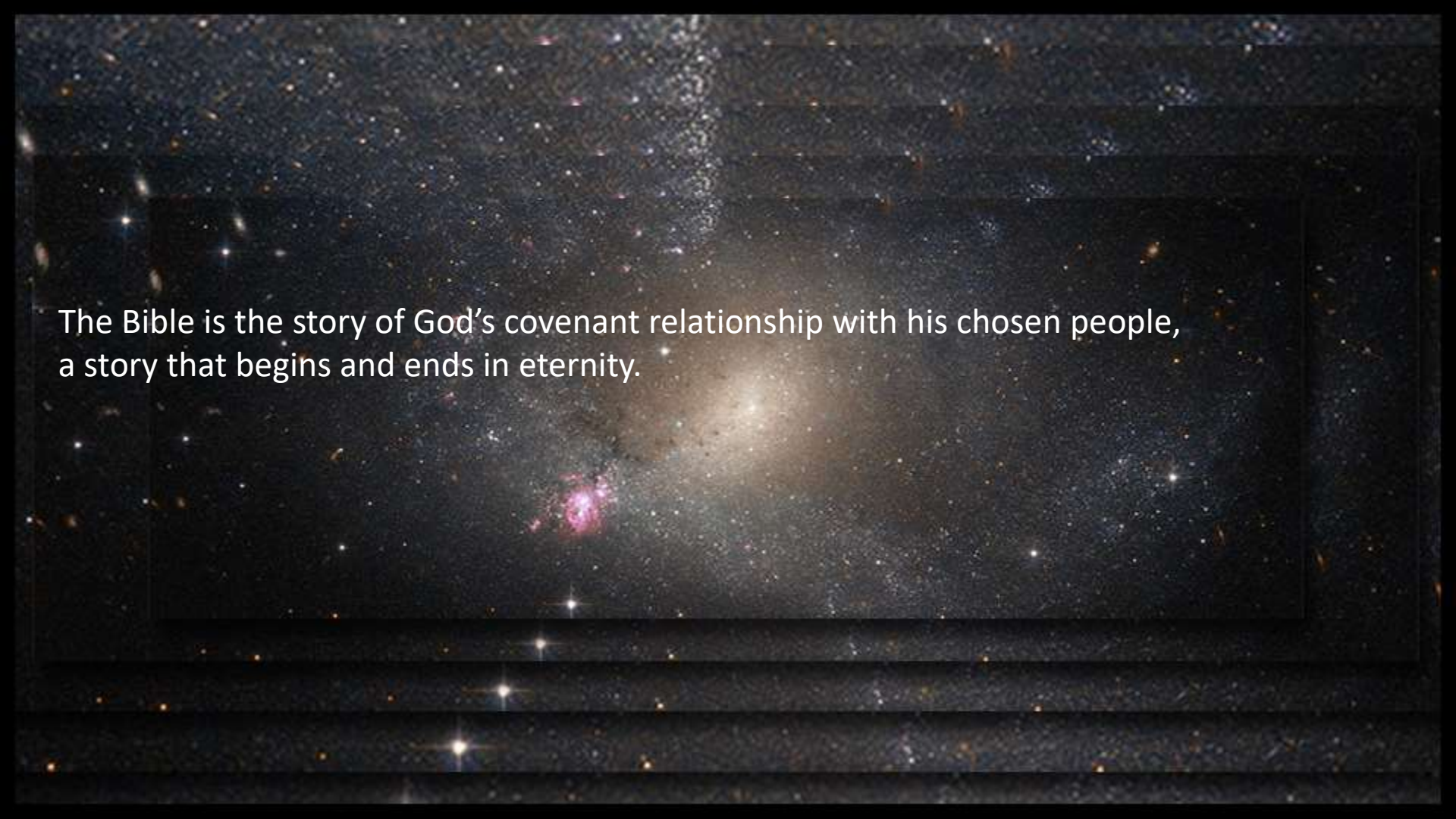


The Week of Millenniums



Lesson 10

“A Time To Every Purpose”

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The Bible is the story of God's covenant relationship with his chosen people,
a story that begins and ends in eternity.

God made three unconditional covenants with the people of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

To Abraham, God promised an everlasting seed in an everlasting land.

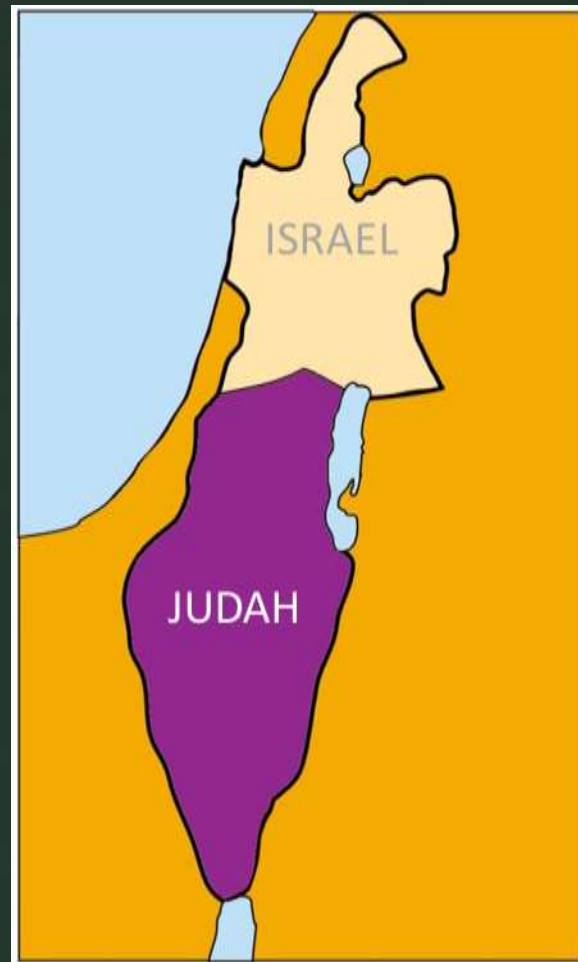
To David, God promised an everlasting king and kingdom.

To Jeremiah, God promised to give his people a holiness written in their hearts and not on tablets of stone.

There were times in Israel's history when it seemed impossible that these covenants would ever be fulfilled.



Remember that when the kingdom was divided, the royal House of David continued in the southern kingdom of Judah.



Twenty monarchs ruled in the Kingdom of Judah:

1. Rehoboam (933 to 915 BC)
2. Abijam (915 to 913 BC)
3. Asa (913 to 872 BC)
4. Jehoshaphat (874 to 850 BC)
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The prophet Jeremiah ministered in Judah during the reigns of the last five kings:

Jeremiah 1:1-3

¹ The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

² To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of **Josiah** the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

³ It came also in the days of **Jehoiakim** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of **Zedekiah** the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

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Josiah

King Josiah was a godly man who led Judah to spiritual revival. Tragically, he died in a battle with Necho, king of Egypt – a battle he was told to avoid. That story is told in 2 Chronicles 35:



2 Chronicles 35:20b-24

²⁰ ... Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

²¹ But [Necho] sent ambassadors to him, saying,
What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not.

²² Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

²³ And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.

²⁴ His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had;

and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers.

And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.



Josiah



Jehoahaz

Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, sat in the throne for a few months, but the king of Egypt dethroned him.

2 Chronicles 36:1-3

- ¹ Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem.
- ² Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.
- ³ And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.



Josiah



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim

Necho arrested Jehoahaz, and put his brother Jehoiakim in his place.

2 Chronicles 36:4

⁴ And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim.

And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.



Josiah



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim

King Jehoiakim was captured when Babylon overthrew Judah. He was replaced by his son, Jehoiachin.

2 Chronicles 36:5-7, 8b

- ⁵ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.
- ⁶ Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon.
- ⁷ Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.
- ^{8b} ... and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.



Josiah



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim



Jehoiachin

2 Chronicles 36:9

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Was he 8 or 18? **The King James Study Bibles** attributes this to a scribe's mistake. Likewise, **The New International Version** changes the eight to eighteen. **The Companion Bible** suggests that Jehoiachin ruled for 10 years as a coregent (from age 8 to 18), and then for three months by himself.



Josiah



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim



Jehoiachin



Zedekiah

Jehoiachin was replaced by his brother, Zedekiah.

2 Chronicles 36:10

¹⁰ And when the year was expired,
king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon,
with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD,
and made **Zedekiah** his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.



Josiah



Jehoahaz



Jehoiakim



Jehoiachin



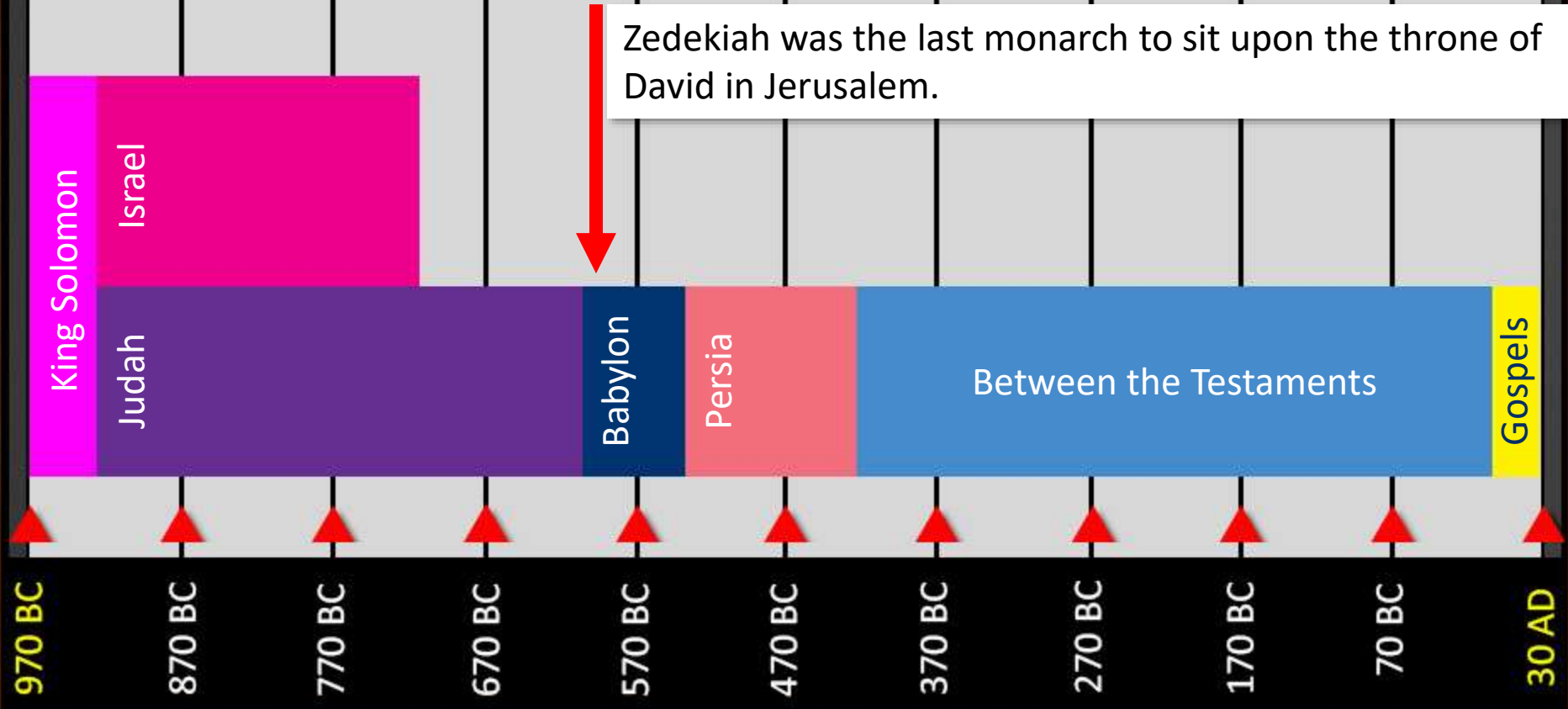
Zedekiah

2 Chronicles 36:11-13

- ¹¹ Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
- ¹² And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.
- ¹³ And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

The FOURTH Millennial Day and the FALL of Israel

Zedekiah was the last monarch to sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem.



Ezekiel declared this mysterious prophecy concerning the final days of the last king of Judah:

Ezekiel 12:10 and 13

- ¹⁰ ...Thus saith the Lord GOD;
This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.
- ¹³ My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.



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Jeremiah 52:10-11

¹⁰ And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

¹¹ **Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah;** and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.





Josiah



Jehoahaz



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Zedekiah

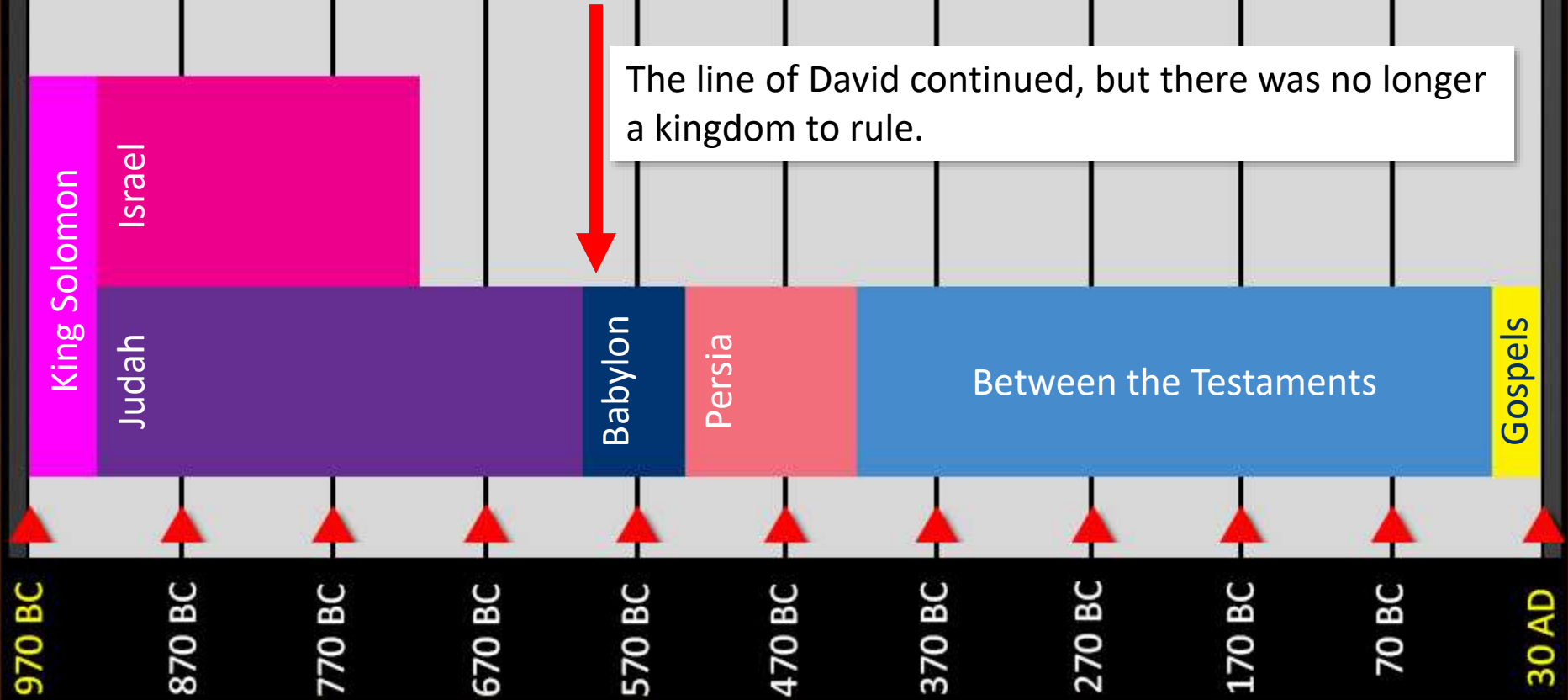
The royal line of David was carried on through Salathiel, the son of Jechonias [Jehoiachin] who was born in Babylon. Salathiel's son Zorobabel ("sown in Babylon") lead the first group of returning exiles from Babylon.

Matthew 1:12

¹² And after they were brought to Babylon,
Jechonias begat Salathiel;
and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

The FOURTH Millennial Day and the FALL of Israel

The line of David continued, but there was no longer a kingdom to rule.



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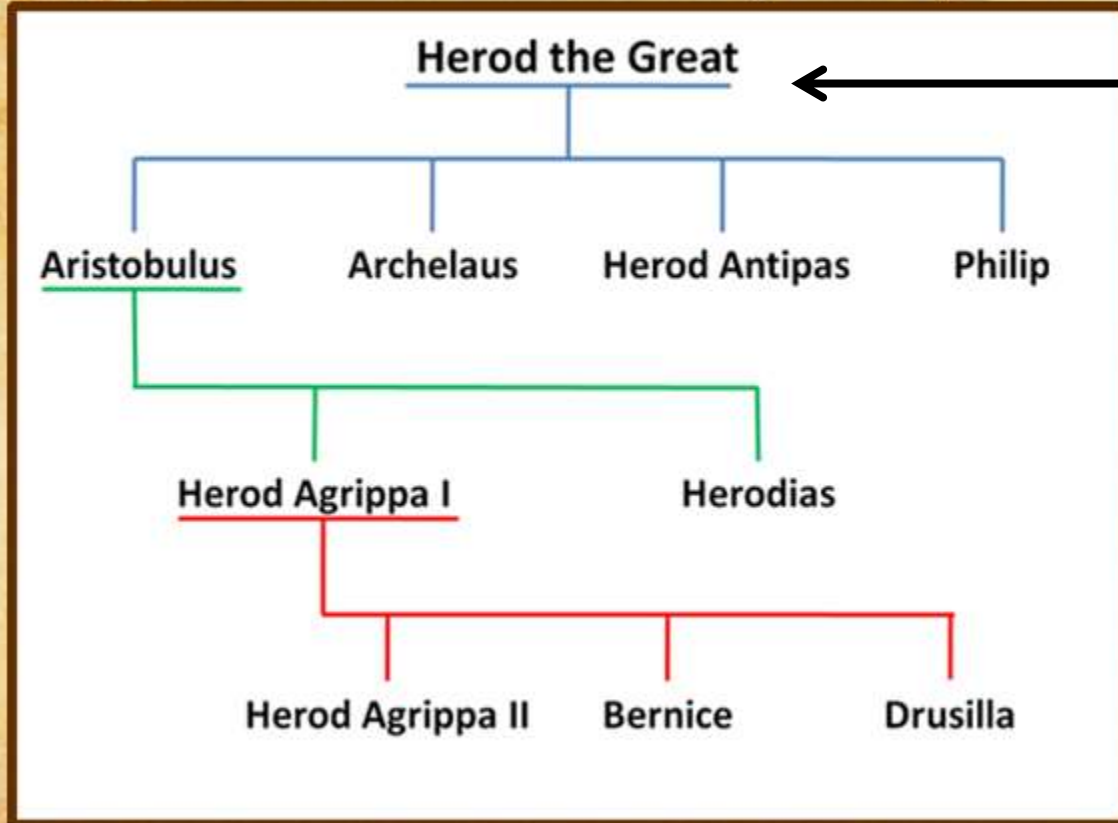
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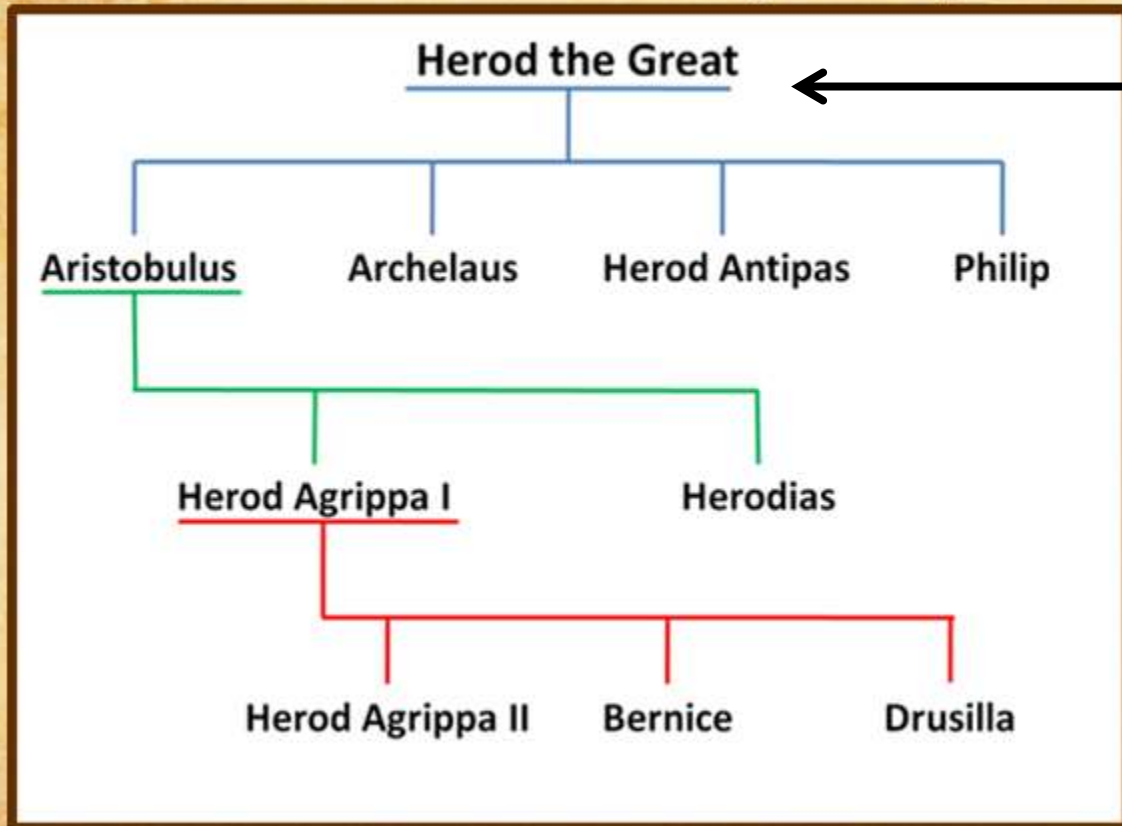
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The Herodian Dynasty



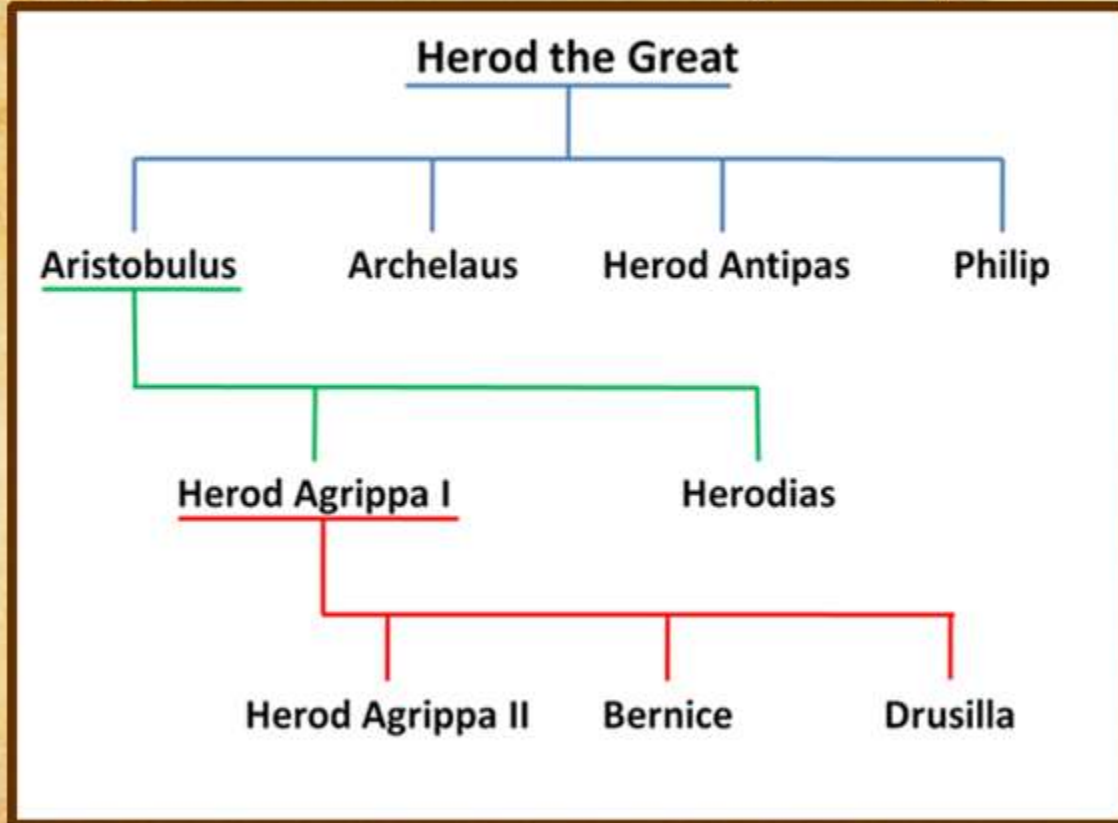
Herod the Great was the appointed king of the Roman province of Judea where Jesus was born. He was not of the House of David.

The Herodian Dynasty



This may explain why he was so frightened by the news of the birth of a true King of the Jews.

The Herodian Dynasty



The Herodian dynasty lasted from 40 BC to AD 92, from Herod the Great to his great-grandson, Agrippa II.



The Jews rebelled against Rome in 66 AD, leading to what is called The Great Jewish Revolt, or The Jewish War.





In AD 70, the Roman emperor Titus plundered Jerusalem and ordered the dispersal of the city's Jews and Christians.





In AD 132, the Roman emperor Hadrian combined Judaea with Galilee to form a new province he called "Syria Palaestina."

Jerusalem was renamed "Aelia Capitolina."

The land called Israel was no longer on the map.



But what about the covenant promises God had made to Abraham and David – the unconditional promises of a people, a land, and a kingdom?

How could these be fulfilled when the nation of Israel no longer existed?

In the study of the Week of Millenniums,
this well-known passage has special
meaning:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

- ¹ To every *thing there is* a season,
and a time to every purpose under
the heaven:
- ² A time to be born,
and a time to die;
a time to plant,
and a time to pluck up
that which is planted;





Days One and Two are the Prehistory of Israel.
They teach us of the world into which Abraham was born – a world lost in sin.

There is a time to be born,



and Day Three witnessed the BIRTH of the nation of Israel,
and its growth from one childless old man to a rich and powerful kingdom.

And there is a time to die,



and Day Four witnessed the DEATH of the nation of Israel
from the dividing of the kingdom to her overthrow,
capped by her rejection of her Messiah.

There is a time to plant,



and for almost 2,000 years, the kingdom of Israel has been planted, BURIED,
and the covenants God made with his people left unfulfilled.

But there is a time to pluck up that which is planted,



And on the seventh day of the Week of Millenniums,
the world will see Israel rise up out of her grave!

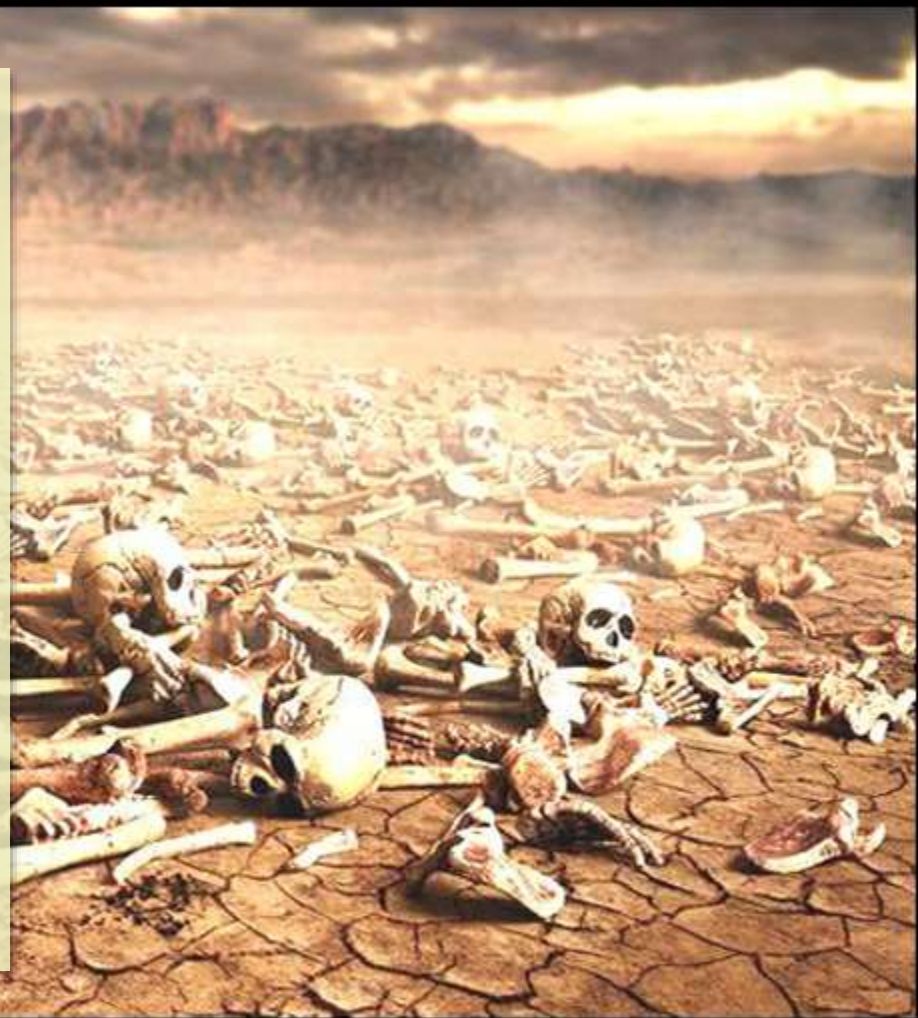
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This is what Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is talking about!

Ezekiel 37:1-14

- ¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones,
- ² And caused me to pass by them round about:
and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley;
and, lo, *they were* very dry.
- ³ And he said unto me,
Son of man, can these bones live?
And I answered,
O Lord GOD, thou knowest.



- 4 Again he said unto me,
Prophecy upon these bones, and say
unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the
word of the LORD.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these
bones; Behold, I will cause breath to
enter into you, and ye shall live:
- 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and
will bring up flesh upon you, and
cover you with skin, and put breath in
you, and ye shall live; and ye shall
know that I *am* the LORD.





- ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded:
and as I prophesied,
there was a noise, and behold a shaking,
and the bones came together,
bone to his bone.
- ⁸ And when I beheld,
lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon
them, and the skin covered them above:
but *there was* no breath in them.



- ⁹ Then said he unto me,
Prophecy unto the wind,
prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind,
Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Come from the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these slain,
that they may live.
- ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me,
and the breath came into them,
and they lived, and stood up upon their
feet, an exceeding great army.



- 11 Then he said unto me,
Son of man,
these bones are the whole house of Israel:
behold, they say,
Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost:
we are cut off for our parts.
- 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, O my people,
I will open your graves,
and cause you to come out of your graves,
and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD,
when I have opened your graves,
O my people,
and brought you up out of your graves,
14 And shall put my spirit in you,
and ye shall live,
and I shall place you in your own land:
then shall ye know that I the LORD
have spoken *it*, and performed *it*,
saith the LORD.





By the grace and power of Almighty God,
Israel will rise up out of her grave and live again!



The *State* of Israel was established on May 14, 1948.

The *Kingdom* of Israel – and the throne of David – will not be restored until Christ returns with his army to conquer Zion once and for all.

It is then that all of God's covenant promises to Israel will be fulfilled.

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As the seventh millennial day begins, Jesus will take his rightful place as the Son of David and be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.

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This is the day Psalm 118:19 has been anticipating for almost 3,000 years!
“This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

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This is when that age-old prayer will be answered,
“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

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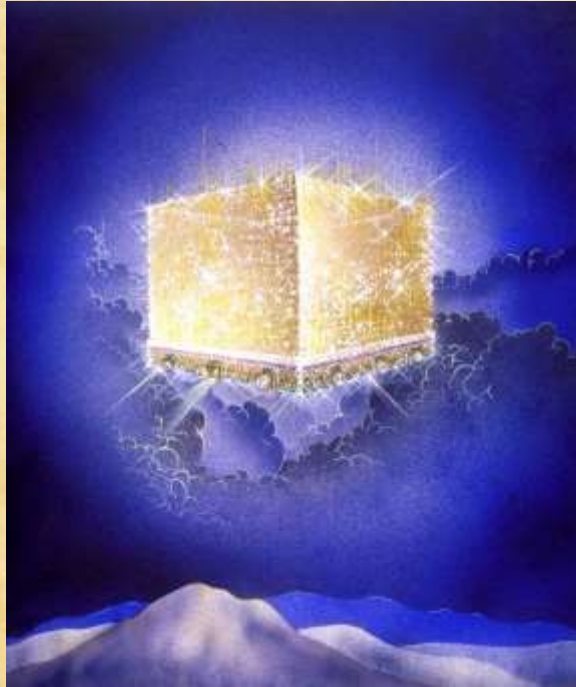


For 1,000 years, Jesus will rule on earth. Satan will be held into captivity, and the earth will be restored to a beauty it has not seen since Eden.

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But even this is not the end of the story!
Everything that God planned and did was for the sake of promises
that can only be fulfilled on a new heaven and earth.



Revelation 21:1-4

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed
away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming
down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will
dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and
God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

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From birth, death, and burial to resurrection and life everlasting
– with the unexpected inclusion of a people who were strangers to God’s covenants –
this is the story of the Word of God.

The Week of Millenniums



We are now in the final hours of what the Bible calls “the latter days.”
Only God knows how much time remains. How will YOU finish your race?



2 Peter 3:8-14

- ⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**
- ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;
in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,
and the elements shall melt with fervent heat,
the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.



- ¹¹ *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,
- ¹² Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?



¹³ Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

¹⁴ Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

The Week of Millenniums



Six days of labor, followed by a day of rest. Surely our Sabbath draws near.



With whatever time remains,
let us be diligent to be found in him.

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Christ the Firstfruits

they that are Christ's at his coming

In the Clouds

To the Earth

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Many of the events that will occur in the 7th day of the Week of Millenniums are examined in other studies that are free to download from the www.wtwh.org website.

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The class on The Book of Revelation examines what the Bible says about the Millennial Earth and New Jerusalem to come.

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The resurrection of the dead and the righteous judgments of God are examined in the class, *The Principles of the Doctrine of Christ*.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson

1. In the Week of Millenniums, which two “days” tell of the world before Abraham?
2. Which “day” tells of the birth of the nation of Israel?
3. Which “day” tells of the death of the nation of Israel?
4. During which two days is Israel “buried”?
5. On which day will the nation of Israel be “plucked up”?
6. Who was the last king in the line of David to sit on the throne?
7. Who will be the next king to sit on David’s throne?
8. Write a one-page essay on how this course has been helpful to you.



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