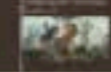
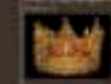


What on Earth is God Doing?



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Genesis 1:26

- ◆ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

Genesis 1:27

- ◆ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28

- ◆ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

The Image of God

- ◆ No formal definition given
- ◆ Gen 1:26, 27 not “in” but “as”
- ◆ *Doesn't describe what man is like but what he is to be and do.*
- ◆ Gen 1:26b, 28 Let them “rule” and “subdue”
- ◆ Man is God's Steward of the Earth!

Psalm 8:4-5

- ◆ [W]hat is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Psalm 8:6-8

- ◆ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

God's Steward

- ◆ God's original plan was to have the earth ruled by man in his stead.
- ◆ *There is no evidence this plan has ever changed!*



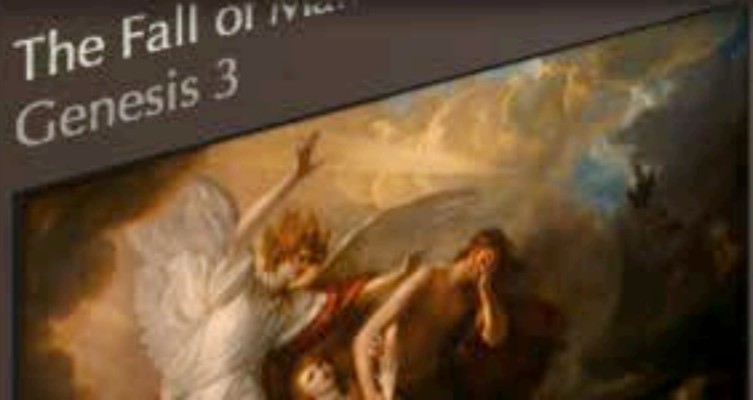
The Image of Saddam

Creation of the World
Genesis 1-2



God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.
Gen 1:31

The Fall of Man
Genesis 3



When she saw that the food was good and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
Gen 3:6

Results of the Fall

- ◆ Death
- ◆ Sinful Nature
- ◆ Worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator
- ◆ *No longer act as God intended!*

Luke 4:5-7

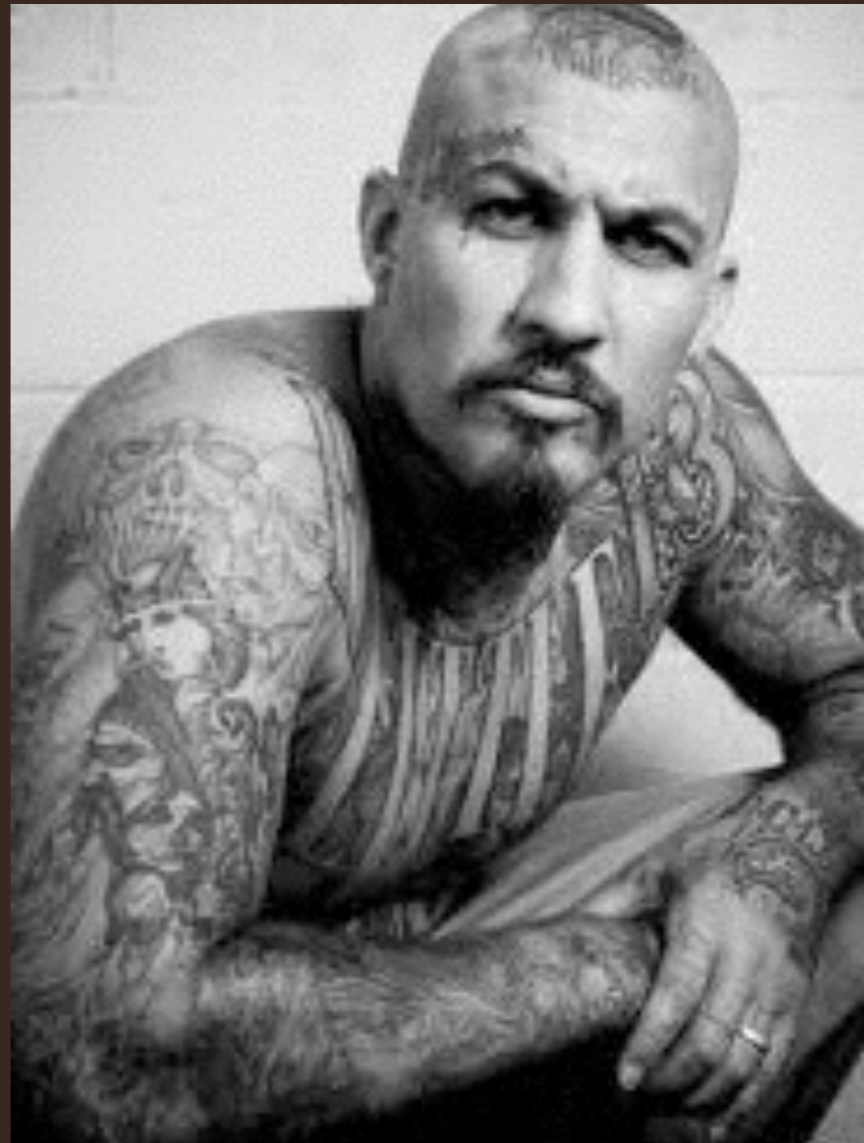
- ◆ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, *for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.* So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Descriptions of Satan

- ◆ “The god of this age” 2 Cor 4:4
- ◆ “...the whole world is under the control of the evil one.” 1 John 5:19
- ◆ “The ruler of the kingdom of the air” Eph 2:2

Drug Lord

- ◆ Controls the block
- ◆ Has no right to the block--holds no title
- ◆ No one with enough power to tell him no
- ◆ *Holds functional control over this world system!*



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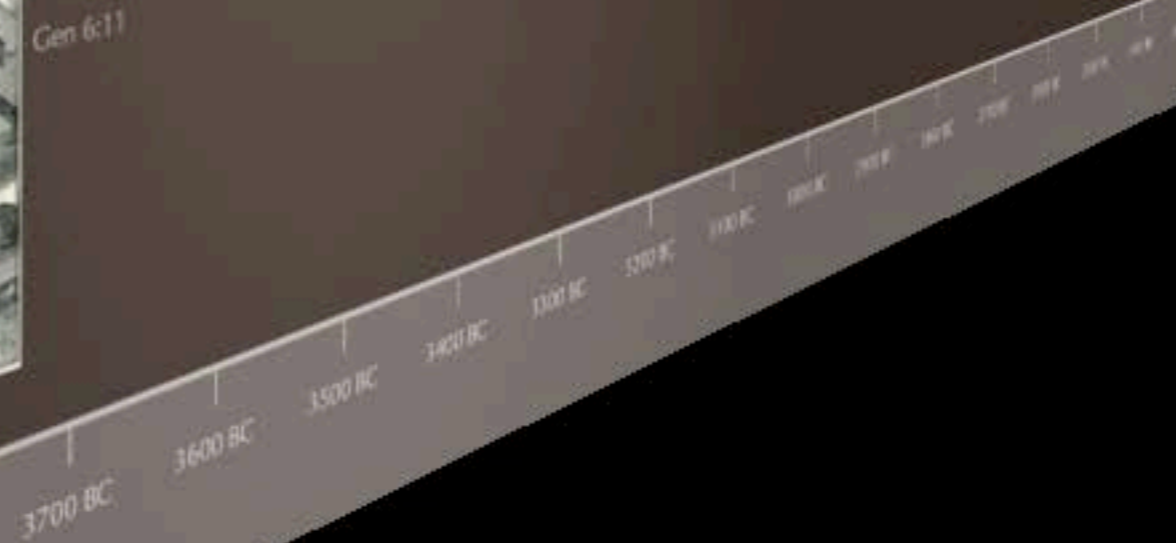
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Genesis 4-7



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Gen 6:11

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Genesis 7:21-22

- ◆ Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died.

Genesis 7:23

- ◆ Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

The Flood

Genesis 7-8



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Gen 7:23

Tower of Babel Genesis 11



So the LORD scattered them and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world.

Gen 11:8-9

Abrahamic Covenant Genesis 15



"Know your country, you people of my household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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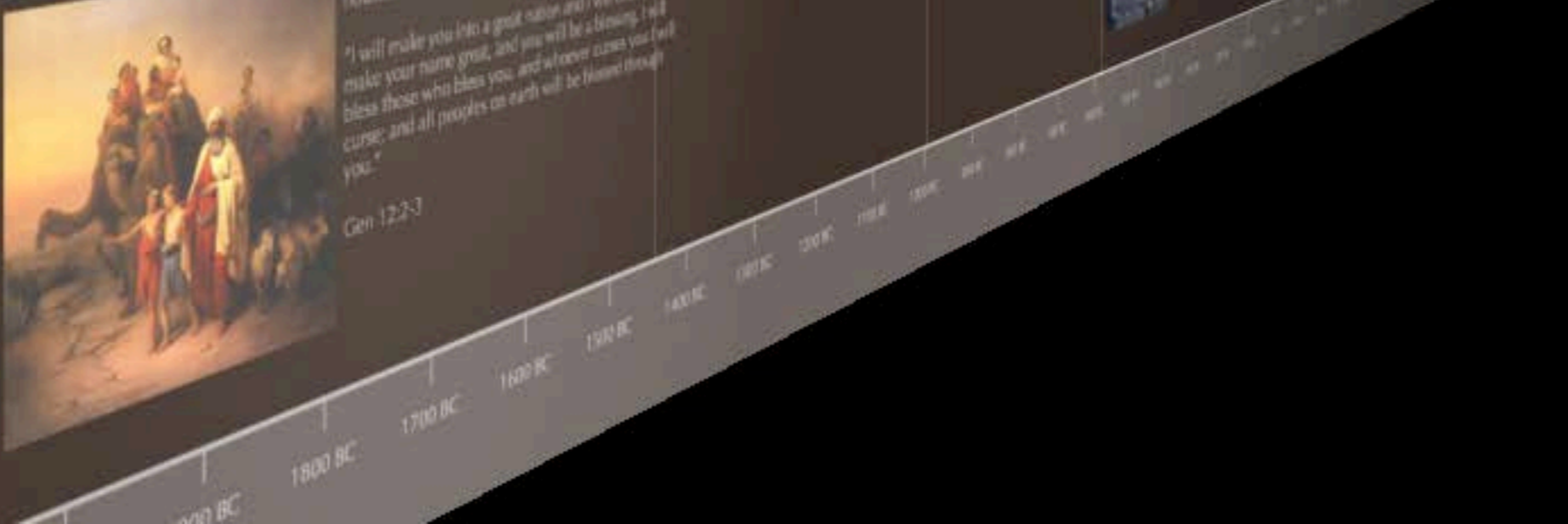


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Gen 12:2-3



Genesis 15:13-14

- ◆ Then the LORD said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.



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Beginning of the OT Kingdoms
Exodus 19



Now if you obey the fully and completely, then all of us actions you will be my chosen people, although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Exodus 19:5-6

Deuteronomy

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Gen 12:2-3

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Exodus 19:16-17

- ◆ On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

Exodus 19:18-19

- ◆ Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently, and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder. Then Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

Exodus 40:34-35

- ◆ Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

1 Kings 8:10-11

- ◆ When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

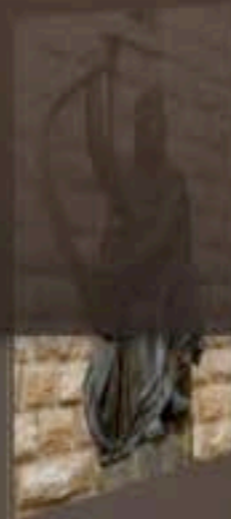
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Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7



I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2 Sam 7:12-13

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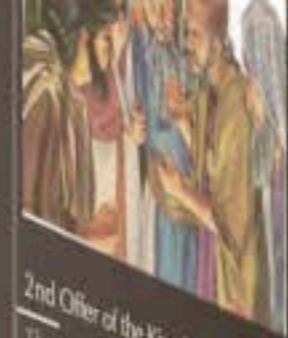
Ezekiel 10:4-5

- ◆ Then the glory of the LORD rose from above the cherubim and moved to the threshold of the temple. The cloud filled the temple, and *the court was full of the radiance of the glory of the LORD.* The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far away as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

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2nd Offer of the Kingdom
The Book of Acts

The End of the OT Kingdom Ezekiel 11



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Ezek 11:23

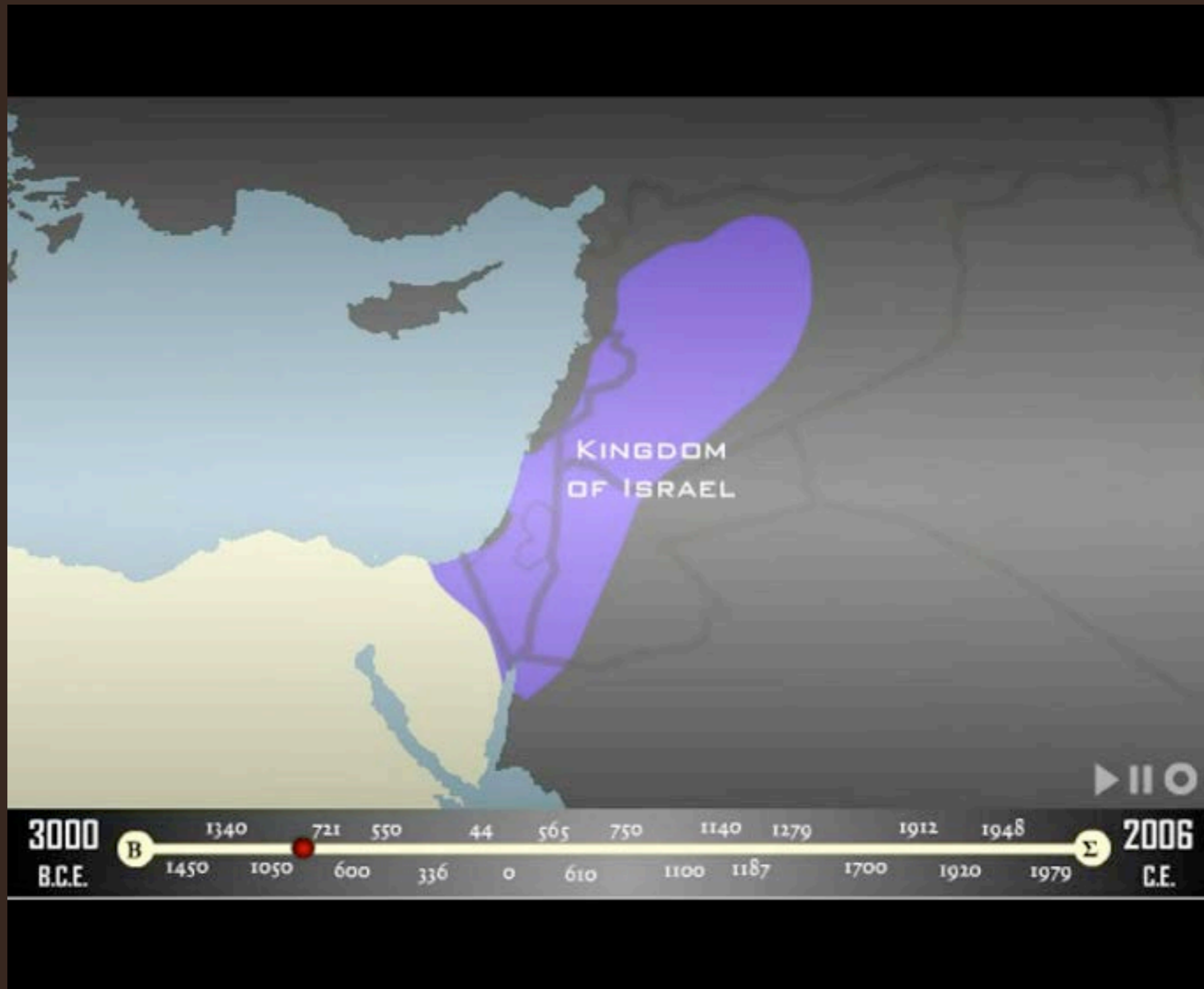
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Ezekiel 21:25-26

“ ‘O profane and wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose time of punishment has reached its climax, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: *Take off the turban, remove the crown.* It will not be as it was: The lowly will be exalted and the exalted will be brought low.

Ezekiel 21:27

A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! *It will not be restored until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs; to him I will give it.*



Times of the Gentiles

Amos 9:11-12

- ◆ “In that day I will *restore* David’s fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, *restore* its ruins, and *build it as it used to be*, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,” declares the LORD, who will do these things.

Amos 9:13

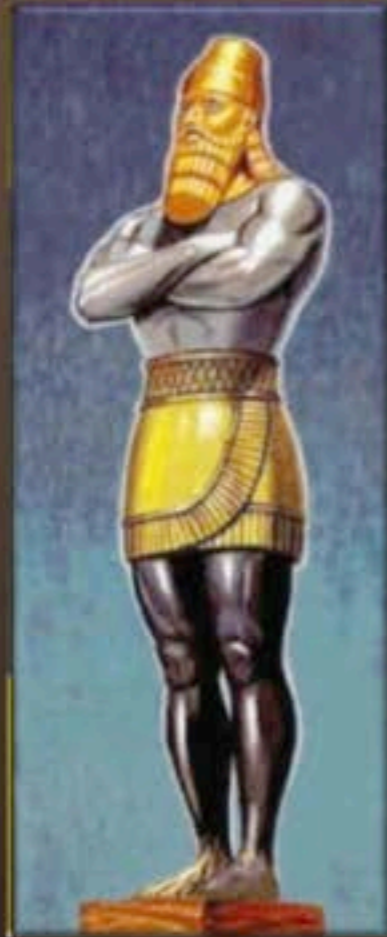
- ◆ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.

Amos 9:14

- ◆ I will *bring back* my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God

The Times of the Gentiles

Decree to Rebuild Jerusalem



"...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Luke 21:24



Offer of the Kingdom

...and he said to them, 'I have said to you that you are the sons of men, and you shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And I will give you the kingdom of Israel, as I promised to your father, and you shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And I will give you the kingdom of Israel, as I promised to your father, and you shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

Wedding Feast Parable

- ◆ Wedding Feast = Promised Kingdom
- ◆ King = The LORD
- ◆ Those who have been invited = Jews
- ◆ 2 offers, one more expansive than the other
- ◆ Rejection of both offers resulting in the destruction of the city
- ◆ Those not invited = Gentiles

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First Offer of the Kingdom

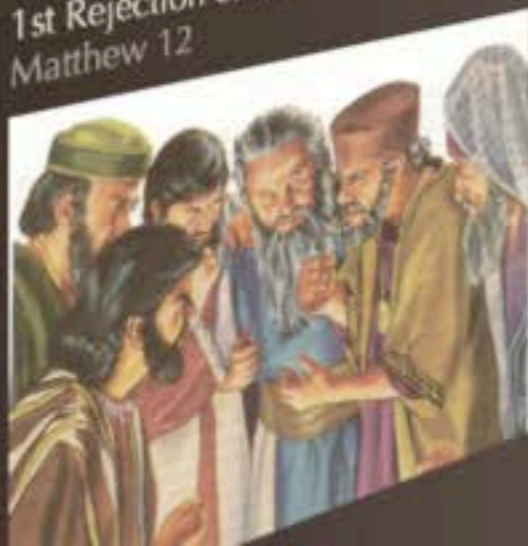
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1st Rejection of the Kingdom Matthew 12



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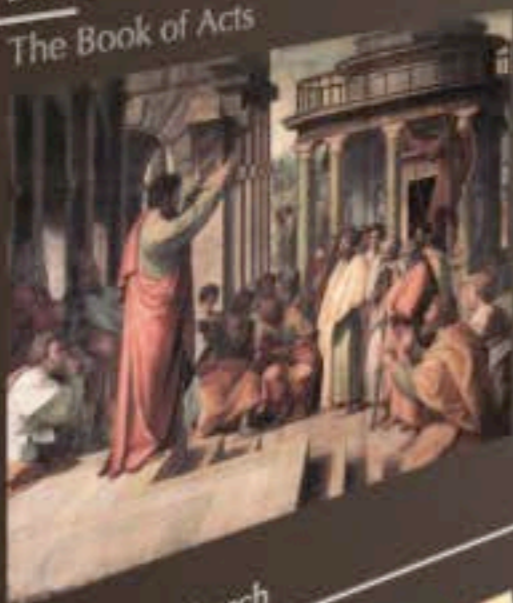
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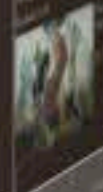


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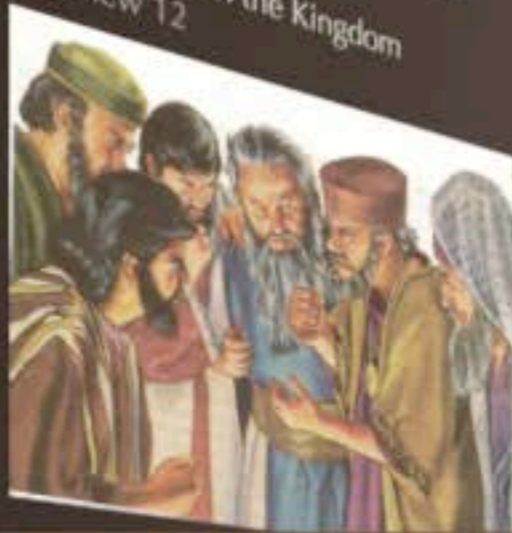
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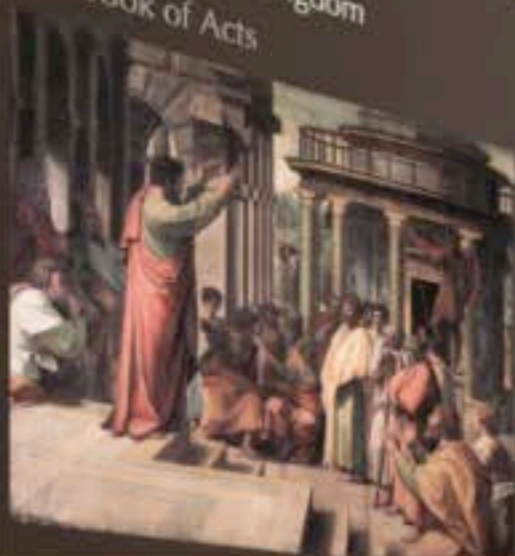
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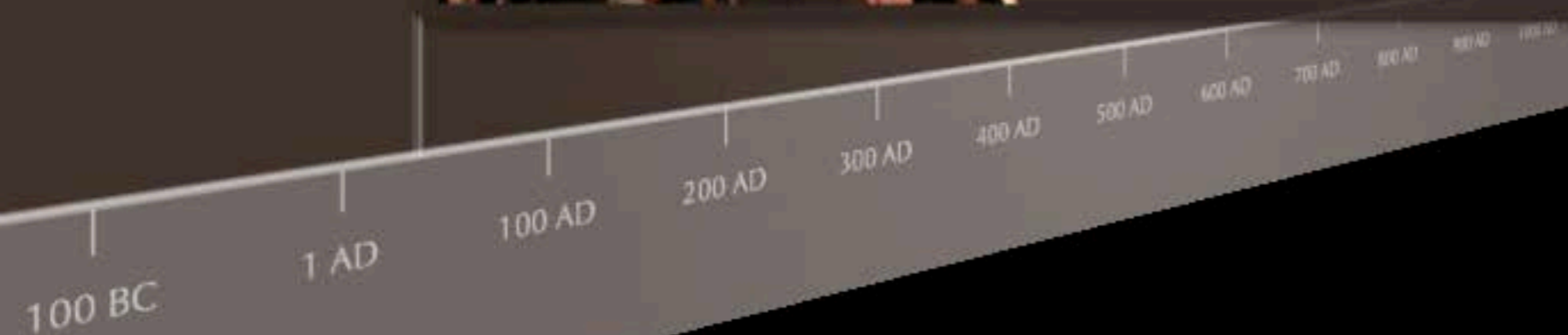
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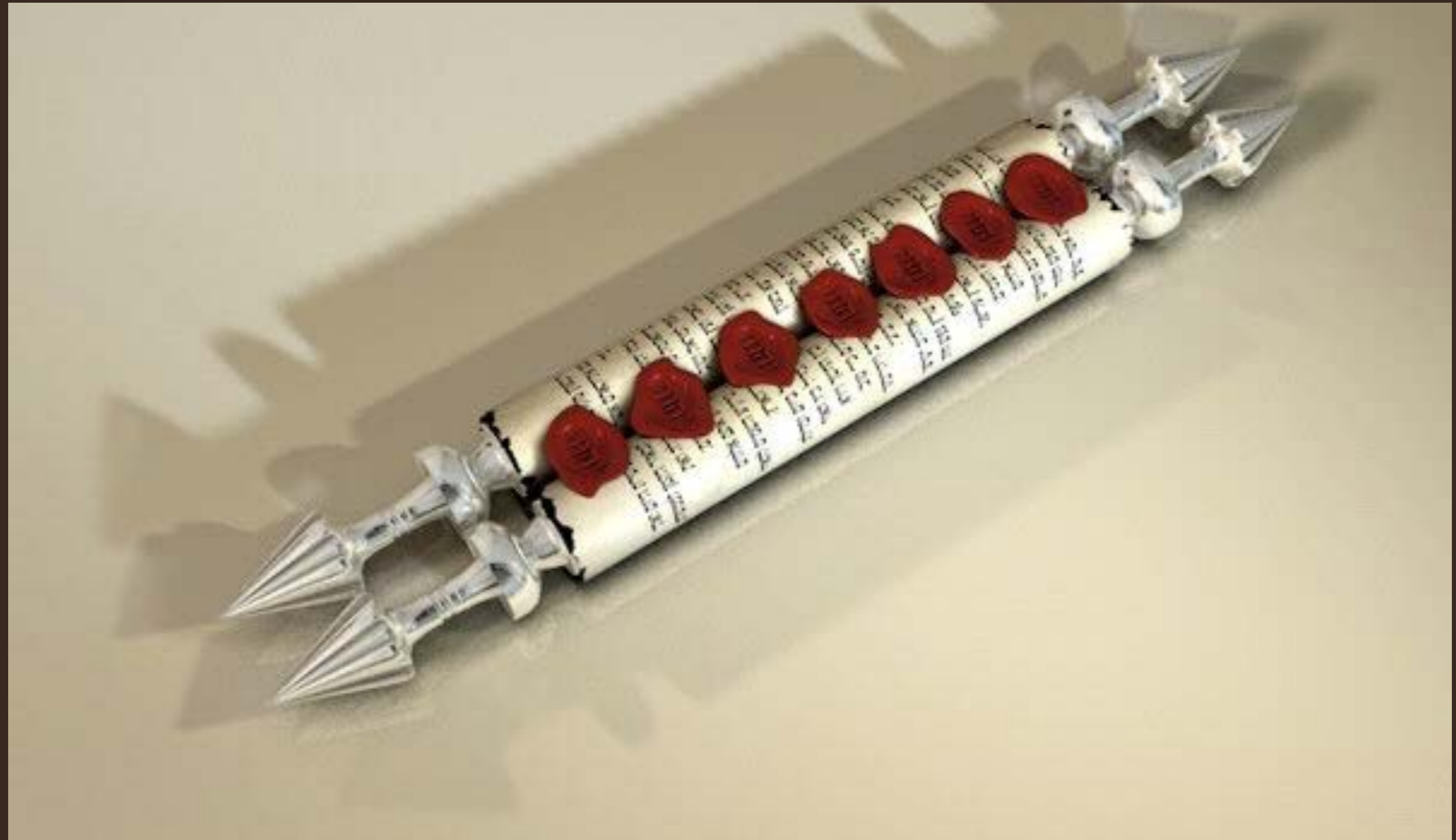


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Zech 14:9



It will be like it, it will be a part of it.



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The Beginning of the Time of Trouble

Revelation 4-18



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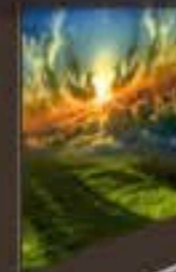
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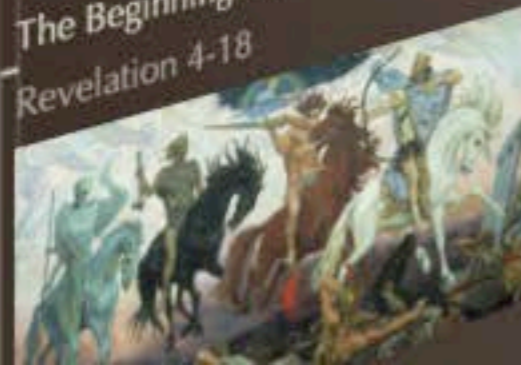
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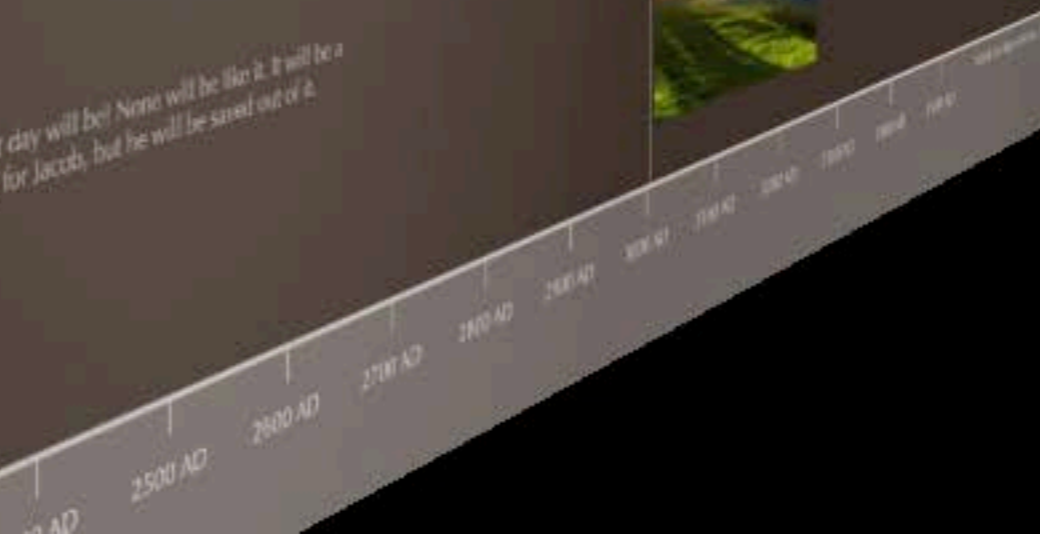
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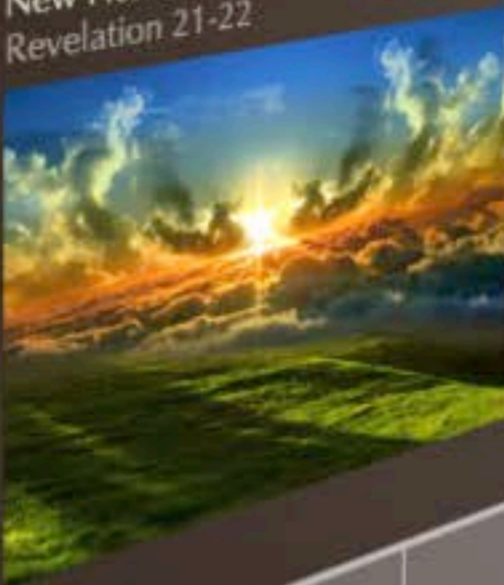
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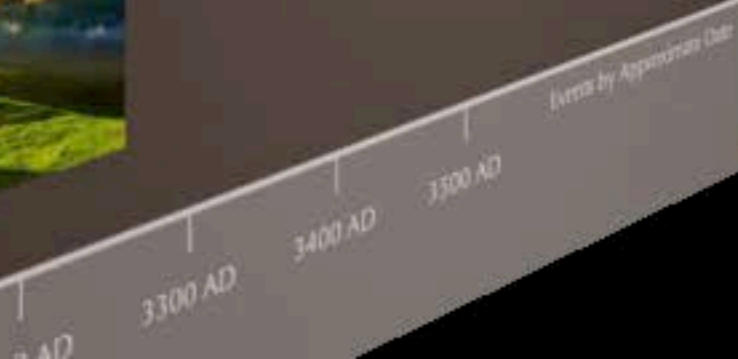
Rev 20:7-8

New Heaven/Earth
Revelation 21-22



Then the end will come, when he returns to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominions, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

1 Cor 15:24-25



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We Are Expatriates!

- ◆ Phil 1:27
- ◆ Unique Word
- ◆ Live as a Citizen





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