The northern kingdom was evil from the beginning, one bad king after another



PROPHETS

- A calling from God
- Speak absolute truth by delivering the Word of the Lord
- Point out sin and the need for repentance
- Point to the coming of Messiah
- Point towards the Last Days and Israel's role



An extremely unpopular job!

1st and 2nd KINGS – Division of the Kingdom

- In the Hebrew Bible these books are combined covering ~400 years from 970 – 586 B.C.
- Open in glory, end with the nation in ruin
- God sends prophet after prophet to warn both the Kings of Israel and Judah
 - The great prophet **Elijah**: “If the Lord is God, follow Him!”
 - **Elisha** demonstrates God's mercy with many miracles
 - **Amos** tells the north: “Prepare to meet your God!” and also points towards the ultimate rule of David
 - **Hosea** tells them they have “committed great harlotry” and they will be carried away in captivity (it happens when Israel is taken away to Assyria in 733 B.C.)
 - **Joel** predicts the coming of the holy spirit and also warns about the coming “Day of the Lord”

1st and 2nd KINGS – Division of the Kingdom (continued)

- **Isaiah** prophesies judgment (and eventual restoration) and writes many Messianic prophecies
- **Micah** warns that Judah will become a heap of ruins and they will be taken into captivity in Babylon (but a remnant would remain) – it all comes to pass. Also predicts the birthplace of Messiah.
- **Zephaniah** warned the king he needed to seek the Lord. Points to the coming of a pure language in the millennial reign to come.
- The Lord shocks **Habakkuk** by revealing that He will use a godless people to discipline His own people.
“But the just shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4 NKJV)

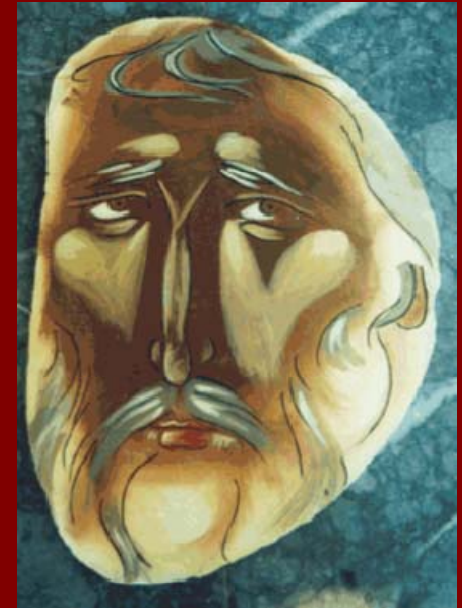
GOD'S PROPHETS SPEAK TO THE NATIONS AS WELL

- **Jonah** (reluctantly) prophesies to Nineveh
 - Godless nation of Assyria
 - Great enemies of the Jewish people
 - Jonah wanted God to destroy them
 - The Assyrians repented (for a while) and we see God's compassion and forgiveness
- Nineveh's repentance is short-lived
 - They take Israel into captivity
 - About 100 years later **Nahum** prophesies their end
- **Obadiah** prophesies Edom's destruction because of their violent treatment against Israel



JEREMIAH – last effort to save Jerusalem

- God prescribes a “Sabbath” for the land*
- For 490 years the Jews ignored the 7-year Sabbath**
- God has Jeremiah prophesy that captivity of 70 years is required to re-pay the debt***
- Despite breaking their part of the covenant, God makes a new covenant, *not* dependent on us. He promises to write His law on our hearts!****

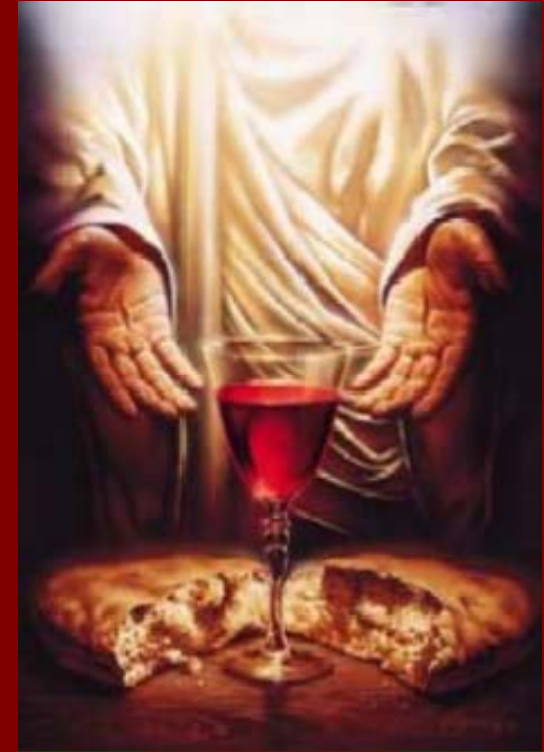


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(*Leviticus 25, **Leviticus 26, 32-35, 43, ***Jeremiah 34, ****Jeremiah 31 NKJV)

THE NEW COVENANT

*"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. "It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and **write it on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Jerimiah 31:31-33 NKJV)*

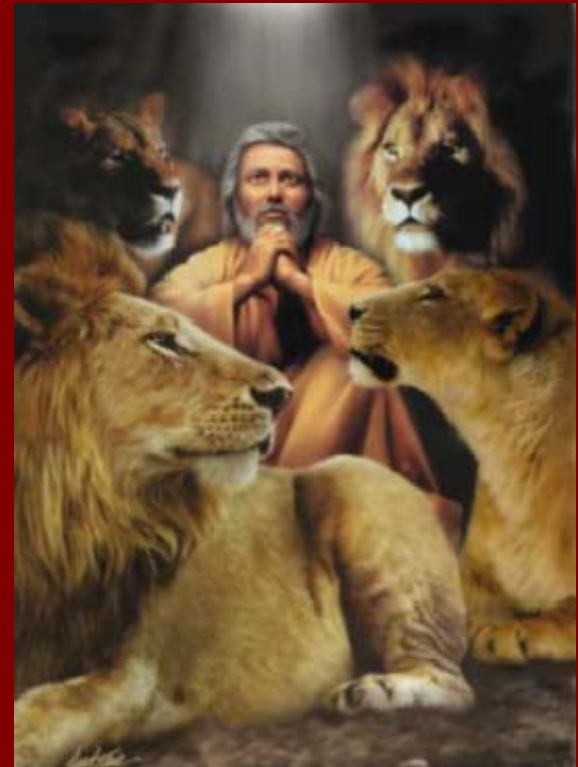


THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

- Jeremiah overlooks the city from “Jeremiah's Grotto” and weeps
- Lamentations foretells the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians (It happens, in three sieges)
- He writes Lamentations full of sadness yet there is hope:
*Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“Therefore I hope in Him!”
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him,
It is good that one should hope and wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:22-26 NKJV)*

Don't argue with a prophet
JEREMIAH WAS RIGHT

- 605 B.C. Daniel is taken away to Babylon as a young boy in the first captivity
 - Honors God with his faith and obedience
 - The fiery furnace
 - The lion's den
 - Daniel trusts the Word of God and realizes that Jeremiah's 70 years are coming up and the Jews will return to the land
 - Daniel “the prophet of Babylon” makes some amazing prophecies of his own



PROPHECY #1

- While in captivity in Babylon, Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's vision (*Daniel 2*)
- Predicts the rise and fall of the world powers



PROPHECY #2

- Amazing prophetic timeline: Seventy 'sevens' (or Seventy Weeks)

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(Daniel 9:20 – 27 NKJV)

- **First part of the prophecy – 69 weeks:**

"So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary..."

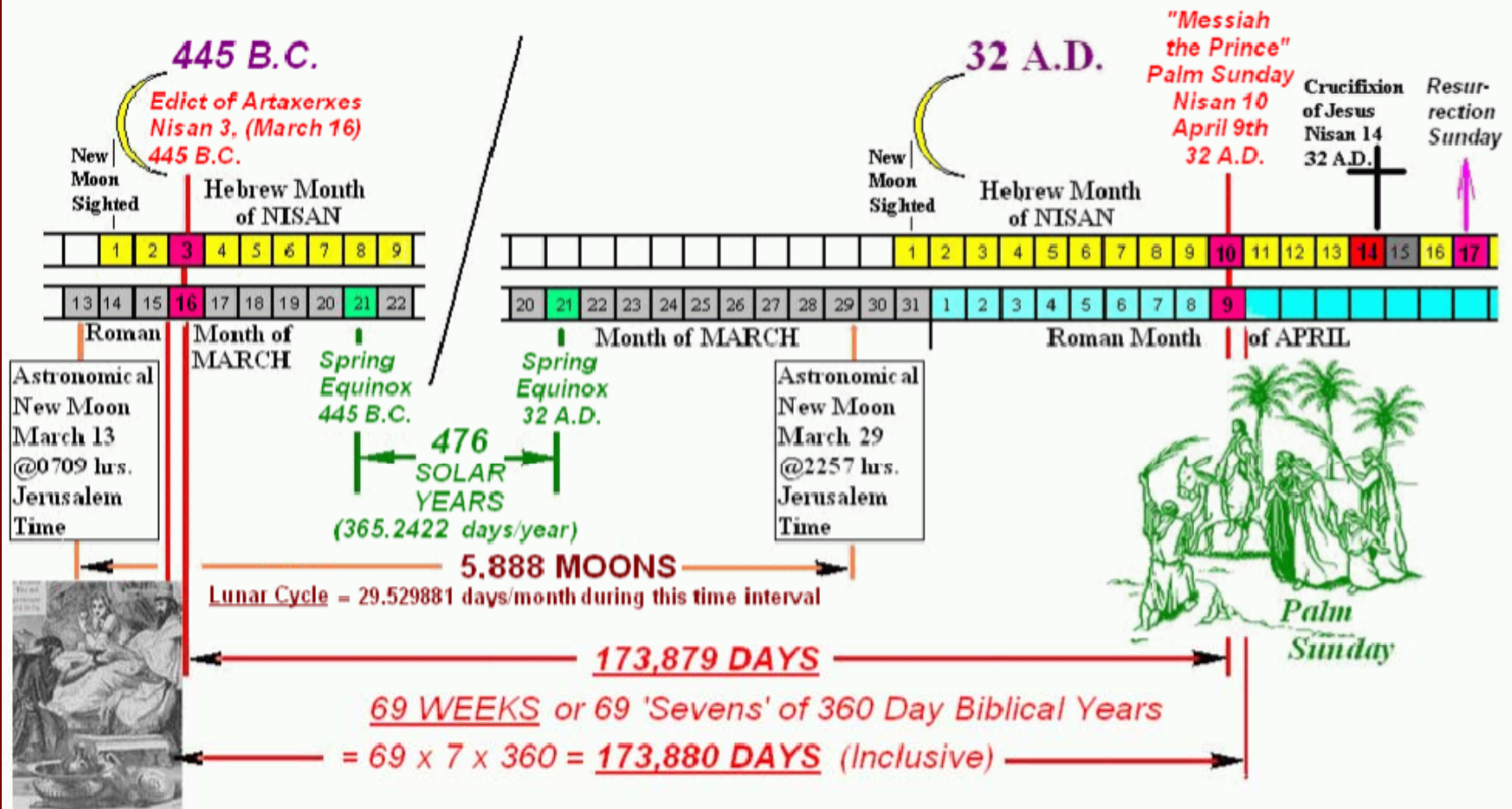
PROPHECY #2 (continued)

- In the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah we learn about the enlightened Persian King Cyrus
- He issues the decree in 445 B.C. To allow the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem. *The prophetic clock is ticking...*

A CHART OF THE 69 WEEKS

(The First Segment of the 70 Weeks of Daniel)

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THEY DID RETURN, BUT ...

- Many stayed in the strange lands...
- Took prodding by the prophets for the people to do what they should do
 - *Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?” Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways! (Haggai 1: 3-5 NKJV)*
 - *“Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.” (Nehemiah 2:17b NKJV)*
- The Temple was finally rebuilt but they wept because it was nothing like its former glory
- Zechariah preached at the same time as Haggai, but with Messianic visions

ESTHER – Deliverance of the Jews

- Persian King Ahasuerus* executes Queen Vashti for disobedience
- Esther becomes queen after beauty contest
- Esther's uncle Mordecai foils assassination plot
- Prince Haman enraged when Mordecai refuses to bow down to him
- Haman plots to murder all the Jews and hang Mordecai on a 75' gallows; tricks the King into issuing an edict
- Esther risks her life admitting her Jewish background and the situation is reversed
- Haman and his 10 sons hanged on the gallows meant for Mordecai

* also known as Xerxes/Artaxerxes



**Many ironies
in this story**

MALACHI, the last prophet of the Old Testament

Final Message to a Disobedient People

- “My messenger” -- the burden of the word of the Lord to Israel
- The sins of God's people
 - Doubting God's love
 - Dishonoring God's name
 - Profaning His covenant
 - Divorcing their wives
 - Questioning His justice
 - Robbing the storehouse
 - Playing at religion, hypocrisy
 - Ends with a curse!

Return to Me, and I will return to you... (Malachi 3:7b NKJV)



MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE O.T.

The Messiah will be a descendant of Abraham, through whom everyone on earth will be blessed; a descendant of David; of the tribe of Judah; born of a virgin; born in the town of Bethlehem

The Messiah's first spiritual work will be in Galilee; He will have two distinct missions; He will make the blind see, the deaf hear, etc.; and will enter the Temple with authority; The Messiah will come at a specific time; Messiah will enter Jerusalem riding a donkey; People will hear and not believe the "arm of the LORD" (Messiah); Messiah will be rejected; He is a "stone the builders rejected" who will become the "head cornerstone"

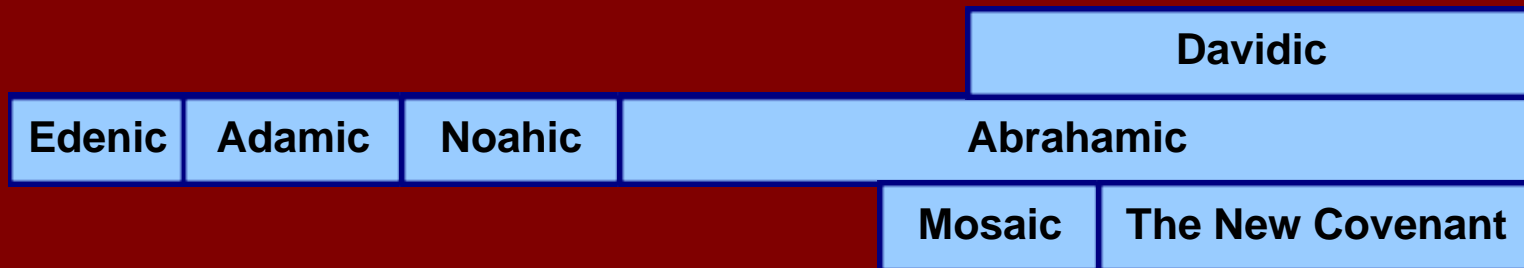
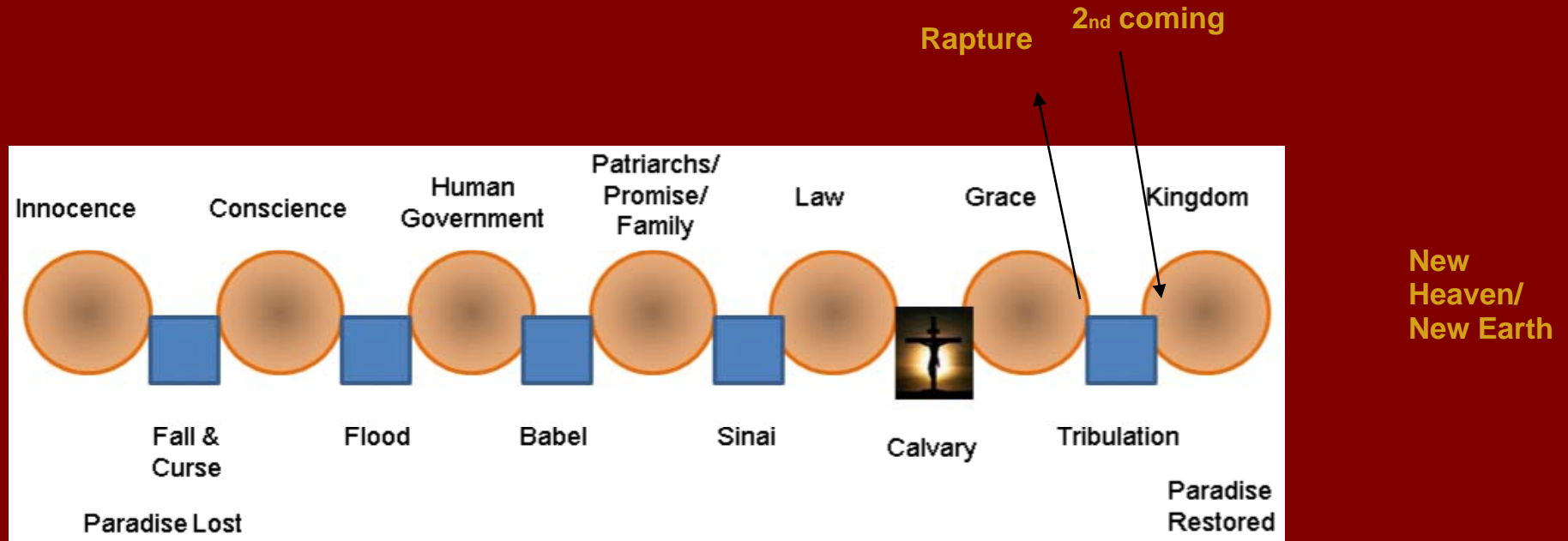
MESSIANIC PROPHECIES IN THE O.T. (continued)

The Messiah will be hated without a cause; will be accused by false witnesses; betrayed by a friend; sold for 30 pieces of silver; forsaken by His disciples; The Messiah will be silent in front of his accusers; He will be sneered at and mocked; beaten, mocked, and spat upon; The Messiah will be killed; The crucifixion experience is described in detail, before crucifixion even existed; The Messiah will be pierced through hands and feet; He will be given vinegar and gall to drink; His bones will not be broken (a person's legs were usually broken after being crucified to speed up their death); Men will gamble for the Messiah's clothing; He will be crucified with criminals; and buried with the rich; The Messiah will be raised from the dead (resurrected) *

**Genesis 12:3; 18:18; Psalm 132:11 and Jeremiah 23:5,6; 33:15,16; Genesis 49:10; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; || Isaiah 9:1-7; Isaiah 61:1-3 (first mission ends at “. . . year of the LORD's favor”); Isaiah 35:5-6; Malachi 3:1; Daniel 9:25-26; Zechariah 9:9; Isaiah 53:1; Isaiah 53:3; Psalm 118:22,23 and Isaiah 28:16; || Psalm 35:19 and 69:4; Psalm 35:11; Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12,13; Zechariah 13:7; Isaiah 53:7; Psalm 22:7; Isaiah 50:6; Isaiah 53:5-9; Psalm 22; Psalm 22:16; Psalm 69:21; Psalm 22:17 and 34:20; Psalm 22:18; Isaiah 53:12; Isaiah 53:9; Psalm 16:10,11 NKJV*

GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES

The seven dispensations of God



Seven covenants of God

INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD

- 400 years between the last events of the Old Testament and the first events of the New Testament
- From Persian rule to Greek to Roman
- Greek thought and language dominants; Hebrew almost disappears
- Jews disperse (the “Diaspora”)
- Palestine divided into Judea, Galilee & Samaria; across the Jordan Perea and the Decapolis
- Herod the Great comes on the scene (from the line of Esau!) -- amazing building projects including the Temple Mount expansion
- Israel is strategically located

INTER-TESTAMENT PERIOD (continued)

- Religious division – different camps develop
 - Pharisees – legalists
 - Sadducees – liberals
 - Essenes – monastic
 - Zealots – freedom fighters
- The priests become an appointed office – secular, corrupt – a disaster!



400 YEARS

GOD'S SILENCE IS DEAFENING ...

UNTIL ...



John the Baptist

**The voice of one
crying in the
wilderness:**

*Prepare the way of
the LORD; Make
straight in the
desert a highway
for our God.
(Isaiah 40:3)*

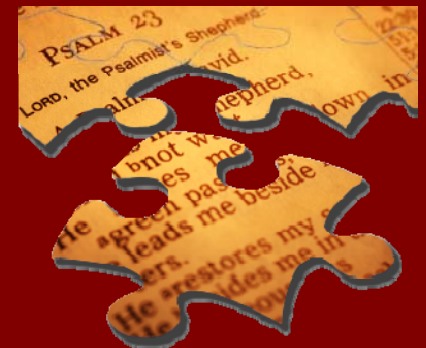
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Come back tomorrow
for the rest of the story

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We are excited that you are taking a step of faith as you embark on this journey with us.

This workshop will provide adventure and application in your daily life that will assist you in your spiritual growth!

Many Christ Followers are overexposed and underdeveloped. The Word of God was not given to satisfy our curiosity, but to transform our lives.

What if by investing a few hours of your time at this workshop you found one nugget of truth that changed your life?

What if you discovered by
using the original
languages a specific Word
gives you new meaning
for guidance or
clarification?

AGENDA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00am In your Seat Door Prize – Kick Off
- 8:10am Overview of GWFT Workshop
- 8:15am How did we get the Bible?
- 9:00am Bible Translations
- 9:15am BREAK

AGENDA (continued)

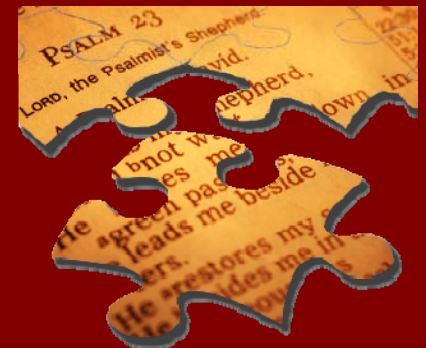
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- 9:30am Overview of the New Testament
- 11:00am Concordance
- 11:30am LUNCH
- 12noon Word Study
- 2:15pm Workshop summary
- 2:30pm Workshop Wrap Up

How We Got The Bible

Debbie Tierce

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- What makes you a Christian?
- Are there other important questions to consider?

THE QUESTIONS ARE....

- What is the Bible or Scripture?
- Where did the Bible come from?
- Is it inspired and how can I know? What does the “Bible is inspired” mean?
- How can I know the Bible is without error? What does without error mean?
- Which Bible are we talking about? The English Bible or the original languages?
- What – which one – whom do I trust?

DEFINING THE WORDS

- The Bible as we know it, is comprised of 2 main sections:
 - Old Testament or Covenant
 - New Testament or Covenant
- Covenant: a solemn binding agreement made between 2 or more parties
- Inspired: Greek is “pneuma” meaning breath. Think of it as God breathed on men. By that inspiration they scribed as directed by the Holy Spirit. Literally, “Thus says the Lord”

DEFINING THE WORDS (continued)

- *Bible*: from the Greek word “biblos” meaning papyrus. Biblion meant papyrus roll and biblia was plural for papyrus rolls and meant “the books”
- Canon: list of books, acknowledged as being divinely inspired, and included in the Bible. New Testament books were written gradually and accepted over time.
 - By the time of Christ, the Old Testament canon was well defined as evidenced by the prolific quotes from the Old Testament in the New Testament by the early church fathers.
 - 2nd Century witness to the canon was the Muratorian Fragment, named for the man who found it
 - 3rd Century witness was Origen

DEFINING THE WORDS (continued)

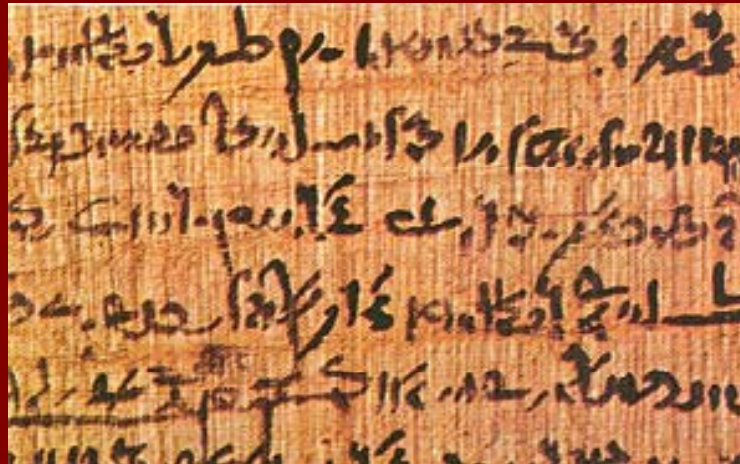
- Codex: term for a writing tablet and also for a book with leaves. In other words, a book with pages stacked rather than rolled like a scroll. The pages were either papyrus or parchment.
 - The Codex allowed for easier transport and became the “book” of choice for the early church.

SCRIPTURE WAS WRITTEN ON

- Papyrus – comes from a papyrus plant which is a reed type plant



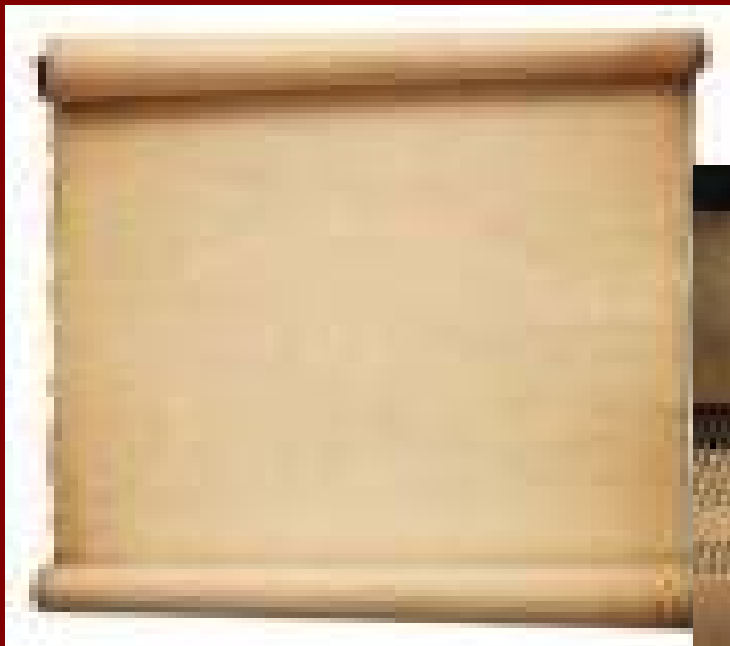
- Papyrus was the most widely used material to write on from 100 B.C. through the 1st Century A.D.



Example of papyrus material

SCRIPTURE WAS WRITTEN ON

- Parchment – animal skin that has been scraped and stretched, but not tanned.



Parchment is still
used today



OLD TESTAMENT (Covenant)

- Written on:
 - Papyrus
 - Parchment
- Written by:
 - **A**uthor – God
 - **a**uthor – men inspired by the Spirit of God
- Written Word:
 - Language was Hebrew and Aramaic

OLD TESTAMENT (Covenant continued)

- Preservation:
 - Temple/Synagogue
 - The Scribes: the Massoretes
 - Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Discovered between 1948 and 1956
 - Portions of all the Old Testament books were found except Esther
 - The Isaiah Scroll
 - Complete scroll dates to 1st Century B.C.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

- Reside in the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem
- These scrolls pre-date the previous oldest Massoretic Text by 1000 years clearly making them available prior to the Incarnation of Jesus Christ
- The Massoretic Text have very few variations from the Scrolls found at Qumran and is the source for the English translation of today
 - Those variants are primarily word spellings and the arrangement of verses



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 - Language was Aramaic and Koine' Greek – koine' means common
 - Translated into Latin which is called 'Vulgate' – vulgar meaning common language

NEW TESTAMENT (Covenant continued)

- Preservation:
 - Copies were made and sent with missionaries as they traveled, spreading the gospel
 - Church Fathers, as they wrote, they quoted the Scriptures to the extent that the New Testament can be restored almost completely just by using their writings
 - 5,300 copies of the New Testament are available – in part or whole

NEW TESTAMENT (Covenant continued)

- The Most Important Manuscripts are:
 - The Vatican Manuscript from the 4th century is located in the Vatican Library in Rome
 - The Sinaitic Manuscript discovered by Constantin Tischendorf at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai in 1859. The oldest complete manuscript that exists today



- The Alexandrian Manuscript resides in the British Library

THE CHALLENGERS



- Rome (the ruling government) persisted in persecuting Christians and the Church from the founding of the Church to 400 A.D.
- Constantine pronounced Christianity legal in 315 A.D.
- The Roman government destroyed churches and Bibles whenever and wherever they found them

THE CHALLENGERS (continued)

- Tradition: 400 to 1600 A.D. known as the Dark Ages
- Rise of the Catholic (universal) church helped the church to grow, but it grew to have a strangle hold on the Gospel.
 - The Scriptures were translated into Latin which became known at the Latin Vulgate. Vulgate = Vulgar or common
- The Dark Ages
 - Dark because of the lack of historical documentation and severely limited books and literature
- The Catholic Church fought the translation of the Scriptures into other languages and severely persecuted those who did.
 - They kept the manuscripts locked away and allowed very limited access to selected men.
- Tradition kept the church “orthodox”

THE CHALLENGERS (continued)

- The Period of Enlightenment and the Age of Reason: 1600 to 1900 A.D. known as Modernism
- Because of the lack of archaeological finds, many theologians began to challenge the truth of the Scriptures.
- They also challenged “the Traditional institutions, morals, and values”
- A few of the people who were influential challengers were:
 - Balthasar Bekker, George Berkeley, Benjamin Franklin, Voltaire (Francois-Marie Arouet), and Thomas Jefferson

THE CHALLENGERS (continued)

- 1900 to present:
 - A Post Modern culture that has moved away from Truth to a Skeptical, Pragmatic, Relativistic, Objective thought
 - No longer accepts Truth as Truth for “truth’s” sake
 - Now Truth has to be defined and justified as Truth, before it is accepted

THE ENGLISH BIBLE

- Came to us through the significant sacrifices of several men
- They were the impetus for the Reformation and what drove them was the desire for every person to have access to the Word of God
- These men knew doing this would expose the corruption of the Church, both Catholic and Anglican (Church of England)

THE REFORMERS

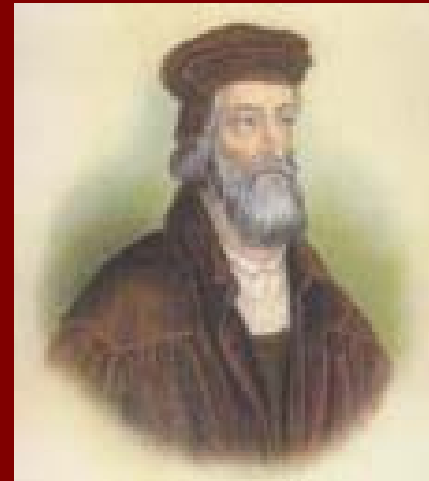
- John Wycliffe
- John Hus
- Johann Gutenberg
- Erasmus
- Martin Luther
- William Tyndale

JOHN WYCLIFFE

- Born mid-1320's; Died December 31, 1384
- Called 'the Morning Star of the Reformation'
- First to translate the Latin Vulgate into English
- His goal: every Christian to have access to the Scripture, which would become the impetus for the Reformation
- The Pope was so angry over Wycliffe's works that 44 years after he died, the Pope had Wycliffe's bones dug up, burned, and scattered on the river near the burial site

JOHN WYCLIFFE (continued)

- There is significance in the location of the burial site and the river
 - The city was Lutterworth, England
 - The river was the River Swift, it flows through the center of England
- John Wycliffe is the one who initiated the principle of “Sola Scriptura”
“The Scripture alone”



JOHN HUS

- Born 1369; Died July 6, 1415
- Follower of John Wycliffe
- Fought for the common man to have the Word of God in their language
- Burned at the stake with the writings of John Wycliffe as kindling
- His last words were:
 - “in 100 years, God will raise up a man whose call for reform cannot be suppressed.”
- That man would be Martin Luther



JOHANN GUTENBERG

- Born 1398; Died 1468
- Invented the Printing Press in 1439
- The first thing he printed was a Bible
 - Known as the Gutenberg Bible
- The printing press is considered one of the most important inventions next to the wheel.
- The printing press was invaluable in the spread of the Scriptures



ERASMUS



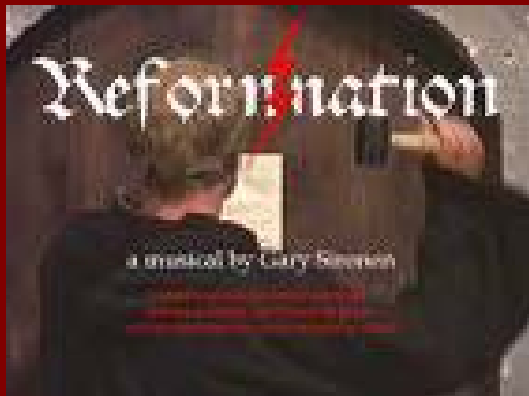
- Born October 27, 1466; Died July 12, 1536
- His contribution was the 'Textus Receptus' (Latin for the Received Text)
 - An updated translation of the Greek text to Latin, which was needed because of translation inaccuracies of the Latin Vulgate
- His work brought attention to the need to go back to the original languages, the Hebrew and Greek, when translating into other languages rather than continue the practice of translating the Latin Vulgate into other languages
- Martin Luther used Erasmus' Latin translation for his translation of the New Testament into German

MARTIN LUTHER

- Born November 10, 1483; Died February 18, 1546
- Approximately 100 years after the death of John Hus, whose words would become reality in Luther
- In 1517, Luther nailed his '95 Thesis of Contention' to the door of the Catholic Church
- He translated the Greek – Latin New Testament of Erasmus into German.
 - This provided Germany, his nation, with a formalized written language for the first time.

MARTIN LUTHER (continued)

- It is said that Luther provided safe haven and assistance to William Tyndale as he used the same Greek – Latin text to translate the Bible into English



WILLIAM TYNDALE

- Born 1494; Died 1536
- Holds the position of being the 1st man to print a translated Greek New Testament into English
- He also translated the Pentateuch from Hebrew to English
- Tyndale was a true scholar. It is said he was so fluent in 8 languages that it was difficult to know which one was his native tongue



WILLIAM TYNDALE (continued)

- An Example of Tyndale's mindset:
 - A clergyman hopelessly entrenched in Roman Catholic dogma once taunted Tyndale with the statement, "*We are better to be without God's laws than the Pope's*". Tyndale was infuriated by such Roman Catholic heresies, and he replied, "*I defy the Pope and all his laws. If God spare my life ere many years, I will cause the boy that drives the plow to know more of the scriptures than you!*"
- William Tyndale was burned at the stake in 1536 by the Anglican Church

CURRENT CULTURE

- “Today evangelical Christians stand at a greater distance from those with whom we communicate than we did just 20 years ago. At that time, even those who rejected Christianity were prepared to discuss whether the evidence for Christianity’s truth was adequate. Today, this is much less frequently the case. Before we can broach the question of whether the Christian gospel is true, we have to establish that such a thing as truth exists.”
~~Chuck Colson~~
- “In the absence of truth, people will believe anything”
~~author unknown

TRUTH

- *I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, **for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.***

(Psalm 132:2 NIV)

(emphasis mine)

TRUTH

- *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*

(Psalm 119:160 ESV)

(emphasis mine)

TRUTH

- *When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is happy (blessed).*

(Proverbs 29:18 NLT)

TRUTH

- *Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am **watching over my word to perform it.**”*

(Jeremiah 1:12 NLT)

(emphasis mine)

BACK TO THE IMPORTANT QUESTION

- What makes you a Christian?
- ANSWER:
 - Clearly, it is what you believe

THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT

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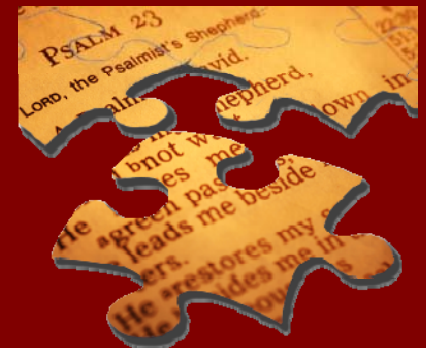
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Translations

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TRANSLATIONS

- Big difference between ...
 - Translation
 - God's message is converted from the original Hebrew or Greek text into a language the reader can understand
 - A must to find original context of the scripture
 - Bible Categories and packaging features they may contain

THREE APPROACHES TO TRANSLATION

- Formal equivalence
 - Word-for-word
- Dynamic equivalence
 - Thought-for-thought
- Paraphrased
 - Idiom of contemporary English (gives reader what translator thinks the author means)

FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

- Renders original text without sacrificing readability
 - Word-for-word
 - Clause-for-clause
 - Sentence-for-sentence
- Proponents of this translation style
 - Not the translator's job to provide interpretation or explanation

ADVANTAGES OF FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

- Best to use for study purposes
- Do not mix commentary with the original text
- No attempt to change the text to make it more contemporary
- Translator finds closest corresponding word in receptor language.

DISADVANTAGES OF FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

- Not as reader friendly
- Sentence structure is awkward
- More difficult for a new believer, young believer, or tired older believer to understand

EXAMPLES OF FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

- New American Standard Bible (NASB)
- English Standard Version (ESV)
- King James Version (KJV) / New King James Version (NKJV)
- Revised Standard Version (RSV) / New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

- Rendering that allows the Scripture to have the same emotional impact on the modern reader as it did on the ancient reader
 - Thought-for-thought
- Proponents of this translation style
 - Makes scripture as understandable as possible to their intended readership

DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

- Advantages
 - Provides alternative words for modern reader to grasp deep and precious truths
 - Example:
 - Repentance
 - Sanctification
 - Justification
- Disadvantages
 - You get what the translator thinks the author “meant” rather than what the author “said”

EXAMPLES OF DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

- New International Version (NIV)
- Today's New International Version (TNIV)
- New Living Translation (NLT)
- Contemporary English Version (CEV)
- Good News Bible (GNB)

PARAPHRASED

- Meaning of the word
- Dynamic equivalence approach taken one step further
- Translation becomes so free in making the Scripture readable, it becomes a paraphrase
- Single translator puts passage into his own words – can be quite distant from original text

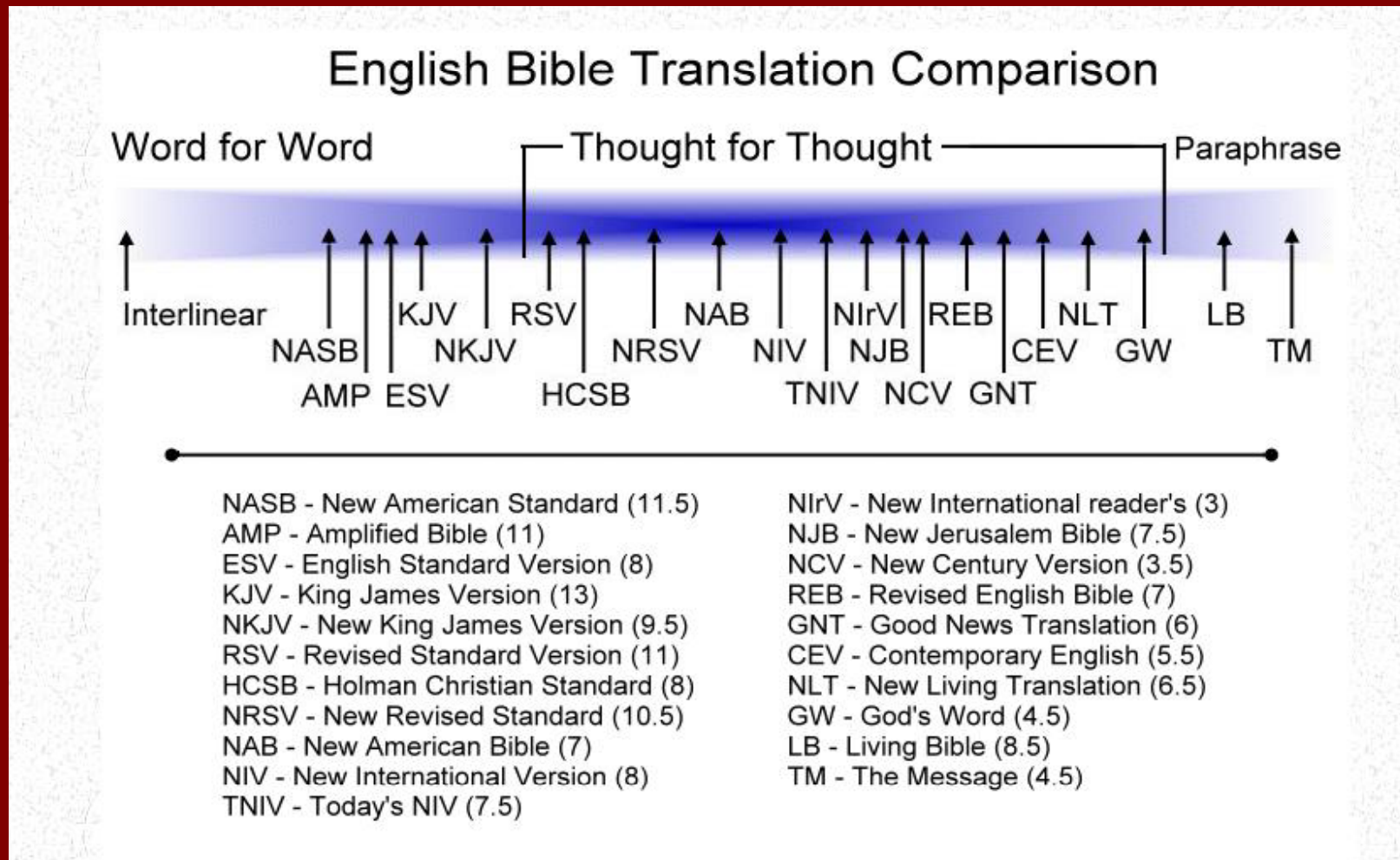
EXAMPLES OF PARAPHRASE

- New Modern English
- The Message
- The Street Bible

BIBLE CATEGORIES

- Text Only Bible
- Study Bible
- Thomson Chain Reference Bible
- Men's and Women's Devotional Bibles
- Recovery Bibles
- Couples Bible
- New Believer's Bibles
- Starting Point Bibles
- Teen and Young Adult Bibles
- Children's age appropriate Bible

Illustrates the most literal to the most paraphrased English translations (the major ones). In parentheses is the approximate grade level of readability.



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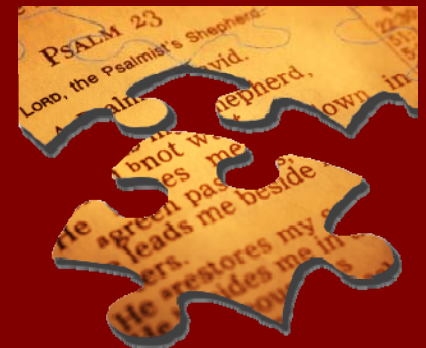
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New Testament

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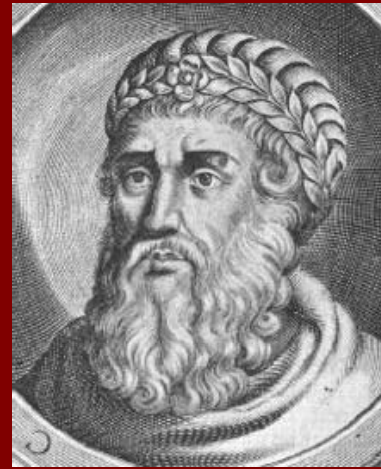
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OLD TESTAMENT ENDED WITH MALACHI

Then.....400 years of silence



- Herod the Great comes on the scene and refurbishes the second temple (the temple of the time of Jesus)

THE MESSAGE OF THE NEW TESTAMANT

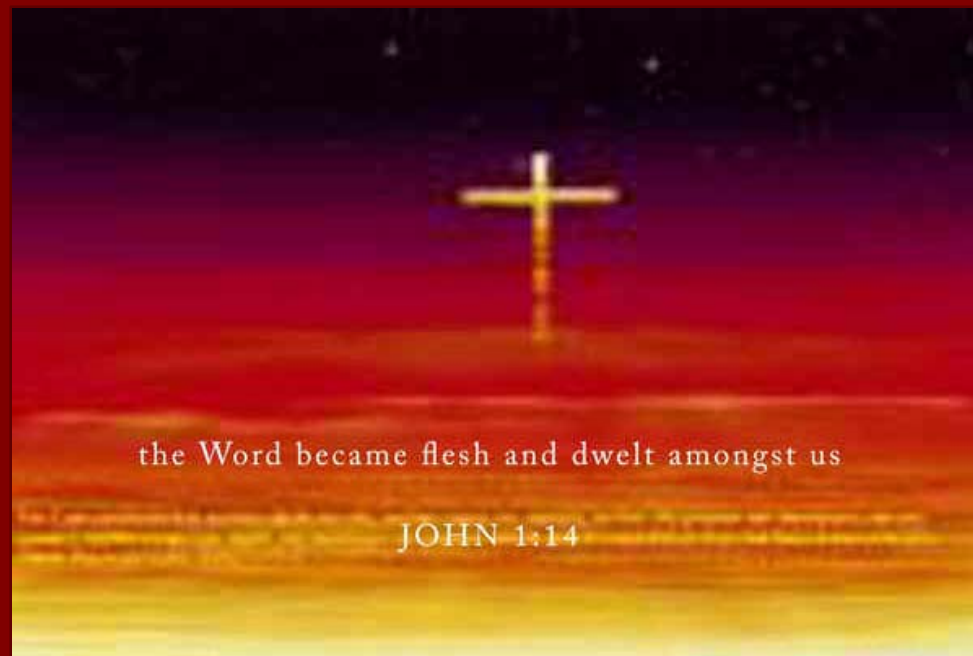


GOD HIMSELF IN HUMAN FLESH!



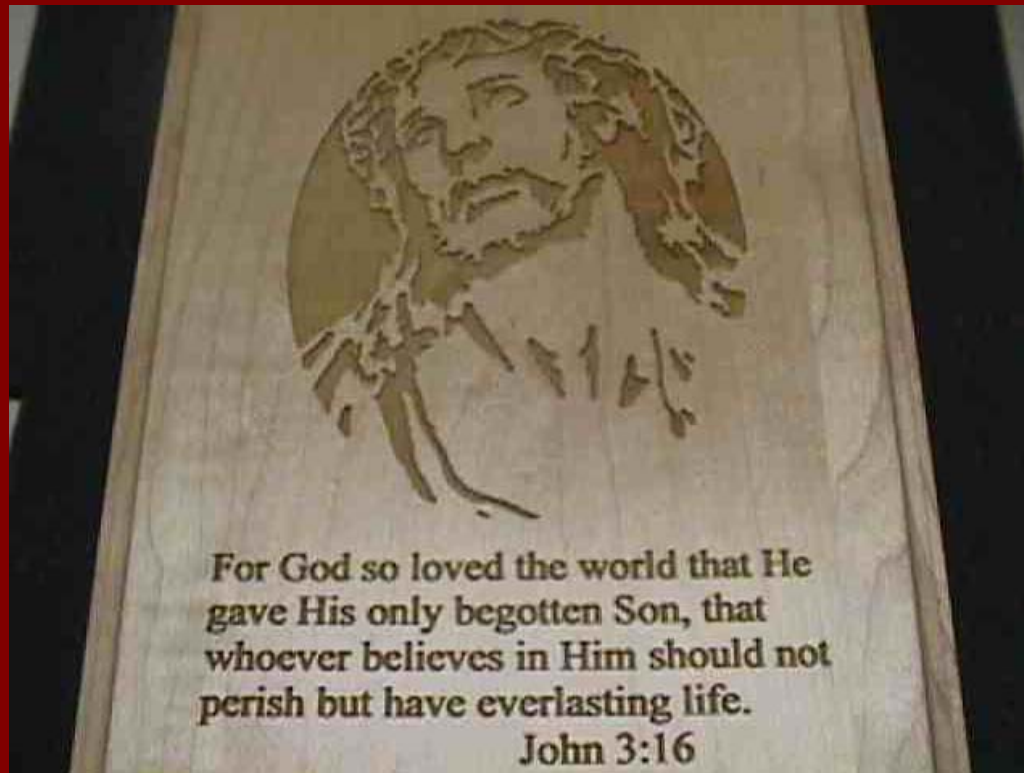
GOD LEAVES HEAVEN

- So that we might enter Heaven
- This is GOOD NEWS
- The Good News of Jesus Christ!

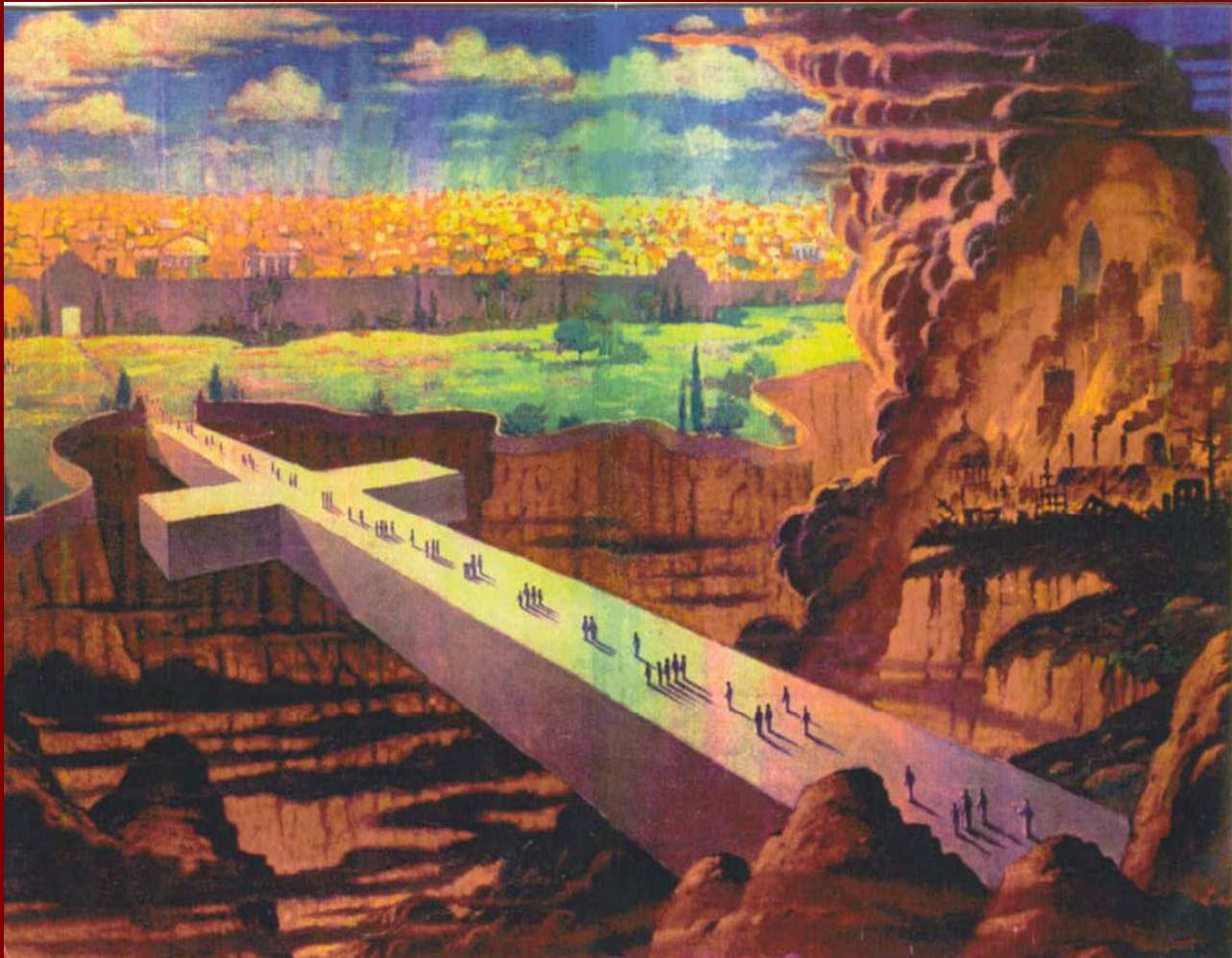


WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

- The salvation of mankind which comes through faith in Jesus the Christ



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CROSS



JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME

- A voice crying in the wilderness:
“REPENT”



NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS WITH THE FOUR GOSPELS

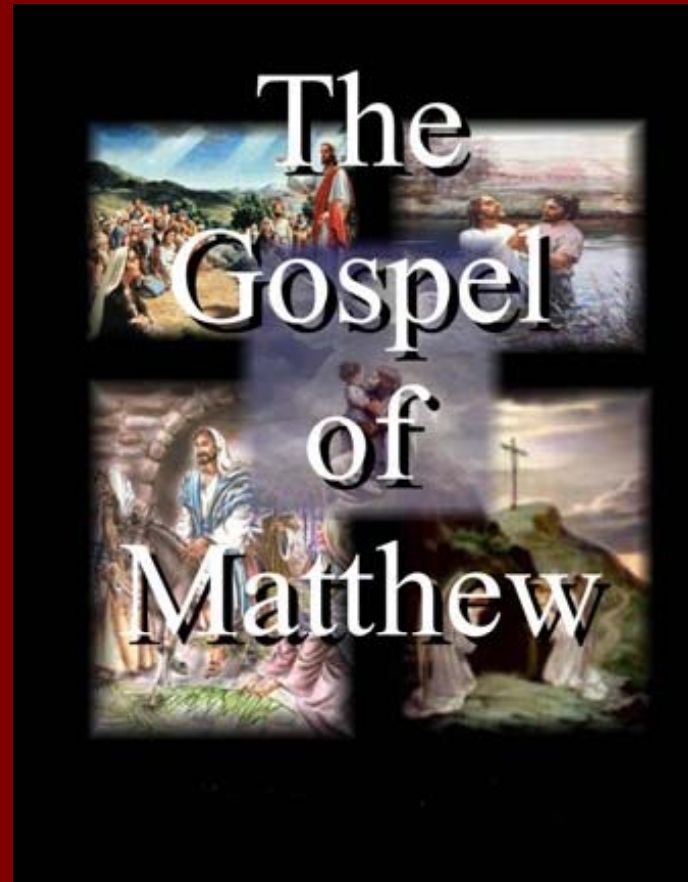
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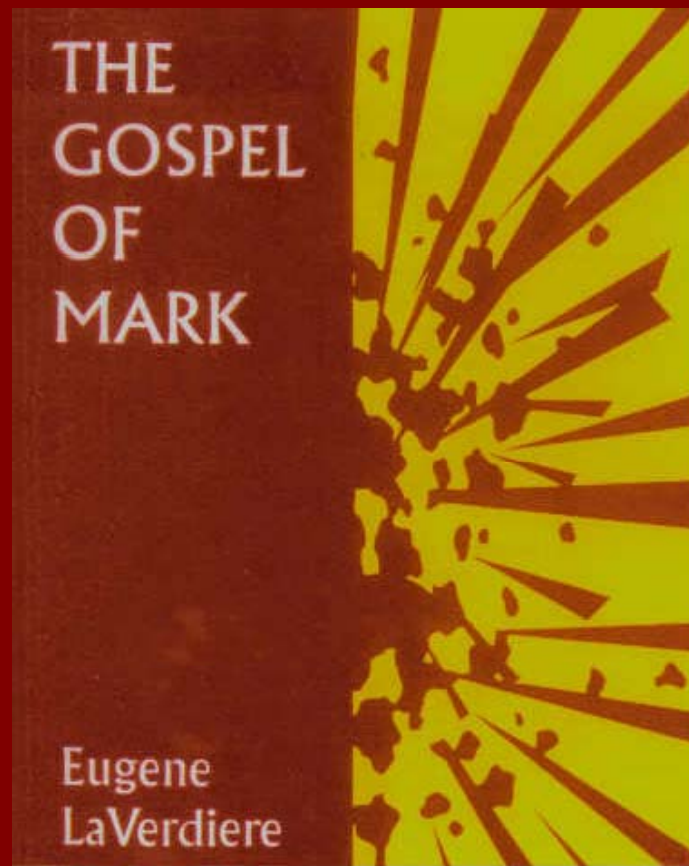
Luke

John

- MATTHEW



- MARK



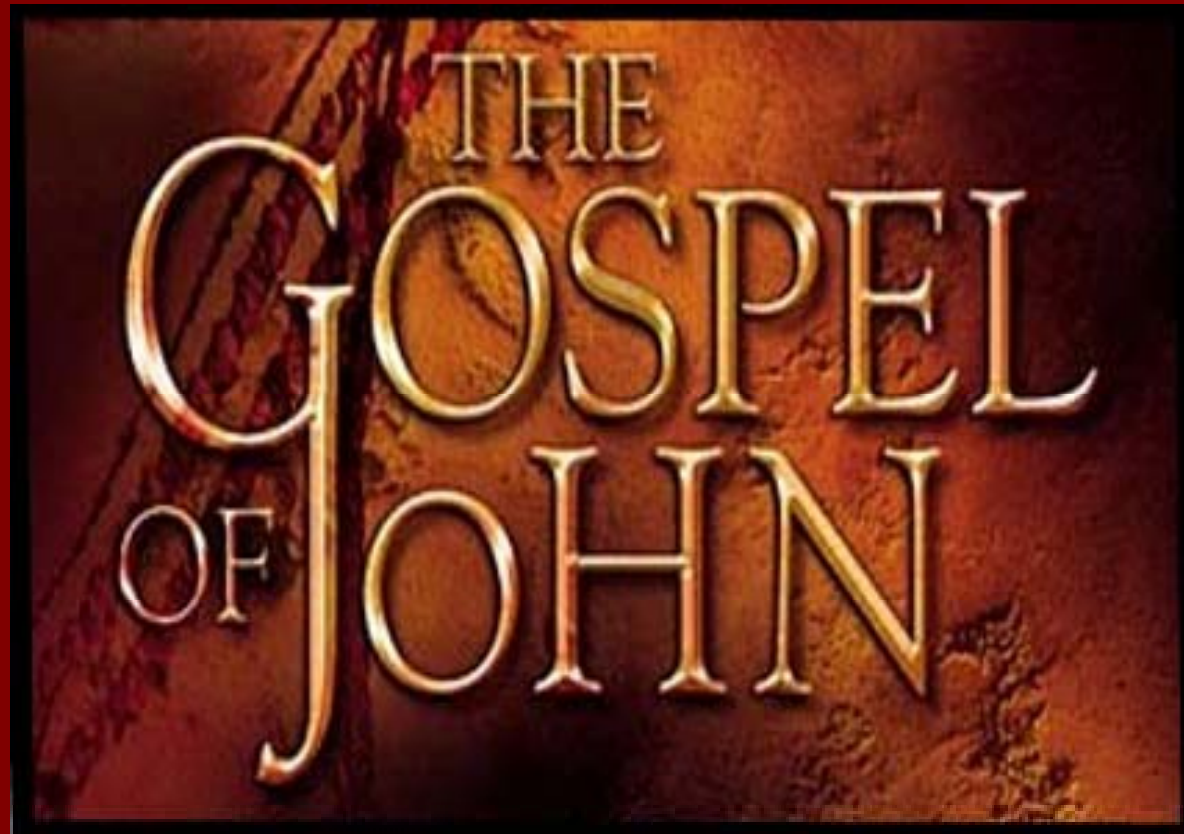
- LUKE



The Gospel of Luke

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10

- JOHN



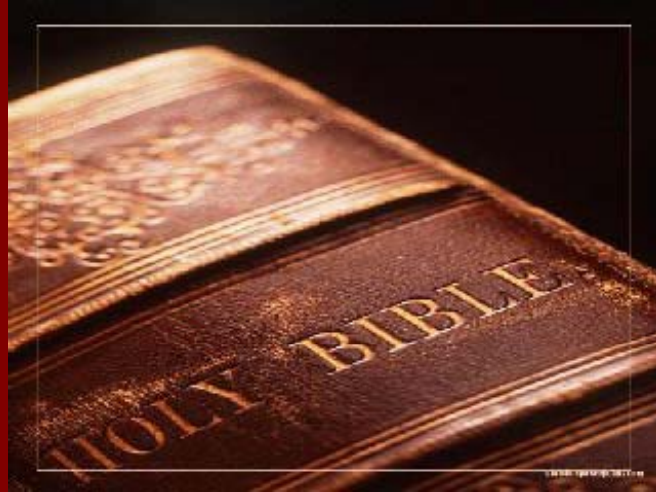
Acts of the Apostles

You Will Receive Power: The Church is Born



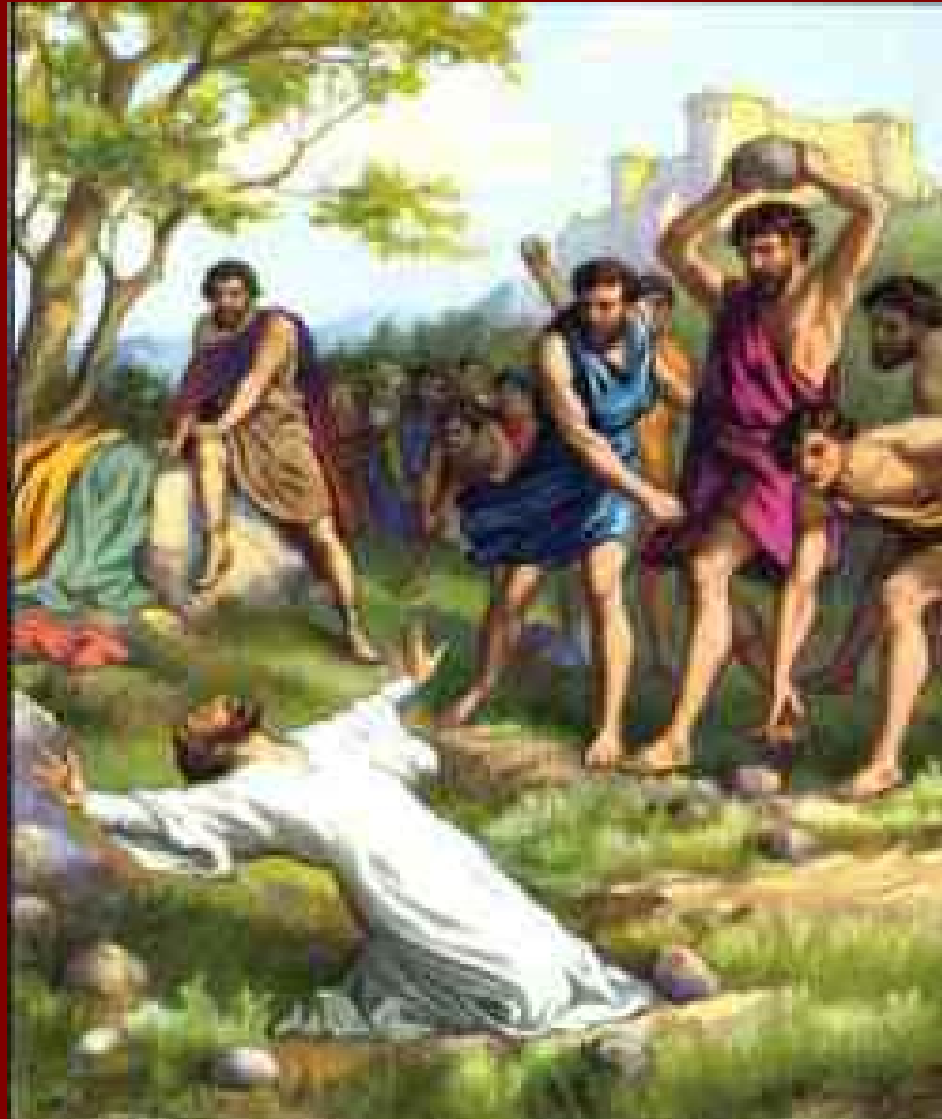
Also known as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, Acts is the exciting adventure of the birth of the Church. Meet Peter, John, James, and Paul, apostles used by the Lord to spread the faith from Jerusalem through Samaria, Antioch, Asia, and finally to Rome and the ends of the earth. This series contains 23 CDs.

NEW TESTAMENT



- History
- Epistles
- Prophecy

SAUL



ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS



THE APOSTLE PAUL



PAUL'S EPISTLES



Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

OTHER EPISTLES

Hebrews

(author unknown
some attribute to Paul)

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1-2-3 John

Jude



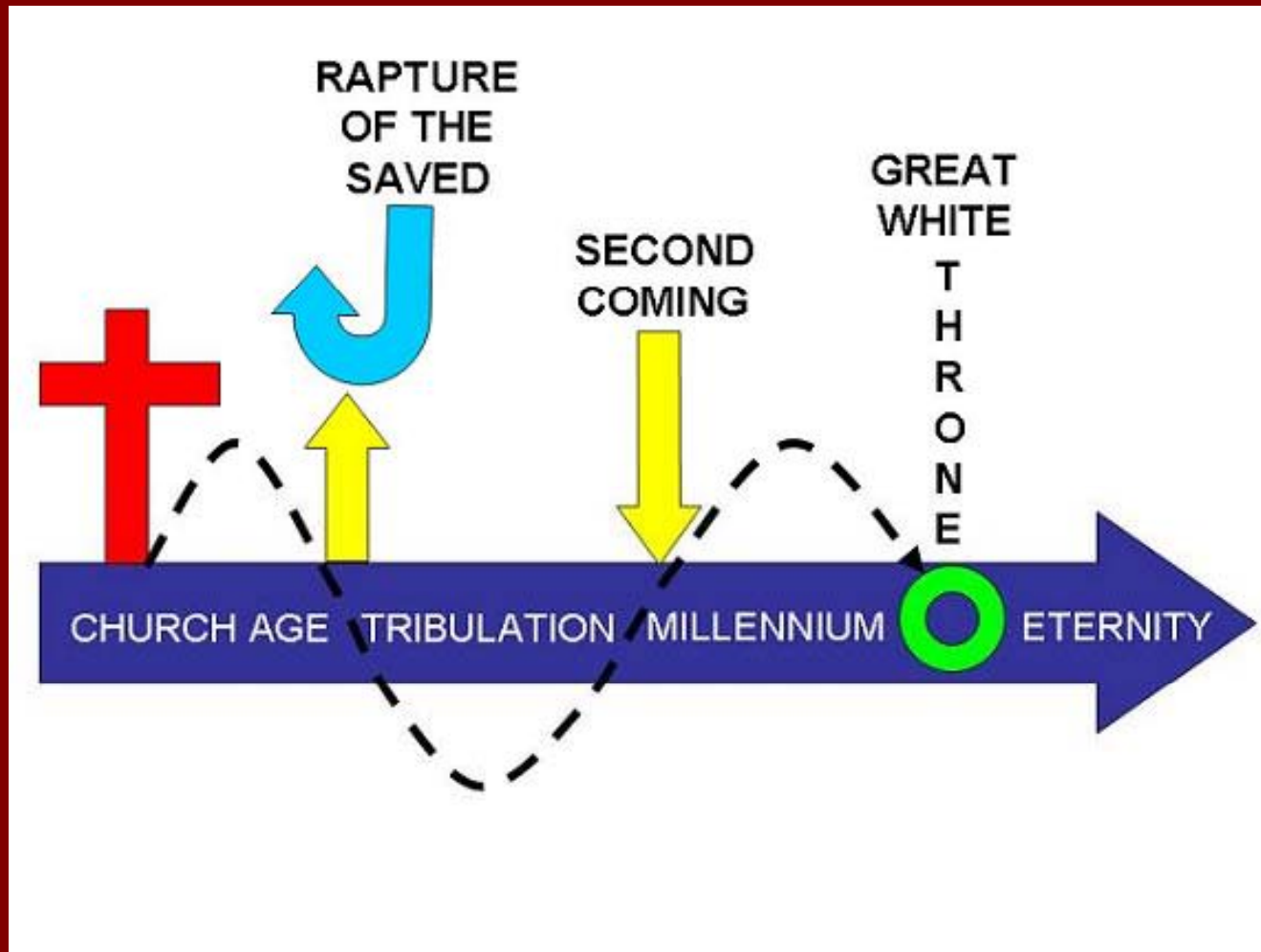
REVELATION

- Only book of prophecy in the New Testament



(prophecies are also found in books of Peter, Paul, and John)

ENDTIMES TIMELINE



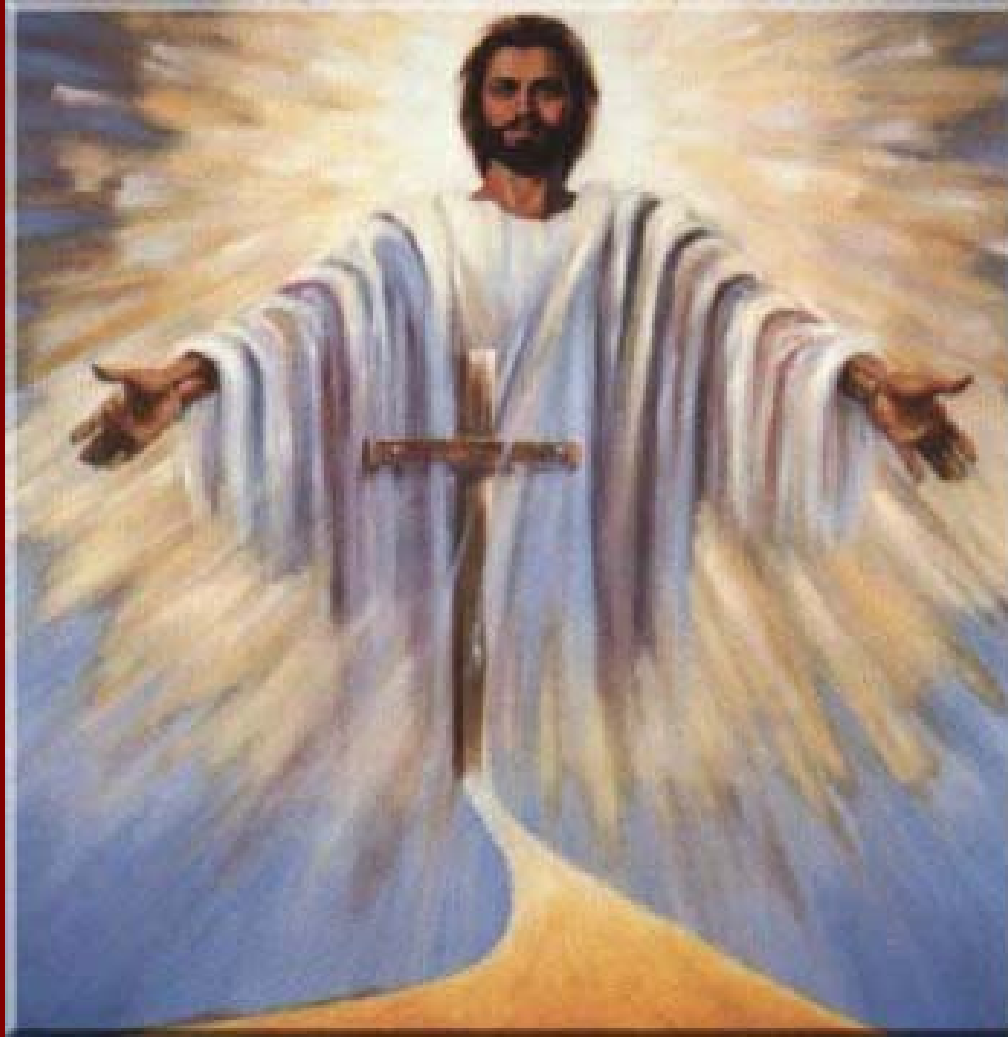
WAR IN HEAVEN



JESUS RETURNS!



AND GOD WILL DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE





*Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
(Genesis 2:8-9)*



The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:15-17)

And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

(Genesis 3:22-23)



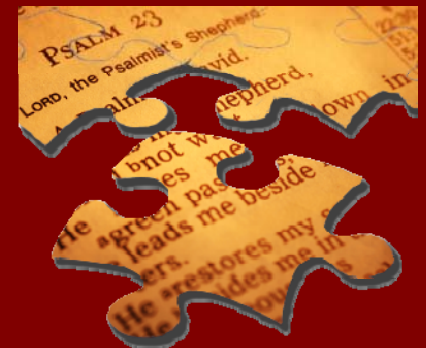


*In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
(Revelation 22:2 KJV)*

Concordance

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WHAT IS A CONCORDANCE?

- Alphabetically organized word index
- You might say – is that all? It seemed so confusing and more complicated
- Yes – that's all it is

BUYING A CONCORDANCE

- You must ask yourself two questions
 - What size do I want?
 - What translation or version do I need?

SIZES

- Compact
 - Found at the back of some Bibles
 - Does not contain all words of the Bible
- Complete
 - Does not contain all words of the Bible, but for the words it does list, it gives every verse containing that word
- Exhaustive
 - Lists every reference to every word of the Bible and all the verses containing that word

WHICH TRANSLATION?

- Concordances use very specific words and are only functional with one translation at a time
- Your Concordance must be “keyed” to the translation of the Bible you use for study such as
 - Strong’s Concordance is for a King James or New Kings James version of the Bible
 - NIV Concordance is used for a NIV Bible
 - NASB Concordance is used for a NASB Bible
 - Not all Bible translations have a matching concordance

WHAT IS KEYING?

- Concordance is the only study tool that is “Translation sensitive”
- That is why we say we must “KEY” the concordance to the Bible translation

BEST KNOWN CONCORDANCE

- Strong's
- Named after the editor who innovated a way of numbering every word in the Bible
- The numbers “key” every word to their original Greek or Hebrew words
- These numbers have become known as Strong's numbers
- However, Strong's is only “keyed” to the King James or New King James translation of the Bible

SECTIONS

- **Main Concordance**
 - List of words with Strong's number and list of all the verses in the Bible containing that word
- **Hebrew Dictionary**
 - Used to find words in the Old Testament listed numerically by Strong's number.
- **Greek Dictionary**
 - Used to find words in the New Testament listed numerically by Strong's number.

CAUTION

- Double check yourself
- Use the numbering from the correct Dictionary
- When the definition I find makes no sense at all, it's a pretty good indication I'm in the wrong section

USES

- Finding a location or wording of a verse
 - Search by key word in the verse using only Main Concordance
- Basic Word Study
 - After finding word in Main Concordance, find meaning in either Hebrew or Greek Dictionary

EXAMPLE OF A BASIC WORD STUDY

Let's do one together and
experience the adventure of
studying the Word for
yourself in its original
language

Go to Appendix A and pull out page numbers 179A and 179B. We will be using them in this demonstration.

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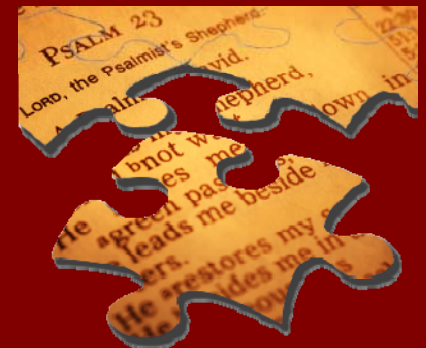
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WHY DO A WORD STUDY?

- Increase Understanding
- Illuminate the Word within the Context of Scripture
- Discover / Re-Discover a passion for the Word
- Help to clearly apply the Word of God

WORD STUDY CAUTION

- A Word Study is **NOT** to discover some new truth! The Word of God has **not** changed.
- Beware of Prideful Knowledge
- *Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the man who loves God is known by God. (1Cor 8:1-3)*

WHO IS A WORD STUDY FOR?

- Anyone
 - Bible Study Teachers – can increase / help with facilitating a bible study discussion
 - Home Group Leaders – can provide opportunities for amplified discussion
 - Everyone – in our personal quiet time, God can use the Word Study for wonderful personal application / reflection

WORD STUDY FORM

IBS Word Study Format Guide

<p>Step 1. Write Down Question of Interpretation: _____ _____ _____ Write Down the Bible Verse: _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>Step 2. Write Down the <u>Strong's</u> or G/K Number: _____</p>
<p>Step 3. Write Down the Greek/Hebrew Transliteration: _____ Optional: _____ Greek/Hebrew Word (original language): _____</p>
<p>Step 4. Write Down The Definition From <u>Strong's</u> or <u>NIV Exhaustive Concordance</u>: _____ _____ _____</p>
<p>Step 5. Write Down the Definition From Vines, Zodhiates or Other Greek/Hebrew Bible Dictionary: _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Step 6. Write Down All Scriptures using the same Greek/Hebrew word: _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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<p>Step 7. Write Down any Scriptures that are helpful: _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Step 8. Write down what commentaries have to say. Commentary #1 _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Commentary #2 _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Step 9. Interpretation -- Answer the question recorded in Step 1: _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Step 10. Record your personal application: _____ _____ _____ <i>See Attached Sheet:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Full size version of this handout is in
Appendix A, page 186A

WORD STUDY PROCESS

- Step 1: Determine the “Question of Interpretation”
- Step 2: Look up the Verse in *KJV* and then the Word in *Strong's Concordance*
- Step 3: Look up Word in Vines or another Greek / Hebrew Dictionary
- Step 4: Scripture References with the same / similar Word.

WORD STUDY PROCESS (continued)

- Step 5: Record any Scriptures you find helpful
- Step 6: Look at what the commentaries have to say (use at least 2)
- Step 7: Record interpretation and answer the question
- Step 8: Record Application

TOOLS

- All of these resources are available in print and in various digital formats
 - Strong's Concordance
 - Bible Dictionary
 - Vines
 - Zodhiates
 - Commentaries
 - Many different ones are available
 - Matthew Henry
 - Wiersbe

LET'S DO A WORD STUDY

- Before you begin...PRAY!!!
- Step 1: Select the Passage / Question?
 - The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf **attacks** the flock and scatters it. *John 10:12*

THE QUESTION

- What does it mean when the wolf attacks the flock?
- Let's lookup John 10:12 in other versions of the Bible

JOHN 10:12 – WHY KJV?

- NIV - The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf **attacks** the flock and scatters it.
- ASV - He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf **snatcheth** them, and scattereth *them*.
- ESV - He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf **snatches** them and scatters them.
- KJV - But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf **catcheth** them, and scattereth the sheep.

STEP 2: STRONG'S CONCORDANCE

- Now that we know the KJV word used is “catcheth” we can lookup that word in Strong's Concordance.

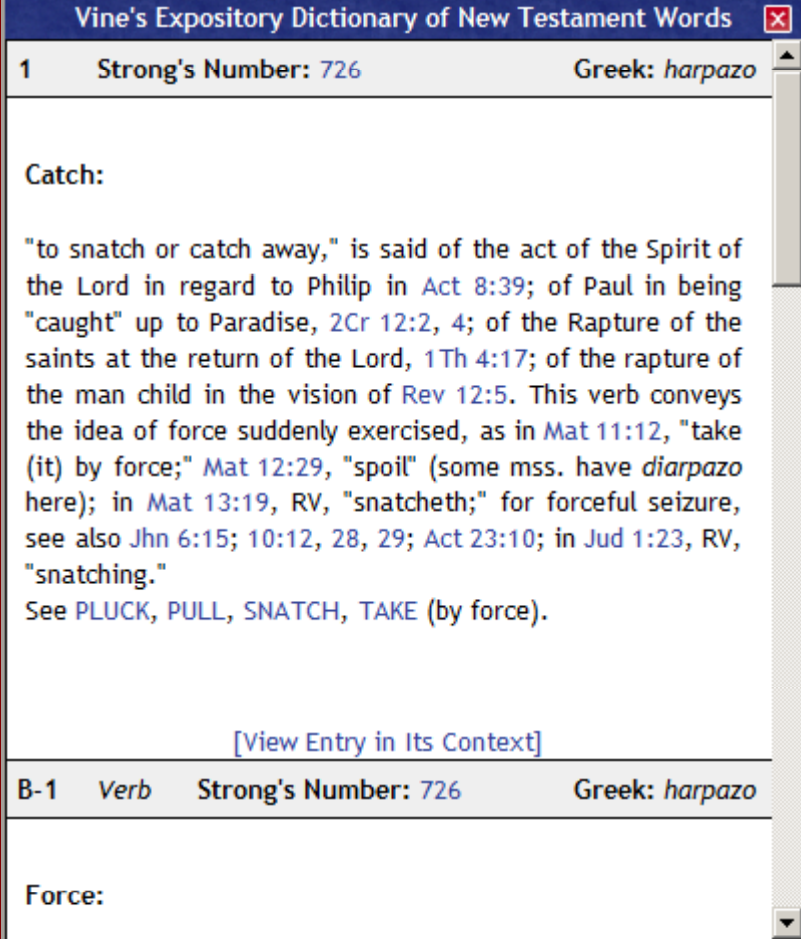
- **Catcheth** – Strong's 726

catcheth	G726	ἄρπάζω <i>harpazō</i>	TENSE	K K
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- Record this entry on the word study form

STEP 3: VINE'S

- Lookup harpazo (Strong's 726) in Vine's Dictionary.
- This definition will help your understanding.
- Record this definition on your Word Study Form.



Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

1 Strong's Number: 726 Greek: *harpazo*

Catch:

"to snatch or catch away," is said of the act of the Spirit of the Lord in regard to Philip in [Act 8:39](#); of Paul in being "caught" up to Paradise, [2Cr 12:2, 4](#); of the Rapture of the saints at the return of the Lord, [1Th 4:17](#); of the rapture of the man child in the vision of [Rev 12:5](#). This verb conveys the idea of force suddenly exercised, as in [Mat 11:12](#), "take (it) by force;" [Mat 12:29](#), "spoil" (some mss. have *diarpazo* here); in [Mat 13:19](#), RV, "snatcheth;" for forceful seizure, see also [Jhn 6:15](#); [10:12, 28, 29](#); [Act 23:10](#); in [Jud 1:23](#), RV, "snatching."
See **PLUCK, PULL, SNATCH, TAKE** (by force).

[\[View Entry in Its Context\]](#)

B-1 Verb Strong's Number: 726 Greek: *harpazo*

Force:

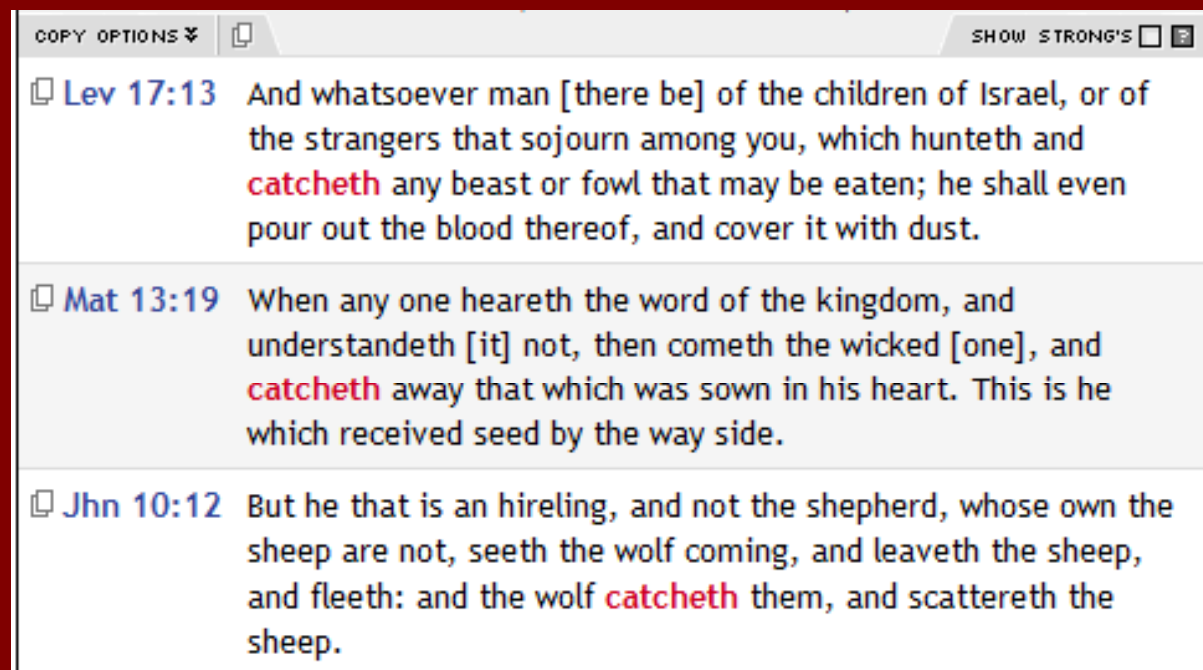
STEP 3: VINE'S (continued)



- 726 – *Harpazō*
- The word here means:
 - Seize, carry off by force
 - Claim for one's self eagerly
 - to snatch out or away
- Record this definition.


Strong's G726 - <i>harpazō</i>	
ἄρπάζω	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>harpazō</i>	här-pä'-zō (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	from a derivative of G138
TDNT Reference	Vines
1:472,80	View Entry
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1) to seize, carry off by force 2) to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly 3) to snatch out or away	
Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count – Total: 13	
AV – catch up 4, take by force 3, catch away 2, pluck 2, catch 1, pull 1	
Thayer's Lexicon (Help)	
<p>ἄρπάζω; fut. <i>ἄρπάσω</i> [Veitch s. v.; cf. <i>Rutherford, New Phryn.</i> p. 407]; 1 aor. <i>ἤρπασα</i>; Pass., 1 aor. <i>ἤρπάσθην</i>; 2 aor. <i>ἤρπάγην</i> (2 Co. xii. 2, 4; Sap. iv. 11; cf. W. 83 (80); [B. 54 (47); <i>WH.</i> App. p. 170]); 2 fut. <i>ἄρπαγήσομαι</i>; [(Lat. <i>rapiō</i>; Curtius § 331); fr. Hom. down]; <i>to seize, carry off by force</i>: <i>τί</i>, [Mt. xii. 29 not R G, (see <i>διαρπάζω</i>)]; Jn. x. 12; <i>to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly</i>: <i>τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ</i>, Mt. xi. 12, (Xen. an. 6, 5, 18, etc.); <i>to snatch out or away</i>: <i>τί</i>, Mt. xiii. 19; <i>τὶ ἐκ χειρὸς τινος</i>, Jn. x. 28 sq.; <i>τινὰ ἐκ πυρός</i>, proverbial, to rescue from the danger of destruction, Jude 23, (Am. iv. 11; Zech. iii. 2); <i>τινά</i>, to seize and carry off speedily, Jn. vi. 15; Acts xxiii. 10; used of divine power transferring a person marvellously and swiftly from one place to another, <i>to snatch or catch away</i>: Acts viii. 39; pass. <i>πρὸς τ. θεόν</i>, Rev. xii. 5; foll. by <i>ἕως</i> with gen. of place, 2 Co. xii. 2; <i>εἰς τ. παράδεισον</i>, 2 Co. xii. 4; <i>εἰς ἀέρα</i>, 1 Th. iv. 17. [COMP.: <i>δι-</i>, <i>συν-αρπάζω</i>.]*</p>	


STEP 4: MORE SCRIPTURES


- Strong's will give us a list of verses with the same word that we are studying. It is important to understand the word in its context.



COPY OPTIONS  SHOW STRONG'S 

 **Lev 17:13** And whatsoever man [there be] of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and **catcheth** any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

 **Mat 13:19** When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth [it] not, then cometh the wicked [one], and **catcheth** away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

 **Jhn 10:12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf **catcheth** them, and scattereth the sheep.

STEP 5: HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

- Record any cross-referenced Scriptures that help you to understand the original Scripture you are seeking out.
- In the case of John 10:12, all 3 of our verses help to reinforce the idea of being taken and possibly taken suddenly.

STEP 6: COMMENTARIES

- It's always good to check your interpretation at this point against some good commentaries.
- Commentaries do NOT replace Scripture – they are interpretation.
- Commentaries, good ones, are written by men that God has truly gifted and can be a great help in studying the Word

STEP 7: RECORD THE INTERPRETATION

- Three C's of Interpreting scripture...
 - Context
 - Context
 - Context.
- What does the Word mean? What does the passage mean?
- Answer the original question posed

OUR INTERPRETATION

- The original question:
 - What does it mean when the wolf attacks the flock?
- Answers:
 - Satan wishes to take us away from the things we know.
 - Satan wishes to steal us from God if he could.

STEP 8: PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Record thoughts and feelings about the time you have spent in God's Word.
- How has the passage impacted you?
- What has the Spirit spoken to you?
- What should you **know, feel, do**?
- Walk away changed! The Scripture is for **transformation** not information.

APPLICATION

- Taking John 10:12 in context, it should serve as a reminder to all who lead, that there are consequences if we are simply hirelings.
- To all of us, we need to know that Satan's wish is to catch us or attack us and then scatter us.

WORD STUDY DEMONSTRATIONS

- E-Sword
- Blue Letter Bible
- eBible

All of these demonstrations are on the
CD in your folder and found in the
Videos Directory

FREE TOOLS: Blueletterbible.org

The screenshot shows the Blue Letter Bible website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The browser's address bar displays the URL <http://www.blueletterbible.org/>. The website's header features the title "Blue Letter Bible" and a quote: "For You have magnified Your Word above all Your name. - Psalm 138:2". Below the header is a "New Bible Search" section with a search input field, a version dropdown menu set to "KJV", and a "Search" button. Examples of search terms are provided: "(Examples: John 3:16 , or Jesus faith love , or 'God of my salvation')". A "Show/Hide Advanced Options" link is also present. To the right of the search section is a "Search the BLB" sidebar with additional search options like "LexiConc" and "FAQ Search". Below the search section is a "New Items" section with two bullet points: one about requesting Blue Letter Bible CDs online and another about a new course titled "Servanthood" presented by the Blue Letter Bible Institute. A "Featured Items" sidebar on the right lists "Today's Items" such as "Day by Day by Grace" and "Items of Interest" like "ISBE" and "Daily Bible Reading Program". A vertical navigation menu on the left side of the page lists various resources: SEARCH, COMMENTARIES, AUDIO/VIDEO, STUDY TOOLS, IMAGES/MAPS, DEVOTIONALS, HELP/FAQS, KNOW GOD, FREE WEB TOOLS, ABOUT BLB, CONTRIBUTE, OTHER LINKS, and BLB INSTITUTE.

FREE TOOLS: Biblegateway.com

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Verse of the day

"Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."- [John 14:23](#)
Today's passage is from the [New International Version](#).
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Introduction

"Freely you received, freely give." (Matthew 10:8)

Jesus told us that since we've been blessed we should bless others. I am happy to provide a blessing to others in the form of free Bible study software!

As a Bible student and teacher I have experienced the necessary work involved in searching the Scriptures for the competent preparation of a Bible study, Sunday school lesson, or a sermon. There are volumes of books available as study tools (and the Christian community is indebted to the various authors' perseverance and scholarship), but there is not enough time, money, or shelf space to properly take advantage of these resources. Computer software has changed the way we can study the Word of GOD. With a simple search or click of the mouse button, we now have access to these same volumes of scholarship within seconds!

e-Sword is a fast and effective way to study the Bible. e-Sword is feature rich and user friendly with more capabilities than you would expect in a free software package. The fact that e-Sword is free is just one of the blessings and does not speak of the quality of the software. I make my living writing software and I believe I have put forth my best

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- StudyLight.org
- CalvaryChapel.com
- Bible.org
- ChristianAnswers.net

CHALLENGE AND HOMEWORK

- *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Tim 4:2*
- What does it mean to be prepared?
- Do a word study on this verse and the word “prepared”.
- Answers will be online in one week
www.calvaryccm.com/gwft

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clarification?

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this workshop?

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transformed?

WORKSHOP RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE

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