

Zion Chapel Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.

2022 Vacation Bible School

Adult Bible Study

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Living Out Loud for Jesus!

(Bear Much Fruit!)

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Week Summary:

1. Introduction – Fruit: The Carrier of the Seed for Reproduction
2. The True Vine - Christ
3. The Priceless Value of the Seed – The Word of God
4. The Prepared Soil – Understanding with the Heart → Faith Comes
5. The Miracle of Salvation – Faith + Nothing
6. Abiding in Christ – Our New Identity
7. Pruning – What God does!
8. Types of Fruit

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The Prepared Soil –
Understanding With the Heart

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Polling questions (true or false):

- I must keep the law (10 commandments) to be saved.
- Since I believe Jesus died on the cross, I am saved.
- If I obey God, I will be blessed with material/earthly blessings.
- I must be water baptized to be saved.
- I am living under a curse since I do not tithe.
- The church will go through the tribulation period of 7 years before Christ returns to the earth.
- I must speak in tongues to be saved.

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The Biblical Approach to Understanding The Word of God

Proverbs 2:3-6

- ³ Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- ⁴ If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
- ⁵ Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
- ⁶ For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

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The Biblical Approach to Understanding The Word of God

Matthew 13:15-17

- ¹⁵ For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should **understand with their heart, and should be converted**, and I should heal them.
- ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.
- ¹⁷ For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.



Study

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

TO SHOW YOURSELF APPROVED OF GOD

Rightly Dividing
THE WORD OF TRUTH

Books of the Bible

Old Testament – 39 Books

LAW (5)
Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

HISTORY (12)
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

POETRY (5)
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon (Songs)

MAJOR PROPHETS (5)
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

MINOR PROPHETS (12)
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

New Testament – 27 Books

History Life of Jesus (4)
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

History The Church (1)
Acts

Paul's Letters to Churches (9)
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians

Paul's Letters to Individuals (4)
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

Letters by Others (9)
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

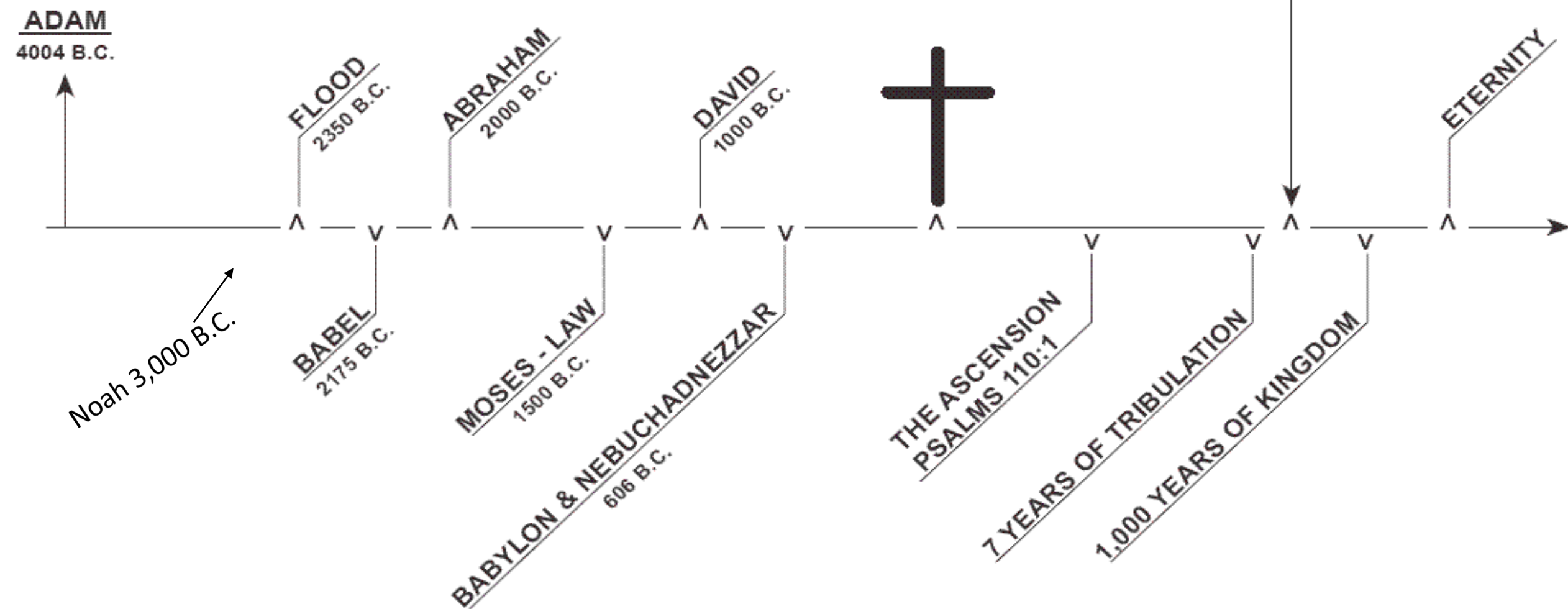
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Why Paul's Epistles?

- Paul was called by Christ to be the Apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jewish world).
- His epistles reveal the doctrines for our salvation.
- His epistles reveal our identity in Christ.
- His epistles reveal our principles for Spirit-guided living.
- His epistles reveal our future hope (the rapture of the church).

Timeline the Old Testament Prophets Saw

Jew only (with a few exceptions)



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Daniel 9:24-27: 70 weeks (490 years) To The End Time Return of Christ

- **Seventy Weeks and the Messiah**
- ²⁴ “Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] have been decreed for your people and for your holy city (Jerusalem), to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make atonement (reconciliation) for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness (right-standing with God), to seal up vision and prophecy *and* prophet, and to anoint the Most Holy *Place*.
- ²⁵ So you are to know and understand that from the issuance of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until [the coming of] the Messiah (the Anointed One), the Prince, *there will be* seven weeks [of years] and sixty-two weeks [of years]; it will be built again, with [a city] plaza and moat, even in times of trouble.

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Daniel 9:24-27: 70 weeks (490 years) To The End Time Return of Christ

- **Seventy Weeks and the Messiah**
- ²⁶ Then after the sixty-two weeks [of years] the Anointed One will be cut off [and denied His Messianic kingdom] and have nothing [and no one to defend Him], and the people of the [other] prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
- ²⁷ And he will enter into a binding *and* irrevocable covenant with the many for one week (seven years), but in the middle of the week he will stop the sacrifice and grain offering [for the remaining three and one-half years]; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until the complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who causes the horror.”

IV. Daniel's Revelation (Daniel 9:24-27)

The Timeline of the 70 Weeks



TIMELINE WE SEE TODAY IN THE CHURCH AGE

These are approximate dates for ease of remembering.
For more accurate dates, please consult Bishop Ussher.

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

**RAPTURE OF
THE CHURCH**

2nd COMING

ETERNITY

ADAM
4004 B.C.

FLOOD
2350 B.C.

ABRAHAM
2000 B.C.

DAVID
1000 B.C.



PAUL'S
REVELATION OF
THE MYSTERIES
CHURCH AGE

2000 A.D. ?

GRACE

BABEL
2175 B.C.

MOSES - LAW
1500 B.C.

BABYLON & NEBUCHADNEZZAR
606 B.C.

THE ASCENSION
PSALMS 110:1

7 YEARS OF TRIBULATION

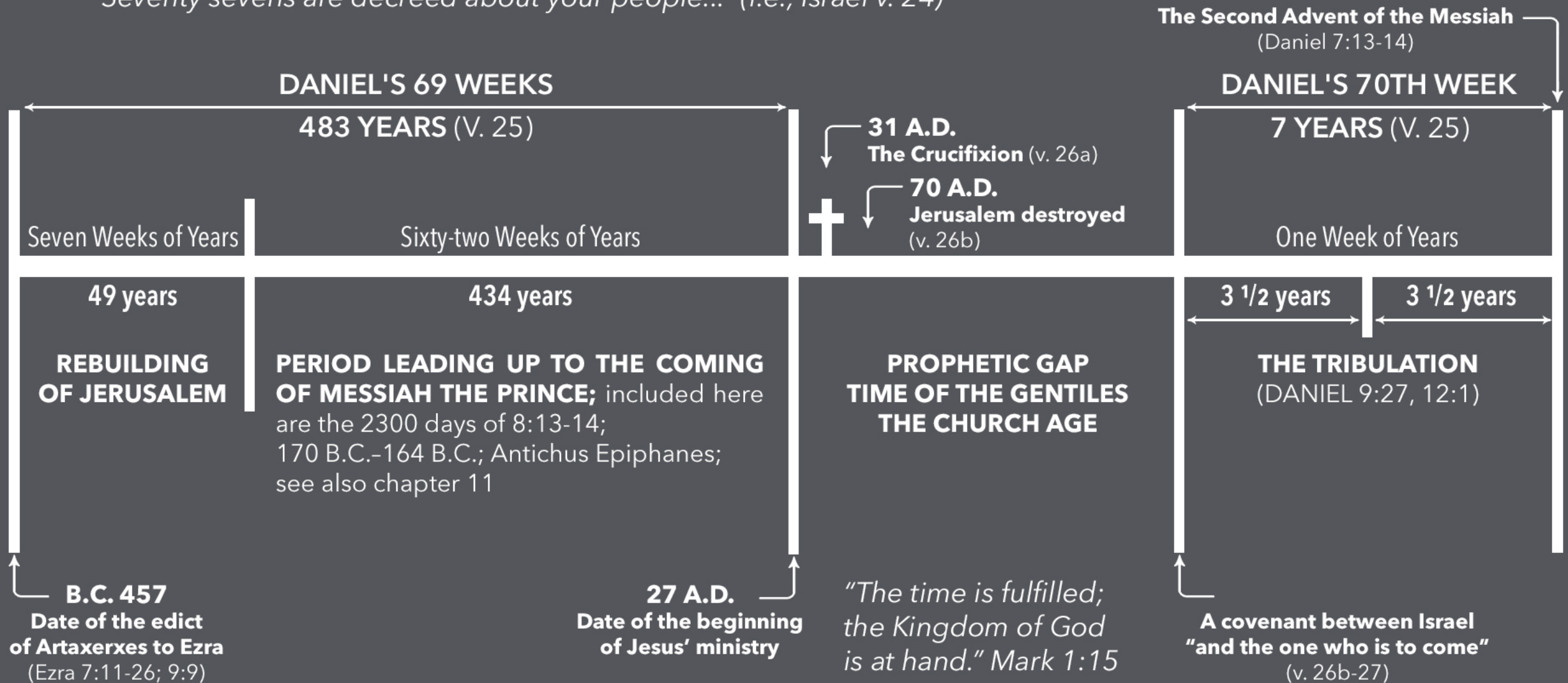
1,000 YEARS OF KINGDOM

Noah 3,000 B.C.

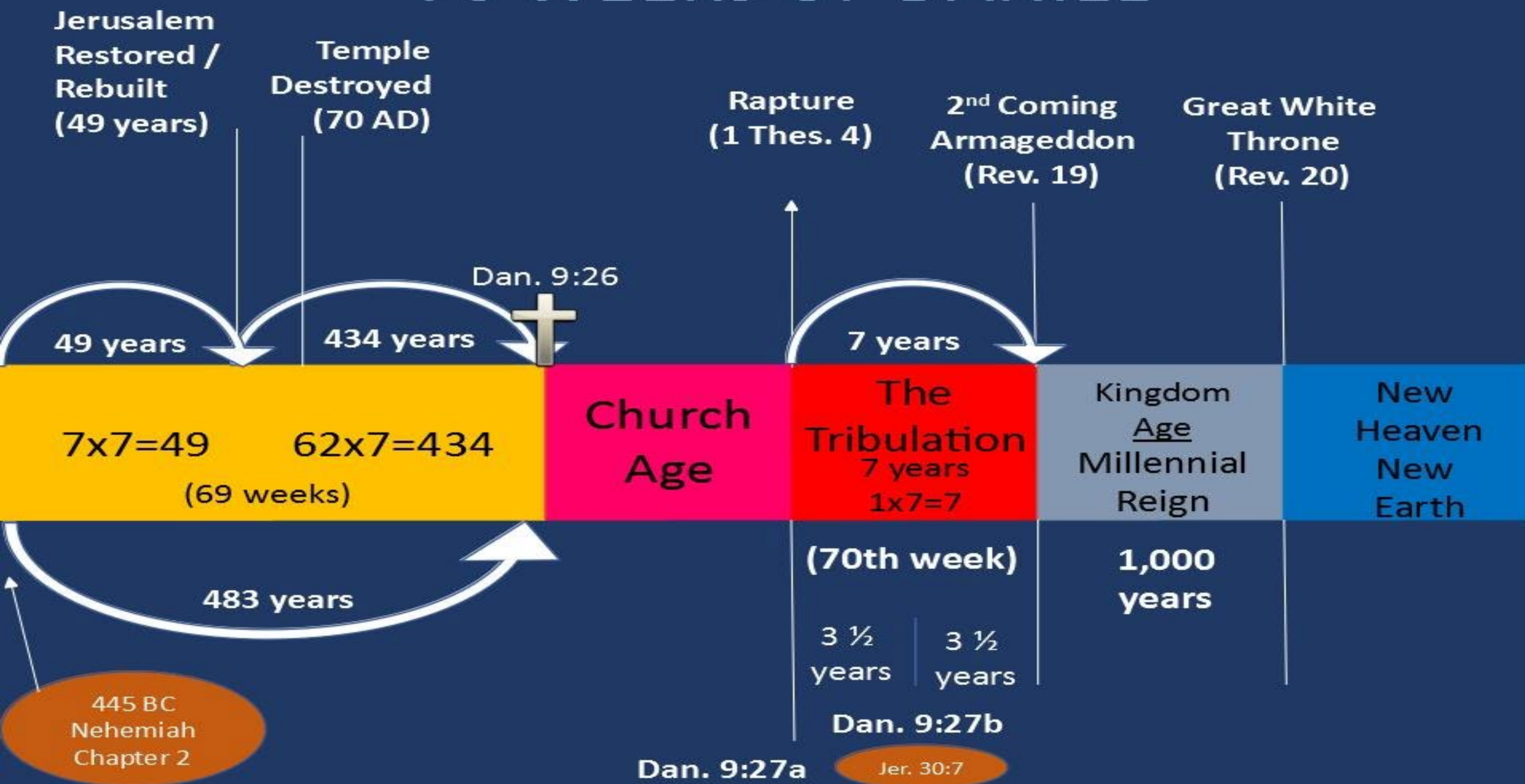
"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
Galatians 4:4,5

DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS (DANIEL 9:24-27)

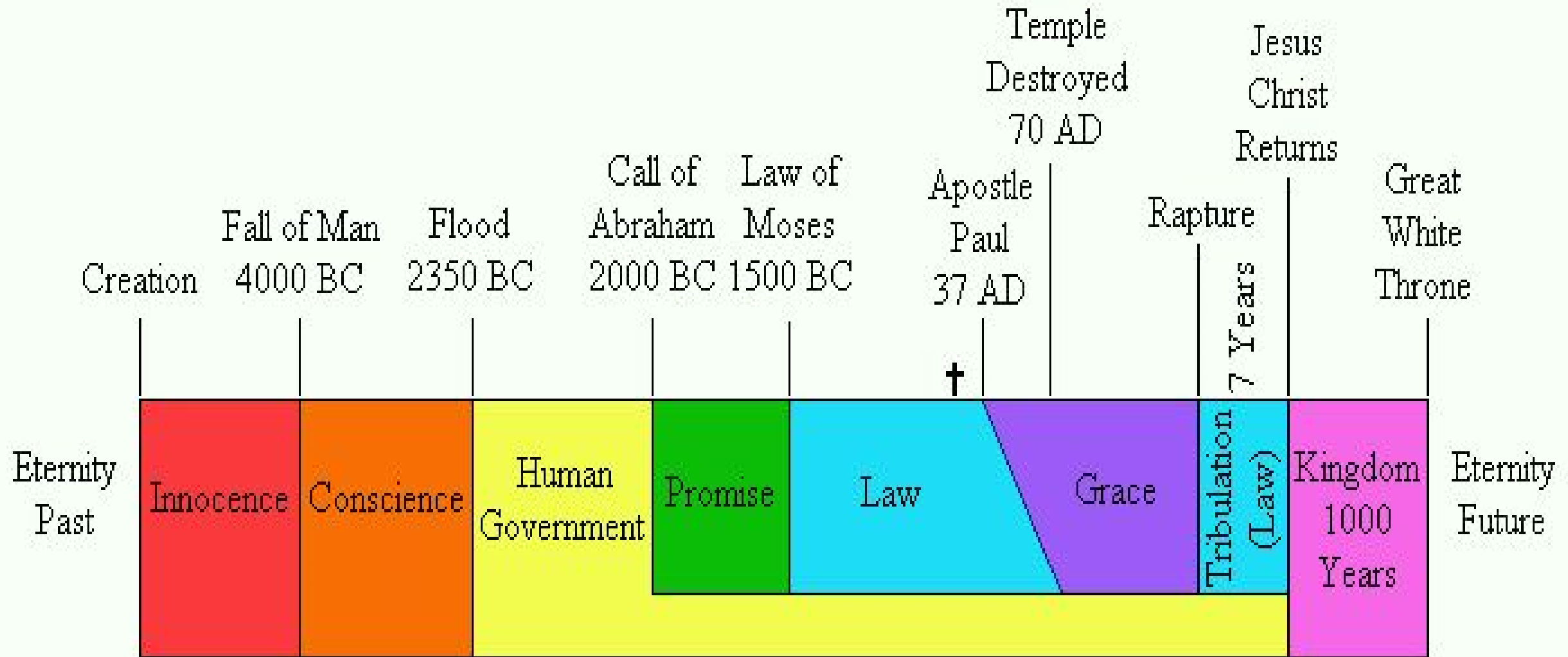
"Seventy sevens are decreed about your people..." (i.e., Israel v. 24)



70 WEEKS OF DANIEL



Dispensations of the Bible



LAW
King of kings
Repent + Baptism

GOSPEL ONE

12 Tribes of Israel
Prophecy
Israel

Faith + Works
Jesus in the Flesh
12 disciples

Lost sheep of the house of Israel

Earthly Ministry
Kingdom of Heaven
Circumcision
2nd Coming
Millenium Kingdom

Genesis - John
Hebrews - Revelation

"Rightly Divide the Word of Truth" 2 Timothy 2:15c KJV

GRACE
Lord of lords
Believe 1 Cor. 15:1-4

GOSPEL TWO

Body of Christ
Mystery
Gentiles
Faith ONLY

The Risen Christ
The Apostle Paul
Jews & Gentiles
Heavenly Ministry
Seated in Heavenly Places
Un-Circumcision
Rapture
Heaven

Romans-Philemon

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Ministry of Jesus: Jew Only – Matthew 15:22

- ²² And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.
- ²³ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.
- ²⁴ But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

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Ministry of Jesus: Jew Only – Matthew 10:5-6

- ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
- ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

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Ministry of Jesus: Jew Only – Romans 15:8

- ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (Jews) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

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Ministry of the 12 Apostles: Jew Only – Acts 2:22-24 (Sermon on the Day of Pentecost)

- ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

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Ministry of the 12 Apostles: Jew Only – Acts 10:28 (Peter at the house of Cornelius)

- ²⁸ And he (Peter) said unto them, ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation (Gentiles); but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

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Ministry of the 12 Apostles: Jew Only – Acts 11:19 (Jewish Believers Persecuted)

- ¹⁹ Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the **Jews only**.

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Paul's Ministry: Gentiles and Jews – Acts 9:15
(Paul – Our Chosen Apostle)

¹⁵ But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

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Paul's Ministry: Gentiles and Jews – Galatians 1:15-19 (Paul's response to the call)

- ¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,
- ¹⁶ To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen (Gentiles); immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
- ¹⁷ Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
- ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.
- ¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

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Paul's Ministry: Gentiles and Jews – Acts 15:1-19 (Paul's doctrine of grace challenged by the Jewish leaders)

- **15** And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.
- ² When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.
- ³ And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

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- ⁴ And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.
- ⁵ But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.
- ⁶ And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.
- ⁷ And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

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- ⁸ And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
- ⁹ And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
- ¹⁰ Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
- ¹¹ But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

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- ¹² Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.
- ¹³ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:
- ¹⁴ Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
- ¹⁵ And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

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- ¹⁶ After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
- ¹⁷ That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
- ¹⁸ Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.
- ¹⁹ Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

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Paul: The Apostle to the Gentiles

- Galatians 2:7-9
- ⁷ But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;
- ⁸ (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)
- ⁹ And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

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Paul: The Apostle to the Gentiles

- Romans 11:13
- ¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:
- Ephesians 3:8
- ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

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Paul: The Mystery Given To Only Him

- Ephesians 3:1-9
- **3** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
- **2** If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:
- **3** How that **by revelation he made known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words,
- **4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
- **5** Which in other ages was **not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

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Paul: The Mystery Given To Only Him

- Ephesians 3:1-9
- ⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
- ⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.
- ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
- ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the **mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

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So, I ask again, Why Paul's Epistles?

Or a better question is...

Why not Paul's epistles?