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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

The Ascension of Christ
Ephesians 2:6; Mark 16:19–20;
Luke 24:50–53; Acts 1:9

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Cf., (Christ seated at the right hand of the Father:

Acts 2:33–34; 5:31; 7:55–56;

Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 4:8–11;

Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2;

1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21; 12:5)

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Ascension
and
Session of Christ***



The Ascension of Christ: Background

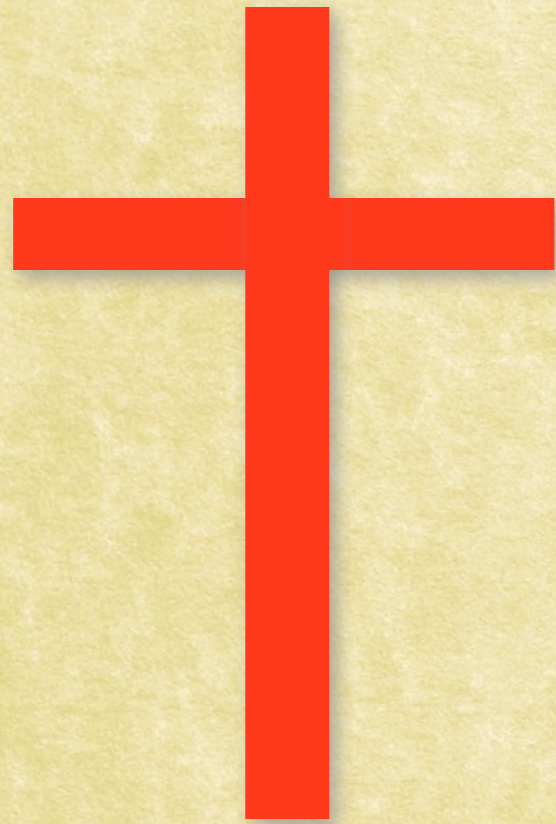


What happened to God's plan when the Lord Jesus Christ was rejected and crucified?

Acts 1:6, “Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ”

**1. The Jews expected a “one-coming”
Messiah.**

2. Jews wanted the crown before the cross, the glorious Messiah before the suffering Messiah.



The Cross



The Crown

The Presentation of the Kingdom and the Response

The **OFFER**
of the Kingdom

The **REJECTION**
of the King

The **CRUCIFIXION**
of the King



What, then, is the purpose for the ascension and the unforeseen interadvent age—the present Church Age?

John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

Acts 1:7, “And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Acts 1:8, “ ‘But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’ ”

The Ascension of Christ: Description



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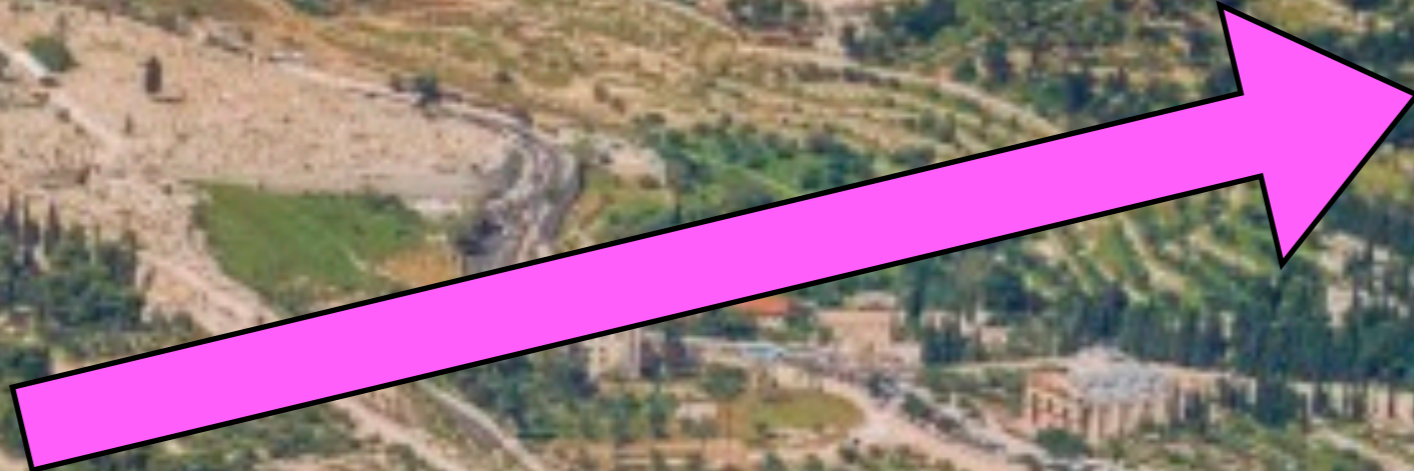
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Temple Mount

Mount of Olives



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raise up

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

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to lift up

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Dan. 7:9, “I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

Dan. 7:10, “A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, and the books were opened.”

Dan. 7:13, “I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

Dan. 7:14, “And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.”

Acts 1:10, “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,”



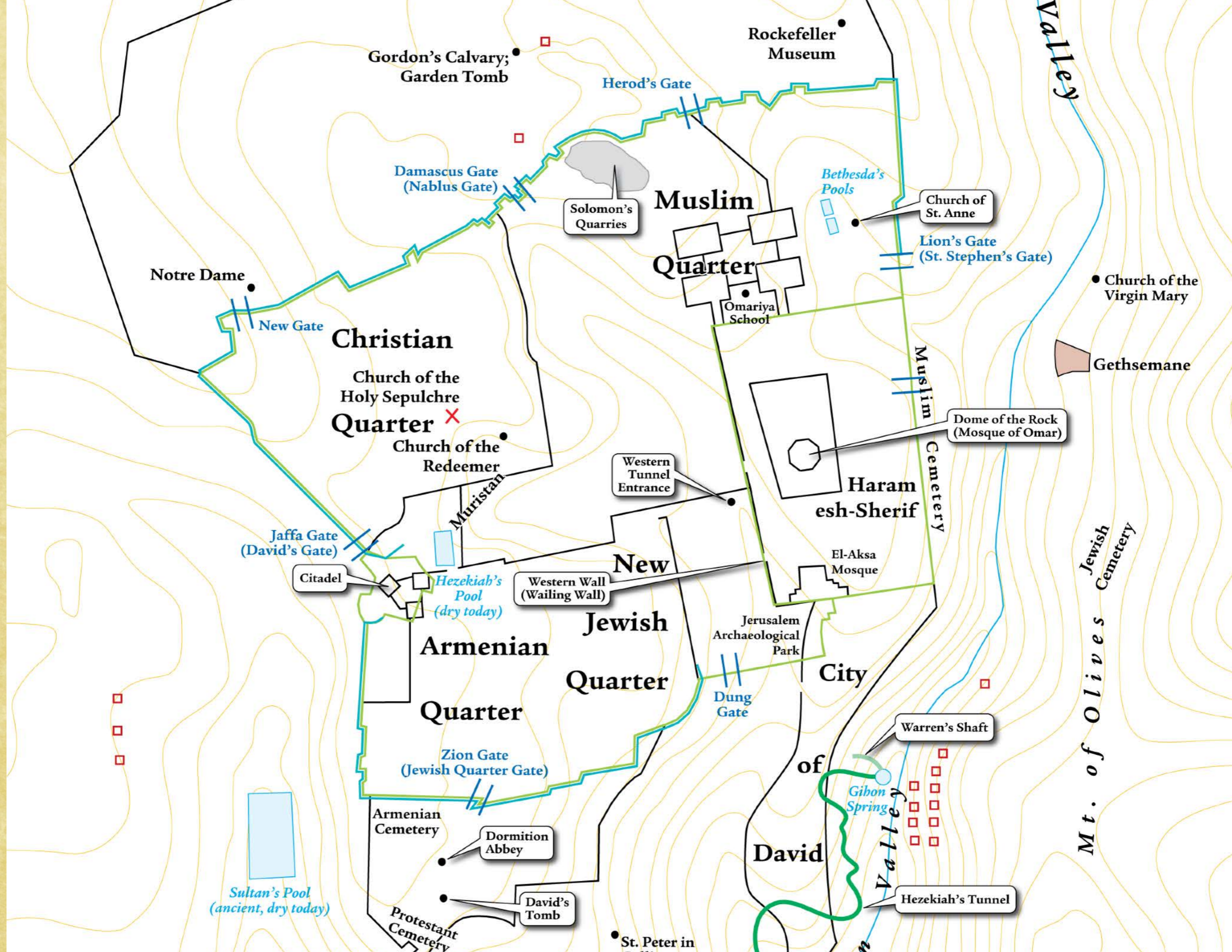
Acts 1:11, “who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’ ”

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“to take up, raise”



Rockefeller Museum

Gordon's Calvary; Garden Tomb

Herod's Gate

Damascus Gate (Nablus Gate)

Solomon's Quarries

Muslim Quarter

Bethesda's Pools

Church of St. Anne

Lion's Gate (St. Stephen's Gate)

Church of the Virgin Mary

Notre Dame

New Gate

Christian Quarter

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Church of the Redeemer

Muristan

Western Tunnel Entrance

Haram esh-Sherif

Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar)

Gethsemane

Jaffa Gate (David's Gate)

Hezekiah's Pool (dry today)

Western Wall (Wailing Wall)

New

El-Aksa Mosque

Jewish Quarter

Jerusalem Archaeological Park

Dung Gate

Armenian Quarter

City

Armenian Quarter

Zion Gate (Jewish Quarter Gate)

Warren's Shaft

Sultan's Pool (ancient, dry today)

Armenian Cemetery

Dormition Abbey

David's Tomb

Protestant Cemetery

St. Peter in

David

Gibon Spring

Hezekiah's Tunnel

Mt. of Olives Jewish Cemetery

Valley

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**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Accomplishments of
the Ascension***



1. The Ascension validated and certified Christ's prophecy that He would go to the Father.

John 14:28, "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I."

2. The Ascension is pictured with passive voice verbs, indicating God the Father's acceptance and reception of His Son back in Glory in Heaven. (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22)

3. The Ascension is pictured as a Rapture and thus is a shadow or type of the future pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church.

Revelation 12:5, “And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”

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to snatch away**

4. The Ascension completes the strategic victory of Christ in the angelic conflict.

ONE: Crucifixion—Victory over the penalty of Sin—spiritual death

TWO: Resurrection—Victory over consequences of sin—physical death

THREE: Ascension—Victory over Satan and his demonic armies

5. The Ascension elevated a MAN to the right hand of God the Father and the command post of the universe.

Acts 2:32, “ ‘This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 2:33, “ ‘Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.’ ”

Acts 2:34, “For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

Acts 2:35, “ ‘ “UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.” ’ ”

6. The Ascension marks the beginning of Christ's High Priestly ministry.

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”

7. The Ascension demonstrates the manner of Christ's future Second Coming.

8. The Ascension transferred the Old Testament saints from Paradise to Heaven. (Eph. 4:9, 10)

9. Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to perform the following post-salvation ministries in the life of the Church Age believer.

- Baptism by means of the Holy Spirit**
- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**
- Filling by means of the Holy Spirit**
- Distribution of spiritual gifts**

10. The Ascension marks the beginning of the waiting period for the Kingdom while a new people is formed related to His third royal title: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.