

# **Through the Bible in Seven Sundays**

**Strategic Overview of Time Past:  
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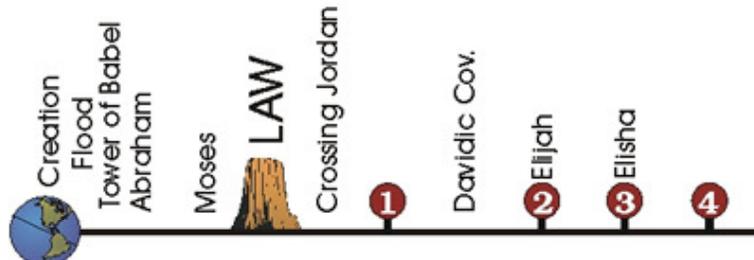


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- Almost the entire Earthly Ministry of Christ falls within the time frame outlined by Daniel's prophecy of the 70 Weeks.
- Mark 1:14-15 (1046)—the time according to Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled and the kingdom truly was at hand according to the terms of the prophecy.
- Galatians 4:4-5 (1245)—Jesus was born at precisely the correct time and place according to prophecy.
- Ephesians 2:11-12 (1251)—the "Time Past" distinction between Israel and the Gentiles was still in effect during the earthly ministry of Christ. Israel was still first in the plan and program of God.

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- Matthew thru John are still “Time Past.” The “middle wall of partition” that God Himself erected between Israel and Gentiles is still up.
  - Romans 15:8 (1208)
  - Matthew 10:5-6 (1008), 15:24
  - John 4:22 (1119)
- They were still under the Law of Moses.
  - Matthew 5:17-25 (1000), 23:2-3
  - Mark 1:44 (1047)
  - Hebrews 9:17 (1299)
- Salvation was still through Israel.
  - Mark 7:24-30 (1054)
  - Luke 19:9-10 (1102)
- They were preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom
  - Matthew 4:23 (999), 9:35, 24:14

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- The four things we learned about “Time Past” are all still true during the earthly ministry of Christ:
  - Israel is still God’s chosen nation in the earth.
  - The Law of Moses is still the operating system.
  - Gentile salvation was still available only through Israel.
  - The goal is still the establishment of the earthly Kingdom promised and prophesied in Scripture.
- A new phase in Israel’s program had begun but it was still Israel’s program. Luke 16:16—the ministry of John the Baptist marks a new beginning in the national life of Israel. The law and the prophets prophesied exclusively until John, but with John the announcement that the Kingdom was “at hand” officially began.

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- Consequently John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and the 12 Apostles all preach “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
  - Matthew 3:2 (996); 4:17, 23; 10:5-7
- The purpose of this message is for indentify the believing Remnant in the Apostate Nation
  - Matthew 21:43—Luke 12:1, 32 (1092)—Forming His “Little Flock”
  - Luke 19:11-27—Matthew 19:28—Gathering the governmental structure of His Kingdom

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- This explains the importance of Water Baptism
  - Mark 1:4
  - Luke 7:29-30
  - Acts 13:24—John preached a “national baptism” as a means of national repentance.
- Exodus 19:5-6; 29:1,4,7—this is a national cleansing (Ezek. 36:25-28) so they could function in their role as a Kingdom of Priests (Isa. 61:6, I Pet. 2:9)
- John 1:11-12—His own people and nation rejected him. “As many as received him” i.e., the Little Flock He trained for the ministry they would have during his coming absence.

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- Hebrews 2:3-4—at the conclusion of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John the Little Flock is poised to continue the ministry Christ had trained them to perform, and extend to the nation Israel a renewed opportunity for Repentance and Salvation—the opportunity to at last be the blessing to the world they were created to be.

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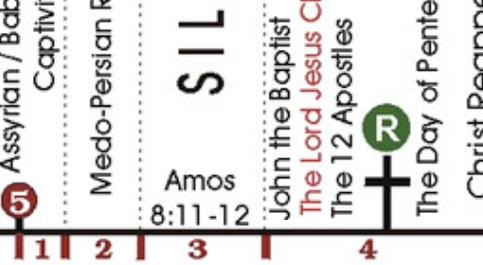
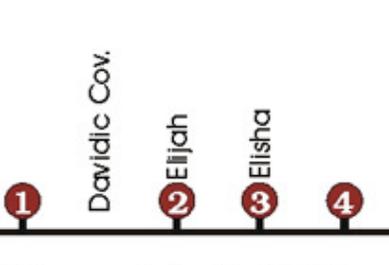
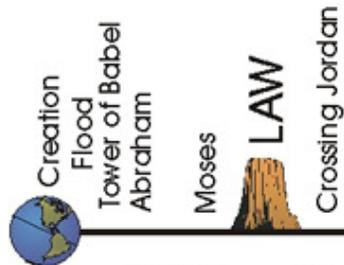
49 Years: 400 Years --- 34 Years --- 7 Years ---

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# "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth"

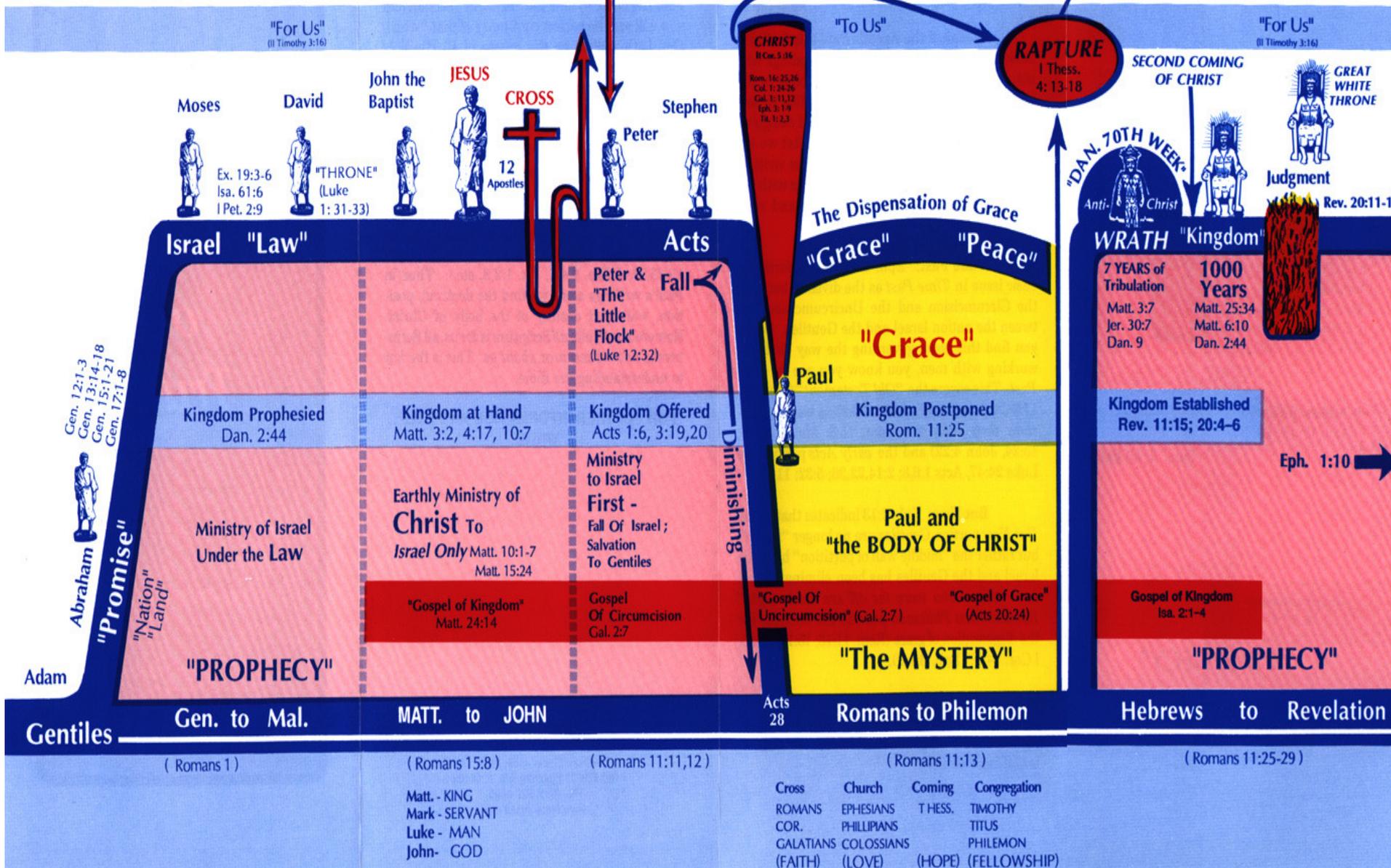
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The Main Sphere of Influence for the Body of CHRIST is the Heavenly Places - Eph.1, Col. 1



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|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| Cross     | Church      | Coming | Congregation |
| ROMANS    | EPHESIANS   | THESS. | TIMOTHY      |
| COR.      | PHILIPPIANS |        | TITUS        |
| GALATIANS | COLOSSIANS  |        | PHILEMON     |
| (FAITH)   | (LOVE)      | (HOPE) | (FELLOWSHIP) |

# Characteristics of the But Now

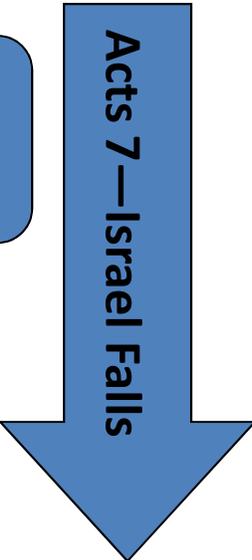
- Ephesians 2:13—the gentiles who used to be far off during “time past” are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- Ephesians 2:14—peace has been made between Jews and Gentiles and the Middle Wall of Partition has been broken down.
- Ephesians 2:15—Jews and Gentiles are now being formed into a New Man by God himself.
- Ephesians 2:16—on the basis of the cross work of Christ; God is now reconciling both Jews and Gentiles in one body. The time past enmity has been done away in Christ.

# Characteristics of the But Now

- Ephesians 2:17—peace is now preached and offered to those who used to be far off (Gentiles) and those that were nigh (Israel).
- Ephesians 2:18—Gentiles no longer need to go through Israel to have access to God as they did in Time Past.
- **The Body of Christ = Jew and Gentile Equality**
- Summary: During the “But Now” time period all of the Time Past distinctions have been removed based upon the cross work of Jesus Christ. Israel no longer possesses an advantage and is concluded in unbelief with the Gentiles. Therefore, the Body of Christ cannot be formed until Israel has been reckoned in unbelief along with the Gentiles.

# Fall of Israel

Time Past



But Now

- Romans 11:11-12—through the fall of Israel God sends salvation to the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy.
- Romans 11:30-32—Through the fall of Israel God has sent salvation to the Gentiles apart from Israel.
- Romans 11:26-27—God is not done with Israel. In the Ages to Come, God will finish what he started with His nation.

Israel



Gentiles

Acts 28  
Diminishing of Israel Ends

# Israel's Three-Fold Rejection of the God Head

## Old Testament

Israel rejects the witness of God the Father through the prophets.

Forgiven

Nation is forgiven  
God the Son is sent  
in the Gospels

## The Gospels

Israel rejects the witness of God the Son during Jesus earthly ministry.

Forgiven

Nation is forgiven  
God the Holy Spirit is sent in  
Acts 2

## Acts 1-7

Israel rejects the witness of God the Holy Spirit during the early Acts period.

Falls

Nation is not forgiven, cut off  
and rendered in unbelief.