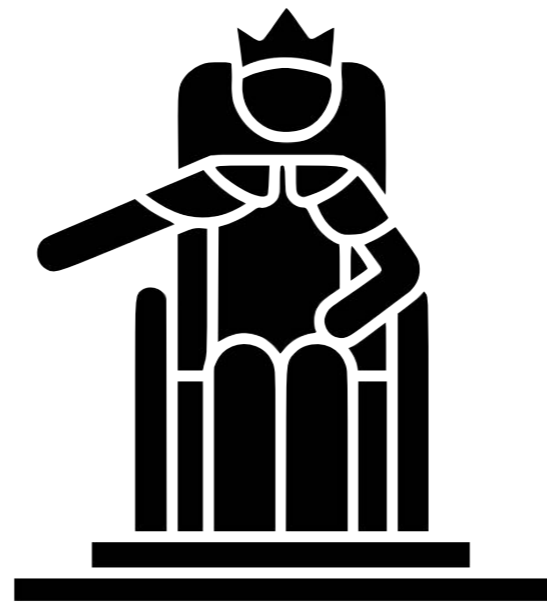
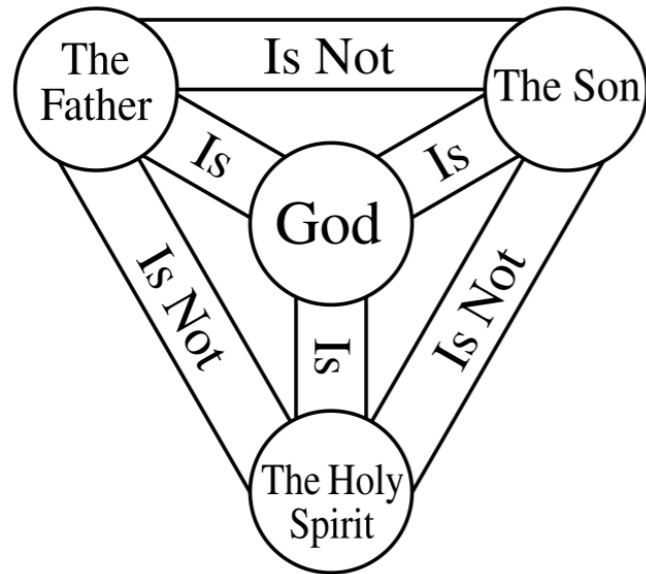


# GOD



Eternal King - I Tim 1:17

Eternal Kingdom - Ps 145:13

Dan 4:3, 34; 7:14, 27



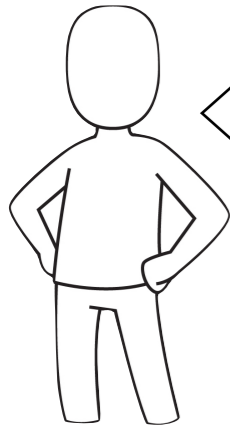
## Angelic Subjects

Messengers in heavenly realm

- Spirit beings
- Intellect
- Communicate
- Powerful - minister to believers
- Access to earth
- Very numerous

Eternity Past

Creation



## Human Subjects

Messengers on Earth

- Earth was to be God's domain
- Man was God's governor over earth
- Theocracy
- Equipped to govern

God's Kingdom established  
It was very good! - Gen 1:31

## Creation



Seal of perfection, wise and  
perfect in beauty - Ez 28:11-19

## Satan's Rebellion

Heart was lifted because of his  
beauty - **PRIDE**

### I Wills - Is 14:12-15

- Ascend to heaven
- Raise my throne above all others
- Sit on the mount of assembly
- Ascend above the clouds
- Make myself like God

## Satan's Kingdom



- Wage war with God's kingdom
- Lucifer - "light bearer"
- Changed to Satan - "adversary"
- Revolutionary - enemy of God

II Cor 11:14; I Pe 5:8; Eph 6:11-12; II Cor 10:3-6

## Rebellion of Angels

- Satan needed subjects for his kingdom
- Has no power to create - has to persuade
- Many angels joined him

Rev 12:4, 7; Mt 25:41; 12:24-26; Eph 2:2

- More angels remained faithful to God

Mk 8:38; I Tim 5:21; Is 54:5; Jer 31:35

## Man's Rebellion

- Satan entered man's perfect world
- Tempted - disobey God's command
- Temptation - he could be God - Gen 3:1-5
- Governor of God's earthly kingdom joined the rebellion against God

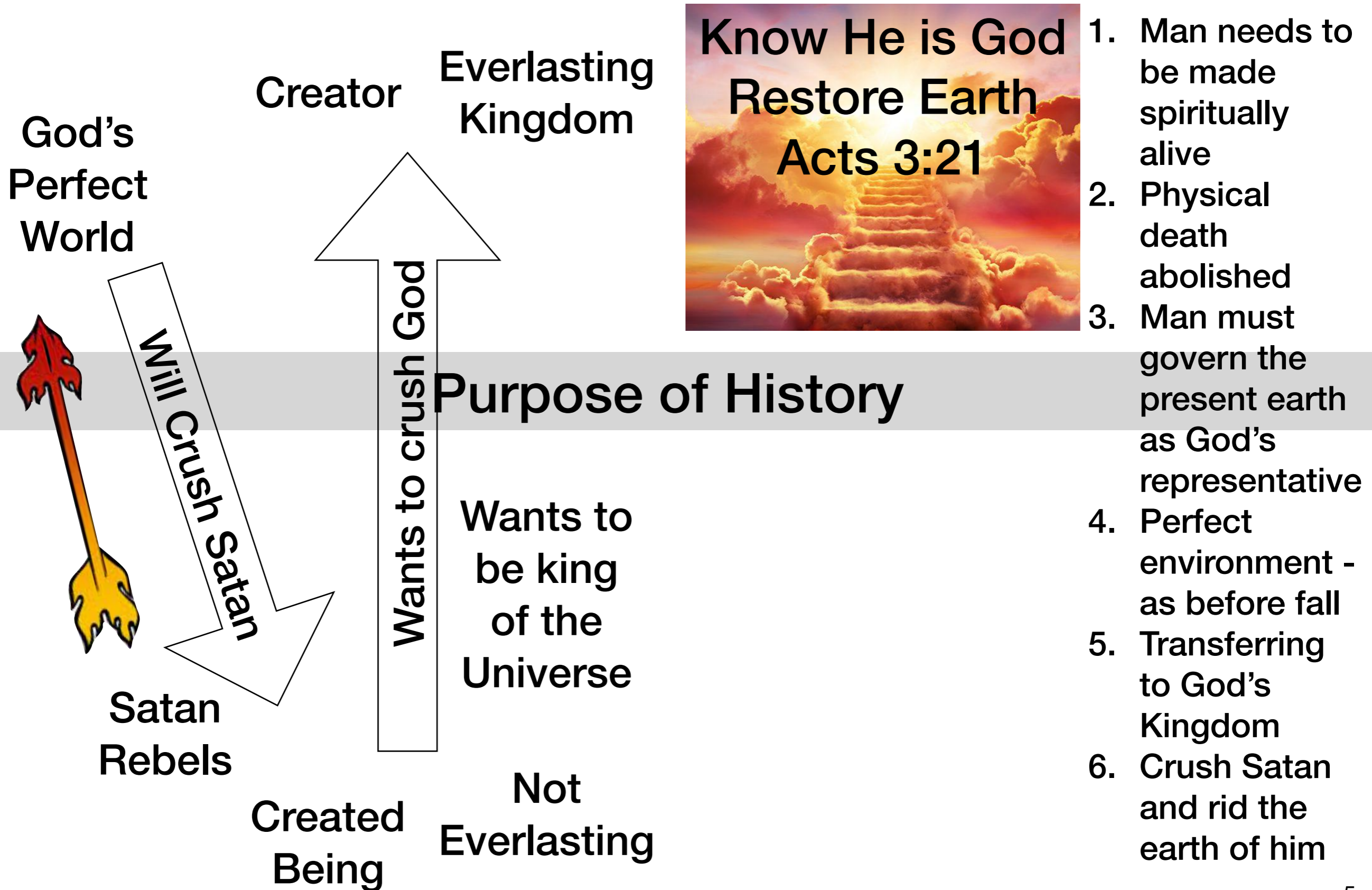
## Consequences

1. Spiritual death - Ro 8:7
2. Physical decay - Gen 3:22-24; Gen 3:19; 5:5; Ro 5:12; 6:23; Gen 4:8; 9:5-6; Lk 13:4
3. Ability to rule changed
4. Brought tragedy to earth - Gen 3:17-18; Gen 1:30; Ro 8:19-22
5. Transferred from Kingdom of God to kingdom of Satan - Ro 5:12; Eph 2:1-2
6. Theocracy lost - Satan usurped rule of earth - Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Lk 4:5-6; Eph 6:12; I Jn 5:19; II Cor 4:4

**Man was deceived - believed a lie**

# History = His Story

## How the battle unfolds and how it will end



God  
delivered  
prophecy  
Gen 3:14-15

Necessity  
of a  
redeemer -  
crush Satan's  
kingdom

God's  
counter-  
revolutionary

Redeemer is key to fulfill  
God's purpose in history  
Reverse consequences of man's  
sin

- 1) Payment - perfect sacrifice -  
Ro 5:12; 6:23
- 2) Redeemer would crush Satan -  
Gen 3:15; Is 53:4-6, 10-12; Jn  
1:29

## Promise of the Redeemer

Satan  
usurped  
world  
system

## Redeemer at heart of conflict

- God's angels would fight against forces of Satan - Dan 10:20; Rev 12:7
- Save man from Satan's kingdom - Col 1:13-14
  - Act as representatives in God's world system
  - Live in world - not part of - Jn 17:14-18; I Jn 2:15
  - Strangers in world - citizenship in heaven - Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20; He 11:13; I Pe 1:17

God uses nations and unsaved to serve His purpose - Is 10:5-6; 44:28-45:5; Jer 25:9

- God's theocracy represented in world history
- Explains how good and evil dwell side by side throughout history - Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

**Redeemer was key to God's strategy**

## Strategy of the Conflict

Satan's strategy - prevent Redeemer from coming

- War against God's angels and redeemed humans - Dan 10:13, 20-21; Eph 6:11, 16
- Use his angels and human members and nations to do his work - Job 1:9-13, 17

How will he accomplish his plan?

- Try to destroy member of God's kingdom
- Try to pervert witness of God's kingdom through apostasy in belief and practice

**These tactics seen repeatedly throughout history**

God  
promised  
A  
Redeemer  
Gen 3:15

Abel  
Redeemer?

God  
gives another  
son - Seth  
“Substitute”  
Gen 4:25

Redeemer  
comes  
through him  
Gen 5

God saw  
man’s heart  
Gen 6:5

He was grieved

Would destroy  
those of Satan’s  
kingdom  
Gen 6:6-7

Godly

## First Murder

## Apostasy

and

Cain  
Gen 4:1-8  
I Jn 3:10-12

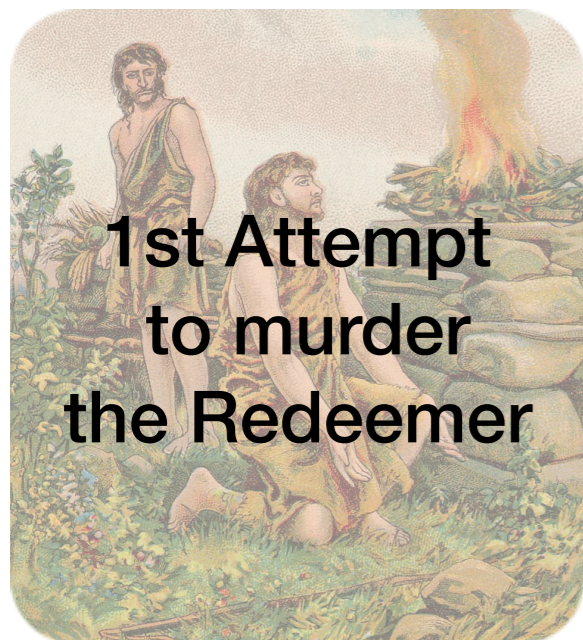
Pervert the  
human race  
through Cain

Godless

Apostate man  
attempts to drag  
godly down

Godless civilization  
polygamy  
violence  
Gen 4:16-24

Earth filled with  
Corruption  
Gen 6:11-13





Righteous  
Man - Noah -  
descendant of  
Seth  
Gen 5



Judgement  
Ending perversion

destroyed  
Satan's human  
subjects

Preserving line  
of Redeemer



Godly line & land animals escape  
destruction

God closed door

God brought the flood - Gen 7:10-12  
Every human and animal outside -  
destroyed - Gen 7:21-23

## Flood

Satan perverted  
mankind

Noah worships  
God - Gen 8:20

Institution  
of capital  
punishment  
Gen 9:5-6

Human  
government  
instituted  
Ro 13:1-6



Covenant  
Sign given  
Gen 9:8-17

God would  
bless Shem  
Gen 9:25-27

Line of Redeemer  
Gen 11:10-12:3

God told them to  
fill the earth  
Gen 9:1

God confuses  
Language  
Gen 11:5-7

Man scatters  
Gen 11:8-9

Nations form

## New Beginnings - New Apostasy

Human members  
of kingdom  
destroyed



Satan convinces  
them to remain close

Satan gets  
people to turn  
back on truth

Symbol of unity  
project in common  
city

Suppress  
Not teach  
Reject  
Boast

Plan and plot together -  
Same language

Ro 1:18-32

God will make a new  
nation -  
His nation  
Israel

Promises - Gen 12:1-7

Personal - I will bless you

National - make you a  
great nation

Universal - all families of  
earth will be blessed

From the line of Shem  
Gen 11:10-30

God had a man who would  
obey - Abram - He 11:8

Moves to Canaan



## Abrahamic Covenant

After several generations migrated to Egypt due to famine  
Gen 46:1-7

God blessed them  
Ex 1:1-7

This was the line of the Redeemer

Ex 2:1-12:28

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Pharaoh broke

Israel heads for Canaan

God parts the Red Sea  
Israel safe

Egyptian army drowns  
Ex 14:21-31

Sweet water  
Ex 15:22-26

Quail & manna  
Ex 16

Water from rock - Ex 17:1-7

Victory  
Ex 17:8-16

## Egypt

## Exodus

He must destroy them (anti-Semitism)

Uses Pharaoh - make them slaves

Kill the male babies  
Ex 1:8-22

Eliminate Redeemer

Pharaoh changes mind and pursues them

Bitter water

Starvation

No water

Amakelites

**God's covenant with Israel**

**Covenant of Law**

**Ex 19:3-8; 20:1-23:19**



**Their relationship with the covenant would determine their future**

**External restraint on sinful apostate action**

**Gal 3:15-4:5**

**Punishment for apostasy and perversion - death**

**Ex 21:12-17; 22:18-20**

**Obey - God would bless**

**Lv 26:3-13; Dt 28:1-14**

**Disobey - God would curse**

**Lv 26:14-39; Dt 28:15-68**

**God would always reserve a remnant - Lv 26:40-46**

**God punishes people involved  
Ex 32:7-35**

**Mosaic Covenant**

**Threat of Apostasy**

**God forbid idolatry**

**Aaron made idol**

**People committed idolatry  
Ex 32:1-6**

The coming of the  
Redeemer was more  
crucial for the benefit of  
mankind than the life of  
an individual rebel or  
pervert



Place to worship God  
A place for God to dwell  
Instructions given  
Ex 25-31  
God's glory filled it  
Ex 40:34-38  
Sacrificial system - Lev 1-7  
Priesthood - Lev 8-10  
System of Worship - Lev 11-25

Sacrifices couldn't  
remove sin - He 10:4  
Taught people  
substitutionary blood  
sacrifice necessary  
to be made right with  
God  
He 10:1, 10-14

God turns  
them back  
to desert  
Wander 40  
years until  
20+ died  
Num  
14:11-35

## Tabernacle and Sacrifices

## Kadesh-Barnea

Human fear

Unbelief in God's ability  
and promise

Panic- Num 13:25-33

Slandered God - Num  
14:1-10



God  
gives  
victory  
Num  
21:1-3,  
21-35

God  
causes  
Balaam to  
bless  
Israel  
instead

## Wanderings

Satan repeatedly attacks  
Dissatisfaction  
Boredom  
Lack of water  
Foreign powers

People's Response  
Rebellion against leaders  
Num 16

Complained against God  
Num 20:2-13; 21:4-9

Satan tested  
God's  
patience  
  
Maybe God  
would  
destroy them

Stop the  
Redeemer

Satan  
sends  
Canaanites  
and  
Amorites

Satan uses  
Balak and  
Balaam  
Prophet for  
hire - curse  
the people  
Num 22-24



**God has  
guilty put  
to death**

**Ended  
apostasy**

**40 years come to end**

**Moses prepares new generation for  
conquest  
Num 26-36 and Dt**

**People are to destroy Canaanites -  
idolatrous - would drag Israel into  
apostasy - Num 33:50-34:15**

## **Wanderings**

**Satan has another plan  
for Balak and Balaam**

**Balaam advises Balak  
to use Moabite and  
Midianite women to  
seduce Israel into  
immortality and idolatry  
Num 31:16; Rev 2:14**

The coming of the  
Redeemer was more  
essential for the benefit  
of mankind than the  
continued existence of  
the depraved peoples of  
Canaan

God give the land to  
Israel

Egypt let go

Cross dry Jordan at flood  
stage - Jos 3

God appears with sword  
drawn - Jos 5:13-15

Jericho's walls fall - Jos 6

Because of  
Achan's sin  
Israel is  
defeated

Achan and all  
that belongs  
to him is  
destroyed -  
Jos 7

God gives victories  
throughout the  
land - Jos 10-11

Israel controls  
Canaan

Spreads Levites  
throughout land to  
teach the Law -  
Jos 21:1-42

Joshua  
warns  
people  
about  
keeping/  
breaking  
the Law -  
Jos 23-24

Serve God

## Conquest

Achan covets things  
under ban



Gibeon  
deceives  
Israel  
Therefore  
remain in  
the land -  
Jos 9

God steps in before apostasy  
becomes nationwide

Raises up foreign powers

Brings people to repentance

God brings a deliver

God  
preserved  
the nation  
by  
preventing  
complete  
apostasy

## Time of the Judges

After Joshua's death  
No godly leader  
No government

Apostasy and anarchy  
for 350 years

Did what was right in  
own eyes  
Jud 21:25

Didn't get rid of people

Jud 1:1-2:5

Baal worship - Jud 2:6-3:4

Married Canaanite people

Jud 3:5-6; Dt 7:1-5

Dishonesty

Thievery

Situation ethics

Idol worship

Homosexuality

Sexual abuse

Protecting evil

### Repeated Cycle

Apostasy

Oppression

Repentance

Deliverance

Jud 3:7-16:31

God raises up a godly man - Samuel  
I Sam 1-3

Called the people to repent

Turn back to God

God delivered them  
I Sam 4:1-7:14

Samuel Protests and warns - I Sam 8:10-18

Samuel anoints Saul as 1st king - I Sam 9-10

Rebukes Israel for sin

Warns them to fear God - I Sam 12

God withdraws Spirit

Gives kingdom to David

Samuel anoints him  
I Sam 16:1-14

## Samuel's Ministry

Samuel made sons judges - I Sam 8:1-3

They were corrupt

Satan uses this to prompt Israel to ask for a king  
I Sam 8:4-9

Israel has a king

Israel has a central government

Pervert the king

The nation will follow

God will destroy nation

## Saul's Apostasy

Saul disobeys

Justified his actions  
I Sam 13-15:31



God refuses to respond to Saul's appeal for direction	Death to himself and sons Israel comes under Philistine control I Sam 31 God ended this threat of apostasy	David unites the kingdom II Sam 1-6 Jerusalem becomes capital Philistine domination ended Desired to build God's house - II Sam 7:1-2
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## Saul's End

Satanic attack I Sam 16:14	Saul turns to Satan's realm - a medium - for answers I Sam 28:3-25
Self-interest	
Insane jealousy	
Full apostasy	

<p>God honors David's desire</p> <p>Established special covenant - II Sam 7:12-16</p> <p>Name - forever Throne - forever Kingdom - forever</p>	<p>David brings Israel to power - Golden Age II Sam 8-10</p>	<p>David repents Ps 51</p> <p>God forgives</p> <p>Severe consequences for the nation and David to teach importance of purity II Sam 12-20</p>	<p>70,000 died</p> <p>Reminded them that He alone is their source of strength</p>
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## Davidic Covenant

## David's Trouble

Very important to destroy David's royal line

Satan goes after the king - the royal line

Satan draws attention away from God

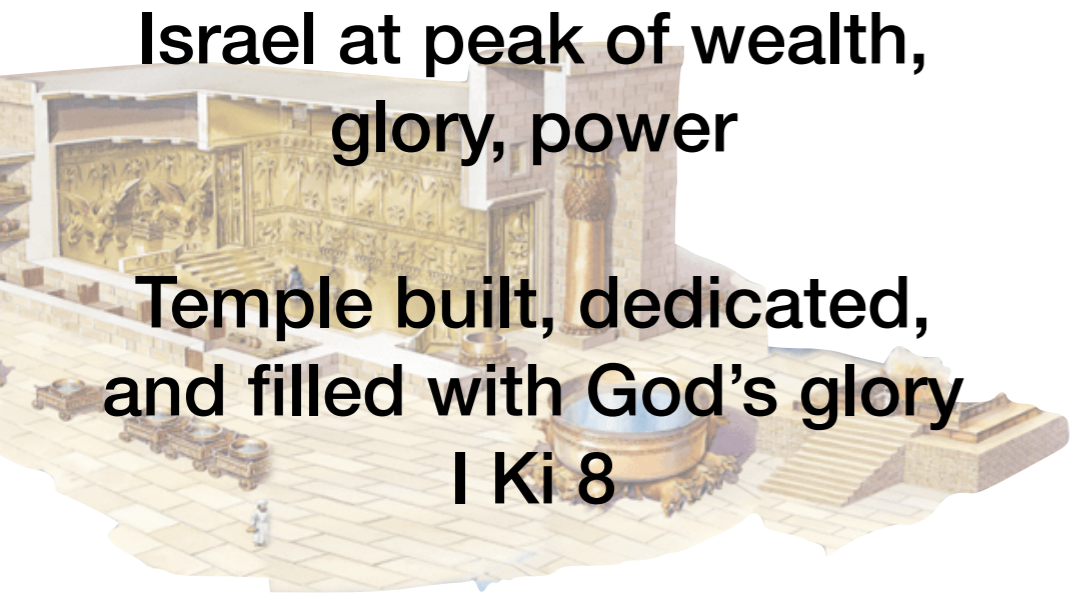
David commits adultery and murder  
II Sam 11

Military census  
Pride  
Self-reliance

## Solomon's wisdom

Israel at peak of wealth,  
glory, power

Temple built, dedicated,  
and filled with God's glory  
I Ki 8



Raises up enemies

God gives 10 northern  
tribes to Jeroboam  
I Ki 11:29-39

Teaches the folly of  
apostasy

Rehoboam makes  
bad decision

10 northern tribes  
revolt  
I Ki 12:1-24



## Solomon's Apostasy

Multiplied to himself

Chariot and horses

Wives

Riches/wealth

Defied God - Dt 17:15-17

Solomon - apostate

Satan

persuades  
Solomon to kill  
Jeroboam to  
put an end to  
God's lesson  
but he escapes  
I Ki 11:40

## Division



The coming of the Redeemer was more important than the unity of the nation.

God sends  
prophets

Warn - repent!  
Hos 11:5; Amos  
6:14; 9:8-10

God sends  
Assyria as  
instrument of  
punishment  
Is 10:5-6

Israel defeated  
in 722 BC

## The Decline of the Northern Kingdom

Corrupt David's line and  
now need to go after  
Northern kingdom too

Jeroboam erects idols  
and establishes false  
priesthood/religion  
I Ki 12:25-33

God would smite the  
nation - I Ki 13:1-14:16

19 kings

Every one of them  
apostate

Ahab & Jezebel and  
850 prophets of Baal -  
murdered prophets of  
God - abolished God  
worship

I Ki 21:25-26; 16:31

Would not  
repent



God protects line  
of Redeemer

Josiah was  
hidden in temple  
II Chr 22:11-12

Athaliah slain  
II Kin 11:4-16

Several revivals

Hezekiah's  
revival saved  
them from  
Assyria

God raised up  
prophets - repent

God raises  
up Babylon  
under King  
Neb

March on  
Judah in  
605 BC  
597 BC  
586 BC

## The Decline of the Southern Kingdom

Rehoboam  
plunged  
Judah into  
deeper  
apostasy

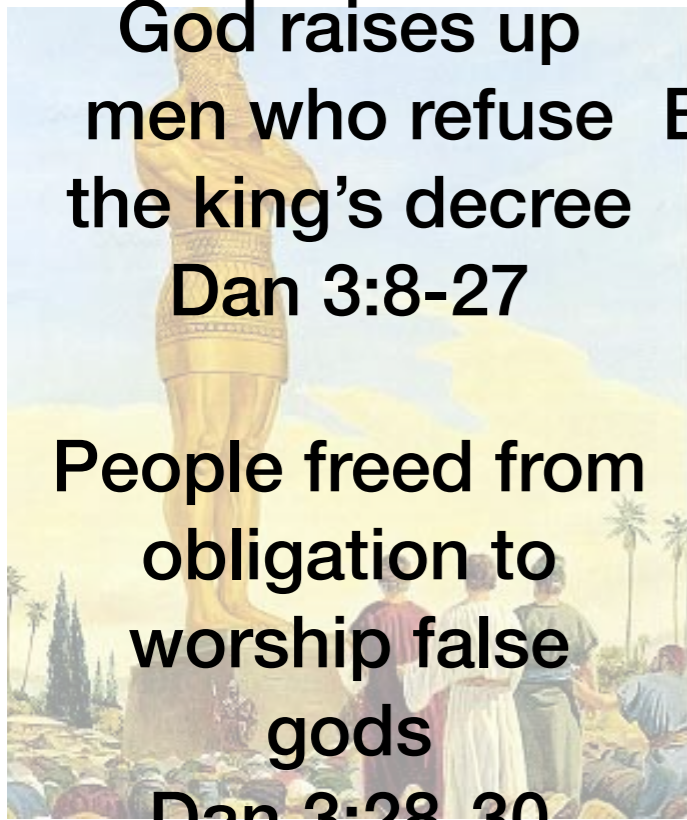
19 kings  
1 queen

Only 7 were  
godly

Athaliah  
seized  
Judah  
  
Execute  
every royal  
person  
II Ki 11:1

Would not repent

Point of no return  
- Manasseh  
II Ki 21:1-18



God raises up men who refuse the king's decree  
Dan 3:8-27

People freed from obligation to worship false gods  
Dan 3:28-30

God takes Babylon off center stage and raises up Medo-Persia  
Dan 5

Israel free to return home and rebuild temple  
Is 44:28

Worship reestablished  
Ezra 3:1-7

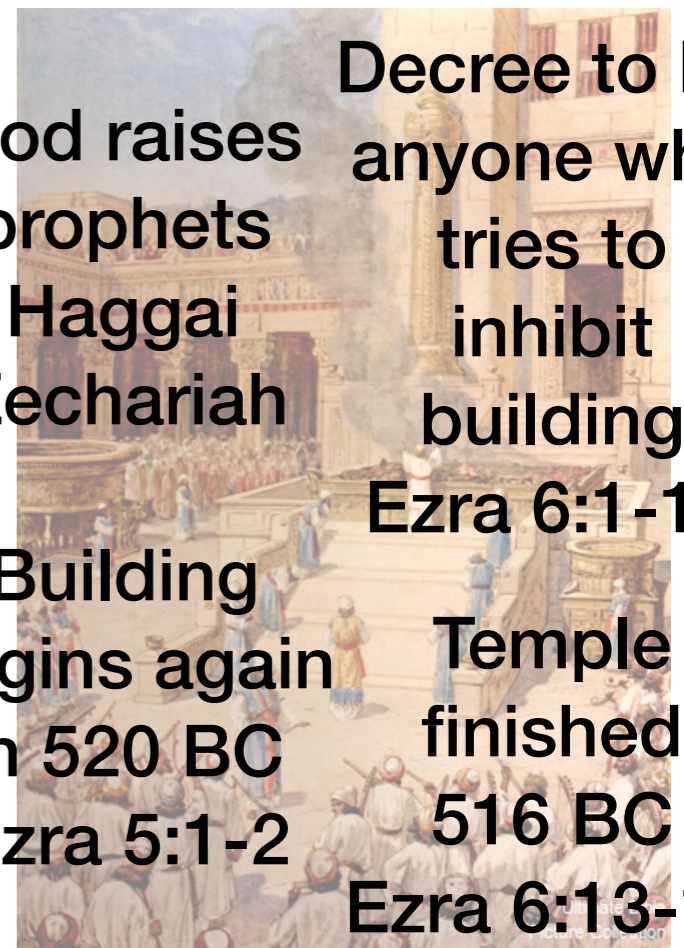
Temple Work begins  
3:8-13

God raises prophets Haggai Zechariah

Building begins again in 520 BC  
Ezra 5:1-2

Decree to kill anyone who tries to inhibit building  
Ezra 6:1-12

Temple finished 516 BC  
Ezra 6:13-16



## Babylonian Captivity

## Persian Rule

Satan uses King Neb to decree all men worship his image  
Dan 3:1-7



Uses enemies to stop the building process  
Ezra 4:1-5, 25

Letters sent to King Darius to stop the building again  
Ezra 5:3-17

God through  
Esther causes  
king to make  
another  
decree

Jews can  
protect  
themselves  
Esther 4-9

Ezra establishes  
government in  
Jerusalem

Teach Laws

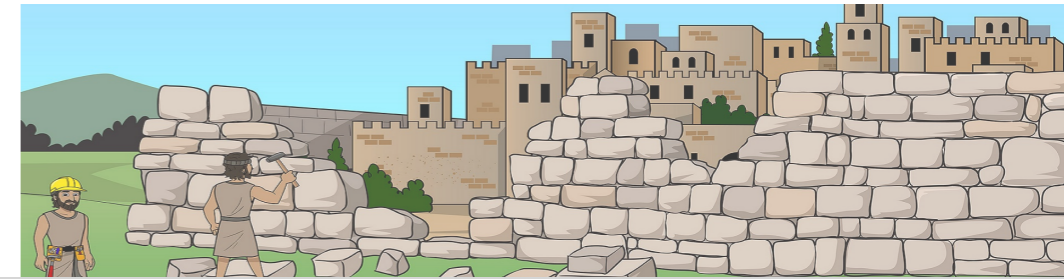
Punishment for  
disobedience  
Ezra 7

Repentance  
Ezra 10

Nehemiah  
returns with  
decree to  
rebuild the  
walls from  
Artaxerxes  
445 BC

Work armed  
prepared for  
battle

Walls built in  
52 days  
Neh 1-7



## Annihilation

## Apostasy Continues

King Xerxes  
persuaded by  
Haman to  
make a  
decree to kill  
the Jews  
Esther 3:7-15

Marriage to  
pagan foreign  
women  
including  
priests and  
political  
leaders

Idolatry  
Ezra 9:1-2

Try to  
stop  
work  
again

Allow pagan  
people to live in  
land  
Worship stops  
Dishonor God  
Call evil good  
Useless to serve  
God  
Neh 13  
Malachi

# The Coming Redeemer

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Suffering Servant -  
die to pay the penalty  
of man's sin  
Is 52:13-53:12

His theocratic  
Kingdom

Anointed One - Ps 2

Messiah - Dan 9:25-26

Reverse  
consequences  
of man's sin

Ruler of the Kingdom

Glorious King - who  
will establish His  
kingdom  
Is 9:6-7; Dan 7:13-14

Fulfillment of Davidic  
covenant - Jer 33:20-26

## Message of the Prophets

- 1) change animal nature
- 2) Reverse effects of death/disease
- 3) Eliminate hazards
- 4) Increase man's lifespan
- 5) Restore fertility to earth
- 6) Multiply the fish
- 7) Super Abundance of food
- 8) Control environment for man
- 9) Heal pollution
- 10) Abolish war and injustice

Persia served her purpose

Alexander pushed armies into India

Alexander dies in 323 BC

Jewish communities thrived

Restored Israel to their homeland

As people were discharged they settled in land

Power struggle

under Ptolemies

Overcome by Greece and Alexander the Great 331 BC

Common language and culture established in world

Ptolemy - Egypt and Israel Seleucids - Syria, Babylonia, Asia Minor

Seleucids took Holy Land in 199 BC

# The Greek Period - Hellenization

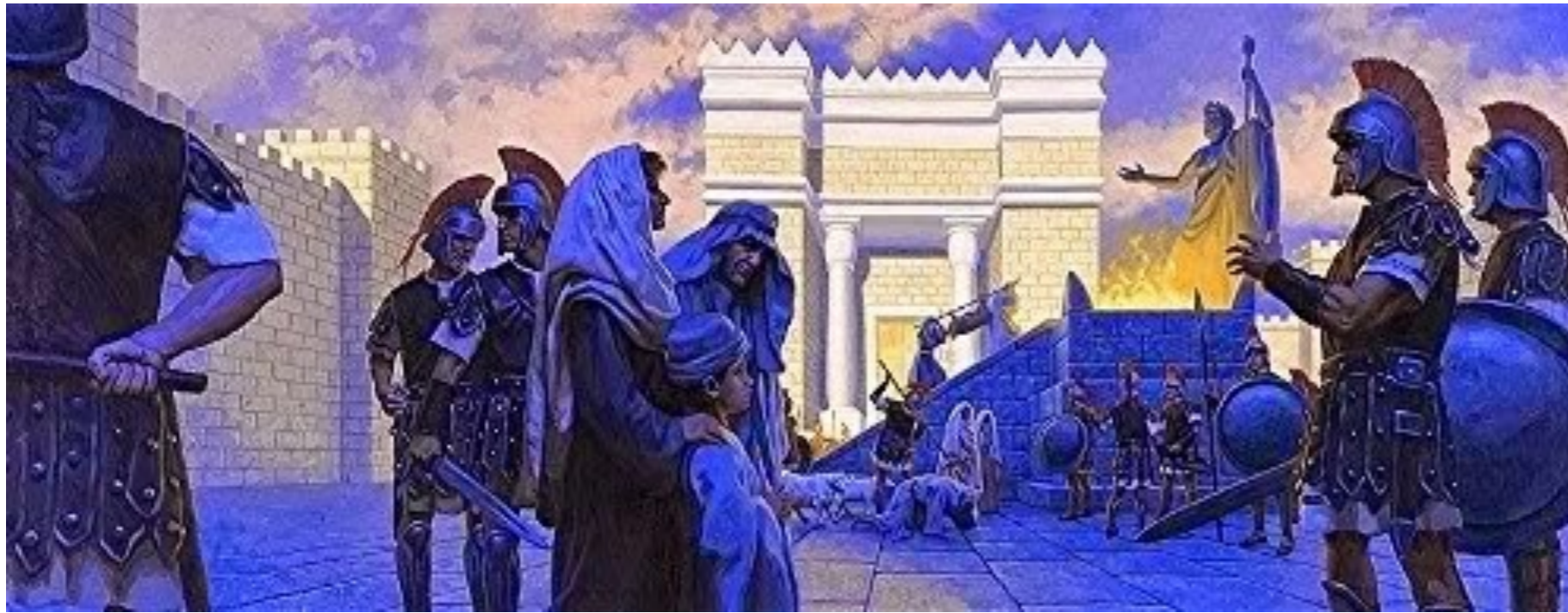


**God preserves  
Orthodox party**

**Called the Maccabees**

**Won their religious  
freedom and worship  
164 BC**

**Became - Pharisees**



## **The Greek Period - Hellenization**

**Satan attacks with  
Seleucids**

**Antiochus  
Epiphanes imposes  
Greek culture on  
everyone including  
Israel**

**Stamp out Jewish worship  
Abolish sacrifices  
Desecrated Holy of Holies  
Sacrificed pig on altar  
Outlawed circumcision  
Discontinued Sabbath  
Erected heathen altars  
Enforced pagan sacrifices  
Instated worship of Greek gods  
Killed anyone found with Law**

**People go into  
apostasy once again**

**Group of Jews accept  
new policies**

**Received leadership  
from priestly line**

**Became - Sadducees**



Greece served her purpose

Universal language and culture

Fell to Rome in 63 BC

Herod the Great appointed king of Judah in 37 BC



God preserves a faithful remnant - Mary

Son - Jesus

Son of the Most High God

Would receive David's throne

Kingdom would be everlasting  
Lk 1:26-33

## Roman Period

Jesus born  
5-4 BC

Redeemer came

Born of woman  
- Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4

Substitutionary sacrifice



**Warned  
Mary and  
Joseph -  
flee to  
Egypt - Mt  
2:13-15**



**Walks  
through  
them  
unharmed  
Lk 4:30**

**Jesus  
rebuked  
Satan - Mt  
4:10**

**Worship God  
alone and  
serve only  
Him**

## **Life and Ministry of Christ**

**Since Redeemer  
is here - prevent  
Him from  
completing His  
purpose**

**Put on Herod's  
heart to kill this  
king - Mt 2:16**

**Jesus  
preached  
in  
hometown  
- people  
try to kill  
Him  
Lk 4:16-29**

**People try to  
stone Him at  
least 2 times  
Jn 8:59; 10:31,  
39**

**Prompted by  
Satan  
Jn 8:37-47**

**Attempts to draw Jesus  
into apostasy**

**Temptation in  
wilderness - Mt 4:1-11**

**Offered Jesus kingdom  
now without the cross**

Every scheme of  
Satan Jesus  
rejected  
Lk 4:13; Jn 14:30

Only a matter of  
time before Satan  
would be defeated  
Jn 12:31

Jesus promised the  
coming kingdom

Prophets said it wouldn't  
come until Israel repented

John and disciples  
preached - Repent!  
Mt 3:1-2; 4:17; Mk  
6:70-13

Israel is the key to  
establishing the  
kingdom

Jesus commanded  
disciples not to go  
to Gentiles or  
Samaritans  
Mt 10:5-7



## Life and Ministry of Christ

Tries to use  
Peter

Avoid the  
cross  
Mt 16:21-23

**He has the power to establish this kingdom**

**He has the ability to devastate kingdom of Satan - Mt 12:22-30**

**He has ability to control animal nature  
Mt 17:24-27; Mk 5:1-20**

**He has the ability to reverse effects of death**

**He has the power to produce fruitage**

**Has ability to control the environment for benefit of man**

**Mt 14:24-33; Mk 4:35-41**

**Preach repentance and the coming kingdom**

**Gave power to perform miracles characteristic of coming kingdom**

**Point out that Jesus has power to establish kingdom**

**Kingdom would come when Israel repents**

## **Jesus Miracles**

## **Sending Disciples**

God used Israel's rejection as a means of providing the substitutionary sacrifice for man's sin

Jn 12:37-40; Acts 2:22-23; 4:27-28

He died as Lamb of God that takes away sins of the world - Jn 1:29

Paid price that satisfied divine justice

Ro 3:24-25;  
I Jn 2:2; 4:10

## The Coming of the Kingdom

Worked in Israel to prevent message from taking root and bearing fruit - Mt 13:18-22

Israel didn't believe declaration of kingdom

Wanted a literal kingdom with our spiritual requirement

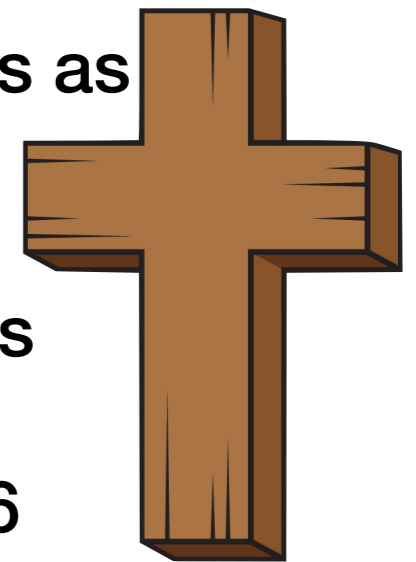
Didn't need to repent - they were

Abraham's descendants - Mt 3:7-9

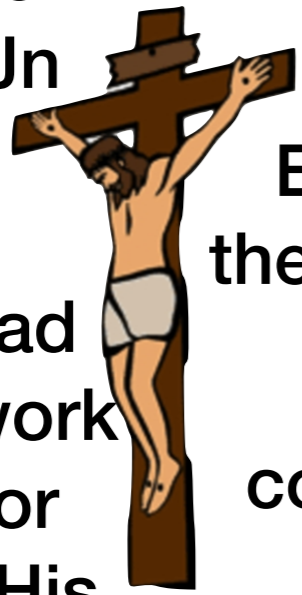
They rejected the kingdom

Rejected Jesus as king

Cried for His crucifixion  
Jn 19:13-16



Last words from  
the cross - Jn  
19:28-30



Crushed Satan and his  
kingdom

Established the  
theocratic kingdom

Reversed  
consequences of  
man's sin

Satan failed - God  
reigns supreme

His death satisfied divine  
justice of God

Victory over death  
I Cor 15:20-24; He 2:14

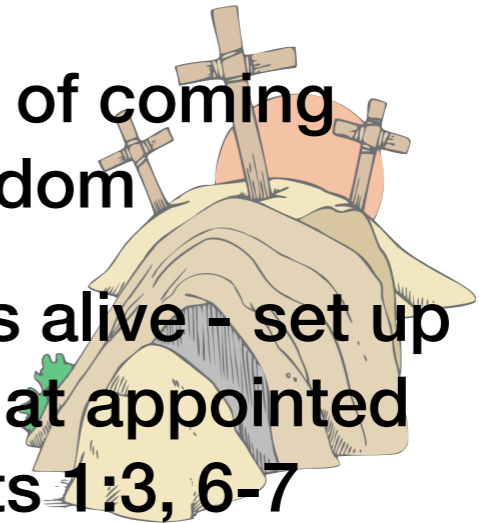
Assurance of coming  
kingdom

Redeemer was alive - set up  
His kingdom at appointed  
time - Acts 1:3, 6-7

Appeared  
to many for  
40 days

Ascended  
to heaven

Remain  
there until  
Israel  
repents



## It Is Finished

## Resurrection

God temporarily removed her from the place of blessing

God is doing a special work among the Gentiles  
Ro 11:11-27

Not 1 nation  
Many nations and tongues

God's witness until Israel repents

Jew and Gentile  
Eph 2:11-3:11

Commissioned preach  
Mk 16:15

She will undergo vicious persecution

God reserves a remnant

The church - Mt 16:18  
The body - I Cor 12:12-27  
The bride - Eph 5:22-32

Power - Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8

## Israel's Unbelief

## The Church

Israel will not repent

Keep Israel in spiritual rebellion

Keep her from repenting

Destroy her before she can repent

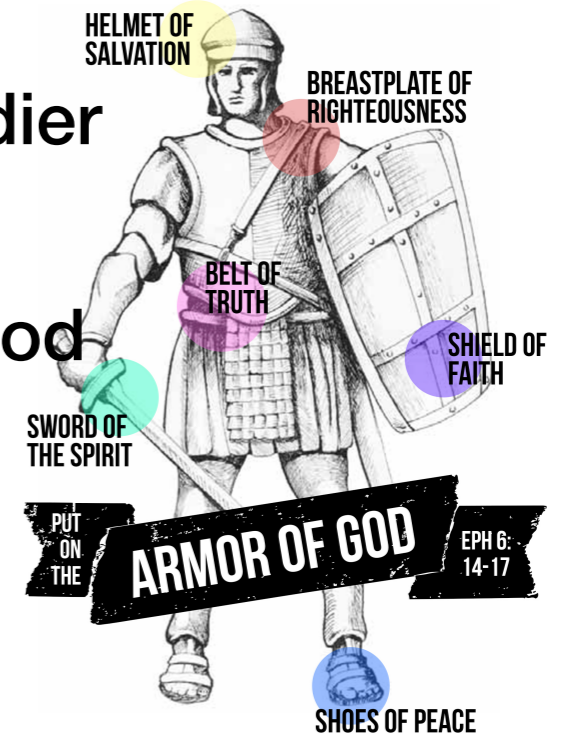
Rome  
Middle Ages  
WW2  
Communism  
Arabs

# God's Instructions

Endure as a good soldier  
II Tim 2:3-4

Put on full armor of God  
Eph 6:10-18

Resist Satan  
Jas 4:7; I Pet 5:8-9



## Satan's Strategy Against Church

New enemy - the church

Spreading the gospel - serious threat

Blind the people to the gospel  
II Cor 4:3-4

As Individuals

Tempting - Acts 5:3; I Thes 3:5

Accusing - Rev 12:10

Persecuting - Rev 2:10; I Pet 5:8

Hindering work - I Thes 2:18

Defeat - Eph 6:10-20

Deceiving - Mt 13:38-39; II Cor 11:13-15

As the church

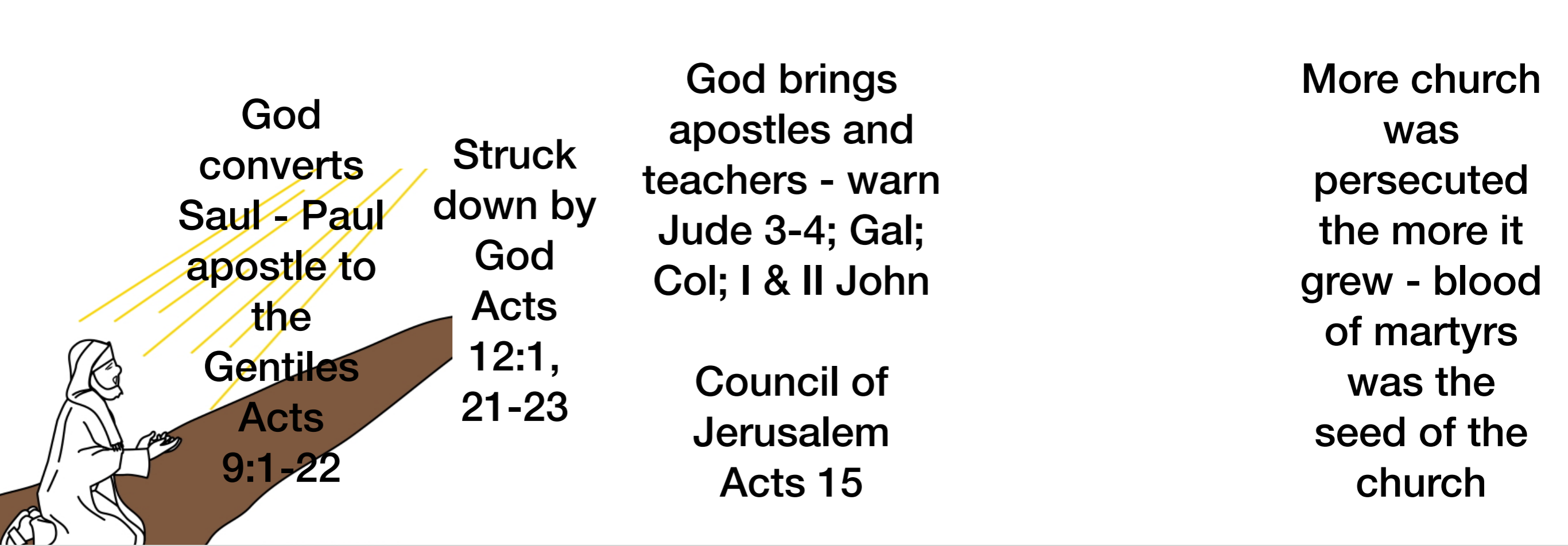
Apostles imprisoned  
Acts 4-5; 12

Stephen stoned  
Acts 6:8-7:60

James slain by sword  
Acts 12:2

James, brother of Jesus - head bashed with club





## Early Persecutions

Satan uses Saul  
Wreaks havoc on church  
Acts 8:1-3;  
9:1-2

Herod Agrippa

Inward attack  
Apostate teachings and teachers  
Legalism, gnosticism

## Roman Persecutions

Military attacks  
Nero (54-68 AD)  
Turned Christians into living torches  
Paul beheaded, Peter crucified upside down

250 AD - spread  
Worship emperor  
Get rid of people  
Get rid of Bible  
Persecution, execution

Spring fertility festival worshiping Ishtar combined with Passover - call it Easter

Pagan winter solstice festivals combined with birth of Christ - Christmas (yule, lights)

Celebrate All Hallow's Eve - Halloween - church "christianized" it - celebrate by substituting other things

Elders transformed from teachers to priests

## Church's Apostasy - Roman Catholic Church

313 AD - Constantine - Edict of Milan - granted total freedom to Christians

Masses of pagans came into the church

Church "Christianized" pagan practices

Worshipped and prayed to images

Substitute apostles and martyrs

324 AD - Christianity became favored religion

Adored the queen of heaven

Mary to be adored, worshiped, prayed to

380 AD - only religion allowed in empire

Heathen festivals and blood sacrifices

Communion changed from memorial to sacrifice

## Deeper into Apostasy

Churches became pagan  
in practice and  
membership

Worldly men sought  
offices for political  
reasons

Usurped power of state

Not Biblical Christianity -  
Roman Catholic Church

Gospel becomes more  
perverted

Saved through faith  
becomes works

True salvation hidden  
from the masses

Prevent study of the  
Bible

Origen - 230 AD -  
allegorical interpretation  
of Scripture (a moral or  
hidden meaning)

Made Bible open to  
anyone's interpretation

This became the norm  
for the next 1,000 years

## Deeper into Apostasy

Look for support outside  
of Scripture to justify  
teachings

Bible not only authority

Traditions equal to Bible

Church ultimate  
authority

No Scripture for laity

Attack on idea of future  
kingdom

Philosophy rejects the  
physical realm - its evil

Future physical kingdom  
must be evil

Origen promotes this  
leading people to reject  
God's Word

Jews looked forward to  
this future kingdom

Jews are wrong - bad

Anything Jewish was  
heretical

anti-Semitism building

Still some truth  
being held on  
to like the deity  
of Christ

Careful to  
preserve  
copies of  
Scripture

## Augustine - 354-430 AD

Most influential church  
leader in the east

Caused church to reject  
future kingdom

Held to Origen's  
allegorical interpretation

Church of Rome would  
bring all men into the fold

Anti-Semitic spirit leads  
to Replacement theology

There is no future place  
for Israel

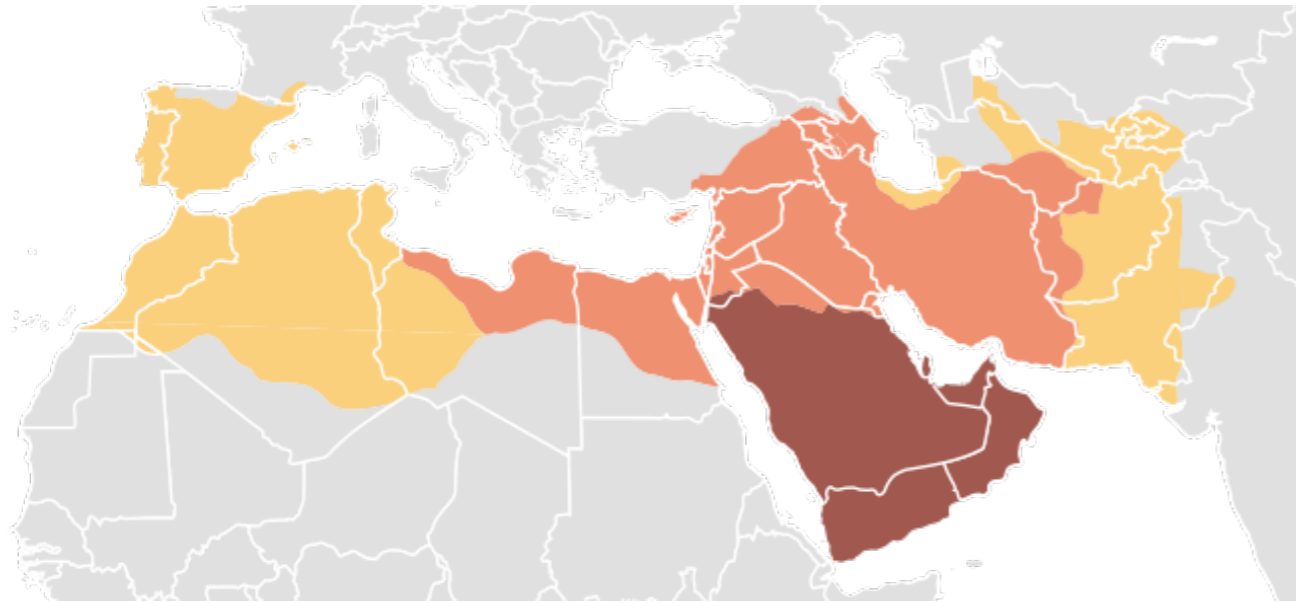
Church has replaced  
Israel

Violates and contradicts  
Scripture

## Middle Ages

Paganism  
Perversion of gospel  
Abuse/neglect of Bible  
Rejecting kingdom  
Replacement Theology  
Crusades  
Inquisitions

Church was used to  
dishonor God and His  
kingdom



God raises up the Franks (France) and other tribes

Under Charles Martel, Muslims defeated at Battle of Tours in 732 AD

The church, the Scriptures saved from extinction

## Islam - 610-730 AD

Muhammad founded Islam in 610 AD

By 632 - all Arabia was converted

During next 100 years most of Middle East, northern Africa, and parts of Spain conquered and converted

Church dwindled

Where Islam goes - the church dies

Bible is destroyed

God's kingdom being destroyed

Threatened to conquer all of Europe

Convert continent to Islam

**God preserves a remnant**

**They deny authority of the Catholic Church, the pope and the pagan practices**

**Hold to a true gospel  
God's word - final authority  
Encourage studying Bible  
Lord's supper - not sacrifice  
Pastors and not priests  
Future kingdom**

**Waldensians**



**Sent out lay evangelists**

**Preached the gospel**

**God raises up men**

**John Wycliffe - England  
1324-1384**

**John Huss - Bohemia  
1369-1415**

**Jerome Savonarola - Italy  
1452-1498**

## **God Counters the Church's Apostasy**

**Church persecutes severely**

**Crusades and Inquisitions**

**Some groups annihilated**

**Others tortured, driven from homes and country**

Northern Europe focused on  
Judeo-Christian past

Interested in human soul

Studied Biblical manuscripts  
- original languages

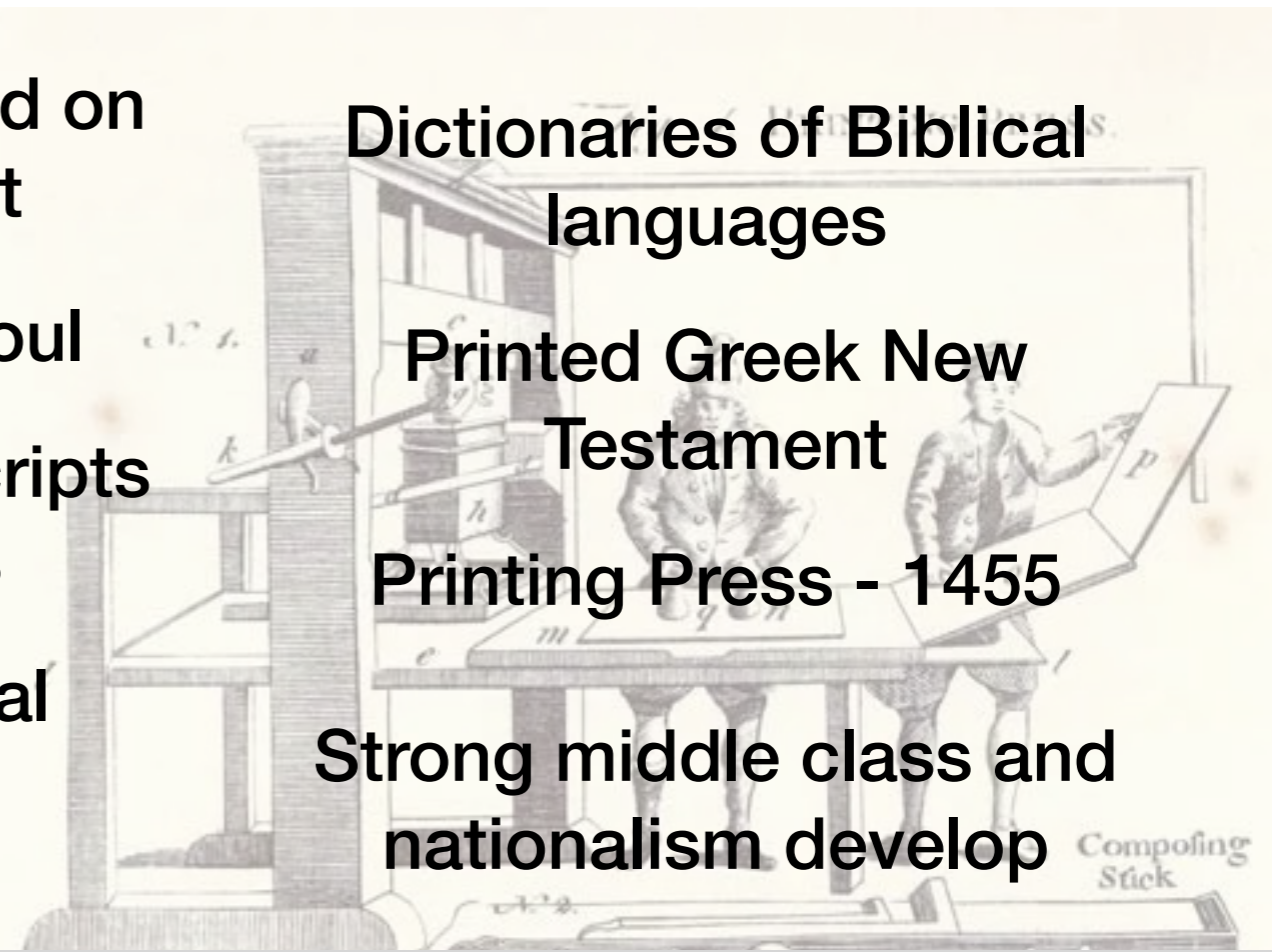
Historical/grammatical  
interpretation - not  
allegorical

Dictionaries of Biblical  
languages

Printed Greek New  
Testament

Printing Press - 1455

Strong middle class and  
nationalism develop



## Renaissance (Age of Enlightenment, New Awakening)

1350-1650

Cultural change

Interest in  
knowledge

Humanism - focus  
on self not on  
God

Church - ritualistic



God used men to take on the organized (Catholic) church	Ulrich Zwingli - Switzerland	Reformed faith in Netherlands
Martin Luther - 1517 AD - Germany	John Calvin - Geneva - Presbyterian Church	Anabaptists - Mennonites
Call for reforms in the church	Anabaptists - Manz, Hubmaier	John Knox - Scotland - Reformed faith
Formed the Lutheran Church	Lutheran faith spreads to Denmark, Sweden, Norway	
Was condemned and people protested - Protest-ants	Protestantism - France - Huguenots	Henry VIII begins Church of England

## Reformation - 1500-1600 AD

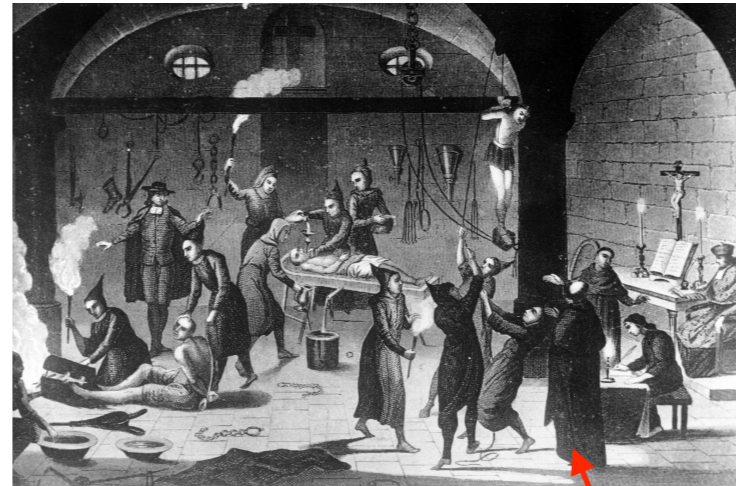
- ✓ Justification by faith alone
- ✓ Priesthood of the believer
- ✓ Bible - final authority in faith and practice

**Apostasy  
being  
addressed**

**30-Years War  
1618-1648**

**Reformation comes  
to a close**

**Protestantism  
withstood  
persecution**



## **Counter Reformation**

**Attack  
Protestant  
movement**

**Get rid of  
Protestantism**

**Use the Roman  
Catholic  
Church**

**Council of Trent -  
1545-1563 AD**

**Church reformed -  
some  
BUT  
Continued to hold  
to certain traditions**

**Added Apocryphal  
books**

**Jesuits**

**Devoted to fight  
Protestantism and  
spread Catholicism**

**The Index  
Books forbidden -  
especially the  
Protestant  
literature**

**Government control  
Protestantism**

**Spanish Inquisitions**

**St. Bartholomew's  
Day massacre -  
1572**

**Bloody Mary**

# Old Testament

**The Law** - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

**Historical** - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit (\*), Judith (\*), Esther (+), I & II Maccabees (\*)

**Poetry** - Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon (\*), Sirach (\*)

**Prophetic** - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch (\*), Ezekiel, Daniel (+), Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Included in some although canonicity is questioned - Prayer of Manasseh, III & IV Esdras

# New Testament

**The Gospels** - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

**Historical** - Acts of the Apostles

**Pauline Epistles** - Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Hebrews

**General Epistles** - James, I & II Peter, I & II & III John, Jude

**Prophetic Book** - Apocalypse of John (Revelation)

# Canonicity Criteria

- the authentication of the writer
- Was it accepted in many different church communities as true doctrine
- Widespread geographical usage
- Content reflected and supported church's belief about Jesus

Scripture doesn't contradict Scripture

It is God breathed (II Tim 3:16-17) and not the interpretation of men (II Pe 3:19-21)

Protestant church rejected much apostasy

Anabaptists disagreed with persecution

Church and state - separate

Can't force beliefs on others

Believed in the future kingdom of God

God protects the movement

## Internal Attacks on Protestantism

Still clung to some Roman beliefs

Rejected the coming kingdom

The church was God's kingdom on earth

State and church should be united

No one allowed to believe something different than church

Bloody persecutions to dissenters

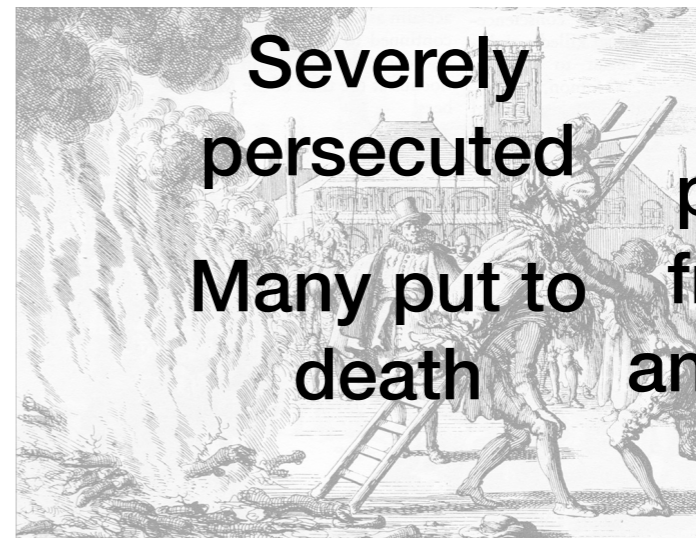
Protestantism disgraced

Satan tries to get rid of Anabaptists

Satan disgraces them through fanatics

Severely persecuted  
Many put to death

Brings persecution from Roman and Protestant churches



Piast movement -  
Moravian Church

Wesleyan revivals -  
Methodist Church

Great Awakening in  
America  
1730-1740's



## Rationalism, Empiricism, Deism

Rid world of  
gospel, the Bible,  
hope in God's  
future kingdom

New movements

Rationalism -  
truth comes  
through human  
reasoning

Empiricism  
(Philosophy) =  
all knowledge  
derived from  
sense  
experience

Rules out that  
truth comes  
from divine  
revelation

Deism - 1700's

Supreme  
being created  
the universe,  
then totally  
withdrew from  
it - God not  
active in  
human history

[Link](#)

Truth only comes  
through reason

Man is good

Man can  
establish utopia  
on earth

Liberal  
Protestantism

## Philosophies

## Results

**Kant -1724-1804**  
knowledge is limited to  
human senses

**Destructive Criticism -**  
Bible not divinely  
inspired, infallible,  
inerrant

**Commercialism - focus**  
on material things

**Hegel - ? - 1831**  
Truth and inerrant Bible not  
essential

**Question reliability of**  
OT

**Communism - Karl Marx**  
Religion is enemy

**Schleiermacher - 1758-1834**  
Having religious experience  
is final authority

**Reject miracles of Jesus**  
Future kingdom rejected

**Waged war against**  
Bible, church, existence  
of God, human sin,  
moral absolutes



Missionary  
Activity

Church is to  
preach the  
gospel - I Cor  
15

Second  
Awakening

Change heart  
- change  
action

Biblical  
schools

# Evolutionary Theory

Evolutionary Theory

Darwin - Origin of

Species - 1859

Man evolved

Old earth

Redefined sin

Redemption is gradual

Religion develops

No moral absolutes

**Despair**  
Destroyed belief in  
God  
Everything exists by  
chance  
No purpose for life

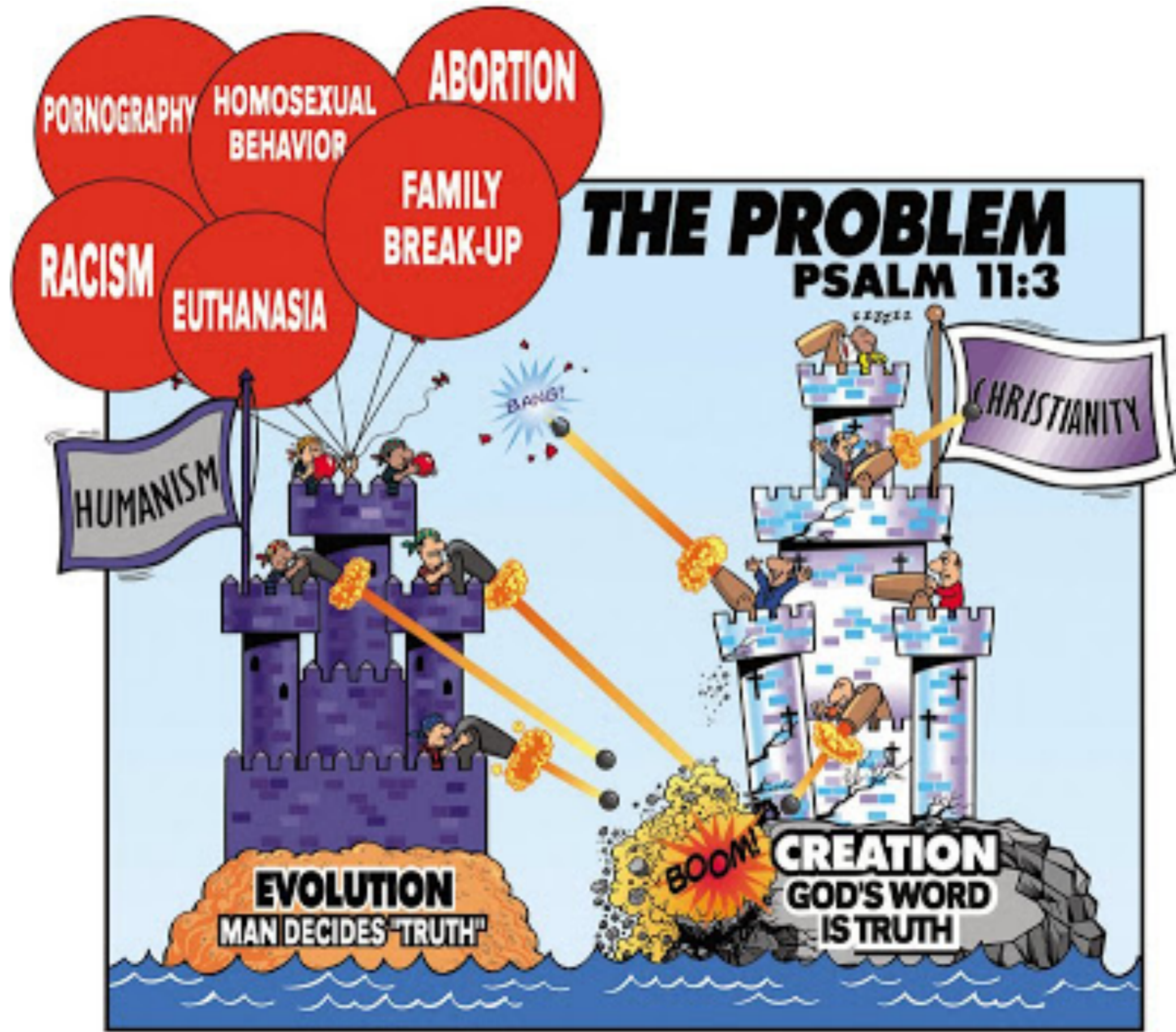
**Optimism**  
God used evolution  
Rejected God's perfect order  
World becomes better by human  
effort

Albrecht Ritschl -  
1822-1889

Christianity isn't doctrine  
- its practice of life

Emphasized love of God  
- rejected divine wrath,  
original sin

Social gospel



PORNOGRAPHY  
HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR  
ABORTION  
RACISM  
EUTHANASIA  
FAMILY BREAK-UP

# THE PROBLEM

PSALM 11:3

HUMANISM

CHRISTIANITY

EVOLUTION  
MAN DECIDES "TRUTH"

CREATION  
GOD'S WORD  
IS TRUTH

BOOM!

BOOM!

# Liberal Protestantism

Reinterpret Scripture to make it more palatable to the masses

Tolerance

Confidence in science

Skeptical about doctrine

Seek common ground in religions

Man is perfectible

Authority of the individual

Ethical teachings of Jesus - central

Social idealism

## Immanence of God

- Unifies God with world

- No miracles

- Man has divinity in him

- No inherited guilt

- Denies distinction between church and world - Jude 3-4

- Rejected eternal punishment

## Doctrine of Christ

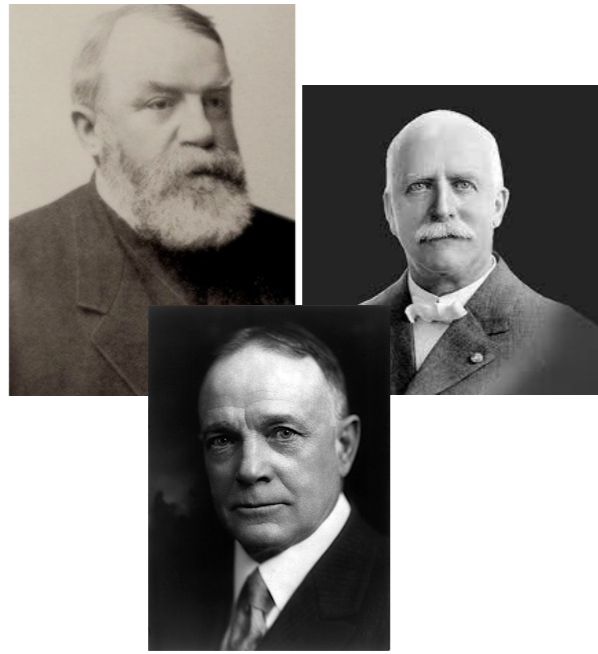
- Was man

- Not Redeemer

- faith and practice by own reason

- no absolutes of faith and conduct

- Judges 21:25



God raises up men to  
preach true gospel -  
Moody, Torrey, Billy  
Sunday

Prophetic conferences

Reestablish the 2nd  
coming of Christ

New schools

Publications of  
books

“The Fundamentals”

Fundamentalists

Scotfield Reference  
Bible

[Link](#)

## Social Gospel

Commercialism produced social  
injustices

Church preached social change

Salvation of society instead of  
individuals

Social oneness

Church was to save the world  
not be saved out of the world

## Criticism of liberal theology

Sovereignty of God

Deity of Christ

Sinfulness of man

Bible final authority

Church to speak against  
social evils

Man can't bring God's  
kingdom

## Ecumenical Movement

Movement toward unity

Social gospel calls for  
united expression of  
concern about ethical  
and social issues

Federal Council of  
Churches - 1908

## Neoorthodoxy

Satan perverts it by  
corrupting the language

Final authority is what God  
reveals to individual

Original Scripture has errors  
Full of myths and symbolism

Constant falling away,  
coming back

## 20th Century

Deny a personal God - reject  
divine revelation

Man rejecting God

Paid lip service to God  
Lived like there was no God

All chipped away at Christian  
foundation

Tragic events of 20th century  
led to not believe in God

Man is alone in his predicament

Because he has rejected  
Biblical truth

Sees the world materialistically  
and concludes God is dead

He has difficulty  
understanding human misery,  
tragedy, immorality

No good  
personal  
God  
If there is, He  
has no  
relevance for  
the world or  
mankind

# God Is Dead

Banned God from society

Belief in God is keeping us from entering Utopia - 1960's

God is a nonexistent being

God was killed in Big Bang

There is no need for a supernatural being



Despair

Spiritual Vacuum

Lack of purpose

Hopelessness

Man tries to fill vacuum with Satan's answers



Still empty - no meaning or purpose

Suicide

Vanity - Ecc 1:2

## Denial

**Moral Absolutes**

**Society breaks down**

**Society is threatened by  
force of law to accept  
new “morality”**

**Man loses human  
dignity**

**Rom 1:18-32**

**Objective  
Truth**

**Man decides  
what’s  
relevant for  
himself**

**No right or  
wrong**

## Anarchy

**Everyone does what is  
right in their own eyes**

**Result  
People act like spoiled  
children**

**Rage**

**Shootings**

**Violence**



## **Tolerance**

**Redefined**

**Anti-hate bills**

**Outlawed freedom of belief or speech**

**Consequences**

**Sensitivity training**

**Teaching in our schools**

**Sex-ed graphically legitimizing anti-**

**Biblical lifestyles**

## **Women's Liberation**

**Gender roles redefined**

**Overhauled universities**

**Weakened military**

**Male Bashing**

**Boys most at risk**

**Religious Feminism - ReImaging**

**Conference 1993**

[Link](#)

**Saving individuals  
from Satan's  
kingdom**

**Uses the church to  
Evangelize  
Ground believers in  
truth**

**Pray earnestly for  
God's will**

## **Push for Unity**

**Goal of mankind is unity**

**United Nations**

**Ecumenical movement**

**World Council of Churches**

**There are no theological absolutes**

**Needs to be a unified church**

**Brings hostility to evangelical Christians**

## **Denial of Sin Nature**

**Man isn't corrupt**

**Man will get better**

**We can live in  
harmony**

**Blinded by god of  
this age**

**Jesus Comes in clouds**

**Dead in Christ rise**

**Those alive meet them**

**Jn 14:1-3**

**I Cor 15:51-52**

**I Thes 4:13-17**

**Imminent**

**Great Tribulation**

**Mt 24:21**

**Salvation of many  
people**

**Crushing kingdom of  
Satan**

**Gathering of armies  
to destroy godless  
men**

**Repentance of Israel**

## **Rapture**

**Many in  
“Christendom” left -  
Mt 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Uniting into one,  
great apostate  
religion - Rev 17**

## **Daniel’s 70th week**

**Permanent  
establishment of a  
visible political form of  
his kingdom**

**Apostasy comes first**

**King - Antichrist - man  
of lawlessness revealed**

**Declare himself as God**

**Destruction of  
testimony for  
God**

**Destruction of  
Israel**

**Gathering of  
armies -  
Armageddon**

Armies gathered at  
Armageddon

Christ will come on  
white horse

Antichrist and false  
prophet cast into Lake  
of Fire

Kings and armies killed  
- birds feed on flesh

## Second Coming

Satan bound,  
cast in abyss  
for 1,000 years

People not killed are  
gathered - Jews then  
others - sheep and goats  
- Mt 25:1-30

Righteous - kingdom  
Unrighteous - Lake of Fire

Christ will rule - 1,000 yrs  
World restored

## Millennial Kingdom

Israel - spiritual leader  
of the world  
Ex 19:5-6

No unsaved

Children will be born -  
some will be unsaved

Kingdom will last  
1,000 yrs  
Rev 19:4-6

**New heaven and earth - Rev  
21:1**

**Ever in the presence of God**

**Unspeakable blessings forever**

**No more sin, death, pain,  
sorrow**

**Never again will there be  
rebellion against God**

## **Great White Throne**

**Satan released  
- last effort**

**All human members of Satan's kingdom**

**Can't overthrow  
God**

**Unrighteous - names not in Lamb's  
Book of Life**

**Rejected Christ**

**Cast into Lake  
of Fire**

**Cast into Lake of Fire**

**Destruction of Death**

**Heavens and earth destroyed - II Pe  
3:10-13**

**Why did God create His personal subjects with a potential for rebellion?**

**Why did God let rebellion go on so long?**

## **Man's Basic Questions**

**1. Where have we come from?**

**Created by the sovereign, all-powerful God**

**2. Why are we here?**

**Know God personally, serve Him actively, be a witness of His kingdom**

**3. Where are we going?**

**God's kingdom of heaven or Satan's kingdom in Lake of Fire**