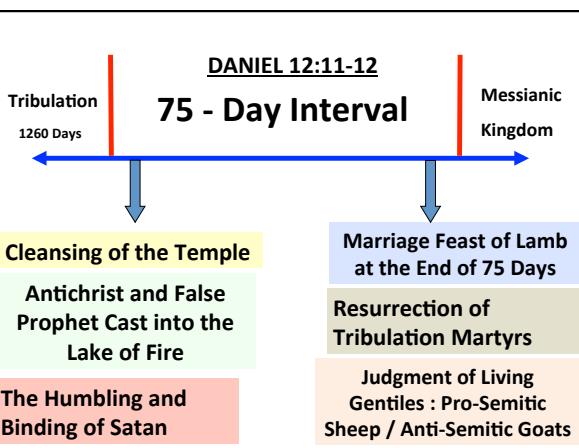
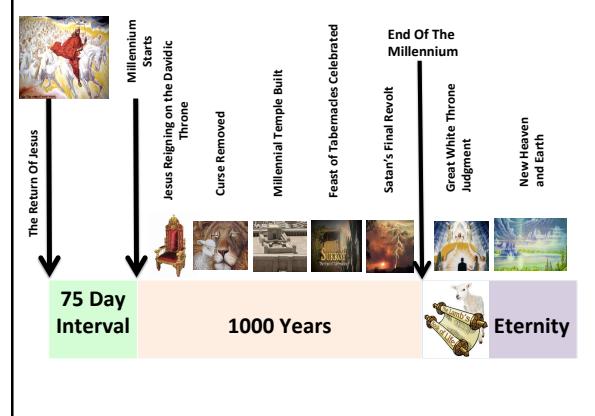
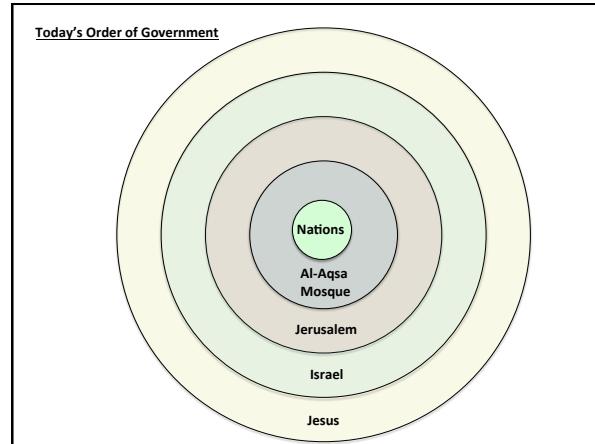
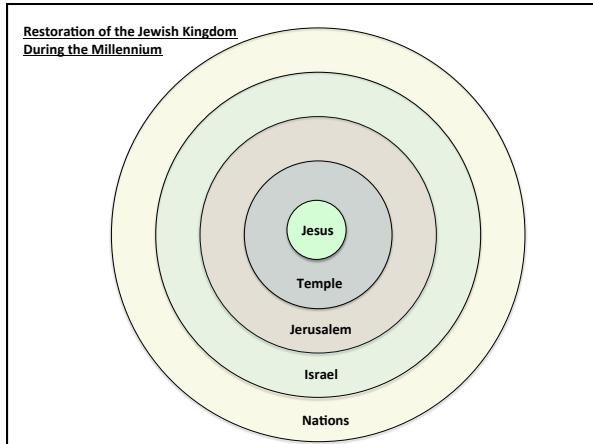


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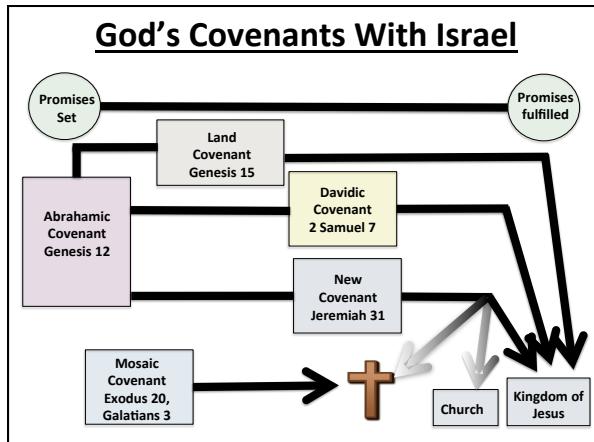




The Nation Of Israel Has A Special Relationship To God

- Some people teach that Israel has been replaced by the Church as a consequence for their rejection of Jesus.
- This is known as replacement theology and is a lie from the pit of Hell.
- "For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." - Romans 9:3-5
- "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth." - Deuteronomy 7:6

- "For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers." - **Romans 11:25-28**



- The Lord is in control of the world and we can rely upon Him fulfilling the things which He said He would do in His Word.
- When we look at the landscape of history we can see that God is moving His plan of redemption in a specific direction and will fulfill faithfully that which He has promised.
-**God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised**, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. **We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.**"-Hebrews 6:17-19
- God swore an oath to Himself guaranteeing the promises by way of the truth of His eternal nature ,He cannot lie, thus His promises which He initiated are forever.

Abraham was called out of Ur



The City Of Abraham

- They excavated a ziggurat, commercial buildings, 2 story homes with court yards, fireplaces, sanitary systems, chapels, school buildings with clay books which they taught reading, writing, arithmetic, grammar, and history.
- There is evidence of ziggurats that were built, and the one in Ur was called " the mountain of heaven " .
- "They dug up the remains of a house in which was a clay tablet which had been unfinished, and on that tablet, whoever had been using it, was working out of a problem in trigonometry, which problem they are still working out at Oxford and Cambridge".-G. Campbell Morgan

Abraham's Relatives Worshipped Idols

- “And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Your fathers, *including* Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, dwelt on the other side of the River in old times; and they served other gods.”- Joshua 24:2
- “Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father’s”-Genesis 31:19

Excavation Of The City of Ur



Chapel for Nanna the moon god



City streets



City Bakery



Flood deposit layer

Ur-Nammu

- Ur-Nammu was king of Ur from 2112-2095 B.C., which was during the time of Abraham's call to go out from God.



Abraham Called To Go Out Of Ur

- Abraham obeyed God when he heard the voice of God and packed up his family and left Ur behind forever.
- The reason God called Abraham was for the purpose of establishing a covenant with him. Abraham's descendants and the covenant is main story of the Bible.
- “And he [Stephen] said, “Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said to him, ‘Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.’”-Acts 7:2-3
- The emphasis on “the God of glory” is in contrast to the idol of the moon god worshipped in the city of Ur.

Abraham Went Out Not Knowing

- God didn't tell him until later that he was going to Canaan.
- There wasn't a map given to Abraham.
- Abraham was not given information about the land he was traveling to inhabit.
- There wasn't a house waiting for him when he got there.
- There was probably deep frustration within his marriage and with his father about Abraham's decision he was making at this point in his life.
- "He had to leave his culture, his familiar way of life in Ur and later in Haran, his friends, his family, and his earthly inheritance." -Cole

The Giving Of The Promise

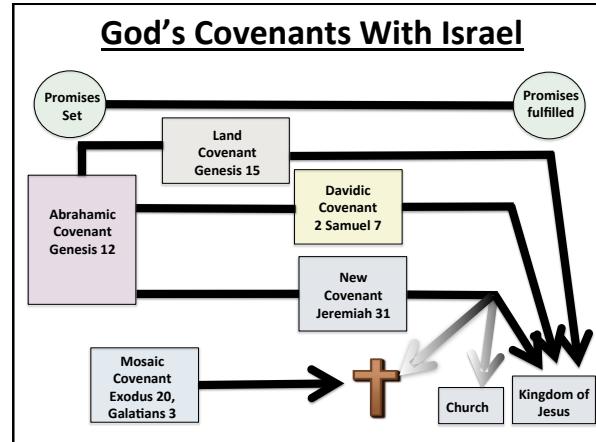
- "Now the LORD had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' - **Genesis 12:1-3**

The Abrahamic Covenant

- This covenant that God made with Abraham changed all of history and its redemptive purpose.
- When we understand the importance of this covenant we see the significance of its driving force as the main theme throughout the entire Scriptures culminating in the Book of Revelation.
- All of the other covenants have their root in the calling of Abraham and the promise of God to bless him and make a great nation from him.

- There are four aspects of the Abrahamic covenant:
 1. There was a personal promise: God said, "I will bless you and make your name great".
 2. There was a national promise: "I will make you a great nation".
 3. There was a universal promise: "all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
 4. There was a protection promise: "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you."

- In Genesis 3:15, God promised that a "seed" would come that would crush the Devil.
- In the Abrahamic covenant God promised a nation from Abraham that all the nations would be blessed through Abraham's "seed".
- "Now to Abraham and his **Seed** were the promises made. He does not say, "**And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to your Seed, who is Christ.**" - Galatians 3:16
- "And the **Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith**, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." - **Galatians 3:8**
- This covenant with Abraham also included a very specific piece of land: Canaan.
- This is an eternal and irrevocable covenant.
- "For the gifts and the calling of God are **irrevocable.**" - **Romans 11:29**



The Land Covenant

- The land that Israel now occupies is just a small portion of the land that God promised to Abraham.
- It stands to reason that if you have a nation of people you need to have a land for them to dwell upon.
- "Now the LORD had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, **to a land** that I will show you. " -**Genesis 12:1**
- The Land covenant is an extension of the Abrahamic covenant.
- God chose to give Abraham and his descendants a large portion of the land that is now occupied by Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

The Giving Of The Promise

- "On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: 'To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.' -**Genesis 15:18-21**
- "Thus the boundary shall be from the Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is the border of Hamath. This is the north side." -**Ezekiel 47:17**

Important Aspects Of The Land Covenant

- After being dispersed to the four corners of the earth the Lord will gather Israel and restore them to the Land of their fathers. (**Deuteronomy 30:3-4**)
- Once in the Land Israel will experience a national revival. (**Deuteronomy 30:1-2**)
- Israel will be converted as a nation. (**Deuteronomy 30:6**)
- Israel's enemies will be judged. (**Deuteronomy 30:7**)
- Israel will prosper in the land of their fathers. (**Deuteronomy 30:5&9**)

A Great Event In History

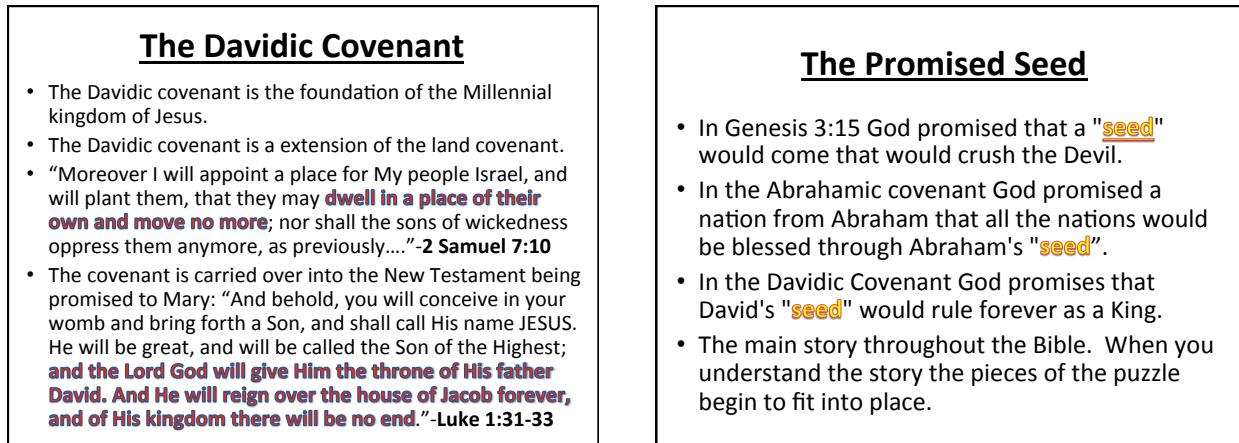
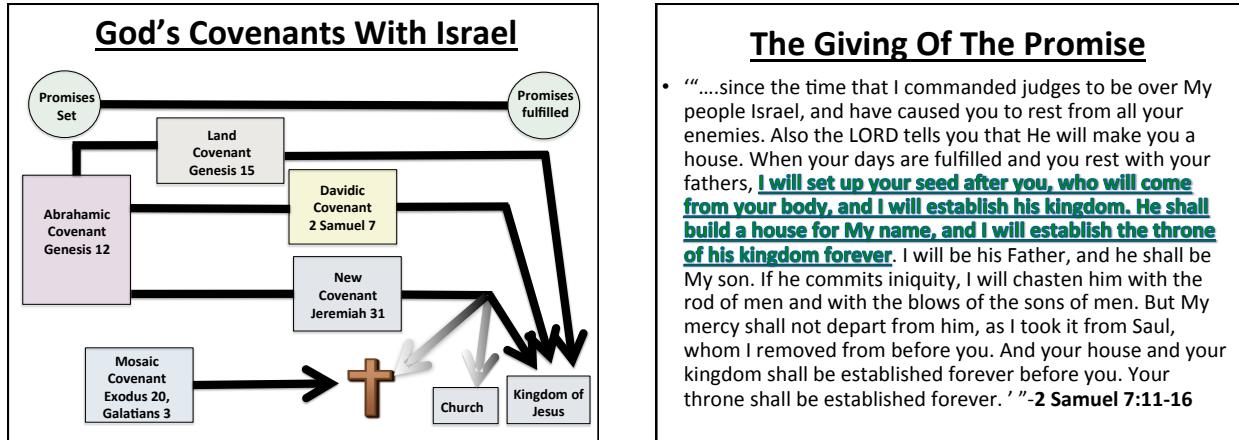
- "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "**that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt'** but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' **And they shall dwell in their own land.**" —**Jeremiah 23:7-8**
- The restoration of Israel to their homeland is a miracle by the hand of God and demonstrates to Israel and the nations of God's faithfulness and His sovereignty.

The Restoration A Second Time

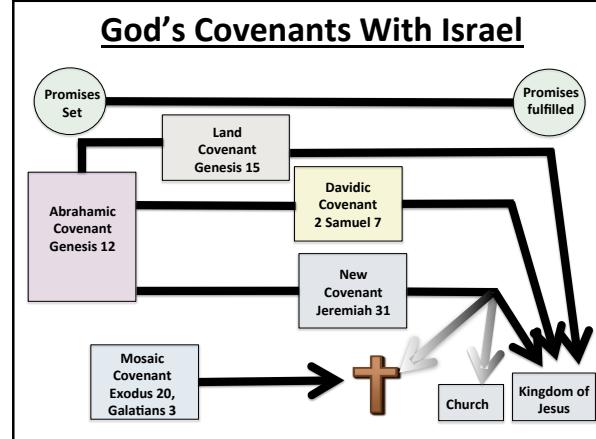
- "It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall **set His hand again the second time** To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And **gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.**" —**Isaiah 11:11-12**
- God had not restored Israel the first time let alone the second (1st 435 BC, 2nd 1948)

The Promised Messianic Kingdom





- "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, **the Son of David, the Son of Abraham**".--**Matthew 1:1**
- "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh**".-- **Romans 1:1-3**
- "So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, **the Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."-- **Rev 5:4-5**



The Giving Of The Promise

- "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."--**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A New Covenant For Israel

- He mentions that the new covenant is for the House of Israel and House of Judah.
- **The New Covenant is not according to the Mosaic covenant that God made with the Israel in delivering them from bondage in Egypt.**
- Jeremiah says that Israel did not keep the Mosaic covenant.
- The promise of the New covenant is to the nation of Israel during the Millennial kingdom

- The New Covenant deals with the renewing of Israel after they have been restored in the Land. They have not yet received the New Covenant.
- The church participates in the new covenant through our adoption but the church does not fulfill it.
- It is the New Covenant which the Epistle to the Hebrews explains as replacing the Law.
- The New Covenant is applied to the church because it provides for the forgiveness of sins.

- Jesus shed blood initiates the New Covenant: "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" -Matt 26:28
- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant: "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant...." —Heb. 9:15,12:24
- The New Covenant restores Israel to intimacy with God.
- The laws will be written on their hearts.
- They will all know God intimately.

- Israel will all know God which means there is not a need for a mediator between God and His people.
- It is a matter of personal experience by Jeremiah since God spoke directly to him.
- In Judges 2:10 the generation that came into the land produced a generation that did not know the Lord.
- Hosea 4:1, 6 there was no knowledge of God in the land and disaster was coming.

Know

- The word in Hebrew for "know" is "yada" and it is the word used in the Old Testament for intimacy in a covenant union.
- It is used to describe the covenant between a husband and wife the most sacred covenant among humans.
- It means to know and understand the whole person
- It is knowing through experience rather than learning facts in a classroom.
- There will be no need to teach the Israeli people because they will all know God personally.

Review Of The Covenants

The Covenants	Who Received The Covenant	The Promise of The Covenant	What were The Conditions
Abrahamic	Abraham and his descendants throughout the ages	God will bless Israel and make them a great nation. Gentiles will be blessed through Abraham.	Unconditional and forever
Mosaic	The nation of Israel	The Law is given to govern Israel. It was fulfilled by Jesus at the cross.	Conditional upon obedience.
Land	Abraham and then later the nation of Israel	Israel will inherit the land given to them by God	Unconditional and forever
Davidic	David	David's seed will reign over Israel	Unconditional and forever
New	The nation of Israel	God will forgive Israel's sins and be intimately known to them	Unconditional and forever

Revelation 20:1-3

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

The Angel And The Key

- In Revelation 9:1, an angel was given a key to open the abyss to unleash the demonic executors of God's fifth trumpet judgment after the bottomless pit is unlocked.
- In Revelation 20:1, an angel is given the same key to lock Satan within the same compartment for the duration of the Millennial Kingdom.
- At this point Satan, an archangel, is utterly defeated to the point that an ordinary angel has "laid hold of" him to cast him into the bottomless pit.

- Jude gives an example of two archangels doing battle with each other over the body of Moses.
- At this point in history Jude says, Michael, one of the most powerful angels if not the most powerful, "...dared not bring against him [Satan] a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"-**Jude 9**
- In Revelation 12:7-9, it was Michael and **his angels** that prevailed against Satan and **his angels** and cast them out onto the earth.
- Satan's binding fulfills what the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel spoke concerning him.

- “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms’ **-Isaiah 14:12-16**
- “...I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you.” **-Ezekiel 28:17-18**

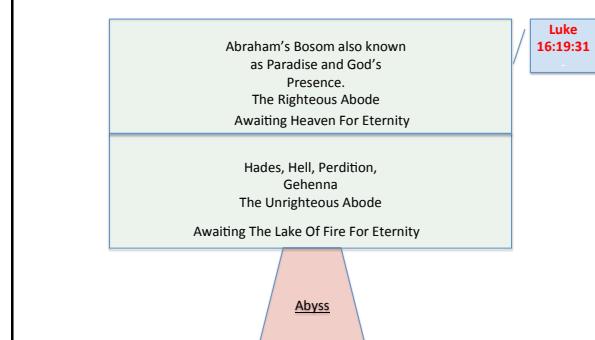
Names For Lucifer

	Hebrew	Meaning	Greek	Meaning
Dragon	Tanniyin Isaiah 27:1	Dragon, serpent, sea monster	<i>Drakon</i> Rev. 12:3,4,7	Dragon
Serpent	<i>Nachash</i> Gen 3:1,2,14	Snake, Fleeing Serpent	<i>Ophis</i> 2 Cor.11:3, Rev. 20:2	Snake
Devil	<i>Shed</i> De. 32:17	Demon	<i>Diabolos</i> Matthew 4:8	Slanderous
Satan	<i>Satan</i> Job 1:6,7,8	Adversary	<i>Satanas</i> I Tim 2:18	Adversary
Lucifer	<i>Helel</i> Isaiah 14:12	Star of the Morning; Sun of Dawn		

The Bottomless Pit

- The word for “bottomless pit” is the word “abussos” which we get the word “abyss” and literally means “without depth”.
- Demons didn’t want to go there, “Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered into him. They begged him that he would not command them to go into the abyss.” **-Luke 8:30-31**
- The beast who overcomes the two witnesses comes up out of the abyss. **(Revelation 11:7)**

Where Do The Dead Go Today



Who Inhabits The Abyss?

- "For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly"--2 Peter 2:4-5
- The abyss is an intermediate place of punishment for fallen angels.
- The word for "hell" in 2 Peter 2:4, is "*tartaroō*" which is the deepest pit of hell.

- "And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."-**Jude 6-7**
- A person who refuses to believe in Jesus after he dies goes to a place reserved for him in hell.
- The Abyss is the deepest darkest subterranean region in hell reserved for rebellious angels and Satan.

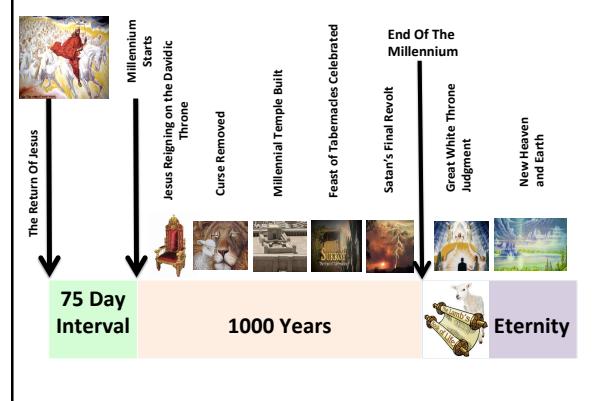
A Thousand Years

- A great chain in the angel's hand subdues Satan for 1000 years.
- This is the first and only mentioning of the length of time in Scripture of the kingdom reign of Jesus.
- The literal teaching concerning the kingdom period in Revelation 20 is that Satan is bound for 1000 years in the abyss.
- Those who do not interpret the Bible literally question the 1000 years and view the time period as symbolic.
- There are three major positions regarding this 1000 year period.

Pre-Millennial	Post-Millennial	Amillennial
The second coming of Jesus is before the 1000 years.	Jesus returns after the 1000 years.	Christ returns to judge all men with a general resurrection.
The second coming and rapture are two distinct events.	Mankind, becomes Christianized during a "Millennial" period, and then Christ returns.	Augustine and other church fathers saw the millennium as symbolic for the eventual victory of the church over evil.
God made promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the 12 tribes of Israel. These promises are not fulfilled yet.	Church age develops gradually and morally by the conversion of each individual.	Jews have no role in the end times. Jews lost it when they denied Jesus. Breeds anti-Semitism.
The promises made in the scripture could only be fulfilled in a literal earthly kingdom.	As people are converted the world will keep getting better.	The promises of the Kingdom to Israel are fulfilled through Christ and His church.
The 1000 years are to be taken literal.	The 1000 years largely viewed as a world becoming a "Society of saints". Non-literal interpretation.	In 2 Peter 3:8, the 1000 years are seen as one day with the Lord and therefore not literal.
The Old Testament speaks more of the millennium than any other period.	Christ invited, would take control over man's peaceful planet and reign in the hearts of people.	Satan was bound by Christ's victory over him at Calvary. (Luke 10:18)
God's purpose <u>on earth</u> will be fully realized during the millennial period.	The realities of the 20th century have rendered this view obsolete.	God's purpose on earth is fulfilled presently through the church.
Christ will reign over the nations of the earth and Israel will enjoy the blessings promised through the prophets.	"They shall beat their swords into plowshares" (Micah 4:3, Isaiah 2:4), a scripture in the front of UN headquarters is seen as move in this direction.	Christ is reigning over the nations presently through the church.

What Will The 1000 Years Be Like?

The Coming Kingdom Of God



The Millennium Will Be A Kingdom Of Justice

- When Jesus reigns from Jerusalem there will be Justice for the poor, the lame, and the outcasts.
- "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles." -**Isaiah 42:1**
- "In that day," says the LORD, 'I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast..." -**Micah 4:6**
- "Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame." -**Zephaniah 3:19**
- "He will spare the poor and needy, and will save the souls of the needy. He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; and precious shall be their blood in His sight." -**Psalms 72:13-14**

- During the reign of Jesus there will be no more slavery, no more abortion, no more exploitation of the weak and defenseless.
- It will be a time characterized by truth, righteousness, and justice continually being spread throughout the world from Jerusalem.

There Will Be A New Global Government

- “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”-**Isaiah 2:2-4**
- “In this passage, Isaiah describes one of the major characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom, that of universal peace. While differences between nations will arise, such differences will no longer be settled by military conflicts, but only by the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”-Fruchtenbaum

Rebuilding The Earth

- After the Great Tribulation of seven years the earth has been decimated by war, earthquakes, scorching heat, polluted water and major natural disasters.
- During the Kingdom period there will be a rebuilding of the earth.
- “And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.”-**Isaiah 61:4**

Physical Changes

- “It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— “The LORD is one,” and His name one.”-**Zechariah 14:6-9**
- “The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;”-**Isaiah 35:1**

Healing Of The Waters And Trees

- “Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen this?” Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. Then he said to me: **“This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.** It shall be that **fishermen** will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”-**Ezekiel 47:5-12**

The Earth Will Be Full Of The Knowledge Of The Lord

- “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; for the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious.” **Isaiah 11:9-10**
- “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” **Habakkuk 2:14**

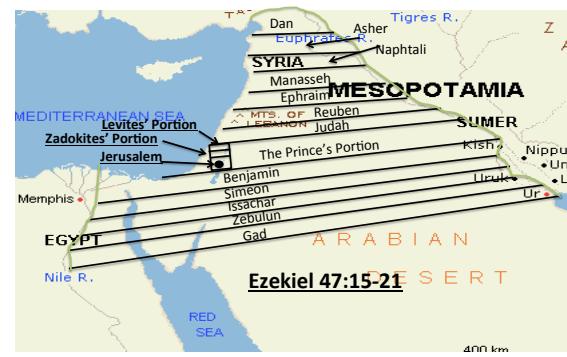
The Millennium Is Not Eternity

- **There will be death.**
- “No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.” **Isaiah 65:20**
- **There will be rebellious nations.**
- “He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off.... “For all people walk each in the name of his god.....” **Micah 4:3,5**

Israel Exalted

- “The **sons of foreigners shall build up your walls**, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the **wealth of the Gentiles**, and their kings in procession. For the **nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined**. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. Also the **sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet**; and they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations. You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles and milk the breast of kings; you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.” **Isaiah 60:10-16**

The Division Of Land During The Millennium



The Millennial Temple

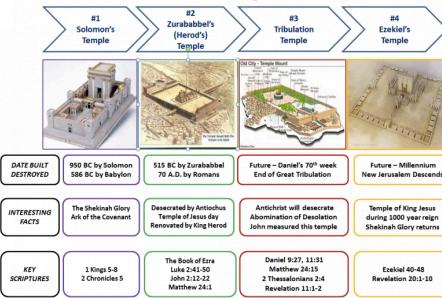


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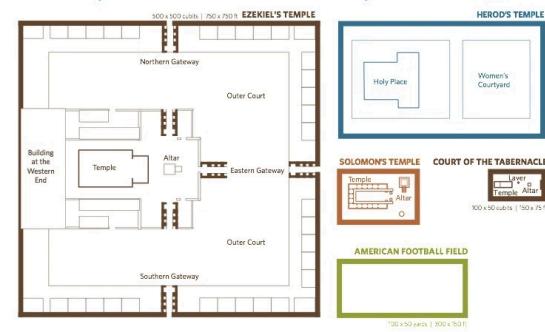
- Ezekiel 40:5–43:27, describes the Millennial Temple as the largest and most beautiful temple given to Israel.
- Ezekiel was given precise detailed measurements for building the Millennial Temple just as the Lord gave Moses for the Tabernacle and David for the first Temple.
- The Millennial Temple will be the focal point of the 1000-year reign of Jesus' theocratic government where justice, righteousness and peace will rule.
- It will also serve as the center for the priestly rituals, offerings, and sacrifices.

The Temple Of God

The Four Jewish Temples of the Bible



Temple Size Comparisons



The Priests

- During the Millennium there will be priests who serve in the Temple.
- They will administer over the offerings and the sacrifices.
- There are two classes of priests during the Millennium:
 1. The honored descendants of Zadok.
 2. Other Levites who were in lineage of those who rebelled.

The Zadok Descendants

- “But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood,” says the Lord GOD. They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.”- Ezekiel 44:15
- The Zadokite priests were one of the Levitical families that were elevated to the position of the high priesthood at the time of Solomon (1 Kings 1:26-27).
- The Zadokites were faithful throughout their service during the first temple period even though Israel was unfaithful to the Lord. They didn’t function as priests during the second temple period.
- It is because of their faithfulness that the Lord elevated them to the high position they will have during the Kingdom Period.

The Other Levites

- “And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them,” says the Lord GOD, “that they shall bear their iniquity. And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.”-Ezekiel 44:10-14
- The other Levites will have the benefit of ministering to the people through burnt offerings in the Temple, yet they are not able to enter into the presence of the Lord as the Zadokites.

The Priests Are Mortal

- “They shall neither shave their heads nor let their hair grow long, but they shall keep their hair well trimmed. No priest shall drink wine when he enters the inner court. They shall not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests.”-Ezekiel 44:20-22

The Priests Teach The People

- “And they shall teach **My** people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. In controversy they shall stand as judges, and **judge it according to My judgments**. They shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed meetings, and they shall hallow My Sabbaths.” -**Ezekiel 44:23-24**

The Prince

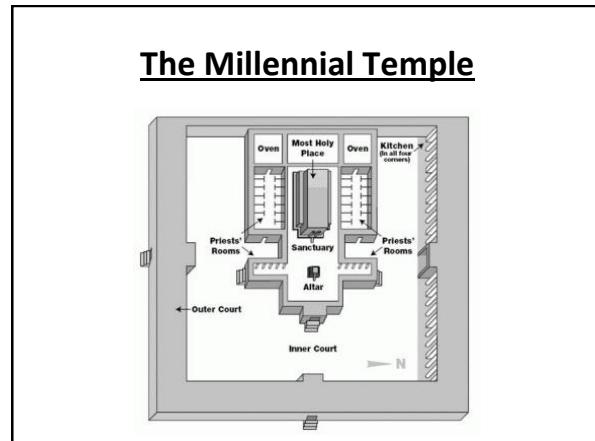
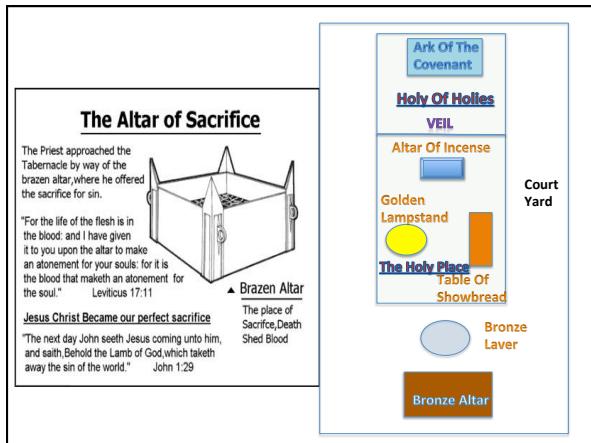
- There is during the Millennium a different office instituted known as the prince.
- This prince is not Jesus because, “....the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.” -**Ezekiel 45:22**
- The prince is not a resurrected or raptured person since both are in there sinless glorified bodies.
- The prince has children: “**Thus says the Lord GOD**: ‘If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to **any of his sons**, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.’” -**Ezekiel 46:16**
- The prince functions as an intermediate between the priests and the people.
- The identity of this leader is presently unknown but he will apparently function as an administrative agent in charge of particular affairs during the Millennial period.
- (See Ezekiel 45:13-22; 46:2, 10, 18; 48:21-22)

The Sacrificial System

- During the Millennial Kingdom a sacrificial system of worship will be instituted.
- The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated along with the Passover, the Sabbath, and the Feast of unleavened Bread.
- The offering system is also recognized: “Then it shall be the prince’s part to give **burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths**, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the **sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel**.” -**Ezekiel 45:17**

- Although there are similarities in the Millennial sacrificial system to that of the Mosaic Law there are marked differences.
- It is for this reason the Millennial system of sacrificial worship is **not the reinstitution** of the Mosaic Law but a **new system of sacrifices**.
- The Mosaic system of sacrifices and offerings ended permanently with the death of Jesus.
- “For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.” -**Hebrews 7:27-28**

Mosaic Sacrifices	Millennial Sacrifices	Mosaic Sacrifices	Millennial Sacrifices
The Mosaic Law required that the alter be anointed. (Exodus 29:1-37)	During the Millennium there is no anointing of the alter. (Ezekiel 43:18-27)	The Mosaic Law required a ram for the consecration of the priesthood. (Exodus 29:20-29)	During the Millennium there is no ram for consecration of the priests only for the altar.
The Mosaic Law required an offering of a bullock for a sin offering for seven days. (Exodus 29:30-37)	During the Millennium a bullock is offered on the first day only. (Ezekiel 43:18-21)	The Mosaic Law required that only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies.	During the Millennium all of the priests of the sons of Zadok will be able to enter in. (Ezekiel 44:15-16)
The Mosaic Law did not require a goat offering	During the Millennium goats are offered for the last six days. (Ezekiel 43:22-25)	The Mosaic Laws of marriage in Ezekiel 44:22, were applicable to the High Priest only.	During the Millennium all of the priests are held to the marriage standard.
The Mosaic Law required blood applied on the horns of the altar only. (Exodus 29:12)	During the Millennium the blood is to be applied on the horns, the corners, and upon lower rim around the altar (Ezekiel 43:20)	Under the Mosaic Law the first of Nisan was not a holy day.	During the Millennium the first of Nisan is a holy day. (Ezekiel 45:18)
The Mosaic Law required the offering of a ram every day for a burnt offering. (Exodus 29:15-37)	During the Millennium both a ram and a bullock will be offered everyday for a burnt offering. (Ezekiel 43:23-24)	The Mosaic Law required the Passover to be family centered celebration.	During the Millennium the prince will perform the Passover celebration on behalf of the nation. (Ezekiel 45:21-24)
The Mosaic period had the Ark of the Covenant.	During the Millennial period the Ark of the Covenant is not in the Temple. (Jeremiah 3:16)		



Millennial Sacrifices

- The fact that there is a sacrificial system during the Millennial period may be troubling to the study of Scripture.
- In fact people use this as an argument against the premillennial position and a literal future Temple with bloody sacrifices.
- It is troubling when: "One of the most distinctive themes in the theology of [the book of] Hebrews is the change from old to new in God's dealings with humankind. In Jesus Christ a decisive shift in salvation-history has occurred according to God's plan. What was provisional and ineffective has been superseded by the final a full salvation in the Son of God, a change anticipated in the Old Testament itself." (Fanning)

- We are told in by Paul in Colossians: "Let no one therefore judge you in eating, or in drinking, or with respect to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath day, which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's." - **Colossians 2:16-17**
- Paul also calls the legal restrictions of the Mosaic Law a "shadow of things to come".
- The Hebrew writer says: "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come" -**Hebrews 10:1**
- The old covenant could never bring people to a state of perfection or completeness since they had to continue to renew their standing by repeating the sacrifice.

- The Hebrew writer says: "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." -**Hebrews 10:10**
- It is important to note the importance that the "once and for all" statement is to the book of Hebrews.
- His argument is based on this truth that Jesus died "once and for all" as opposed to the sacrifices that must be repeated yearly.
- We have been "once purified" (Hebrews 10:2)
- He offered "one sacrifice for sins forever" (Hebrews 10:12)
- In one offering He has "perfected forever" those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14)

Salvation History

- In the Garden after the Fall God sacrificed a lamb for Adam and Eve individually.
- The Lord God made coats of skins for Adam and for his wife, and clothed them."-**Genesis 3:21**
- God acting as their Priest made the first blood sacrifice to Himself by the killing of an animal to cover the sin of man.
- During the period of the Exodus God instructed the people to sacrifice a lamb for each family household.
- "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household."-**Exodus 12:3**

- Priests were instituted to make a sacrifice for the nation.
- “This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel once a year because of all their sins. -Leviticus 16:34
- When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming he said: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!- John 1:29
- Salvation has always been and will always be through Jesus by faith, plus nothing.
- “who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”-2 Timothy 1:9-10

Grace

- Grace is how God relates to man today through faith.
- When sin abounded grace abounded more (Romans 5:20)
- If you have 20 pounds of sin it is trumped by 21 pounds of grace.
- God's grace always wins against sin if man will receive it.
- “For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”-John 1:17

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”-Ephesians 1:3-10
- The word for “dispensation” is “*oikonomia*” and means “household management or administration”.

Purpose Of The Sacrificial System

- **Before** Jesus came into the world at the perfect time to die once and for all for the sins of man a sacrificial system was needed.
- The Old sacrificial system was a temporary solution for the problem of sin.
- “But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”-Galatians 3:23-25

- The Law and all of its requirements were instituted beforehand as a teaching tool to lead us to Jesus.
- Now that Jesus has died for our sins and is sitting at the right hand of God interceding on our behalf we presently celebrate the Lord's supper in remembrance of His work on the cross.
- "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." **For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.**"-1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- In the Millennium there will be animal sacrifices and offerings but they will **look back** to Christ's sacrifice even as the sacrifices of the Old Covenant **looked forward to His sacrifice**. They will be like the Lord's Supper is for believer's today a remembrance of His atoning work.
- The Lord's Supper will cease to be observed when the Lord comes for His church at the Rapture.
- The Old covenant **will not be brought back** because Jesus fulfilled the Old covenant at His first coming.
- The sacrificial system during the Millennial Kingdom will serve two purposes:
 1. A teaching tool to lead unbelievers to Jesus similar to what the Old Covenant accomplished.
 2. A service for the removal of uncleanness and prevent defilement from polluting the Temple by sinful and unclean people dwelling upon the earth at that time.

Uncleanliness

- Since "atonement" is the main purpose of sacrifice it is necessary to understand its meaning.
- The meaning of "atonement" is literally to "to cover or to cleanse".
- What the sacrifices accomplished throughout Scripture is the removal of the impurity which results in restoration with God.
- Uncleanliness was associated in Scripture most of the time in regards to animals, childbirth, skin diseases, sexual misdeeds, menstruation, and corpses. (see Leviticus chapters 11-21).
- Uncleanliness viewed from this perspective has nothing to do with a morals but are still unclean before a Holy and Pure God and need cleansing through a sacrifice or offering to protect mortal corrupt people during the Millennium.
- "The impurities that were communicable and thus endangered the community were not always due to sin, but simply to the human condition, and they therefore required a blood sacrifice."- Hullinger

- The tribulation period will produce a lot of dead animals, people, and skin diseases.
- "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD. They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog."-Ezekiel 39:11-16

- “And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.....Such also shall be the plague on the horse and the mule, on the camel and the donkey, and on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be.”-**Zechariah 14:12,15**

- A person in their glorified bodies are through with sin therefore they can be in the presence of Jesus.
- “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; **and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is.”-**I John 3:1-2**
- During the Millennium there will still be people in their sinful condition and sin and uncleanness cannot be in the presence of a holy God.

Jesus Is The Physical Glory Of The Lord

- The second Person of the Holy Trinity is the Physical presence that dwells with man.
- “**No one has seen God at any time.** If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because **He has given us of His Spirit.** And we have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son** as Savior of the world.”-**1 John 4:12-14**
- “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”-**John 1:18**

- “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”-**John 1:14**
- “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with **the glory which I had with You before the world was.**”-**John 17:5**
- Jesus will descend into the Temple in His glorified body and all of Jerusalem will become God’s throne (Jeremiah 3:16-17) and will be called “Holy to the Lord” (Zechariah 14:20-21)
- When Jesus was transfigured, “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”-**Matthew 17:2**

Jerusalem Is Holy

- “Again the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying, **Thus says the LORD** of hosts: ‘I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; with great fervor I am zealous for her.’ **Thus says the LORD**: ‘I will return to Zion, And dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. **Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain.** **Thus says the LORD** of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age. **The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets.**’”-Zechariah 8:1-5
- The Millennial Temple and Millennial Jerusalem will become the center of both Jewish and Gentile attention and worship enjoying the presence of the Lord. Yet it is not eternity as we are told that old people will be supporting themselves with canes and boys and girls will be frolicking about in the streets of Jerusalem.

Water Flows From The Temple Mount

- Today, the Temple mount and the area around Jerusalem is 2,582 feet above sea level while the Dead Sea is 1407 feet below sea level.
- After the great earthquake in Revelation 16:18-20, it appears the elevation of Jerusalem will be even higher since the mountains around it had been leveled.
- “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.”-Isaiah 2:2
- “All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. **Jerusalem shall be raised up** and inhabited in her place from Benjamin’s Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s winepresses.”-Zechariah 14:10

- Out from the Temple flows a river of water that blesses and purifies the Dead Sea and The Mediterranean Sea.
- “And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the house of the LORD and water the Valley of Acacias.”-Joel 3:18
- “And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.”-Zechariah 14:8
- The river is surrounded by groves of trees that, “will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”-Ezekiel 47:12

Revelation 20:4-6

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

John Witnessed Thrones

- John sees thrones that are for the purpose of exercising judgment upon the nations during the Millennium.
- These are the fulfillment of Jesus' words to the church of Thyatira: "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'— as I also have received from My Father"—**Revelation 2:26-27**

- Also the church of Laodicea: "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." -**Revelation 3:21**
- Three distinct groups will sit on these thrones; Old Testament saints, New Testament saints, and Tribulation saints will rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium. They will sit on the thrones mentioned in this verse and rule over a repopulated earth.
- The Old Testament saints are those who walked with the Lord before His appearing into the world, His death and His resurrection.

- "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt." -**Daniel 12:2**
- "Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." -**Isaiah 26:19**

- Jesus promised His disciples that they would judge the twelve tribes of Israel
- “I confer on you a kingdom, even as my Father conferred on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. **You will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**”-Luke 22:29-30
- The New Testament saints are those who believed in Jesus throughout history who either died or were raptured.
- The Tribulation saints are those who died during the tribulation and refused to receive the mark and worship the beast.

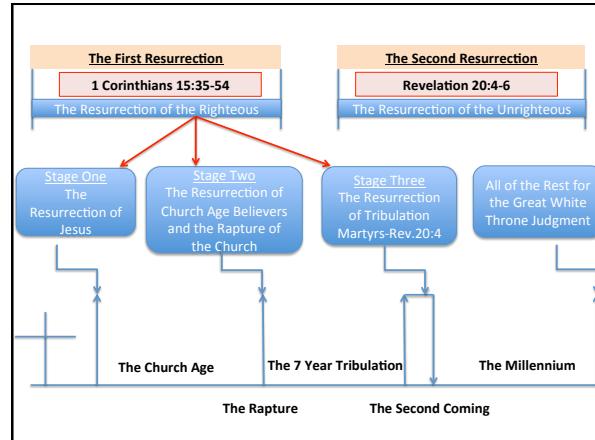
- “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; **that where I am, there you may be also.**”-John 14:3
- “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”-1 Corinthians 15:51-53

- “But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”-1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Martyrs Of The Great Tribulation

- A Great Multitude Of People will come to know Jesus through the message of the 144,000 and the messages given by the angels and they will place their trust in Jesus during the Great Tribulation.
- Those that endure to the end will be saved and those who are martyred for Jesus' sake will save their souls for eternity.
- The works of those who believe in Jesus will follow with them because their reward is based on what they did during the Great Tribulation.
- These Martyrs are blessed in death because they will take part in the first resurrection of the Lord

Births, Deaths, and Resurrections			
Event	Unbeliever	Believer	Description
Born again	No	Yes	The first birth is physical. A person is "born again" through faith in Jesus.
First Death	Yes	Yes	The first death is of the body
First Resurrection	No	Yes	The first resurrection occurs prior to the seven year tribulation and is only for the believer
Second Resurrection	Yes	No	The second resurrection occurs at the end of the Millennial reign of Jesus. All those who did not believe in Jesus will be resurrected to face the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:14-15)
Second Death	Yes	No	This is for the unbeliever to be cast in the lake of fire for eternity. It occurs after the Millennial Kingdom



Order	Phase	When	Who	Account	Scriptures
1	First	Third Day	Jesus	The resurrection of Jesus.	Mat. 28:1-7;Mk. 16:1-11; Lk. 24:1-12; Jn. 20:1-18; Cor. 15:20
2	First	During the resurrection of Jesus	O.T Saints	An earthquake caused the graves to open.	Matt. 27:50-53
3	First	Before the 7 Year Tribulation	The Church	The resurrection of Church age believers and the rapture of the Church.	1Th. 4:13-18; 1Cor. 15:50-53
4	First	Middle of the Tribulation	Two Witnesses	The two witnesses will be raised from the dead after being killed by the beast.	Rev. 11:11-12
5	First	At the start of the Millennial kingdom	Tribulation Martyrs	Those who didn't receive the mark and didn't worship the beast.	Rev. 20:4-6
6	First	At the end of the Millennium	Those who believed in Jesus.	There will be those who die during the 1000 year period who will need to be resurrected at the end.	Rev. 20:15
7	Second	At the end of the Millennial kingdom	All the unbelieving dead	At the Great White throne Judgment all unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire forever.	Rev. 20:11-15

Revelation 20:7-10

"Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city."

And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Satan Is Released

- At the end of the thousand year kingdom period Satan will be released from his prison in the abyss.
- It appears that it is just Satan who is released for we are not told if he is accompanied by his fallen angels.
- **The reason Satan is released is to deceive the unbelieving nations into rebelling against God.**
- Many people who are alive during the Millennium will be faithless regardless of how much peace and blessing they have received and **will continue to walk in the name of their own god.**-Micah 4:5

Gog And Magog

- This is not the same scenario as described in Ezekiel 38-39, which takes place during the tribulation period.
- In Ezekiel 38-39, Gog is the leader of a coalition of nations that come against Israel in the last days.
- Gog and the Antichrist are one and the same individual. (See **Revelation 13 notes on the comparison in Scripture of Gog and of the Antichrist**).
- According to Ezekiel 38:17, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you **he** [Gog] of whom I have spoken in former days by **My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years** in those days that I would bring you against them?"

- The prophecy of Ezekiel concerning Gog and Magog cannot be identified with the prophecy in Rev. 20:7-10, for three reasons:
 1. The first invasion takes place before the Kingdom is established on earth; the latter invasion after this Kingdom.
 2. In Ezekiel, the invasion comes **only** from the north, but in Revelation it comes from the '**four quarters of the earth**'.
 3. The rebellion of Gog and Magog and their destruction in Rev. 20:7-10, is followed by the new heaven and earth (Rev. 20:11-15); but in Ezekiel it is followed by the Millennial Kingdom on earth.
- "First, the Ezekiel invasion comes from the north; the Revelation invasion comes from all over the world; Second, this view also fails to answer the problem of the seven months and seven years. This earth is done away with soon after the invasion mentioned in Revelation, not allowing any time (or place!) for seven months of burial or seven years of burning." -Fruchtenbaum

They Surrounded The City

- These rebellious nations are deceived into believing that they can defeat Jesus, Who is reigning from Jerusalem, and the Israelite nation.
- The Lord promised Israel that once they were established in their land that: **"I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the LORD your God."** -Amos 9:15
- The result of this last time invasion against Israel is death from fire that, **"...came down from God out of heaven and devoured them".**

Satan Is Finally Judged

- "Today, no one is in the Lake of Fire (hell). The Lake of Fire becomes populated as follows:
 1. The Beast and the False Prophet are cast alive into the Lake of Fire at the Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 19:20).
 2. After the Second Coming, immediately prior to the Millennial Kingdom, the non-believing goats among the nations are sent "into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Mat. 25:41).
 3. The devil is cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennial Kingdom (Rev. 20:10). His angels, having been imprisoned in the scorched regions of Babylon and Edom during the Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 18:2), are probably also cast into the Lake of Fire at this time (Mat. 25:41).
 4. After the Millennial Kingdom and the Great White Throne Judgment, the unsaved dead, who are not written in the *Book of Life*, are cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:15). These awake from the dust of the earth to everlasting contempt (Dan. 12:2)." -Garland

Revelation 20:11-15

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

The Great White Throne

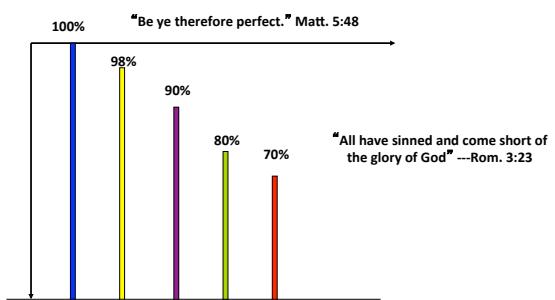
- This scene is similar to what Daniel saw: "I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; **ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.** **The court was seated, and the books were opened.**"-Daniel 7:9-10

- "For the Father judges no one, but has committed **all judgment to the Son...**"-John 5:22
- The One sitting on the Great white throne is Jesus in all His glory passing judgment upon the people whose names are not found in the Book of Life.
- Daniels's vision of Jesus is similar to John's vision in **Revelation 1:12-18.**
- John on the mount of transfiguration saw the face of Jesus, become like the Sun and his clothes became as white as light. (**Matthew 17:2**) Here, in Revelation 20, John sees the throne from the perspective of those gathered before it, there are no intimate details recorded, just white holiness of God's presence. No singing, rejoicing, or praise just the righteous judgment of God.

The Books Are Opened

- There is more than one book opened at the final and last judgment.
- "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—**the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**"-John 12:48
- The Bible will definitely be one of the books that is opened since it contains throughout history the Word spoken to man.
- "For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist, says the LORD. But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and **who trembles at My word.**"-Isaiah 66:2
- The Book of Life will be the other along with the book of things people have done.
- A person's name is in the Book of Life based on faith in Jesus. If a person tries to stand before God based on their works which they have done they will be judged accordingly.

The Divine Measure



Two World Views

- "Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:4
- In opposition to a life of faith is a puffed-up world view that is filled with pride and self assurance.
- The other is a life of dependence upon God. A sense of certainty in spite of appearances and circumstances we can trust in God to do what He has promised because He cannot lie.

It Is All About Faith

- Faith is not a work. It is a gift and the means by which man is saved. (Rom. 12:3)
- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; It is the gift of God" -Ephesians 2:8
- "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." -Romans 10:17
- "Yet, looking to the promise of God, he [Abraham] didn't waver through unbelief, but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was also able to perform." Romans 4:20-21

Abraham Believed God

- "... just as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." - Gal 3:6
- This must be the experience of all believers to "believe God" and not man and his traditions.
- Jesus said, [the Jewish leaders were] "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition...". (Mark 7:8,9,13)
- The question is not "what you believe? But "whom do you believe?"
- Do we believe God?

Our Righteousness

- "The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." -Isaiah 32:17
- "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." -Isaiah 61:10
- "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." -2 Corinthians 5:21
- When Jesus died on the cross He bore all of our sins past, present, and future that we through faith would forever be clothed in righteousness.

The Book Of Life

- Many people believe that as you believe in Jesus then your name is written into the Book of Life. However the Book of Life we are told has been written from the beginning of time.
- "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, **whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world**, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."- Rev 17:8

Names Blotted From The Book

- Jesus makes it clear that those who believe in Him will not have their name erased from the "Book of Life"-**Revelation 3:5**
- Everybody's name is written into the "Book of Life" when they are born and are erased when they refuse to believe in Jesus.
- This is an Old Testament concept found in **Exodus 32:32-33**, where Moses is interceding on behalf of Israel who has sinned against God at Mount Sinai.

- "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin — but if not, I pray, **blot me out of Your book** which You have written." And the LORD said to Moses, "**Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book** ."-Ex 32:32-33
- God at the end will judge those names not found written in the Book of Life at the Great White Throne judgment.
- "And anyone **not found** written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."- Rev 20:15

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."-John 3:18

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."-John 3:36