

Simple issues that I find many to be unaware of, yet it drastically affects their theology

Theology: What man can know about God.

Biblical Theology: What man can know about God from the Bible.

Theology in essence... everyone has one.

Theology in practice... It must play out in real life.

Desensitization: to make less sensitive.

Ex. make (someone) less likely to feel shock or distress at scenes of cruelty, violence, or suffering by overexposure to such images: (as adj. **desensitized**) : *people who view such movies become **desensitized to violence***.

In the case of desensitization, people incidentally take things for granted that could in fact be very profound. In this class, I take an approach that seeks to re-sensitize us to things that we might have before thought common, or insignificant.

Reactionary theology: Whereas, because of life's instances and experiences that are typified by negative feelings or misunderstanding, one swings the pendulum to the opposing ground.

Gentile Fishbowl Conundrum: The very fact that we are gentiles is an incredible obstacle to understanding the Scriptures. Admitting this, seeking to deal with this, can be a very helpful step to understanding a book that is predominantly Jewish in nature. We must humble ourselves.

Biblical Hermeneutics

Method of Interpreting the Bible

Lens that information filters through

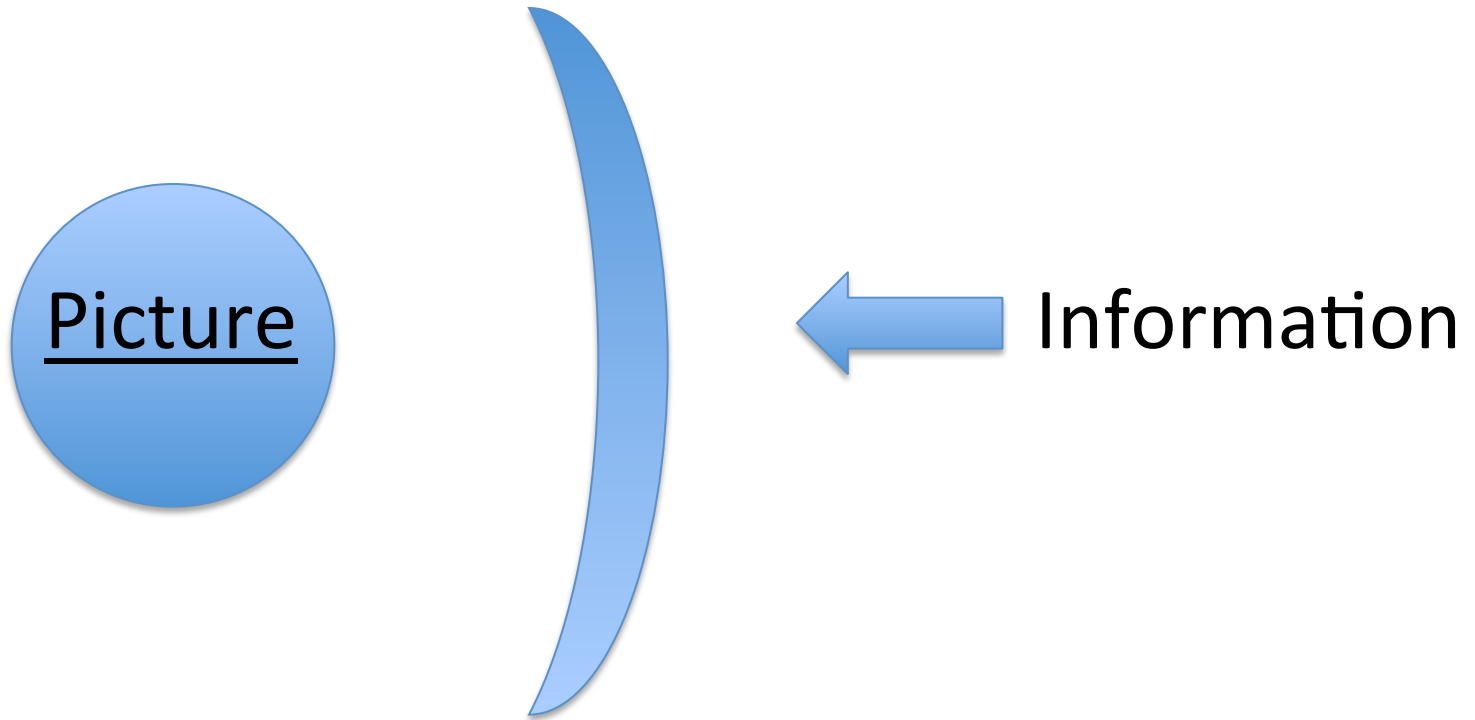


Information

Biblical Exegesis

Critical Explanation of What is Being Interpreted in the Bible

Picture that Your Lens Creates



Ground Zero

- Every person has a hermeneutic
 - Every person has a lens they see things through
 - Whether you know it or not you are viewing the Bible through a lens
- Every person has an exegesis
 - Every persons lens creates a picture
 - Whether you know it or not you are interpreting what you read in the Bible

Problem:

- Subjectivity towards truth
- Every person who is alive is constantly processing information. The problem is that each persons perception of what is true regarding the information that they are interpreting is based on their own, usually biased, experiences. This often skews what is true. The same is true of what we interpret in the Bible.

In this way we process life through our own lens.

This lens contains positive and negative things that give meaning to our idea of truth.

Inevitably then, this will affect the way we perceive the Scriptures.

Consequences of Interpretation

Positive	Negative
Good Experiences	Bad Experiences
Self-Image	Bad-Self Image
Good Relationships	Bad Relationships
Family	Poor Family Dynamics
Success	Unsuccessful
Wealth	Poor
Health	Unhealthy
Healthy Mental State/Confidence	Brokenness/Wounding/Abuse/Mental Instability
Negative Personality Defaults: Introverted/Extroverted	Positive Personality Defaults: Introverted/Extroverted
Ethnicity - Jewish	Ethnicity - Gentile
Biblical Experiences that seemingly contradict the Scriptures	Biblical Experiences that seemingly confirm the Scriptures

Examples of How We Process

Confident Skinny Person: Joke
Insecure Skinny Person: Anorexic
Normal Size Person: Blows it off
Slightly Overweight Person:
Takes it to heart to get in shape
Fat Person: Feels Guilt and Shame
Obese Person: Hates Themselves



You are Fat

Differing Pictures

Arrow pointing upward

Hat

House

Alien Warcraft



Biblical Interpretation

God chooses favorites? (This guy
was never picked for the team)

Ethnicity doesn't matter to God.
(post-modern un-racial bias)

Sees ethnic calling as archaic, and a thing of antiquity.
Often views racism as a driving narrative in history

That was true until the Church was formed:
Sees discontinuity in God's words as simply
alternative meaning. Sees the church as the
New Israel.

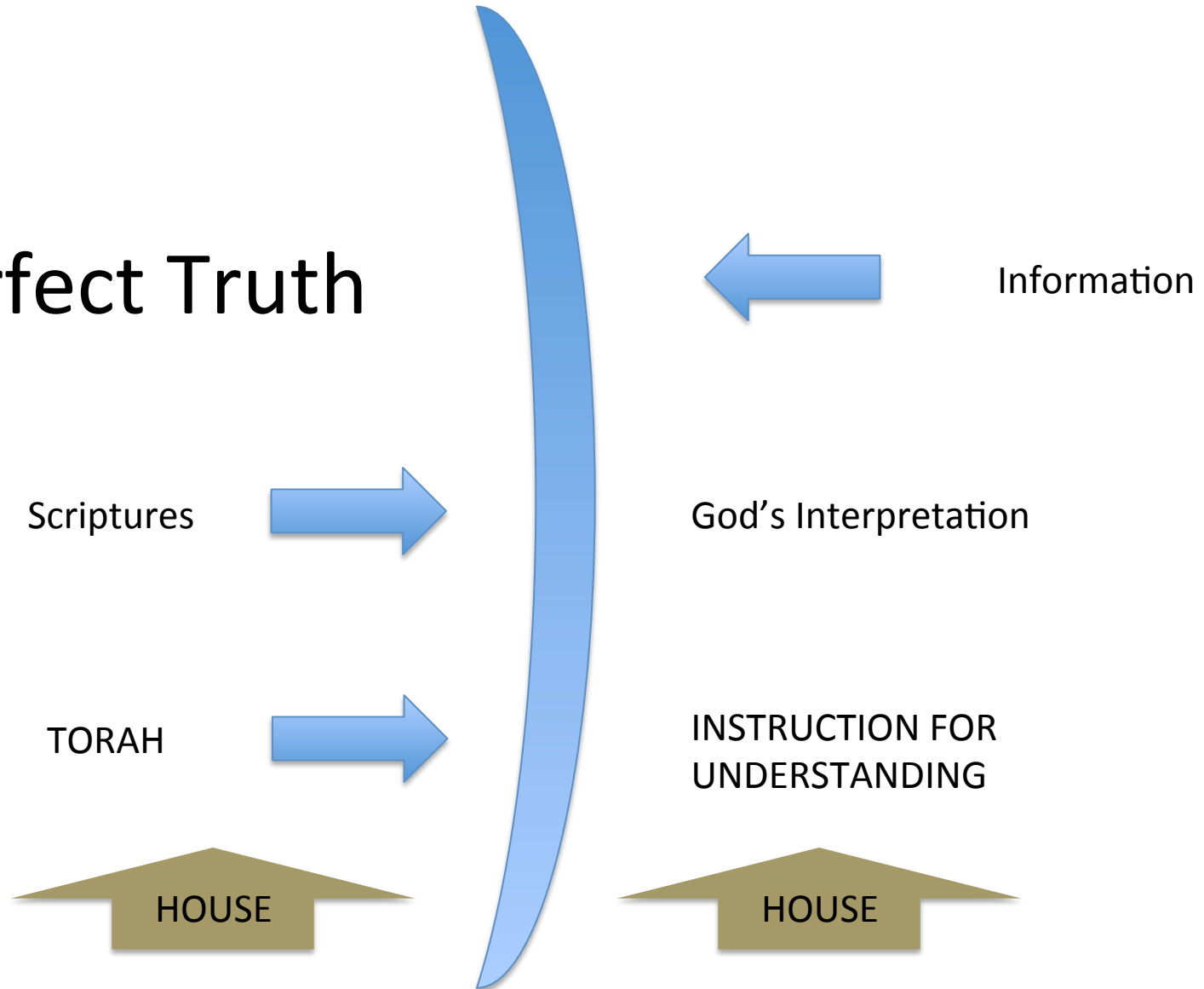
God Chose Israel to be His People
Takes the words at face value



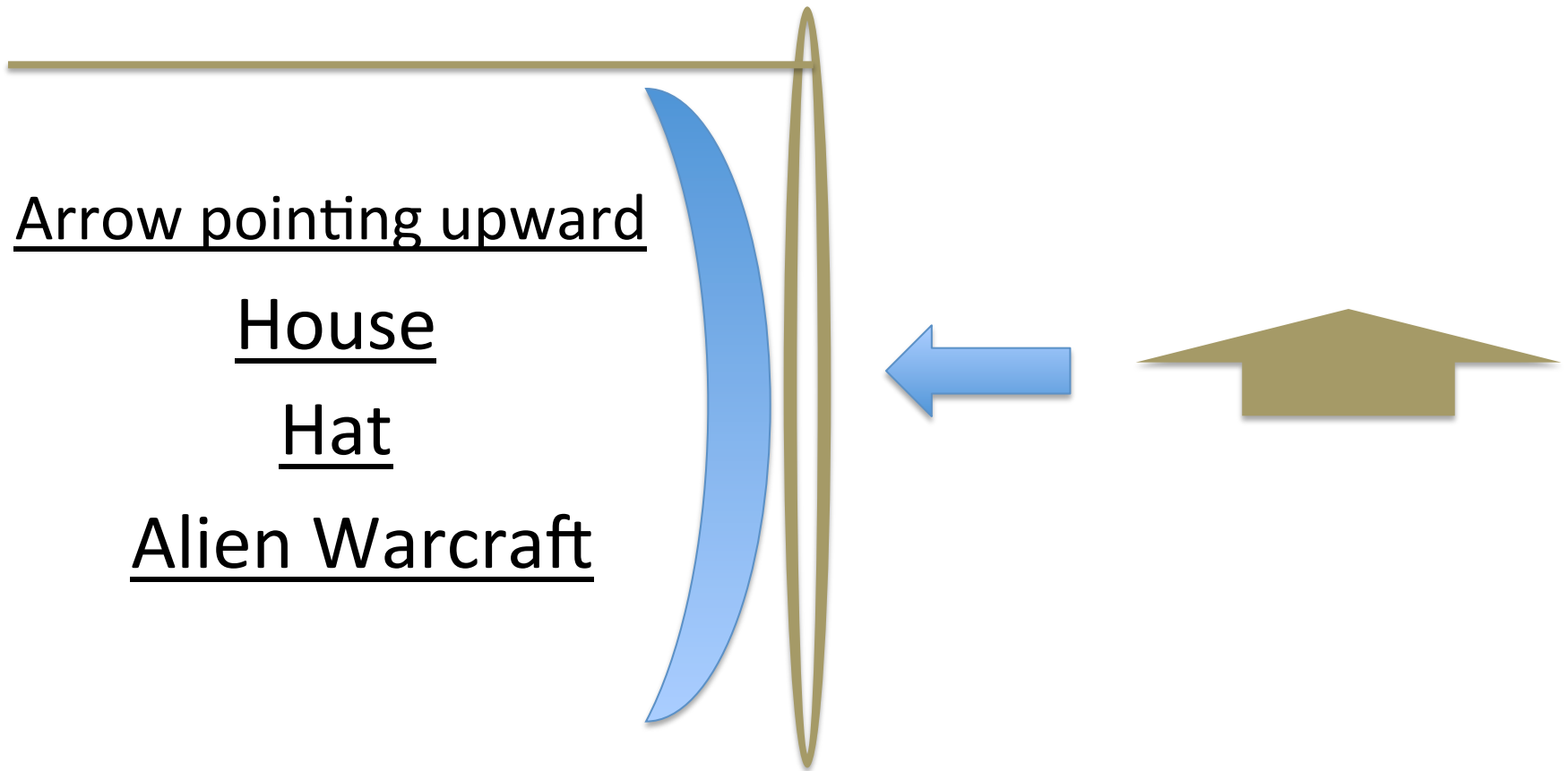
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God's Hermeneutic

Perfect Truth



THE PROVERBIAL GLASSES



Solution:

There are 4 goals we seek to produce a good hermeneutic:

1. To take off our subjective glasses that skew interpretation
2. To do our best to see things the way God does-God's lens is objective.
3. To seek consistency and harmony with our method-consistency in the Scriptures often shows our hermeneutic is aligning to God's.
4. To put on the right glasses where need be- to effectively do the hard work of changing our very gentile lens to a Jewish one; and our very subjective lens to a God-lens.

Eph. 2:12-14- We need to know who we are

Luke 24:44 We need the Holy Spirit's help

Rom 3:1-2 We need the right glasses

Can this be done?
How do you know you're right?
No one can really know!

- Dt. 29:29
- Dt. 30:11-14
- Is. 45:19; 65:
- Prov. 2:1-11
- James 1:5
- John 16:13-15
- He gave the Torah/Instruction
- He entrusted the Scriptures to a people
- We have the Scriptures in our hands today
- We have the Holy Spirit?
- There is no excuse- There is laziness, and there are cop-outs, but there is no real excuse. Escape the sociological and anthropological factors that keep you from the knowledge of God.

Interpretation:

- Ego-centric
 - Everything in the Scriptures applies to me
 - Only the good things anyway
 - The bad things apply to bad people
- Gentile-centric
 - The Scriptures randomly apply to all mankind
 - The good things
 - The bad things apply to the Jews
- Western-centric
 - God's Scriptures apply to America because we are God's people
 - The good things
 - The bad things apply to the everyone not American
- Job 2:10
- Israel-centric
 - God's Scriptures are a unique story that revolve around a people He betrothed-Israel
 - The gentiles are included into this people's faith and get the good things if we are humble
 - The gentiles possess a unique calling to love the Jew since we are blessed through them

Bad Biblical Hermeneutics

Me
Gentiles
America
“The Church”



Scriptures

Good Biblical Hermeneutics

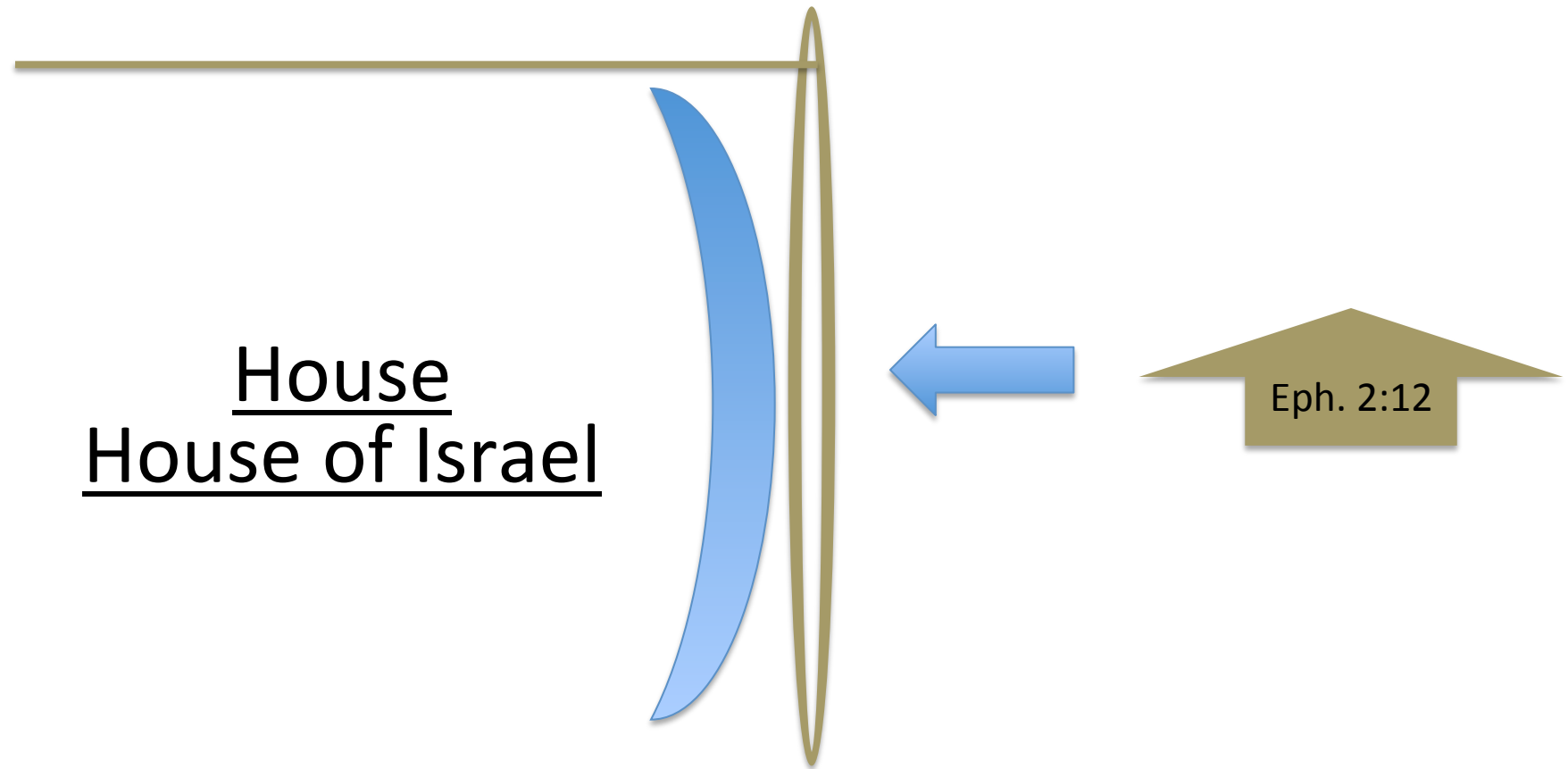
Israel
Jewish People
The Congregation/
The Church



Scriptures

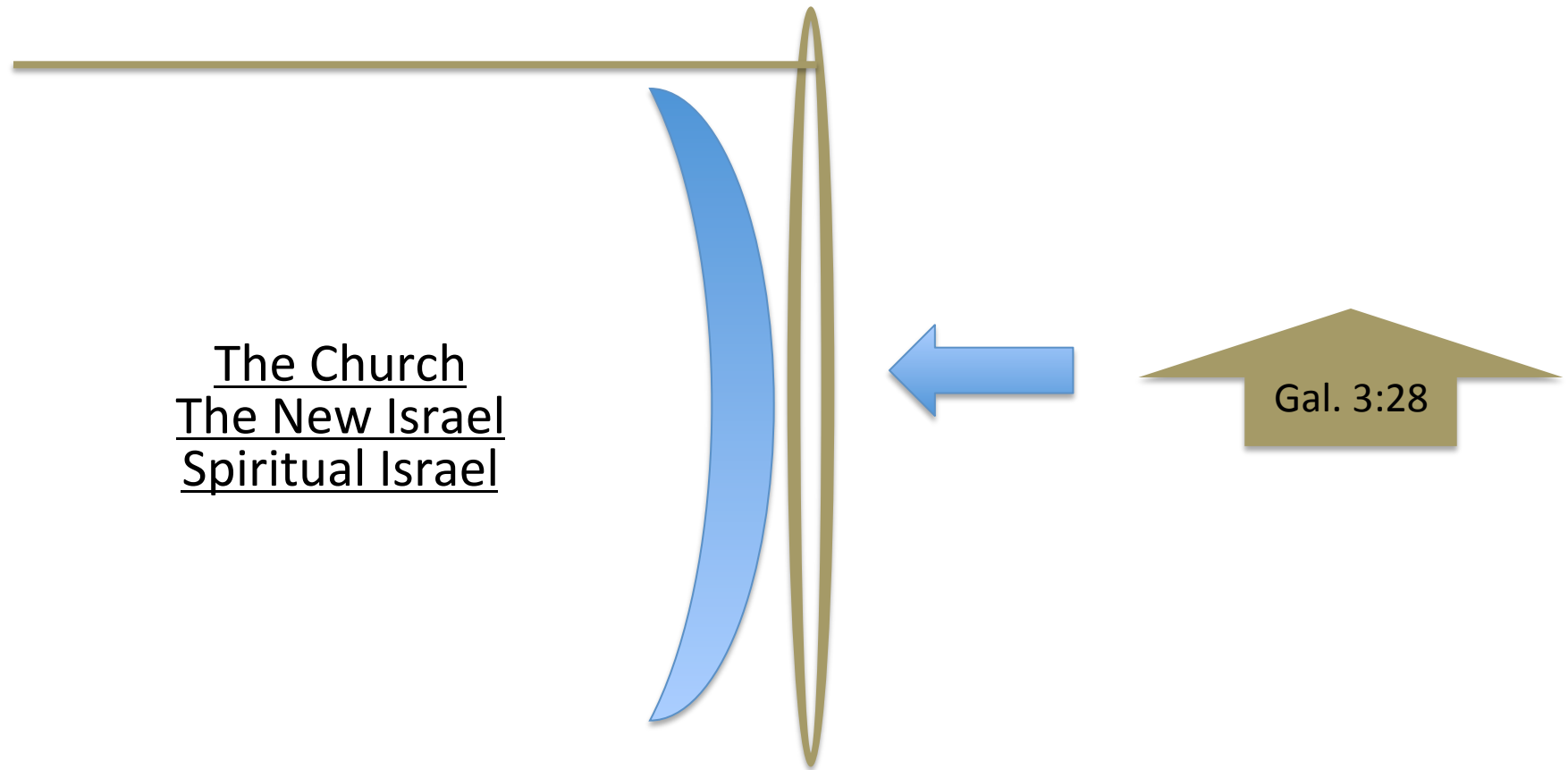
Consistent Context

The Right Glasses

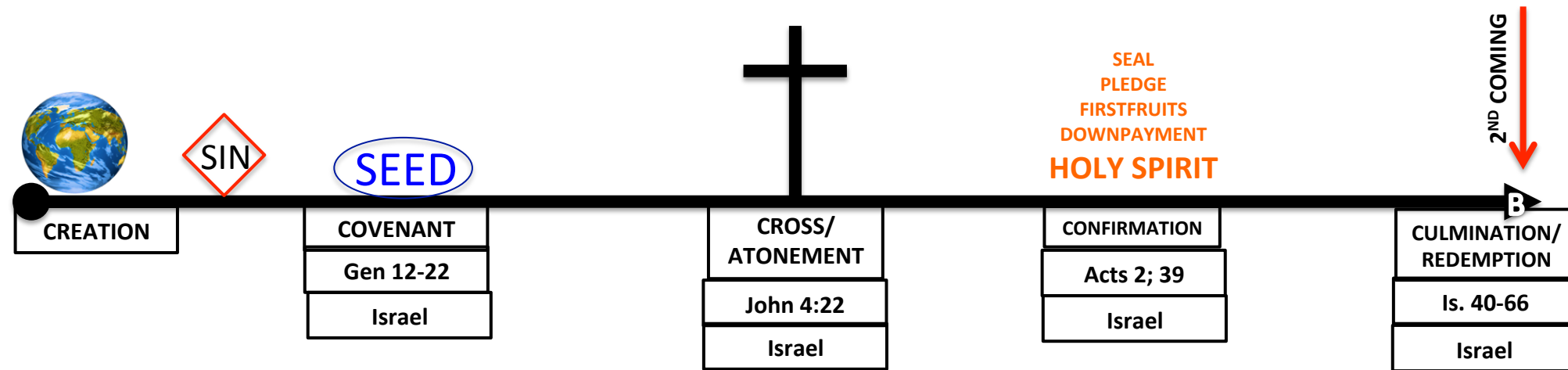


Inconsistent Context

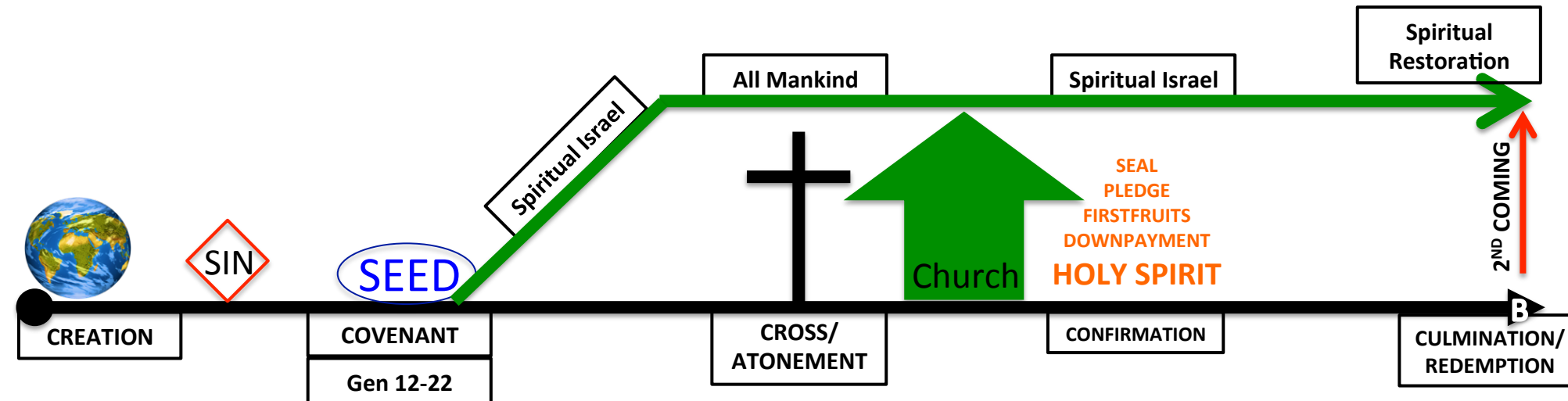
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A consistent literal hermeneutic



An inconsistent allegorical hermeneutic



Changing the Lowest Common Denominator = Arrogance

- If you change what God meant when He called a specific nation His Own- you can do anything with the Biblical Narrative.
- Mennonite; Amish; Jehovah's Witness; Mormon; Common Denominations; Church of Christ; Baptist; Reformed; Charismatic
- Take care when you deal with the Lord's wife
- Prov. 6:34 For jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge.

Hermeneutical Value of God's Word

How God perceives His own words:	Ex. 20:22, Is. 45:23-25, 55:11, Zech. 1:1-6, Mt. 5:17-18, Mt. 24:35
How men perceive God's words	2 Chron. 36:15-21, Dan. 9:11-19, Jb. 42:2, Psalm 119, Lam. 2:17
NT exhortation to understand the OT	Mt. 1:1, Lk. 24:26-26; 44, Rom. 1:1-6, 15:4, 16:25, Titus 1:1-3 2 Pt. 3:2, Jude 3
Inspired by Spirit	Uninspired by Spirit
Infallible	Fallible
Literal	Allegorical
A True Story	A Poetic, yet mostly untrue, story
A Detailed Historical Account	An Archaic, Unscientific Text
Characters:	The Creator God, Animals, Adam and Eve (Man), Angels, Demons, Jew, Gentile
Setting:	Heavens and Earth
Format:	Introduction, Body, Climax, Conclusion
Author:	The Creator of the Heavens and Earth

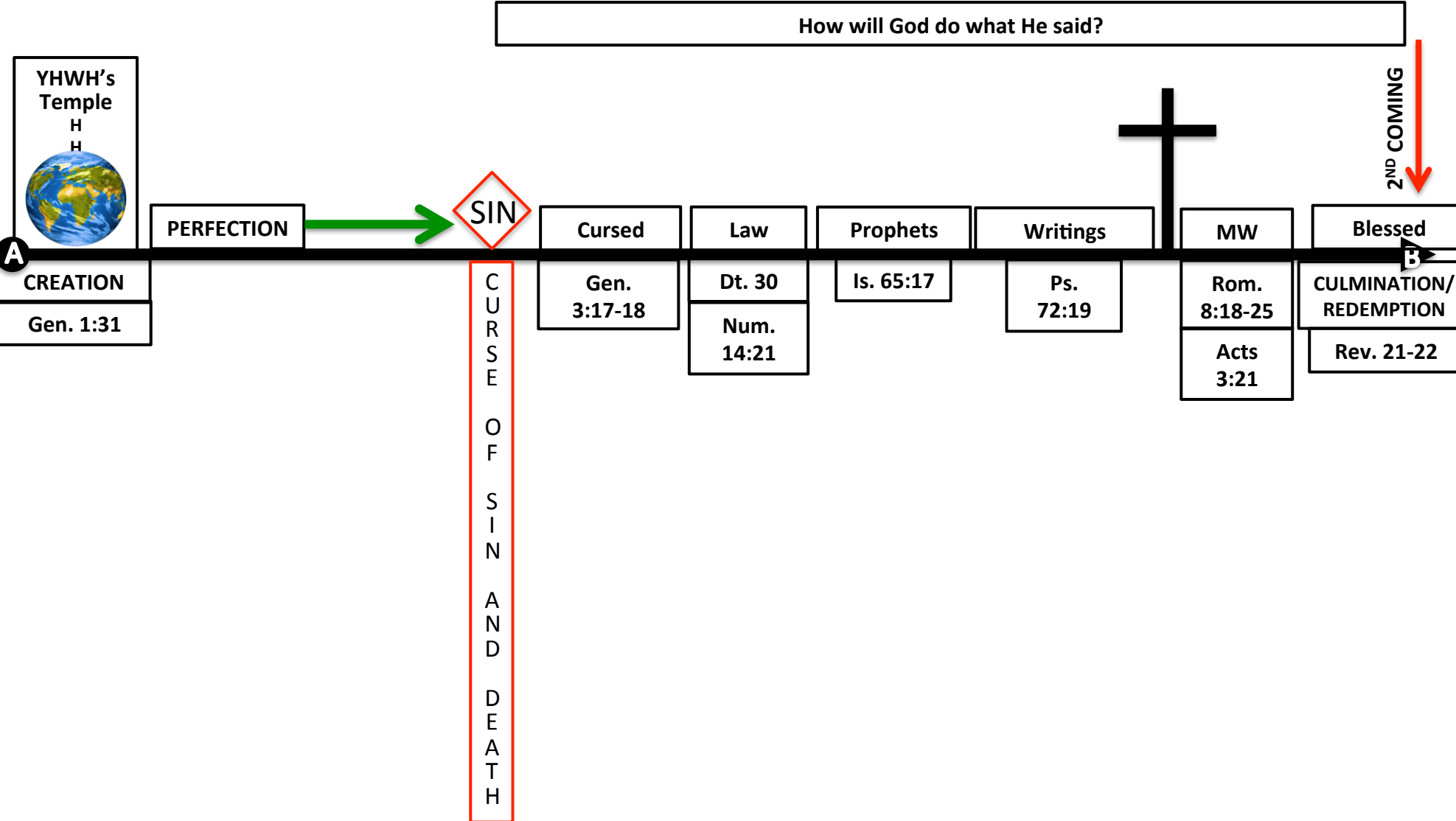
To see things the way God does we must keep His own character in order. i.e. We must not contradict who He is with our method of interpretation.

Num. 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

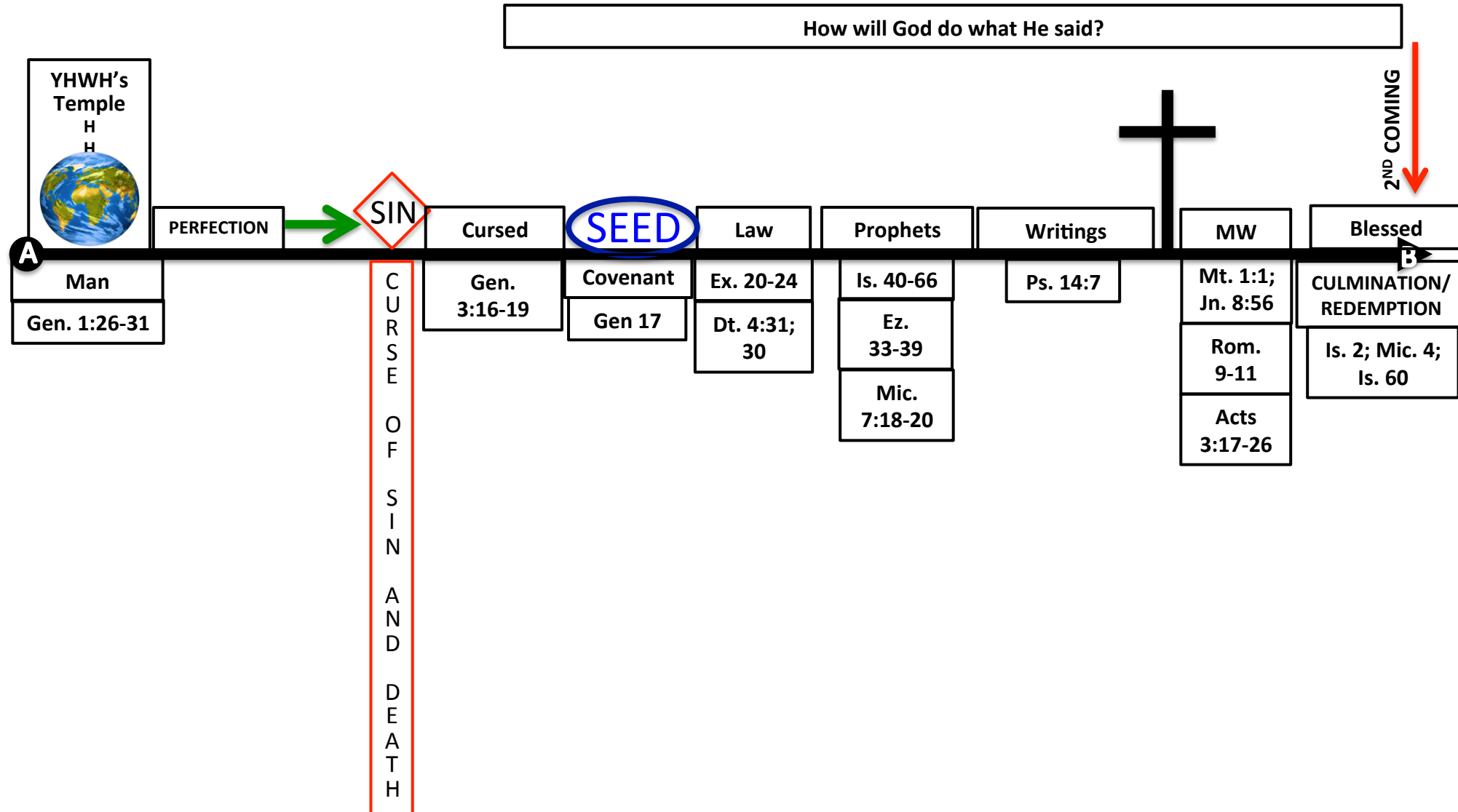
Mal. 3:6 "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

Hb. 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

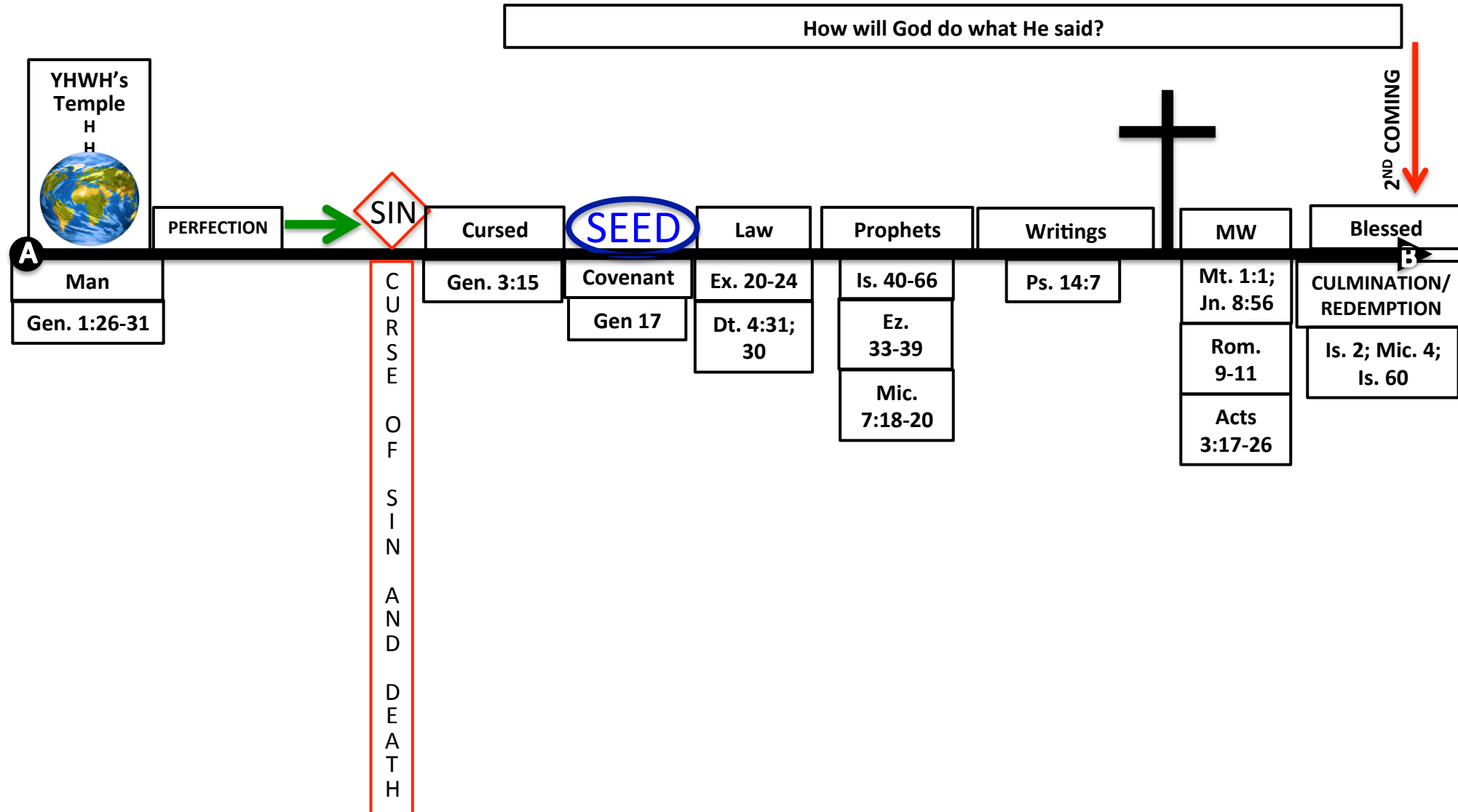
Letting God's Sentences Stand: Creation



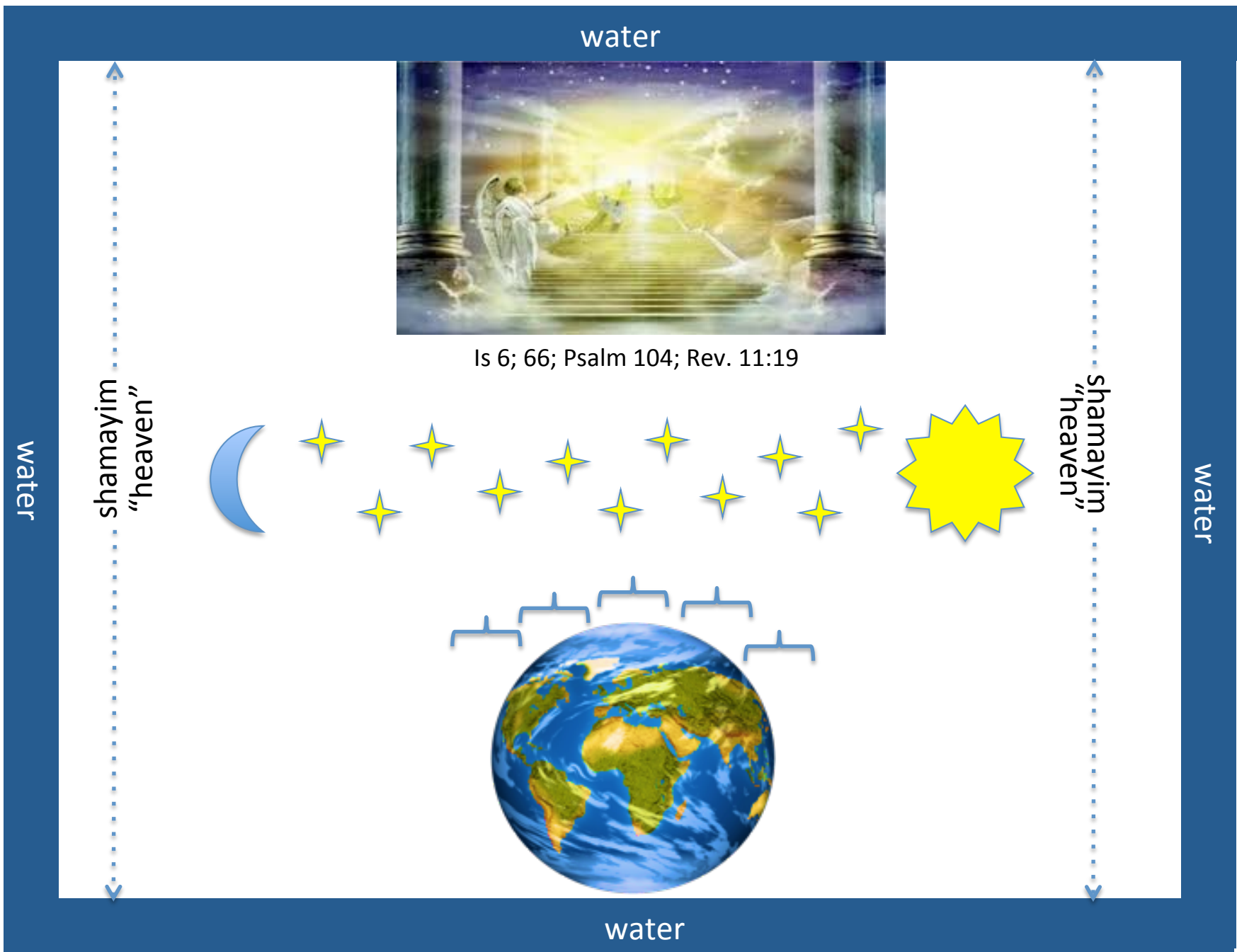
Letting God's Sentences Stand: Covenant



Letting God's Sentences Stand: Cross



Physical Construct of the Heaven's and the Earth in the Bible



The “Two Age” Distinction of Time in the Bible

This Age	Age to Come	End of this Age
Mt. 12:32, 13:39, Lk. 20:34; 1 Cor. 1:20, 2:6-8, 3:18, Gal. 1:4, Eph. 1:21, 2:7	Mt. 12:32; Mk. 10:30, Lk. 18:30; 20:35, Hb. 6:5	Mt. 24:3, Mt. 28:20, 24:14, Rev. 2:26
Dichotomies		
Night/Darkness	Day/Light	Rom. 13:12; 1 Thess 5:2-8
Evil	Righteous	Gal. 1:4; 2 Pt. 3:13
Death	Life	Rom. 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:21-22
Mortality	Immortality	Rom. 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:53
Perishable	Imperishable	1 Cor. 9:25; 15:42; 1 Pt. 1:23
Suffering	Glory	Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17, 2 Tim. 4:6-8
Slavery	Freedom	Rom. 8:20
Exile	Restoration	Acts 3:21; 1 Pt. 1:17
Rejection	Acceptance	Rom. 11:15
Curse	Blessing	Deut. 30:1-5
How Do We Live?		1 Cor. 9:24, Hb. 12:1, Phil. 3:14, Lk. 9:22-26

The “two age” Delineation of Time in the Bible

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“The Mystery” That Was Hidden in Ages Past

- ◆ Dt. 29:29; Psalm 25:14; Prov. 3:25
- ◆ Rom 15:25-26 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.
- ◆ Rom 11:27 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not become wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come to Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

This is the mystery: How will what is said by God be accomplished? What are the variables for these sentences to be accomplished as it is stated? It is the simple misinformation, and ignorance of what is being said here that has set thousands of different trajectories that deviate away from this simple narrative being fulfilled in real time and space. The entirety of this study seeks to unravel this mystery and all of its components—to inform ourselves of what this mystery is. In doing this, we are simply seeking to believe Paul’s statement in Romans 15, and see it come to pass in our generation. We are seeking to become the “acceptable offering of gentiles; sanctified by the Holy Spirit,” that results in the “obedience of gentiles in word and deed,” so that we are not “arrogant towards the branches” but might have “obedience of faith for His names sake” because the “gospel is the power of God to salvation for all who believe, to the Jew first and also to the gentile,” that we also with Paul might cry out, “Oh, the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!”

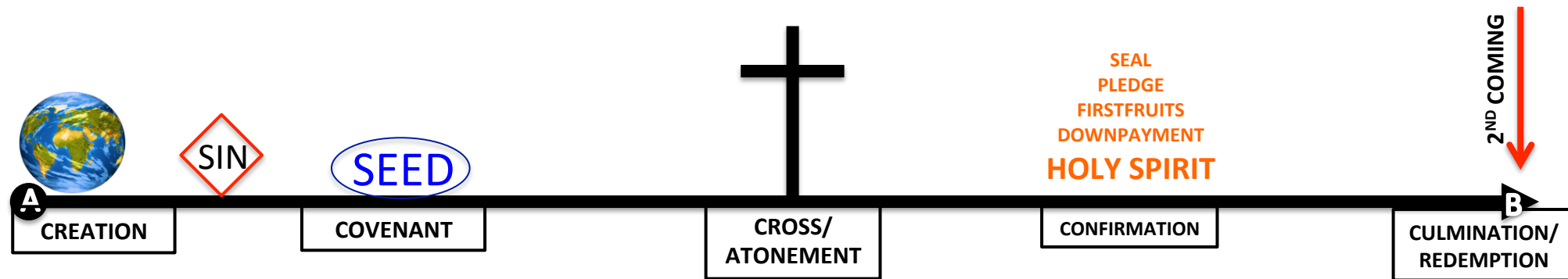
- ◆ Col. For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodecia, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from a full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- ◆ John 4:22- Salvation is from the Jews
- ◆ Psalm 14:7- Oh that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion!

What the Mystery Means: Applying the Mystery to Our Understanding

- ◆ 1 Peter 1: As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.
- ◆ Eph. 3: if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; ³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, ⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. ⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;
- ◆ Rom 11:2 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not become wise in your own estimation
- ◆ God's controversy with Satan over His adversity towards His plan
- ◆ God's controversy with Israel over their misunderstanding of His Plan
- ◆ God's controversy with the gentile nations over their arrogance/ignorance of His plan
- ◆ Misunderstanding of what God intends to do is why they crucified the Lord of Glory (Powers and Principalities)
- ◆ Misunderstanding of what God intends to do is what caused the leadership of Israel to not recognize the Messiah
- ◆ Misunderstanding of what God intends to do has led the gentile nations to misinterpret God's mercy and grace towards us as replacing His chosen people. This misunderstanding will inevitable play out in a similar scenario to the holocaust and severe judgment upon the nations, and the church specifically.

The Mystery Hidden

How Will YHWH Accomplish What He Said?



←-----Messianic Writings/New Testament Matthew-Jude:Interpretation of the Mystery----->

←-----The Writings-1 Chronicles-Song of Songs, Lamentations, Daniel ----->

←-----Prophets- Joshua-2Kings, Isaiah-Malachi and Revelation----->

<-----Torah-Instruction-Genesis-Deuteronomy----->

Chiliasm Illustrated in Scripture

Creation		
Moses	6 days waiting, 7 th God calls	Ex. 24; 31:12-17
Jericho	7 th day walls fell down	
Josephs		
Lampstand in Temple		
Hosea Passage		
Jesus and Lazarus		

The “latter days” and “that day” delineation of time in the Bible

Hb. Latter Days	Hb. The Day	Gk. Last days	Gk. The Last Day	Gk. Day of Judgment	Gk. The Time
Ha aharit hayamim 15 occ.	Ha Yom	Eschatos hemeras		Hemera Krisis 48 occ. 14- Day of Judg.	
Gen. 49:1; Num. 24:14; Dt. 4:30; 31:29; Is. 2:2; Jer. 23:20; 30:24 Ez. 38:16; Dan. 2:28; 10:14 Mic. 4:1		Acts 2:17; 2 Tim 3:1; James 5:3; 2 Pt. 3:3	John 6:39, 40, 49, 54; 7:27; 11:34; 12:48	Mt. 12:36	Mt. 8:29; 1 Cor. 4:5; Hb. 9:9-10
		Trumpet 1 Cor. 15:22			

Apostolic Declaration of the Five Pillars in Acts

Passage	Creational	Covenantal	Cruciform	Charismatic	Apocalyptic
Acts 2:14-42	<i>v. 19-20 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood..."</i>	<i>v. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne... 36 Let all of the house of Israel know that God has made Him both Lord and Messiah."</i>	<i>v.23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. v. 36</i>	<i>v.33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. v.38</i>	<i>v.20 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the day of the Lord shall come. And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. v. 34</i>
Acts 3:11-26	<i>v.13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus..."</i>	<i>v.13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus... 25"It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'</i>	<i>v.15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses... But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.</i>		<i>v.19-21 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.</i>

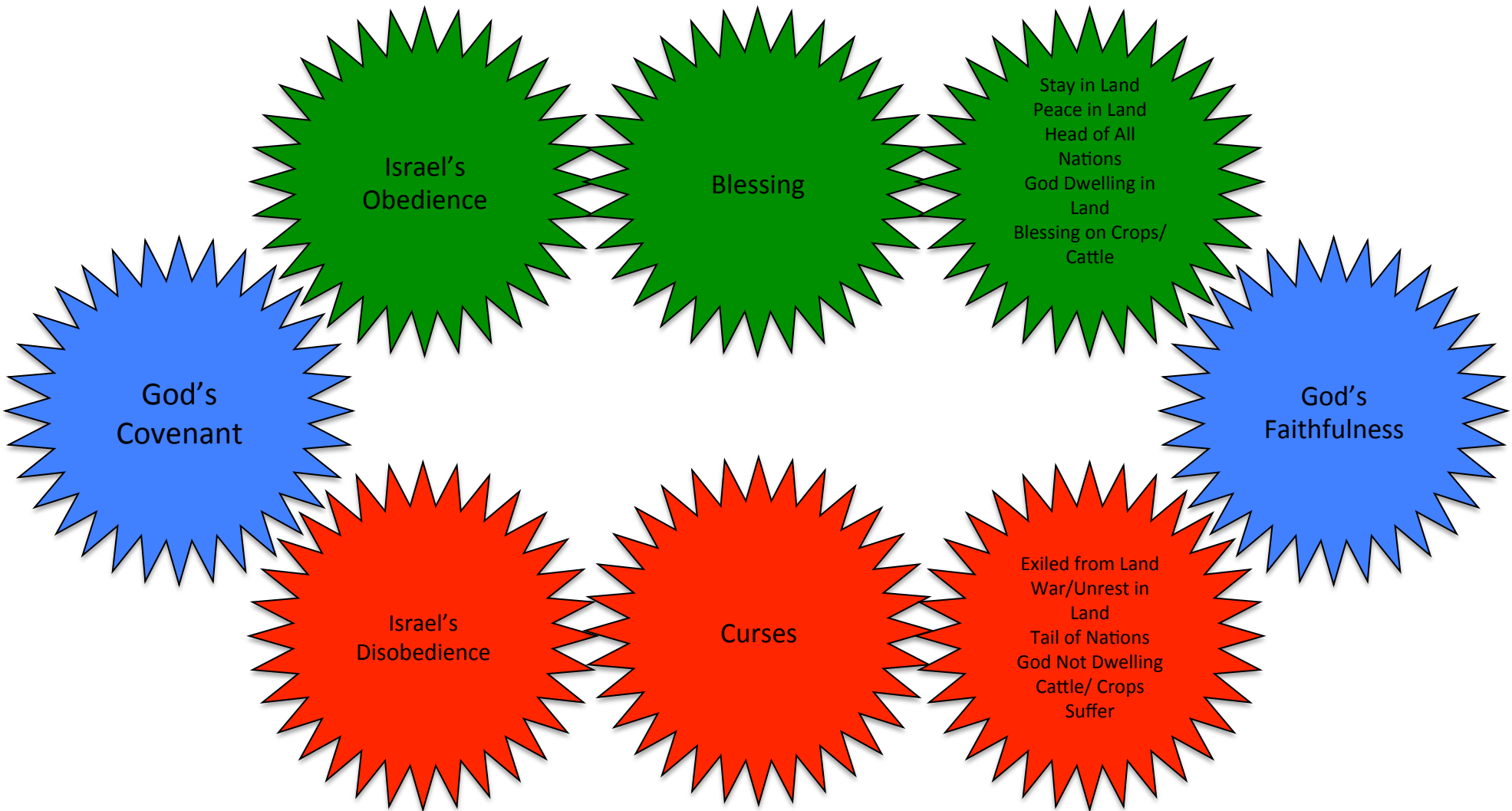
The Identity of the God of Israel (YHWH)- The Instruction of Torah

- ◆ Genesis 1-3 YHWH is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and He is sovereign over them.
- ◆ Genesis 6-10 YHWH shows His powerful sovereignty in the flood in that He can make the earth flood, and He can take man's life if/when He chooses.
- ◆ Genesis 11 YHWH is sovereign over man because He confuses their languages purposefully creating distinguished ethnicity.
- ◆ Genesis 12 YHWH elects Abraham's lineage; promises that **all nations will be blessed through him**; promises his lineage a land to dwell in (v7).
- ◆ Genesis 13 YHWH confirms a third time His promise of lineage and land from Genesis 12.
- ◆ Genesis 14 Abraham declares YHWH's identity as the Possessor of the heavens/earth
- ◆ Genesis 15 YHWH confirms a fourth time His selection of Abraham's lineage, and swears by His own life that He will fulfill His promise.
- ◆ Genesis 17 YHWH confirms that the covenant He is making with Abraham and His lineage is **everlasting**, and that the inheritance of the land is **everlasting**. The covenant is to remain in their flesh through circumcision as a reminder. (5th time)
- ◆ Genesis 18-19 Birth of Isaac promised to confirm YHWH's covenant with Abraham. Abraham makes intercession for wicked gentile cities (Israel's priesthood calling); those who were not of his lineage, and God's willingness to relent from judgment is revealed.
- ◆ Genesis 21 YHWH proves He is committed to His covenant to Abraham's lineage and nothing will stop it from being completed by opening Sarah's dead womb and bringing forth Isaac, through whom the promise comes.
- ◆ Genesis 26 YHWH appears to Isaac saying that He is Abraham's God and makes Himself Isaac's God.
- ◆ Genesis 28 YHWH appears to Jacob saying that He was Abraham and Isaac's God, and makes Himself Jacob's God also. Uniqueness of the stairway connecting heaven and earth.
- ◆ Genesis 29-30 A lineage of 12 tribes are born as the beginning of what YHWH promised to Abraham.
- ◆ Genesis 35 Jacob wrestles with YHWH as a sign of the struggle Israel will have against YHWH
- ◆ Genesis 37-50 Abraham's lineage is divinely preserved through a time of famine. Joseph is a prophetic picture of Jesus.
- ◆ Exodus 1-3 YHWH divinely preserves a baby boy and has him grow up in Pharaoh's house to become the one who will deliver Abraham's lineage from slavery.
- ◆ Exodus 3:14-16 God's Name is declared by God Himself **I AM WHO I AM = YHWH = GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB. *God's Memorial Name forever.***
- ◆ Ex. 4-24 YHWH delivers Abraham's lineage, proving His covenant with Abraham is *literal*, and nothing will stop Him from accomplishing His plan of redemption.

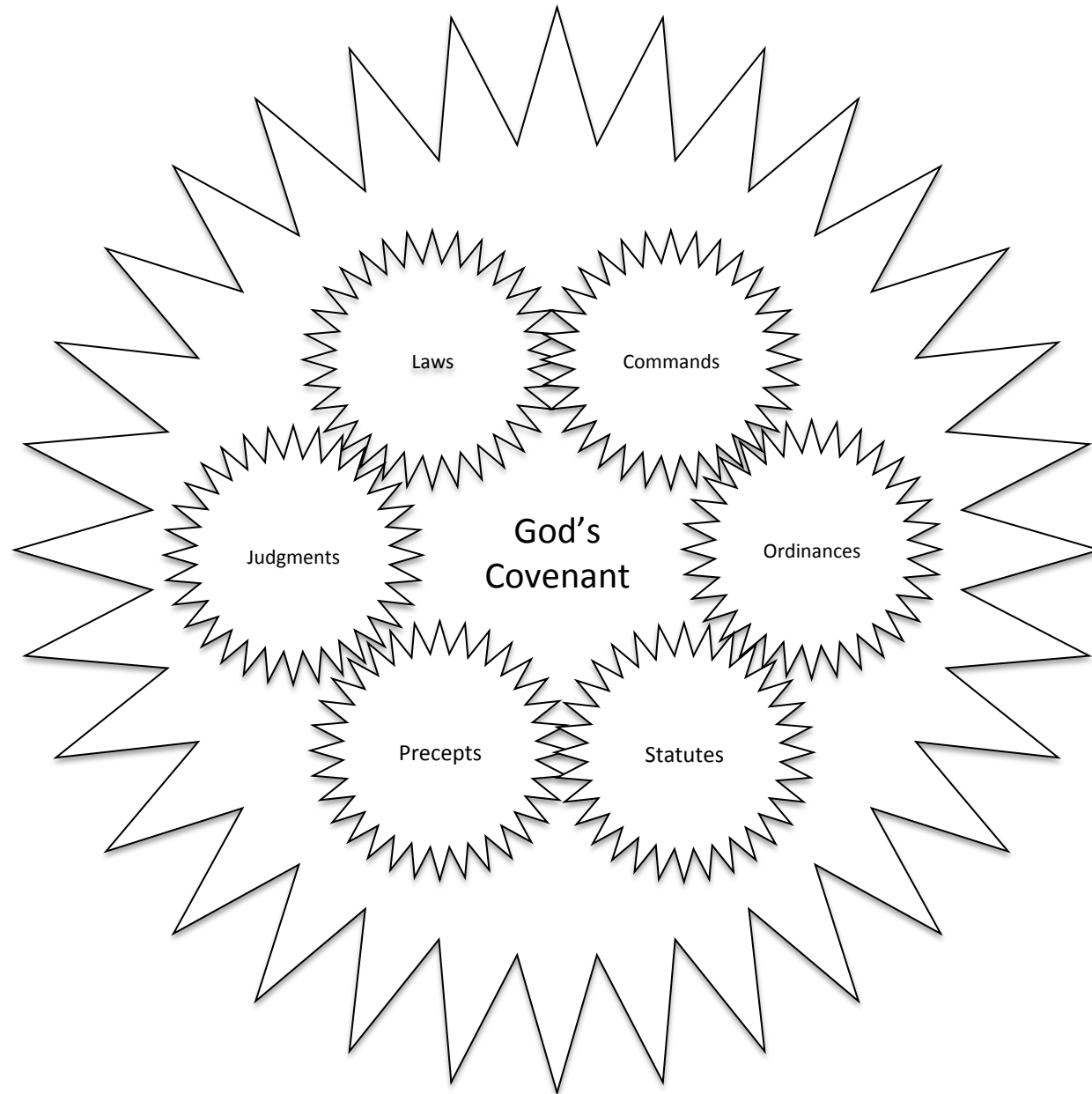
The Identity of “People” in the Bible- A Theology of Ethnicity in the Torah

- ◆ Genesis 1-3 YHWH is the Creator of man, and He is sovereign over them. When man sins, he disciplines them and promises the redemption of man to come through the Seed of Genesis 3:15.
- ◆ Genesis 6-10 YHWH shows His powerful sovereignty in the flood in that He can make the earth flood, and He can take man’s life if/when He chooses. In His sovereignty He saves Noah’s family to preserve His promise of redemption and His covenant is established with Noah.
- ◆ Genesis 10-11 The ironic narrative from Shem, Ham, and Japheth to Egyptian captivity, to today.
- ◆ Genesis 12 The purposed juxtaposition and instruction of Genesis 11 and 12- **Intentional election** of Abraham’s lineage from the gentile nations.
- ◆ Genesis 13:13 Gentile submission to election shown in Ham’s descendants joined to Abraham.
- ◆ Genesis 15 Abraham mentions Eleazer before YHWH and God says “This man will not be your heir.”
- ◆ Genesis 16 Hagar is sent away from Abraham and YHWH “sees her affliction,” commanding her to “return to her mistress and submit to her authority.” He promises to multiply her descendants, yet oddly He does not promise to bless her lineage as He has done with Abrahams because He has already revealed how her lineage will be blessed—through Abraham’s descendants. We see a perfect picture here of God’s command for gentiles to submit to God’s election.
- ◆ Genesis 17 Abraham cries out to YHWH that the promise might come through Ishmael- God says “No.”
- ◆ Genesis 18-19 Birth of Isaac promised to confirm YHWH’s covenant with Abraham. Abraham makes intercession for wicked gentile cities (Israel’s priesthood calling)- those who were not of his lineage- revealing God’s willingness to relent from judgment upon gentile nations is revealed.
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- ◆ Genesis 21 Hagar and Ishmael are sent away from Abraham’s family. God speaks to Hagar and preserves Ishmael. Hagar gives Ishmael a wife from Ham’s descendants. Could she have returned to Abraham again and taken a wife for him?
- ◆ Genesis 26 YHWH appears to Isaac saying that He is Abraham’s God and makes Himself Isaac’s God.
- ◆ Genesis 37-50 Abraham’s lineage is divinely preserved through a time of famine. Joseph is an incredible picture of the mystery of gentile salvation in Jesus. Joseph is seated at the right hand of Pharoah after being betrayed by his brothers, cast into a pit and prison. Upon His rise from prison, His authority provides food for all the gentile nations to survive even though it culminates in the full reversal of Ham’s curse coming upon the Shem’s descendants. In the midst of all the gentile nations being provided for, Joseph hides his identity from his own brothers dealing with them harshly. To them, He appears as a gentile—then He reveals himself and all of his family is gathered and given the best in the land while soon to follow the gentile nation will be judged for their sin against Israel.

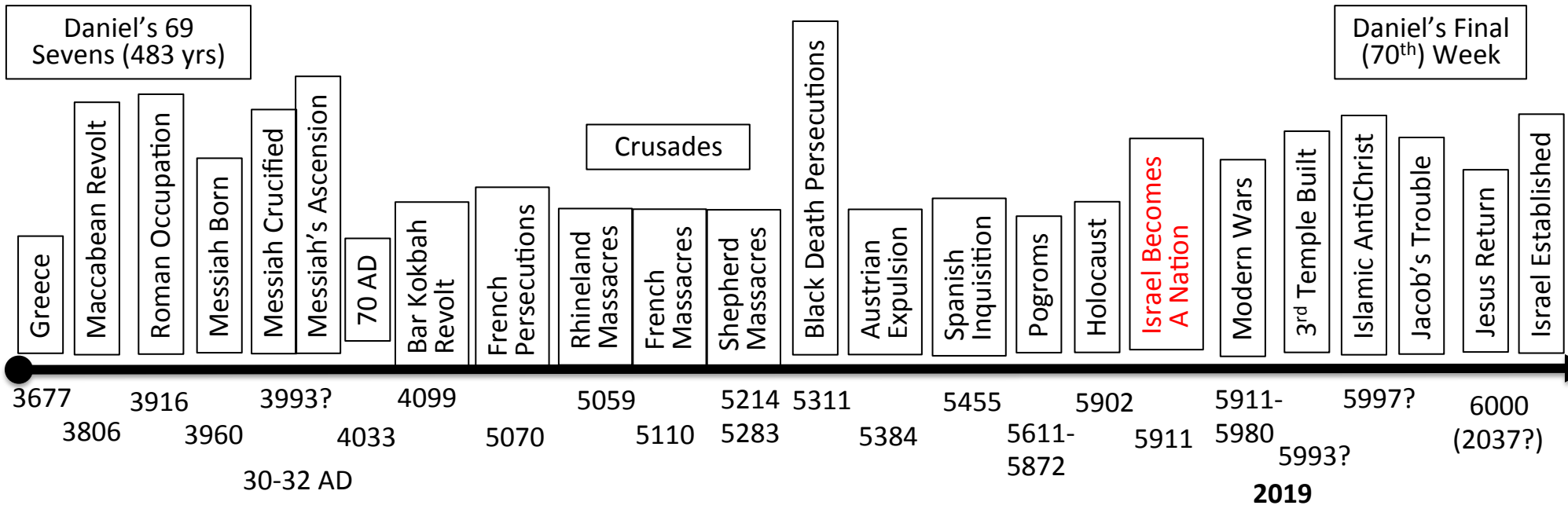
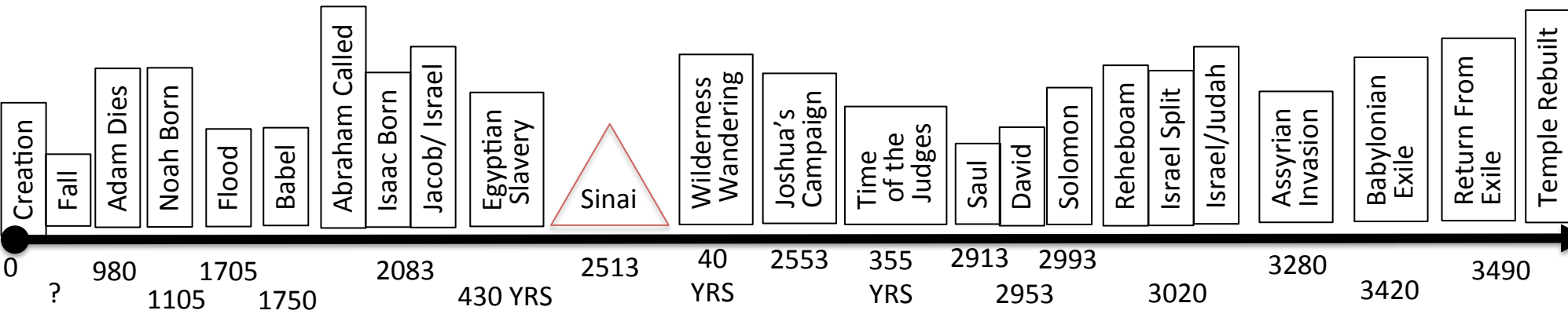
The Gears of Scripture Concerning Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28



The Components of the Covenant



Chilistic View of History According to God’s Covenant with the Jewish People



Timeline of Israel's Blessing, Cursing, Apostasy, and Redemption According to Torah

