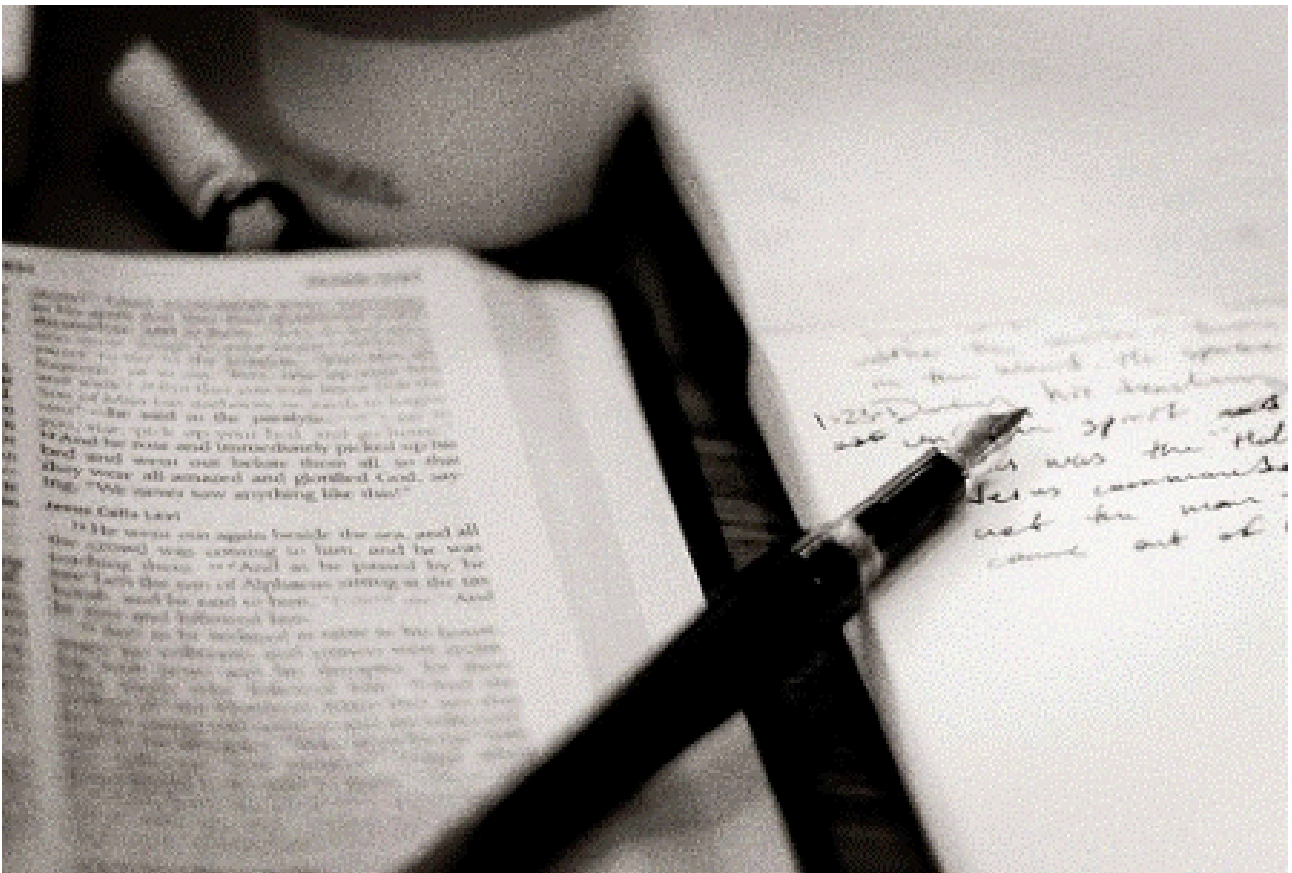


# Biblical Theology

## Studies 9-15





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### 1. VISION AND GROWTH

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Develop a broad-based discipleship program with clearly articulated content to teach and train mature disciples who make disciples of Jesus.

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## Welcome to Biblical Theology – Part 2

Key to the spiritual health of any Christian is a good working knowledge of the Bible. And key to understanding the Bible is understanding God's unfolding plan of salvation as presented from Genesis through to Revelation fulfilled by and in Jesus. That is the study of Biblical Theology. A discipline for reading and understanding the Bible in a way that the Bible itself would like to be read.

These studies are Part 2 of a fifteen week Bible study series.

In Part 1, we started with Creation in Genesis 1, saw the devastating effects of the Fall in Genesis 3, and then the importance of the covenantal promises of God given to Abraham (in Genesis 12, 15, 17), Moses (in Exodus 6, 19) and David (in 2 Samuel 7) alongside the importance of the Law (Exodus through Deuteronomy) leading toward the development of the Monarchy in Israel (1 Samuel through 2 Kings).

Study 1: Creation

Study 2: The Fall

Study 3: Promises

Study 4: Exodus from Slavery

Study 5: Promised Land

Study 6: The Law

Study 7: Kings

Study 8: Exile

In Part 2 (this edition), we will look at the division of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel and God's word as delivered through the Prophets, the final words before the New Testament opens with the incredibly 'good news' of Jesus Christ. In his life, death and resurrection we see the fulfilment of God's salvation plan. This story is ongoing and it points us forward to a time when all things will be put right which will be shown as we look at the role

of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer now, the return of Christ and the New Creation to come. Each study finishes with the same question: ‘(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham’s promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?’ This question is an attempt to deliberately connect God’s Old Covenant promises to his New Covenant fulfilments.

Study 9: Prophets

Study 10: Life of Jesus

Study 11 Death of Jesus

Study 12: Resurrection of Jesus

Study 13: Holy Spirit

Study 14: Return of Jesus

Study 15: New Creation

At the end you will find two helpful resources. First a simple Bible Timeline (developed by Mark Barry). Second a very detailed Old and New Testament Overview (painstakingly prepared by Peter Evans). You will find both helpful in placing Bible passages, characters and events in the unfolding plan of Biblical history.

Our thanks again to Sudz Hamsanathan for his work writing these studies.

Enjoy.

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## Study 9: Prophets

### Jeremiah 31:8-14

<sup>8</sup> See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labor;  
a great throng will return.

<sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping;  
they will pray as I bring them back.

I will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel's father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

<sup>10</sup> "Hear the word of the LORD, you nations;  
proclaim it in distant coastlands:

'He who scattered Israel will gather them  
and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.'

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD will deliver Jacob  
and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.

<sup>12</sup> They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;  
they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—

the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,  
the young of the flocks and herds.

They will be like a well-watered garden,  
and they will sorrow no more.

<sup>13</sup> Then young women will dance and be glad,  
young men and old as well.

I will turn their mourning into gladness;  
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

<sup>14</sup> I will satisfy the priests with abundance,  
and my people will be filled with my bounty,"  
declares the LORD.

### Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort for God's People

40 Comfort, comfort my people,  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and proclaim to her

that her hard service has been completed,  
that her sin has been paid for,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one calling:  
"In the wilderness prepare  
the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out."  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the LORD blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever."

<sup>9</sup> You who bring good news to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power,  
and he rules with a mighty arm.  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup> He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart;  
he gently leads those that have young.

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
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.

<sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people 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.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

### **Isaiah 11:1-12**

#### **The Branch From Jesse**

<sup>1</sup> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

- <sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
- <sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
- <sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.<sup>11</sup> In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.
- <sup>12</sup> He will raise a banner for the nations  
and gather the exiles of Israel;  
he will assemble the scattered people of Judah  
from the four quarters of the earth.

## **Isaiah 65:17-25**

### **New Heavens and a New Earth**

- <sup>17</sup> "See, I will create  
new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.
- <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I will create,  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight  
and its people a joy.
- <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice over Jerusalem  
and take delight in my people;  
the sound of weeping and of crying  
will be heard in it no more.
- <sup>20</sup> "Never again will there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not live out his years;  
the one who dies at a hundred

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will be thought a mere child;  
the one who fails to reach a hundred  
will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup> They will build houses and dwell in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup> No longer will they build houses and others live in them,  
or plant and others eat.  
For as the days of a tree,  
so will be the days of my people;  
my chosen ones will long enjoy  
the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup> They will not labour in vain,  
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;  
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,  
they and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer;  
while they are still speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
and dust will be the serpent's food.  
They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,"  
says the LORD.

## Questions

Can you recall a time when God's grace and love lifted you out of a hopeless situation?

Where does Israel currently stand with respect to the Abrahamic promises?

### Read Jeremiah 31:8-14

What is the pattern of restoration painted here?



**Read Isaiah 40:1-11.**

What does this passage remind you of? How so?

**Read Jeremiah 31:31-34.**

What is unique about this covenant compared to those preceding it?

**Read Isaiah 11:1-12.**

What do we learn about the inaugurator of the new covenant?

How will he bring about God's promises?

**Read Isaiah 65:17-25.**

What similarities exist between the new creation and creation? What differences exist?

How are Abraham's promises reinforced by what you have read?

Do you live in response to the new covenant?

**(\* How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

# 10 Study 10: Life of Jesus

## Luke 1:1-4

### *Introduction*

<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,<sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.<sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,<sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

## Matthew 4:23

### *Jesus Heals the Sick*

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

## Mark 1:14-15

### *Jesus Announces the Good News*

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.<sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

## Mark 2:1-12

### *Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralysed Man*

<sup>2</sup> A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home.<sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.<sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them.<sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>6</sup> Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,<sup>7</sup> “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things?<sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to this paralysed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?<sup>10</sup> But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man,<sup>11</sup> “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”<sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Luke 4:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,<sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

**Matthew 5:17**

*The Fulfilment of the Law*

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.

**Questions**

Describe your first real encounter with Jesus.

**Read all the passages.**

What important aspects of Jesus’ life do we learn from Luke 1:1-4?

How would you describe Jesus’ ministry? What elements are present? Spiritual/physical/intellectual? Which element is most important?

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Jesus says "The kingdom of God has come near". What does this mean? Is the kingdom present now? In what way?

What do we learn about Jesus from the healing of the paralytic man?

Who are the people that Isaiah is alluding to in Luke 4:18-19?

What is significant about Luke 4:21?

What does Jesus mean by saying he has come to *fulfil* the Law?

If you were to share Jesus with those who don't believe in him, what would you highlight?

**(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

## 11

**Study 11: Death of Jesus****Romans 3:10-26**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

<sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.”

<sup>13</sup> “Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit.”

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

<sup>14</sup> “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

<sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup> ruin and misery mark their ways,

<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they do not know.”

<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.<sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.<sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.<sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

**Romans 4:12-21**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus

Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

<sup>20</sup> The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Romans 6:23**

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Romans 5:8**

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **Romans 8:1**

*Life Through the Spirit*

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **John 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Questions

What is the most sacrificial act you have seen or experienced (excluding Jesus!)?

### **Read all the passages.**

What do we learn about humanity's standing before God? Is this consistent throughout Scripture? Are there exceptions?

What is the purpose of the law? Why was it instituted in the first place?

What are the consequences for sin?

What does it mean for Jesus to be a sacrifice of atonement?

What do you understand by Romans 3:25b & 26?

What do we learn about our solidarity with Adam?

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How does Jesus' death start to realise the new covenant? What do we learn about our solidarity with Jesus?

What do we learn about the character of God from these passages?

How do you respond to Romans 8:38-39?

**(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**



## 12

**Study 12: Resurrection of Jesus****1 Corinthians 15:1-34****The Resurrection of Christ**

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.<sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.<sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,<sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.<sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

**The Resurrection of the Dead**

<sup>12</sup> But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?<sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.<sup>15</sup> More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.<sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.<sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.<sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.<sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.<sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.<sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

<sup>29</sup> Now if there is no resurrection, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?<sup>30</sup> And as for us, why do we

endanger ourselves every hour?<sup>31</sup> I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord.<sup>32</sup> If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised,

“Let us eat and drink,  
for tomorrow we die.”

<sup>33</sup> Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”<sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.

### **Acts 2:22- 24**

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.<sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

### **Acts 17:31**

<sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

### **Romans 1:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David,<sup>4</sup> and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Philippians 2:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **1 Peter 1:21**

<sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

### **Romans 6:1-14**

*Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ*

<sup>6</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?<sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were

therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.<sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

<sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.<sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.<sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.<sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.<sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

## Questions

What events in human history do you consider to be the most instrumental for humanity?

What things in life are you most sceptical of?

**Read all the passages.**

Why is the resurrection pivotal to Christianity?

How does 1 Corinthians 15 substantiate the resurrection?

## 20 | **Biblical Theology**

What do we learn about God's involvement in the resurrection?

What does the resurrection tell us about the relationship between God and Jesus? How does the resurrection exalt Jesus as Lord?

How does the resurrection provide us with a new way of living? In what ways does the resurrection complement the crucifixion?

If indeed we have a new way of living through the resurrection of Jesus, why do we as Christians continue with our sin?

How do you respond, knowing that death no longer has mastery over Jesus?

**(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

## 13

**Study 13: Holy Spirit****John 16:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

**Acts 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 2***The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost*

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

**Peter Addresses the Crowd**

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.<sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.<sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.<sup>25</sup> David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.<sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne.<sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay.<sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.<sup>33</sup> Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

"The Lord said to my Lord:  
"Sit at my right hand

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet."

<sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.<sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

### **Acts 12:38-39**

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### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

### **Galatians 5:22-25**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## **Questions**

When you dwell on the words ‘Holy Spirit’, what words/images come to mind?

### **Read all the passages.**

Why does Jesus tell his disciples he has to leave in John 16? What are the purposes of the Holy Spirit?

From your understanding, how was the Spirit active in the Old Testament?

## 24 | **Biblical Theology**

What happened at Pentecost? How do the Spirit and the word go hand in hand in bringing people to faith?

How is the Spirit different in the New Testament?

How does the Holy Spirit guarantee our inheritance?

How would you describe the interplay between, and functions of God the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit?



How do you know if you have the Holy Spirit? Do you feel the presence of the Spirit in your life? How does one 'keep in step' with the Spirit?

Is it possible for the Holy Spirit to be active in an unbeliever?

**(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

## 14

**Study 14: The Return of Jesus****John 14:1-6***Jesus Comforts His Disciples*

<sup>14</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.<sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.<sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

*Jesus the Way to the Father*

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**2 Thessalonians 1:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.<sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might<sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:4**

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*The Day of the Lord*

<sup>5</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,<sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

**2 Peter 3:8-10**

<sup>8</sup> But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some

understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.<sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.<sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Romans 8:18-23**

#### *Present Suffering and Future Glory*

<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.<sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

## **Questions**

When are you faced with the thought of Jesus returning, how does it make you feel?

### **Read all the passages**

How is the return of Jesus visually/physically described?

## 28 | **Biblical Theology**

Why are we waiting for the return of Jesus? Why hasn't he already returned?

What do you understand by Romans 8:18-23?

How does the return of Jesus enable us to deal with death now?

How do you hold in tension that God wants everyone to come to repentance with the fact that he will punish those who don't know God?

How are God's purposes accomplished with the return of Jesus?

Do you live in anticipation of the return of Jesus?

How does the return of Jesus shape your mission?

**(\* How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

## 15

## Study 15: New Creation

## 1 Corinthians 15:24-26

<sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## Revelation 21 – 22:5

<sup>21</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.<sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.<sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.<sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.<sup>8</sup> But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

*The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb*

<sup>9</sup> One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”<sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.<sup>11</sup> It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.<sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.<sup>13</sup> There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.<sup>14</sup> The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.<sup>16</sup> The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.<sup>17</sup> The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick.<sup>18</sup> The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.<sup>19</sup> The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,<sup>20</sup> the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth

turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.<sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.<sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.<sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it.<sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.<sup>26</sup> The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it.<sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### *Eden Restored*

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb<sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.<sup>3</sup> No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.<sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

### **1 Peter 1:4**

<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

## **Questions**

How has your perception of heaven changed as you have aged?

### **Read all the passages.**

Contrast creation with new creation.

“God’s dwelling place is among his people and he will dwell with them”. Contrast this with how God dwelt among his people in the OT

What other aspects from the OT are done away with? How is everything new?

How are God and the Lamb described? What do we learn about them?

What do we experience in heaven that we do not experience on earth?

Do you live as if you are a stranger in this world with a heavenly calling or are you heavily invested in this world?

What have you been struck by through these studies?

**(\*) How do these passages realise Abraham's promises? Blessing? Great nation (descendants)? Land?**

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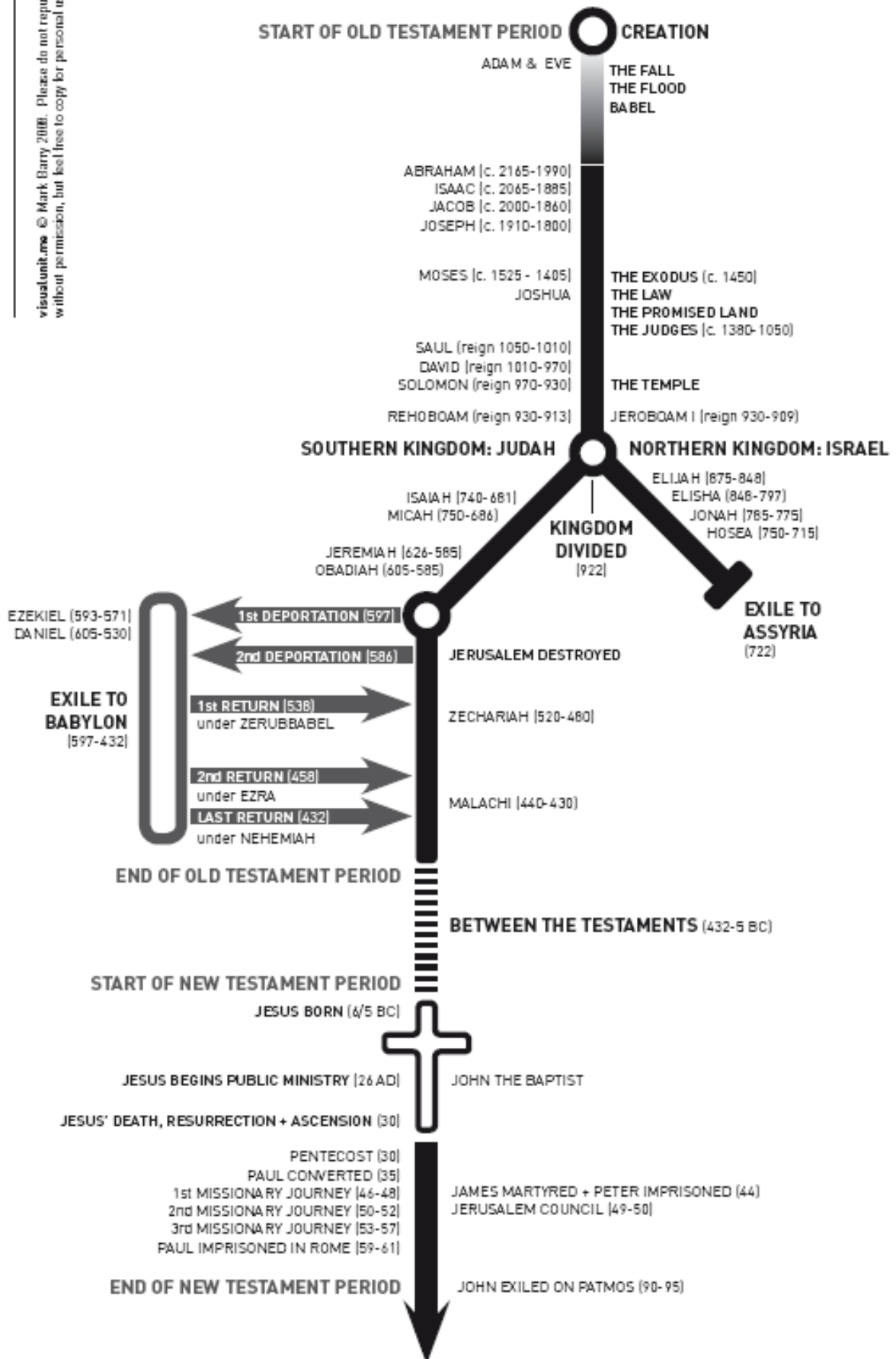


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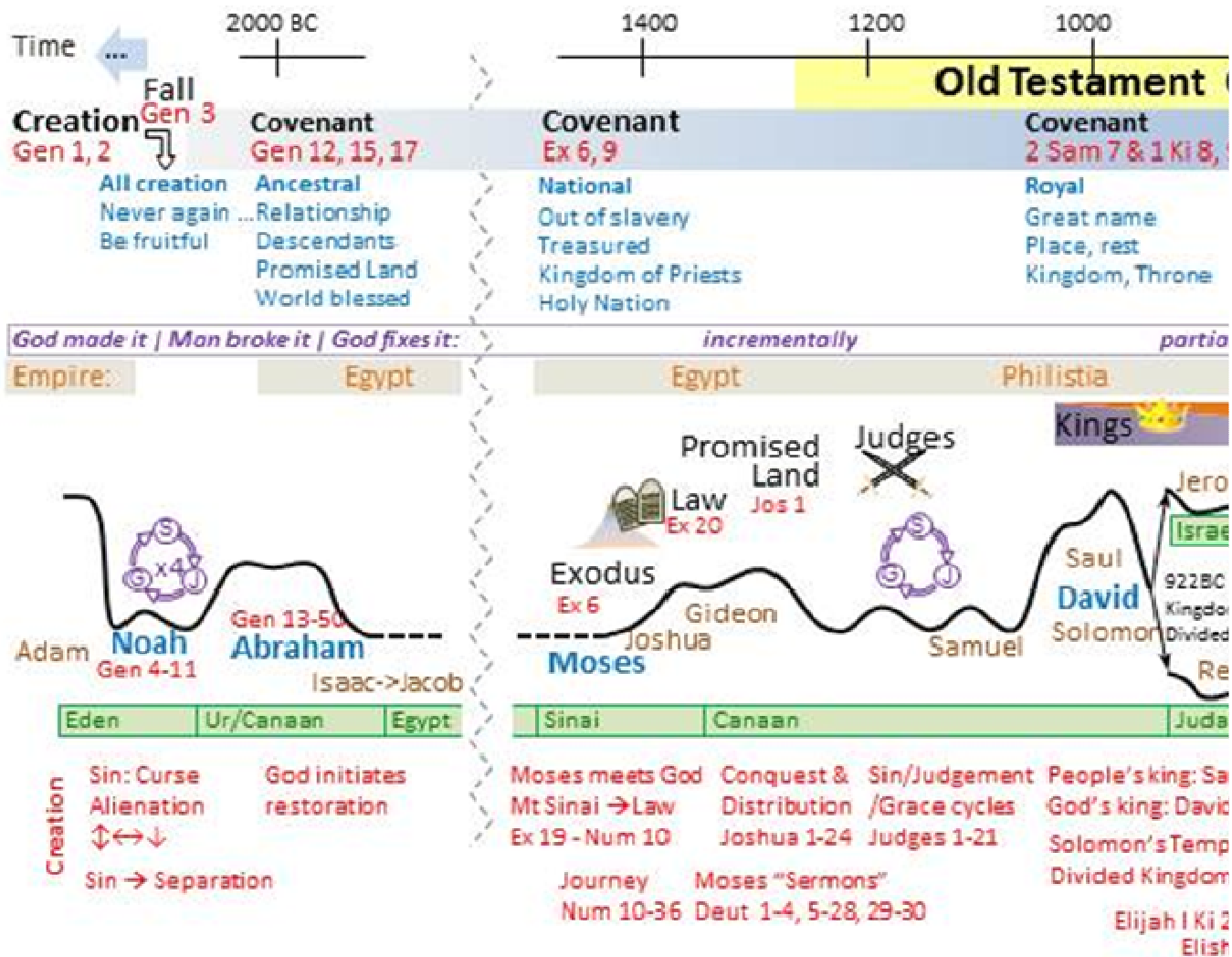
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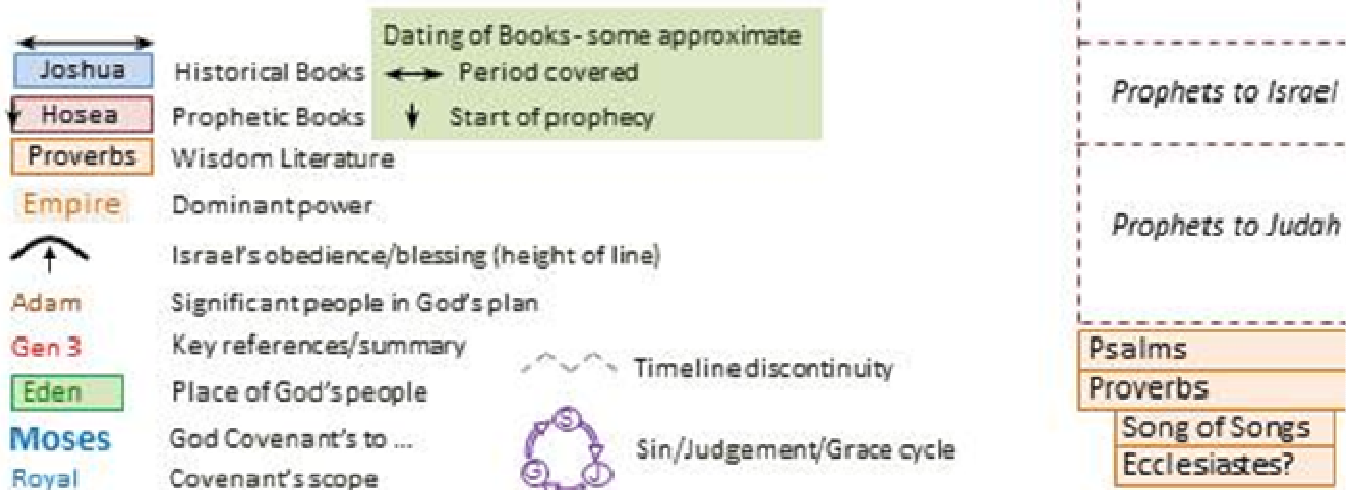
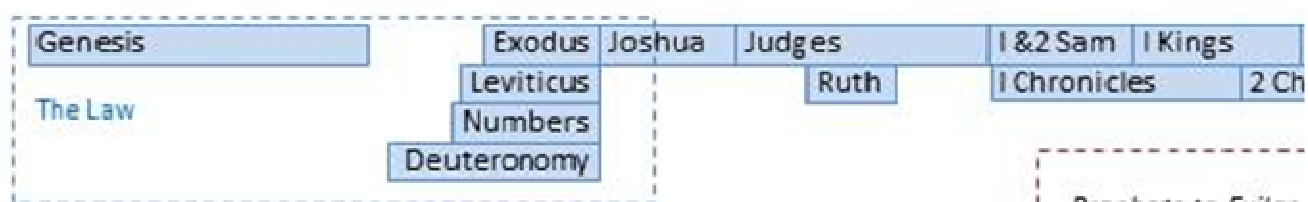
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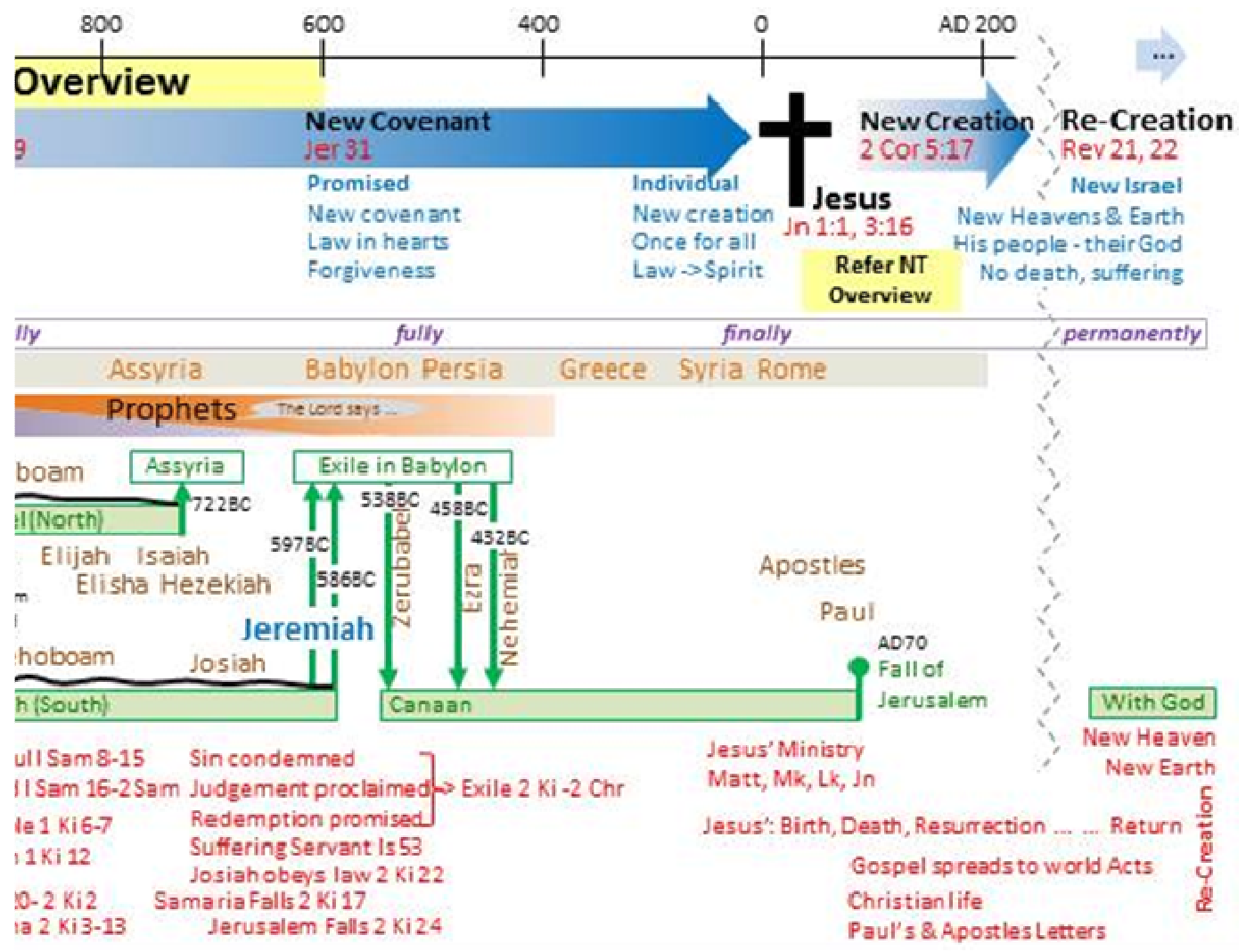


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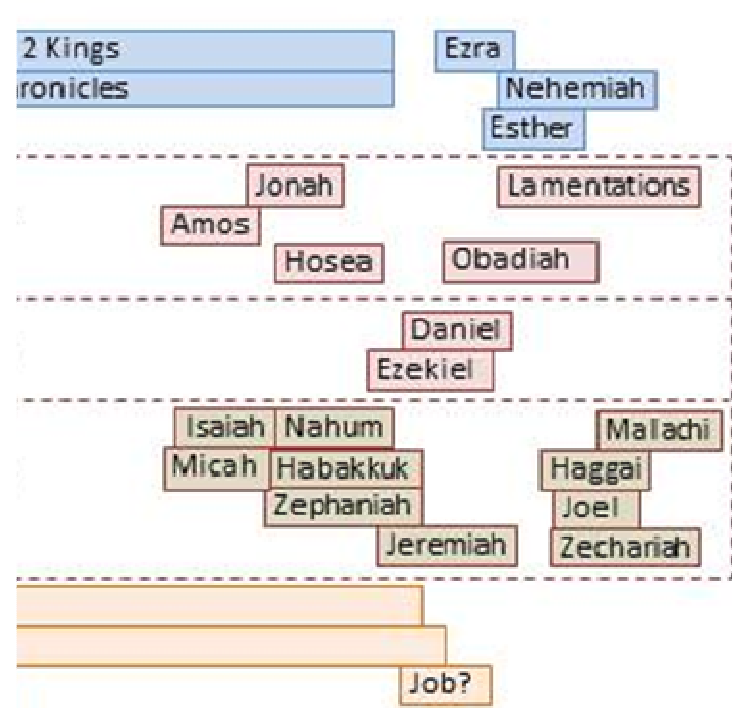


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Kings of Judah and Israel after Solomon

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Abijah	913-910	Nadab	909-908
Asa	910-869	Baasha	908-886
Jehoshaphat	872-845	Elah	886-885
Jehoram	848-841	Zimri	885-885
Ahaziah	841-841	Tibni	885-880
Athaliah	841-835	Omri	885-874
Joash	841-796	Ahab	874-853
Amaziah	796-767	Ahaziah	853-852
Azariah #	792-740	Joram	852-841
Jotham	750-735	Jehu	841-814
Ahaz	735-715	Jehoahaz	814-798
Hezekiah	715-686	Jehoash	798-782
Manassah	697-642	Jeroboam II	753-753
Amon	642-640	Zechariah	753-753
Josiah	640-609	Shallum	752-752
Jehoahaz	609-609	Menahem	752-742
Jehoiakim	609-598	Pekiah	742-740
Jehoiachin	598-597	Pekah	732-732
Zedekiah	597-586	Hoshea	732-722

# aka Uzziah Obeyed God Did Evil

**Guide to Understanding**



Approximate timeline, noting there are a number of uncertainties

God's unfolding plan of salvation as revealed in successive covenants at his return

The major covenants are listed in blue text with the covenanted The key aspects of each covenant are shown in blue text



Adam

Pictorial view of the history of God's people. The vertical scale of Note that the division of the kingdom results in two parallel paths Names of key Biblical figures are in brown text with some references The New Testament teaching is that God's blessing is now "spiritual"

Eden

Location of the main activity concerning God's people is shown

Rome

The "ruling" empire or dominant middle eastern power is shown

Gen 3

The red text is a very coarse summary of some key events in the

Many detailed events and people are unable to be mentioned



The black horizontal line separates the "historical timeline" from

The OT books are shown as follows:



historical books are shown aligned to the period

wisdom literature is shown when written (if known)

prophetic books are shown with the left edge aligned

The Prophets are arranged by kingdom: Israel: Ezekiel, Judah

The kings of Israel and Judah are listed with the time of their reign (often there is double counting of the first or last years).

Please note there are uncertainties about some absolute and relative

Dates shown are taken from Gospel and Kingdom by Graham Good

## ng the Old Testament Overview

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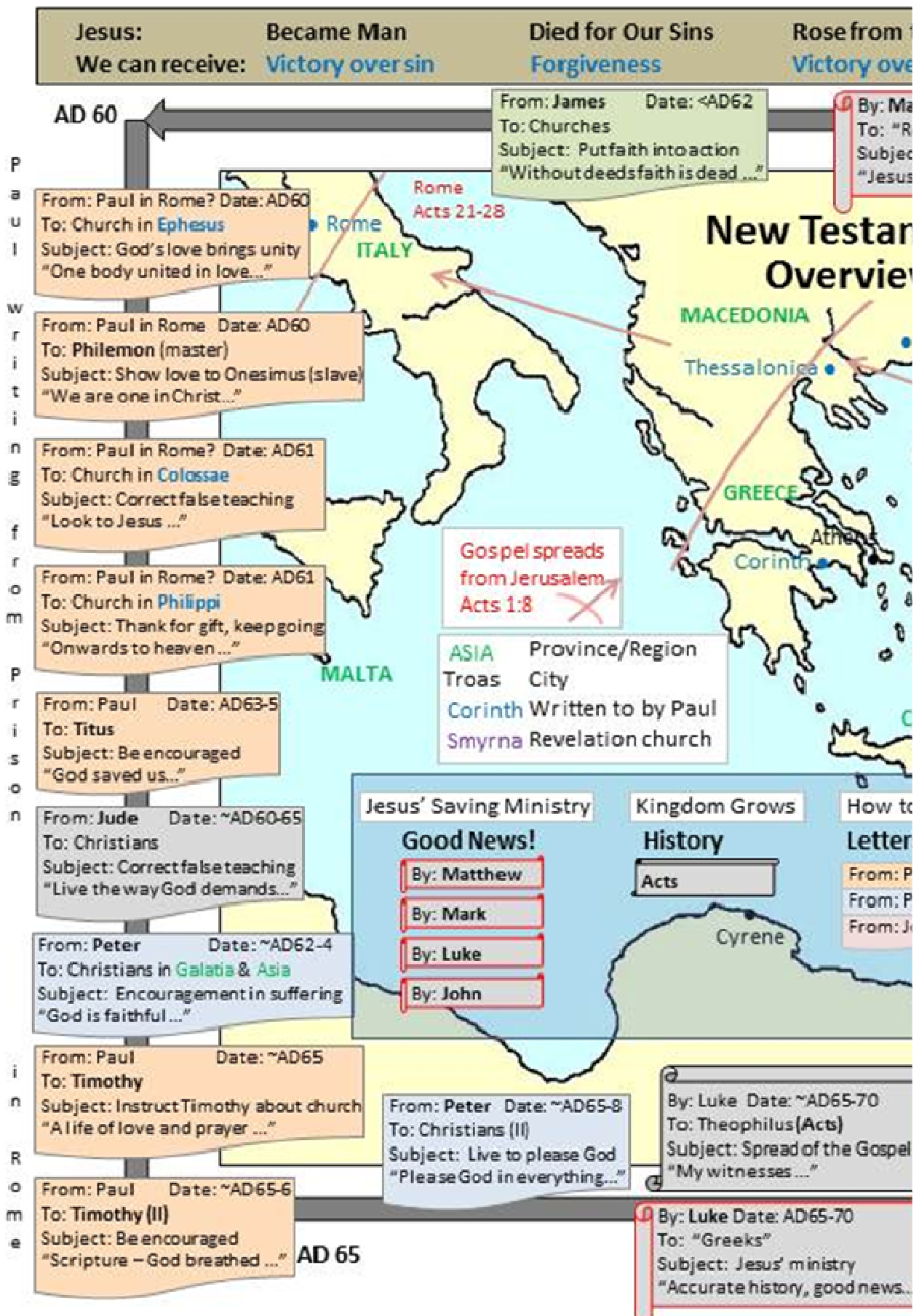
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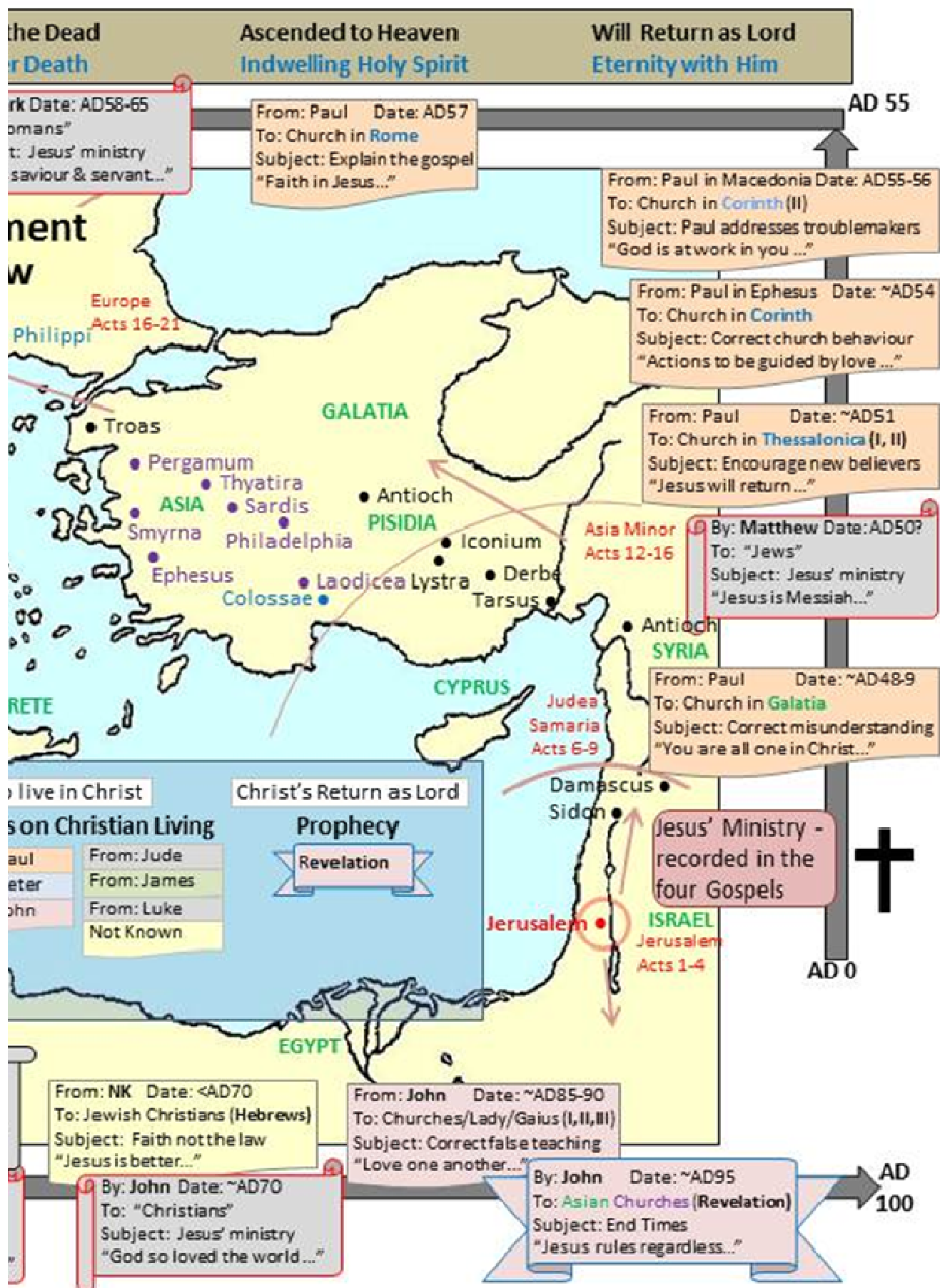
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## Guide to Understanding the NT

For each of the books in the NT this diagram attempts to show the "timeline" of the book. The "timeline" starts "adjacent" to Jerusalem at the time of Paul's Letter to the Galatian Church, it progresses anti-clockwise.

Historical books are shown as scrolls

The Gospels with a red outline and Acts of the Apostles with a black outline

The letters of Paul and others are shown as "documents"

The Revelation of John (prophecy) is shown as a blue outline

The map shows the location of some key NT events as well as the location of the author.

The map text uses the following colours:

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Each book is preceded by: writer, date (if known), audience, location.

The books are shaded according to author (some shades are used for multiple authors).

The gospels are outlined in red, Acts in black, Revelation in blue.

The spread of the Gospel as recorded in Acts is shown by the location of the author. The text "be my witnesses to Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" is shown in red text.

Some NT letters are titled by the church and others to the person they were written to. The titles are shown in Bold text regardless of whether it is the author (as in the case of the letters of Paul).

There are several books with the same name, some are shown with a Roman numeral (II), in others are shown in a single figure with (I).

Please note there is uncertainty about some authorship (some books are shown with a question mark) and in some cases only a maximum date is known, shown by < as in the case of the letters of Paul.

Dates shown are taken from the Bible Book by Nick Page or I.

## New Testament Overview

How: the type of literature, author, audience, location and when written.  
 From: mid right hand edge with Jesus's ministry, followed by the first document -  
 move clockwise around the map ending at AD 100 with Revelation, written about AD 95.

Apostles with a black outline   
 From: Paul  they are shaded according to author  
 and banner 

Shows the location of many of the churches mentioned in the NT.

**Corinth** Cities with Churches addressed in letters

**Smyrna** Churches in Revelation

Key subject and a very brief statement of a key aspect.  
 (used for more than one author).

Blue and letters in grey.

From: Paul Date: AD63-5  
 To: Titus  
 Subject: Be encouraged  
 "God saved us..."

Concentric pink arcs and arrows,  **Acts 12-16** from "and you will  
 go to the ends of the earth". The relevant chapters of Acts are

Person to whom they were written. The NT book name is  
 in the Gospels) or the audience as in **Titus** or **Galatians**.

From: Paul Date: AD63-5  
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 (I, II) to indicate the two or more NT letters.

From: Paul Date: ~AD48-9  
 To: Church in **Galatia**  
 Subject: Correct misunderstanding  
 "You are all one in Christ..."

Some are not known such as Hebrews) and some dates,  
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