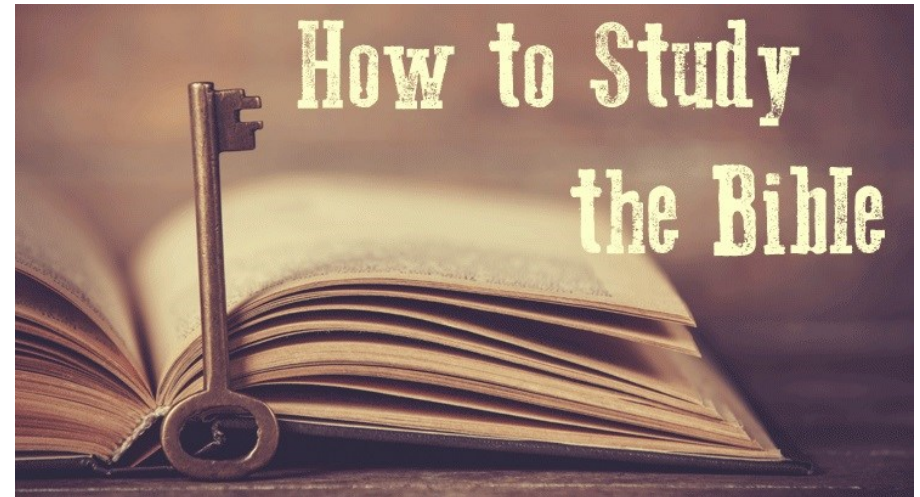




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Forward

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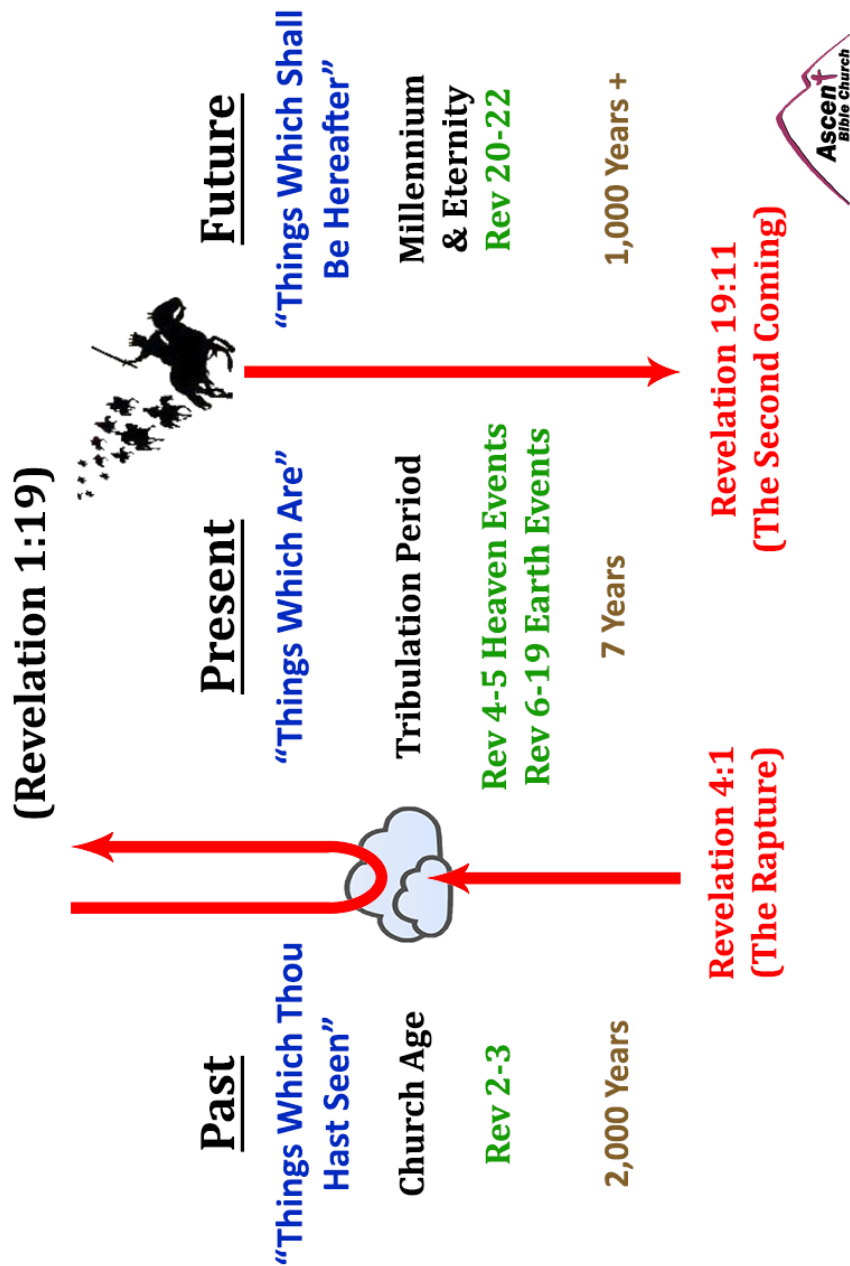
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Summary of the Bible

Bible	Old Testament	New Testament
66 Books 1,189 Chapters 31,102 Verses 783,137 Words (12,143) Different Words 3,566,480 Letters Middle Book: Micah (Means: Who is like Jehovah) Middle Chapter: Psalms 117 Middle Verse: Psalms 118:8	39 Books 929 Chapters 23,145 Verses 602,585 Words 2,728,100 Letters Middle Book: Proverbs Middle Chapter: Job 29 Middle Verse: 2 Chronicles 20:17-18	27 Books 260 Chapters 7,957 Verses 180,552 Words 838,380 Letters Middle Book: 2 Thessalonians Middle Chapter: Rom 13 Middle Verse: Acts 17:17
Written by over 40 human authors, performing 20 different occupations, living in 10 different countries, spanning 6,000 miles, written in 3 languages, over a period of 1,600 years, recording 2,930 different characters, in 1,551 geographical sites. Longest Verse: Esther 8:9 Shortest Verse: John 11:35		

A New Testament Perspective of the “End Times”



The 15 Principles of Bible Study

Establishing a Biblical Foundation

- 1 - The Principle of **Context**: Always establish the context of a book, chapter, or verse
- 2 - The Principle of **Peoples**: The Bible is written to three distinct groups of people (the Jews; the Gentiles; and the Church)
- 3 - The Principle of **Time**: The truth about Dispensational Truth
- 4 - The Principle of the **Three Basic Applications of Scripture**: Historical, Doctrinal, and Inspirational

Establishing Biblical Patterns

- 5 - The Principle of **Measured Words**: The Individual Words and Phrases of the Bible are the key to understanding its truth
- 6 - The Principle of **“First” and “Full” Mention**: The law of first mention
- 7 - The Principle of **Spiritual Discernment**: Comparing Scripture with Scripture
- 8 - The Principle of **Numbers**: God’s Numbering System

Establishing Biblical Doctrines

- 9 - The Principle of the **Illustrative Teaching of Creation**: God uses His physical creation to teach and manifest spiritual truth
- 10 - The Principle of **Teaching by Similitude**
- 11 - The Principle of **Teaching by Word Pictures**
- 12 - The Principle of **Teaching by Types**

Establishing Biblical Attitudes

- 13 - The Principle of **Spiritual Maturity in Biblical Understanding**
- 14 - The Principle of a **Submissive Attitude**
- 15 - The Principle of **God’s Infinite Wisdom**

Key Words & Phrases

Jesus Christ:

1. Word- the Word incarnate
2. Jesus Christ - earth to heaven
3. Christ Jesus - heaven to earth
4. Son of Man- earthly emphasis-Messiah
5. Son of God- spiritual emphasis
6. Light- Word of God
7. Bread- Word of God
8. Gold- deity
9. Silver- redemption
10. Bridegroom
11. Right hand
12. Lion- king of Israel
13. Image- of God
14. Passover

Word of God:

1. Sword
2. Truth
3. Light
4. Hammer
5. Rain- blessings

Holy Spirit:

1. Dove
2. Oil
3. Holy Spirit - third person of Trinity
4. Holy Ghost - indwelling work

Man:

1. Clay- flesh
2. Grass- flesh
3. Flower of grass- glory of man
4. Vessel- human body
5. Chaff- lost man
6. Waters- masses of people
7. Ass/Dog- lost man
8. Flesh
9. Body
10. Flesh and blood

Church, Christian, Church Age:

1. Bride- church relation to Christ
2. Body- body of Christ- function of Christ
3. Virgin- church- chastity for Christ
4. Pearl- Church
5. Precious Stones- individual believer
6. Son of God- child of God- Christian
7. Night- Church Age
8. Last days - Church Age

Israel:

1. Virgins
2. Thy people
3. Wife- relation to God
4. Remnant- Tribulation period context
5. Woman in travail- Tribulation period context
6. Barren- woman
7. Olive leaf/tree
8. Fig Tree
9. Sign
10. Father(s)- patriarch(s)

Death:

1. Sleep
2. Billows and waves
3. Deep
4. The floods

Rapture:

1. Wings of the morning
2. Come up hither
3. Sickle
4. Harvest
5. Day of Christ
6. Thunder- God's voice
7. First fruits
8. Gleanings

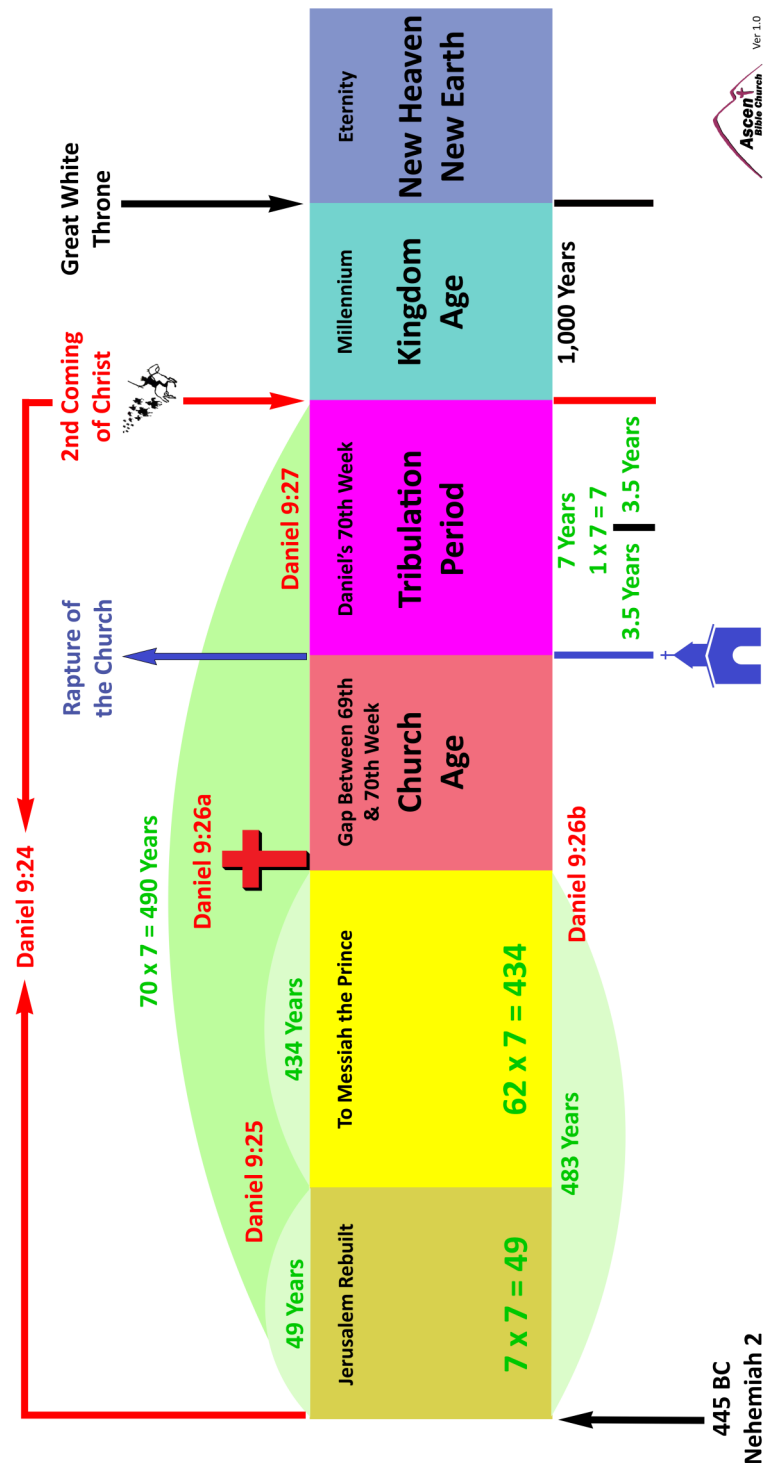
Tribulation Period:

1. Time of trouble
2. Jacob's trouble
3. Those days
4. Wilderness
5. Shadow of death
6. Former rain or early rain
7. Man child
8. Remnant- Israel
9. Virgins- 144,000
10. Endure

2nd Coming of Christ:

1. The day of the Lord
2. That day
3. The day
4. Brightness
5. Cloud
6. Whirlwind
7. Morning
8. Winepress- Battle of Armageddon
9. Day of wrath- God's judgment
10. Fire- God's judgment

The 70 Weeks of Daniel – Daniel 9:24-27



Major Bible Types

Types of the Lord Jesus Christ 1. Boaz 2. Barak 3. Scape Goat 4. Ram 5. Lamb (Passover) 6. Bridegroom 7. Sun 8. Lion 9. Shepherd 10. Job Types of God the Father 1. Abraham 2. The Potter Types of the Word of God 1. Water 2. Sword 3. Bread 4. Rain 5. Hammer Types of Lost Men 1. Cain 2. Goliath 3. Clay 4. Dog 5. Ass	Types of Satan/antichrist/Devil 1. Laban 2. Leopard 3. Bear 4. Beast 5. Shepherd (idol) 6. Leviathan 7. Dragon 8. Serpent 9. Frogs 10. Birds 11. Flies 12. Raven 13. Unclean Birds 16. Ceasar Types of Israel 1. Noah's Ark 2. Barren Women 3. Fig Tree (National) 4. Olive Tree (Spiritual) Types of the World 1. Egypt 2. Babylon 3. Rome	Types of the Church/Believer 1. Eve 2. Enoch 3. Rebekah 4. Ruth 5. John 6. Virgin 7. Bride 8. Oxen 9. Moon Types of the Holy Spirit 1. Eleazar 2. Daniel 3. Mordecai 4. Wind 5. Oil (olive) Types of Angels 1. Stars Types of Blood 1. Wine Types of Sin 1. Leprosy 2. Blindness 3. Lameness
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21 Types of Christ & 18 Types of Anti-Christ

21 Types of Christ		18 Types of Anti-Christ	
1. Adam	12. Joshua	1. Cain	10. Absalom
2. Abel	13. Barak	2. Nimrod	11. Solomon
3. Seth	14. Gideon	3. Pharaoh	12. Jeroboam
4. Noah	15. Samuel	4. Balak	13. Ahab
5. Abraham	16. David	5. Sisera	14. Nebuchadnezzar
6. Melchizedek	17. Solomon	6. Abimelech	15. Sennacherib
7. Isaac	18. Elijah	7. Saul	16. Haman
8. Jacob	19. Elisha	8. Goliath	17. Herod
9. Joseph	20. Hezekiah	9. Nabal	18. Judas Iscariot
10. Moses	21. Jonah		
11. Aaron			

End of Tribulation to 2nd Coming:

1. Turn the captivity
2. Darkness; thick darkness
3. Woman in travail- Israel
4. Latter rain
5. Gloominess
6. Wasteness
7. Distress
8. Desolation; desolate
9. Destruction

Judgment of God:

1. Brimstone
2. Fire
3. Hell
4. Vengeance
5. Deep
6. Rain
7. Wrath
8. Small and great - Great White Throne Judgement
9. Threshing- method
10. Threshing floor- place
11. Winepress- second coming
12. Punish

Millennium:

1. Selah
2. Rest
3. Day of the Lord- Second Advent
4. Last days- Church Age
5. Seventh day
6. Reign
7. Sabbath
8. Eighth day- end of Millennium
9. Throne
10. Kingdom of Heaven

Satan & Forces of Darkness:

1. Iron- giants
2. Principalities and powers
3. Beast
4. Adversary
5. Enemy
6. Leviathan
7. Dragon
8. Serpent
9. Leopard
10. Bear
11. Lion
12. Young lions
13. Man of sin
14. Son of perdition
15. Sons of God
16. Gods
17. Confusion
18. Mark
19. False witnesses
20. Spot

Miscellaneous:

1. Last days- end of dispensation of grace
2. Field- the world
3. Sea- top of universe
4. Council- against Jesus Christ
5. Third day- power of resurrection
6. Strangers- Gentiles
7. Ears- spiritual hearing & understanding
8. Eyes- seeing & understanding
9. Waters- the "deep"
10. Stars- angels

An Overview of the Old Testament

	Book	Message
LAW	Genesis	The book of Beginnings. Establishes the beginnings of everything. Lays the foundation for the Kingdom of Heaven.
	Exodus	Redemption by Blood
	Leviticus	Establishment of the Levitical Priesthood
	Numbers	Rebellion of the Nation of Israel and trials in the wilderness
	Deuteronomy	Second giving of the law due to rebellion
HISTORY	Joshua	The Nation of Israel gets the land for the Kingdom of Heaven
	Judges	The Nation of Israel is established through a system of Judges, but goes into apostasy through their refusal to operate as a Theocracy.
	Ruth	
	1 Samuel	The nation of Israel is established as a world power through the reign of the kings of Israel.
	2 Samuel	
	1 Kings	The Kingdom of Heaven is established and serves as a picture of the future reign of Jesus Christ
	2 Kings	
	1 Chronicles	The chronology overlaps 2 Chronicles ending in the captivity of the Jews (606 BC) and the invitation to return to the land (536 BC). The Kingdom of Heaven is postponed with the captivity in 606 BC.
	2 Chronicles	
	Ezra	The city of Jerusalem and Temple are rebuilt after the return to the land.
	Nehemiah	The walls of Jerusalem are rebuilt.
	Esther	A wedding feast held in the King's palace.

The Seven Sevens

The Seven Dispensations (2 Tim 2:15):

1. The Dispensation of Innocence (Gen 1:1-27)
2. The Dispensation of Conscience (Gen 5-6)
3. The Dispensation of Human Government (Gen 8:11)
4. The Dispensation of Promise (Gen 12- Ex 19)
5. The Dispensation of Law (Ex 19-Matt 27)
6. The Dispensation of Grace (Mt 28-Rev 4)
7. The Dispensation of Kingdom Restored (Rev 19-20)

The Seven Mysteries (1 Cor 4:1, 2):

1. The Mystery of Godliness (1 Tim 3:16)
2. The Mystery of Christ in You (Col 1:27)
3. The Mystery of Christ and the Church (Eph 5:31)
4. The Mystery of Restoration of Israel (Rom 11:25)
5. The Mystery of Rapture of the Church (1 Cor 15:51)
6. The Mystery of Iniquity (2 Thes 2:7)
7. The Mystery of Women & the Beast (Rev 17)

The Seven Judgments (1 Cor 3):

1. The Judgment of a Sinner (2 Cor 5:17-21)
2. The Judgment of a Son (Heb 12:5-9)
3. The Judgment of a Servant (2 Cor 5:10)
4. The Judgment of Israel (Rev 7-11)
5. The Judgment of the Nations (Mt 25)
6. The Judgment of the Angels (1 Cor 6:1-4)
7. The Judgment at the Great White Throne (Rev 20:11)

The Seven Resurrections (1 Cor 15:21):

1. The Resurrection of Christ (1 Cor 15-1-19)
2. The Resurrection of the Old Testament Saints (Mt 27)
3. The Resurrection of the Believer's Spirit (Eph 2:1-6)
4. The Resurrection of the Nation of Israel (Rom 11)
5. The Resurrection of Believer's Body (1 Thes 4:16-18)
6. The Resurrection of the Two Witnesses (Rev 11)
7. The Resurrection of Lost Dead (Rev 20:11-15)

The Seven Baptisms (1 Pet 3:32):

1. The Baptism of Moses and Israel (1 Cor 10:1-4)
2. The Baptism of John the Baptist (Mt 3:1-12)
3. The Baptism of Death (Mt 20:20-23)
4. The Baptism for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
5. The Baptism by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:13)
6. The Baptism by Immersion in the NT Church (Acts 10:44-48)
7. The Baptism by Fire (Mt 3:11-12)

The Seven Feasts of Israel (Lev 23):

1. The Feast of the Passover (Ex 12; Lev 23:1-5)
2. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex 12:15; Lev 23:6-8)
3. The Feast of the First Fruits (Lev 23:9-14)
4. The Feast of Pentecost (Lev 23:15-21)
5. The Feast of Trumpets (Lev 23:23-25)
6. The Feast/Day of Atonement (Lev 23:26-32)
7. The Feast of Tabernacles (Lev 23:6-8; Ex 12:15-20)

The Seventy Weeks of Daniels Prophecy (Dan 9):

1. The 70 Years Captivity (Dan 9:24-27)
2. The 70 Weeks of Years (Dan 9:24)
3. The Three Parts of the 70 Weeks of Years (Dan 9:24-26)
4. The 1st Division of seven weeks or 49 years
5. The 2nd Division of 62 weeks or 434 years
6. The Two Prophecies of the Kingdom (Dan 9:26)
7. The 70th Week of Daniel (Dan 9:27)

Other Numbering Systems

Hebrew		Greek		Roman	
Alep	1	Alpha	1	I	1
Bet	2	Beta	2	V	5
Gimel	3	Gamma	3	X	10
Dalet	4	Delta	4	L	50
He	5	Epsilon	5	C	100
Waw	6	Vau	6	D	500
Zayin	7	Zeta	7	M	1,000
Het	8	Eta	8		
Tet	9	Theta	9		
Yod	10	Iota	10		
Kap	20	Kappa	20		
Lamed	30	Lambda	30		
Mem	40	Mu	40		
Nun	50	Nu	50		
Samek	60	Xi	60		
Ayin	70	Omicron	70		
Pe	80	Pi	80		
Sade	90	Koppa	90		
Qop	100	Rho	100		
Res	200	Sigma	200		
Sin	300	Tau	300		
Taw	400	Upsilon	400		
		Chi	600		
		Psi	700		
		Omega	800		

POETRY	Job	The oldest book in the Bible . It pictures Israel's trials and tribulations.
	Psalms	Prayers of tribulation and a picture of the 2 nd coming of Jesus Christ
	Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	The wisdom books written by Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived.
	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	Major Prophets : Lengthy and detailed utterances with a focus on the national restoration of the nation of Israel.
PROPHETS	Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Minor Prophets : Concise utterances with a focus on both a personal and national judgment.

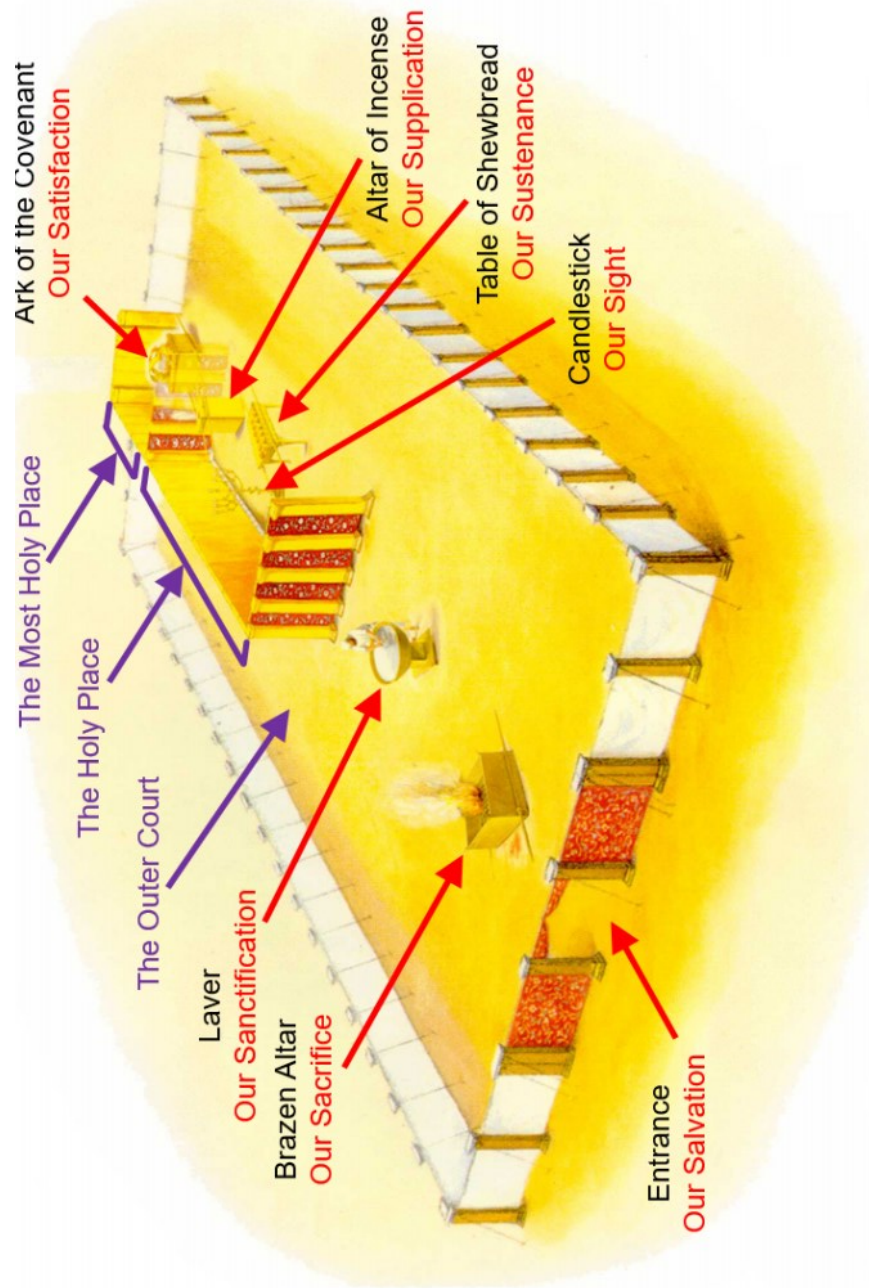
A Chronological Perspective of the New Testament

Book	Approximate Dates	Major Historical Events	New Testament Books Written
Acts 1	30 AD	Ascension of Christ	
Acts 2	30 AD	Pentecost	
Acts 3-6	30-38 AD	Jewish church at Jerusalem explodes	
Acts 7	38-41 AD	Stephen's Message	
Acts 8-10	38-41 AD	Transition from Jews to Gentiles begins	
Acts 11-12	38-41 AD	Church of Antioch begun; Peter opens door to Gentiles	James
Acts 13-14	47-49 AD	Paul's first Missionary journey	
Acts 15	49 AD	Meeting of the leaders of the church at Jerusalem	
Acts 16-18	50-53 AD	Paul's Second Missionary journey	1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians
Acts 19-20	53-58 AD	Paul's Third Missionary journey	Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians
Acts 21-28	58-63 AD	Paul's arrest and journey to Rome	Mark, Ephesians, Philip- pians, Colossians, Phile- mon, 1 Peter
Revelation 2-3	63 – 90 AD to Present	Church History	Matthew, Luke, Acts, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, 2 Peter, Jude, John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Rev- elation
Revelation 4	Imminent	Rapture of the Church	

Biblical Numerology

Number	Significance	Example	Reference
One: 1	Unity	God	Deut 6:4, Jn 10:30
Two: 2	Division/ Separation	Day/Night Man/Woman	Gen 1:3-5, 16 Gen 2:18-22
Three: 3	Divinity/ Completeness	God's likeness/image (Trinity)	Gen 1:26-27 1 Thes 5:23
Four: 4	Earth	Rivers in Eden World Empires Corners/Winds of Earth Classification of Peoples	Gen 2:10-14 Dan 2:36-40 Rev 7:1,9; 14:6
Five: 5	Grace/Death	Levitical Offerings Christ's Death	Lev 1-5 Rom 5
Six: 6	Man	Man's Creation Man's Work Week Man's Number	Gen 1:26-31 Ex 20:9 Rev 13:18
Seven: 7	Completion/ Perfection	Days of Creation Stages of Discipleship	Gen 1-2:3 2 Pet 1:5-7
Eight: 8	New Begin- nings/ Resurrection	Christ's Resurrection Resurrection of Noah & Family	Mark 16:-1-2 Gen 8:15 1 Pet 3:20
Nine: 9	Spiritual Fruit	Fruit of the Spirit Noah's Commission	Gal 5:22-23 Gen 9:1,9
Ten: 10	Gentiles	First Gentile Kingdom First Gentile Convert Jesus' Sheep	Gen 10:8-10 Acts 10:44-48 John 10:16
Eleven: 11	Apostasy/ Falling Away	Tower of Babel Kingdom Removed from Israel	Gen 11 1Ki 11:11
Twelve: 12	Israel	Founding of Israel Sons of Israel Disciples of Jesus	Gen 12 Gen 42-49 Matt 19;18
Thirteen: 13	Rebellion	Wicked Haman Wicked Heart	Est 3:12-13 Mark 7:20-23
Forty: 40	Trial/ Testing/ Judgment	Flood Moses on Sinai Wilderness Journey Temptation of Christ	Gen 7:4 Ex 24:18 Num 14:33-34 Luke 4:1-2

The Tabernacle



A Transitional Perspective of the New Testament

The Three Transitions	The 27 Books of the New Testament	The Seven Divisions in the New Testament
1. Matthew: The Transitional book from the Old Testament to the New Testament	1. Gospel of Matthew 2. Mark 3. Luke 4. John	1. The Gospels: Bridge the Old Testament to the New Testament and reveal the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Acts: The Transitional book from a Jewish focus to a Gentile focus	5. Book of Acts: 6. Romans 7. 1 Corinthians 8. 2 Corinthians 9. Galatians 10. Ephesians 11. Philippians 12. Colossians 13. 1 Thessalonians 14. 2 Thessalonians 15. 1 Timothy 16. 2 Timothy 17. Titus 18. Philemon	2. Book of Acts: A Historical account of the establishment of the Church age as it goes from a Jewish to Gentile focus. 3. Paul's Letters to Churches: Written to seven churches, providing them the doctrinal and spiritual guidance for the New Testament. 4. Paul's Letters to Individuals: Personal instruction to early leaders of the Church age (Pastoral Epistles). These letters are addressed to specific individuals.
3. Hebrews: The Transitional book from the Church Age to the Tribulation	19. Letter to the Hebrews 20. James 21. 1 Peter 22. 2 Peter 23. 1 John 24. 2 John 25. 3 John 26. Jude 27. Revelation	5. Hebrew Epistles: A transitional section of the New Testament as God transitions from the Church age to the Tribulation period. Primary focus is Jewish although many spiritual principles provided for the church. 6. Instructions to the Church in the last days of the Church age. 7. Synopsis of the Church age; Second Coming of Christ; Millennium; and Eternity Future.

The Three Applications of Scripture

“Till I come, give attendance to reading (Historical), to exhortation (Devotional), to doctrine (Doctrinal).” 1 Timothy 4:13

	Historical	Doctrinal	Devotional
Approach	Read	Study	Memorize
Life	Read	Believe	Apply
Time	Past	Future	Present
Attitude	Fact	Faith	Feelings
Proverbs	Knowledge	Wisdom	Understanding
Telling	Teach (Mt 28:19)	Preach (Mark 16:15)	Live (Luke 24:46-49)
Perspective	“The only thing man learns from history, is that man doesn’t learn anything from history” “Yesterday is History”	“What Does the Bible Say?” “Tomorrow a Mystery”	“All the Bible is NOT written to me; but all the Bible is written for me”. “Today a Gift; that’s why it’s called the Present”
Scripture	1 Cor 10:1-12	2 Tim 3:16	Ro 12:1 2 Tim 3:16

Historical Application- The Bible is unique from among religious books in that is a book of **history** and its history is true.

Doctrinal Application- The Biblical definition for doctrine is “teaching”. The Bible provides specific teachings about how God reveals Himself and His plan for man.

Devotional Application- Through the application of its principles, the Bible provides relevancy and truth to live victoriously in our everyday lives.

The Bible answers every proverbial philosophical question about existence: “Where did I come from (origin)?; Why am I here (meaning)?; Where am I going (destiny)?”

Thought: “You can’t possibly know where you’re going (Doctrinal); if you don’t know where you are (Devotional); if you don’t know where you’ve been (Historical).

The Seven Kingdom of God Mysteries & The Twelve Kingdom of Heaven Mysteries

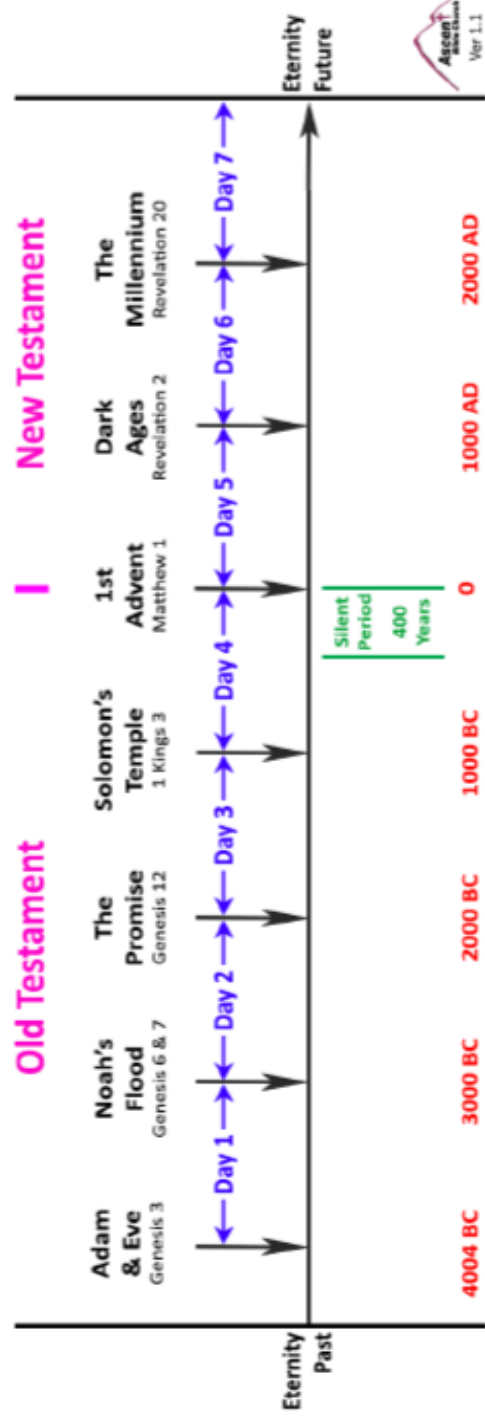
Kingdom of God (Spiritual)		Kingdom of Heaven (Physical)	
Mystery # / Doctrine	References	Mystery # / Parable Name	References in Matthew
1-God Manifest in the flesh	1 Tim 3:16	1-The “ Sower ”	13:1-23
2-The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit	Col 1:26-27	2-The “ Wheat & the Tares ”	13:24-30 13:36-43
3-Christ & the Church One	Eph 5:31	3-The “ Mustard Seed ”	13:31-32
4-Restoration of the Nation of Israel	Rom 11:25	4-The “ Leaven ”	13:33
5-Rapture of the Church	1 Cor 15:51	5-The “ Hidden Treasure ”	13:44
6-Iniquity	2 Thes 2:7	6-The “ Pearl ”	13:45-46
7-Babylon the Great	Rev 17:7	7-The “ Drag Net ”	13:47-50
		8-The “ Unmerciful Servant ”	18:23-35
		9-The “ Vineyard Servants ”	20:1-16
		10-The “ Marriage Feast ”	22:1-14
		11-The “ Ten Virgins ”	25:1-13
		12-The “ Talents ”	25:14-30

Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Heaven

Kingdom of God (Spiritual)	Approximate Dates	Historical/Biblical Reference	Kingdom of Heaven (Physical)
Kingdom under the control of Lucifer	?	Eternity Past (Gen 1:1)	Kingdom under the control of Lucifer
	?	The Fall of Lucifer Gen 1:2; Is 14:12-19; Ez 28:11-1	
Under the control of Adam	4004 BC	Adam created Gen 1:26-28	Under the control of Adam
	4004 BC	Fall of Adam	
Spiritual Kingdom forfeited. No spiritual Sons of God on earth.	606 BC	Captivity of the Jews Dan 1; Jer 39	Kingdom remains under the control of Adam and his descendants from Noah through Israel. History of the Old Testament & the Jewish Nation. The "Times of the Gentiles"
	400 BC	Period between the testaments (Mal & Matt) No Kingdom Present on Earth	
"Kingdom at Hand"	0	1 st Coming of Christ The Gospels Matt 6:33; 3:2	Under control of Satan Luke 4:5-7 Kingdom "At Hand" offered to Israel but rejected
Kingdom remains on earth through the Body of Christ	35 AD	Final rejection by Israel (Stephen) Acts 7	Kingdom remains under control of Satan
Kingdom goes out with Church; the "Fullness of the Gentiles"	Any Day	Rapture of the Church Rev 4; 1Thess 4:13-18 Tribulation Period-No Kingdom present on earth Rev 4-19	False Kingdom of Heaven established by Antichrist
The King brings the Kingdom back in the glorified church	2020 ?	2 nd Coming of Christ Rev 19:11-16	The King ushers in the Kingdom
Kingdom fully manifested	3000 AD	Millennium Ez 40-48; Rev 20 White Throne Judgment Rev 20:11-15	The King is on the throne in Jerusalem
The Body of Christ in Eternity. Reigning as Sons of God in glorified bodies.	Eternity	Eternity Future Rev 21-22	The nation of Israel in Eternity populating the universe in the Kingdom of Heaven

A Chronological Perspective of God's Time Line

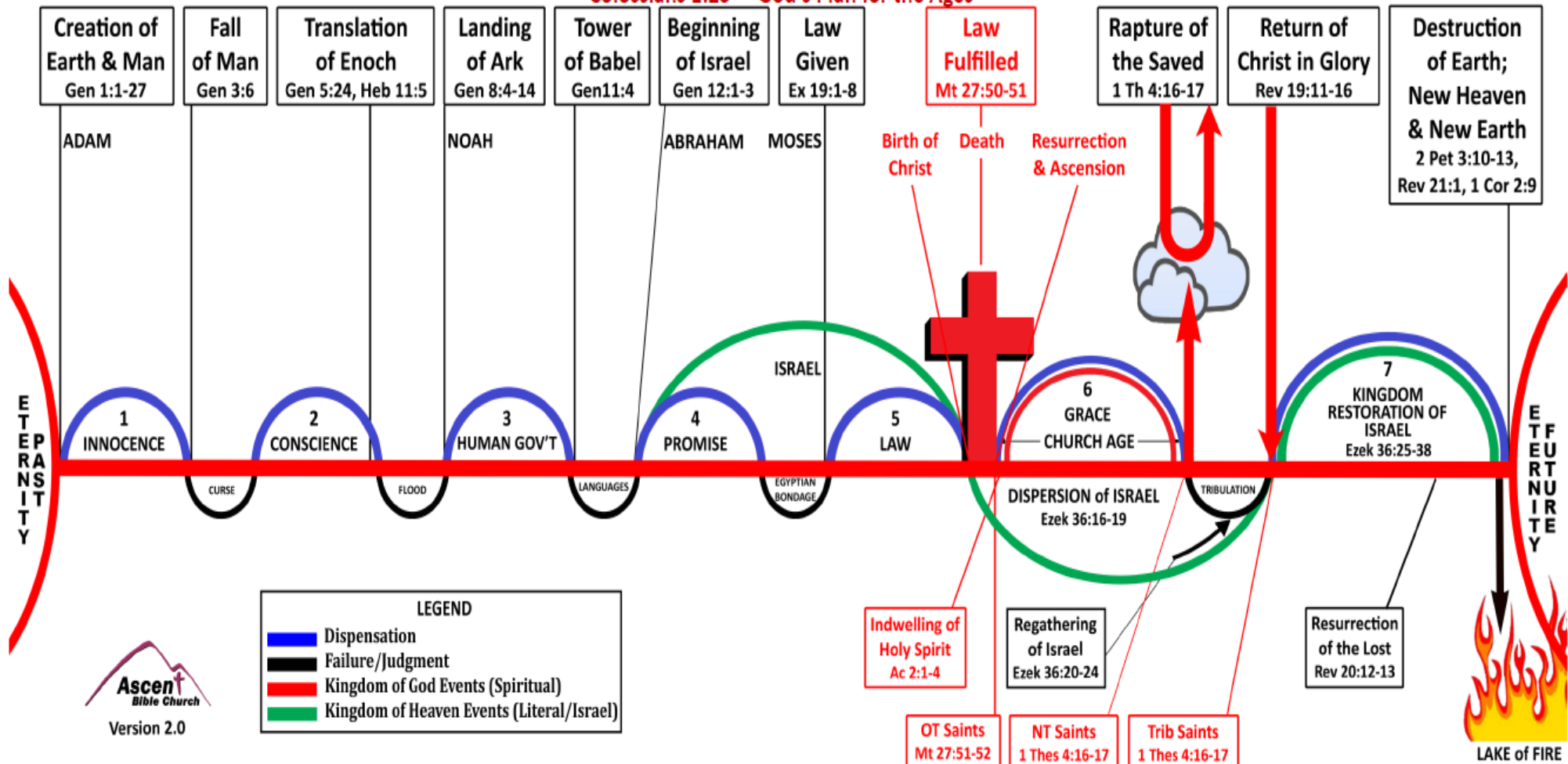
"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." 2 Peter 3:8



2 Peter 3:8 is our "proof text" for knowing and understanding how God uses *time* to bring redemption and restoration to a fallen creation. The seven days of creation in Genesis 1 & 2, provide for us a chronological perspective to God's time line.

God's Time Line - A "Dispensational Perspective"

Colossians 1:25 - God's Plan for the Ages



Dispensation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Responsibility	Do not eat Gen 1:26-28, 2:15-17	Do Good – Blood Sacrifice Gen 3:5,7,22; 4:4	Scatter & Multiply Gen 8:15-9:7	Dwell in Canaan Gen 12:1-7	Keep all the Law Ex 19:3-8	Receive Christ by faith, be led by Holy Spirit Jn 1:12; Rom 8:1-14; Eph 2:8-9	Obey & worship Christ Isa 1:3-5; Zech 14:9,16
Failure	They ate Gen 3:1-6	Wickedness Gen 6:5-6,11-12	Didn't Scatter Gen 11:1-4	Dwelt in Egypt Gen 12:10; 46:6	Broke Law, Rejected Christ 2 Ki 17:7-20; Mt 27:1-25	Reject Christ, Trust works Jn 5:39-40; 1 Tim 3:1-7	Final rebellion Rev 20:7-9
Judgment	Curse & Death Gen 3:7-19	Universal Flood Gen 6:7,13; 7:11-24	Confusion of Languages Gen 11:5-9	Egyptian Bondage Ex 1:8-14	Worldwide dispersion Deut 28:63-66; Lk 21:20-24	Great Tribulation Mt 24:21; Rev 6:15-17	Eternal Hell Rev 20:11-15

Resurrection of the Saved

2 Timothy 2:15 is our "proof text" for knowing and understanding how God uses distinct periods of time to bring redemption and restoration to a fallen creation. In the Apostle Paul's second letter to Timothy, he makes mention of the importance of "rightly dividing" the Word of Truth. The Bible contains seven distinct periods of time referred to as "dispensations" (Ephesians 3:2; Colossians 1:25). A dispensation is simply a certain time period where God used a certain method of dispensing grace and truth.