

Interlocked Series

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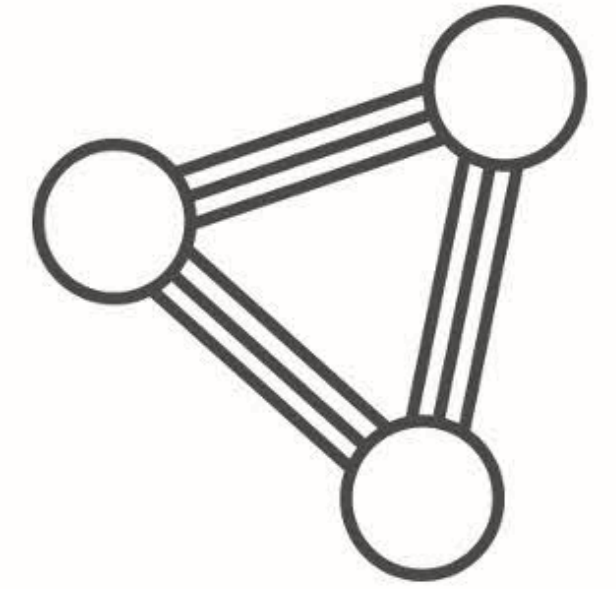
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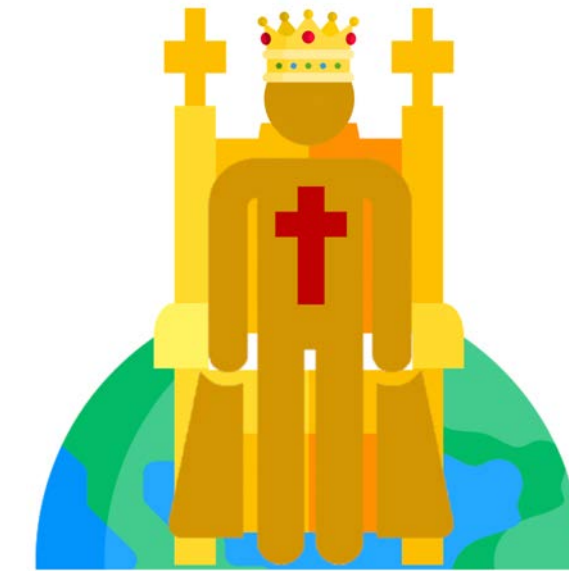
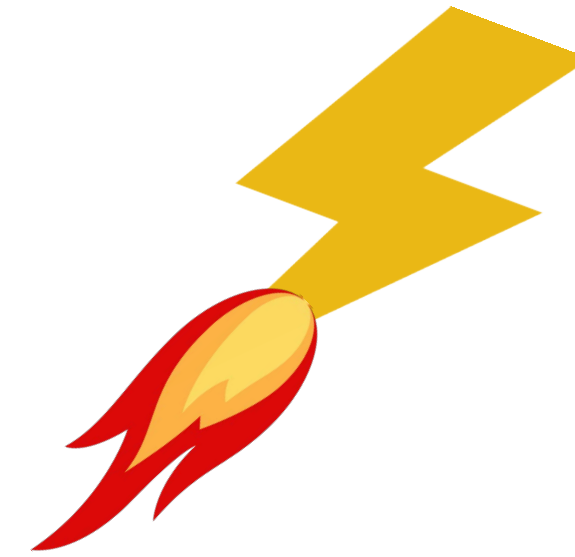
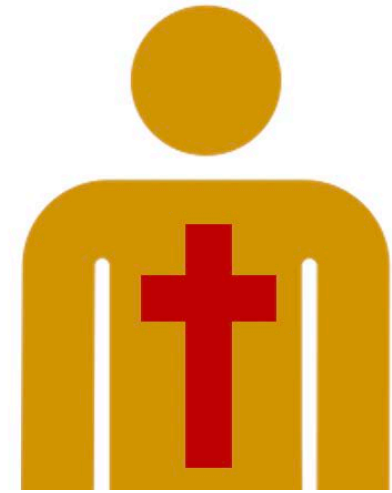
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Lesson 32: Who Do You Say That I AM?

- Previously ...
 - ✓ What was happening in the world?
 - ✓ What was happening with the Jews?
 - ✓ *Yahweh* sent a prophet to announce the arrival of the Messiah.
 - ✓ Jesus came to the Jews first! Rejected!
 - ✓ Why did they reject Him?

What were the Jews expecting at the end of the Old Testament period?



A. About the Covenants

Jews were expecting to fully occupy the Promised Land, to have a Son of David on the throne in Jerusalem and as a nation, have a new heart to love *Yahweh* forever.

B. About the Messiah

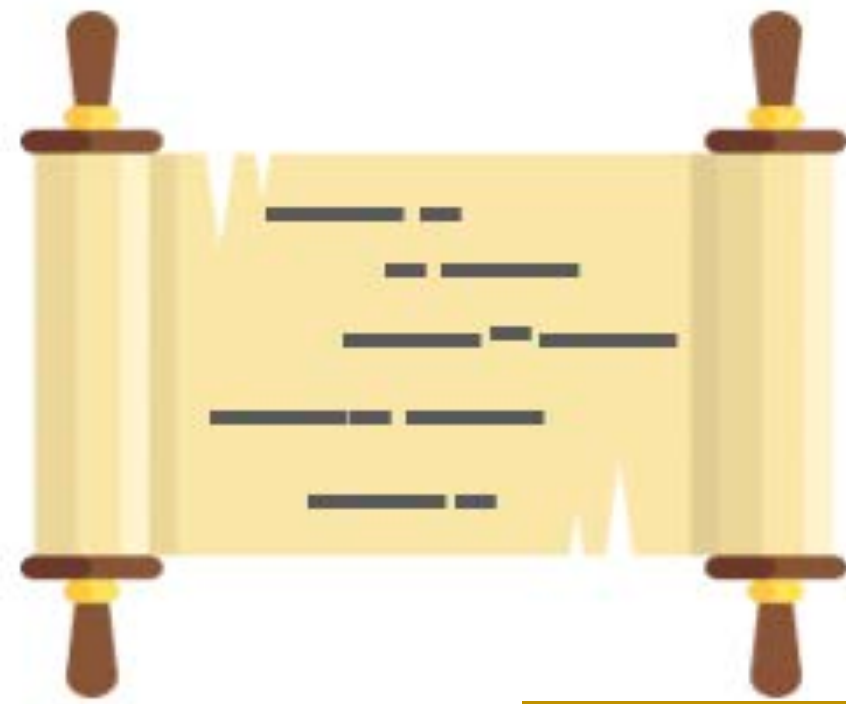
Jews were waiting for God to send the promised Savior.

C. About the Tribulation

Jews were expecting a time of great Tribulation for their people before God rescues them.

D. About the Coming Kingdom

Jews were eagerly waiting for all the amazing promises: world peace, Messiah and Prince David ruling from Jerusalem, Israel a super-power, great prosperity for all, no natural disasters and a renewed earth and nature.



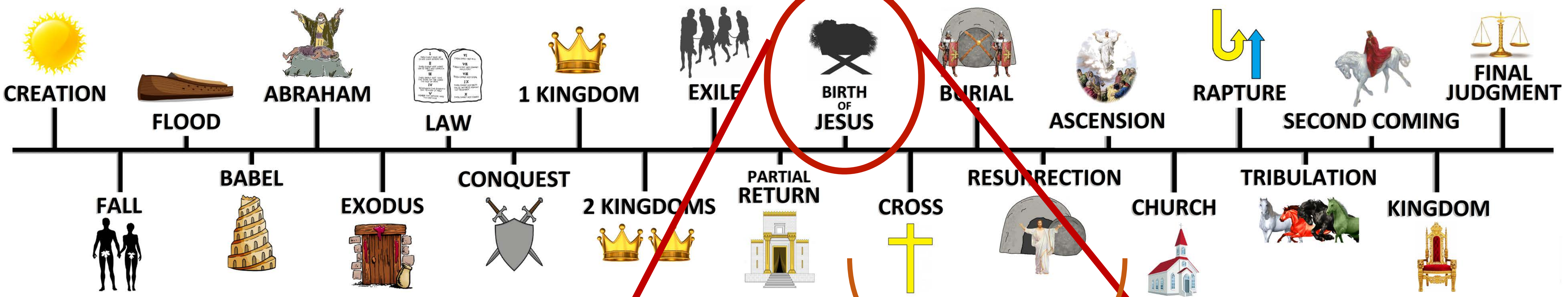
Old Testament completed

400-year silence. God did not speak to the Jews.
No prophets in operation.

~ 430 BC
Last 3 Old
Testament
prophets,
Haggai,
Zechariah, and
Malachi finish
writing.

*Malachi 4:5–6 (Last prophet of the
Old Testament)*

⁵ “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. ⁶ His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.”



Torah
Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings
1-2 Chronicles

Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Who do you say that I am?

Birth of Christ

Life of Christ

Death of Christ

Who did Christ die for?

The First Resurrection

What was Happening in the World

Roman Empire



What was Happening with the Jews

1. The Jews had been severely disciplined and learned many hard lessons.

Hopelessly sinful



No other god except *Yahweh*



ONLY ONE GOD

Needed
Yahweh's
grace and help



Need God's
grace and help

During the Partial Return while they were rebuilding their homeland, they ...



**fought off
pagan ideas**



**fought off
worshiping
foreign gods
and idols**



**refused to
intermarry and
mix with other
cultures**



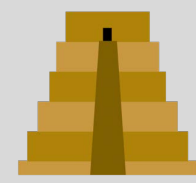
**worked hard
to be a
counterculture**



**In this way,
the Jews
managed to
keep their
own separate
identity and
culture**

Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS
Man would save himself
through his own ideas



Babel



Egypt



Canaan

God's restraining hand on the
Pagan Kingdom of Man

Rise of the Kingdom of Man



Babylon

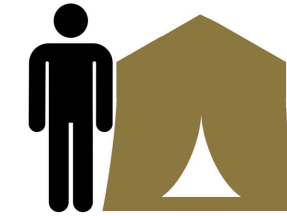
Medo-Persia

Greece

Rome

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE God will Save Man
Election



God chose Abraham

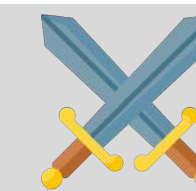


God saved Israel

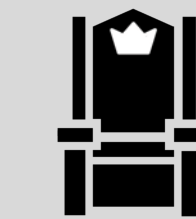


God built Israel:

- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



Conquest and Settlement
in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

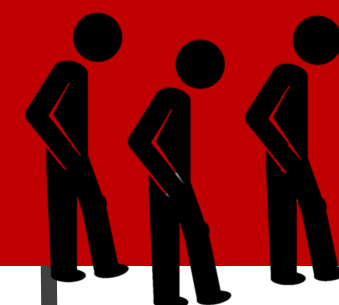
- Unified kingdom
- Divided kingdom



Israel and Judah turned against
God: Paganized—unbelievers



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Exile: Kingdom of God Ended



Partial return:

- Subjects of pagan nations
- Kept their Jewish identity

2. The Jews grew more legalistic.

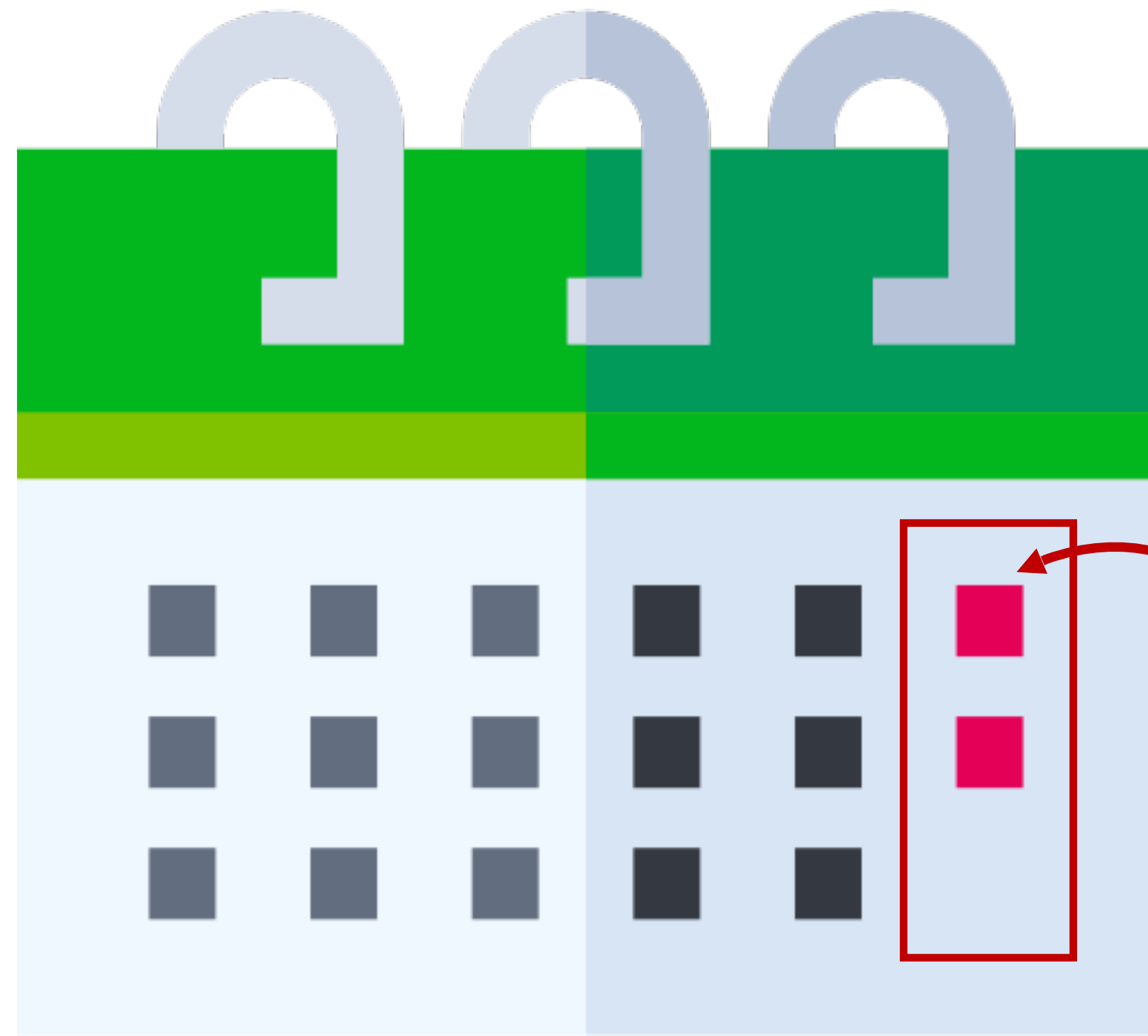


**Jewish leaders added
thousands more laws**



God's 613 laws

Sabbath = Day of Rest



What is “rest”?
What is “work”?



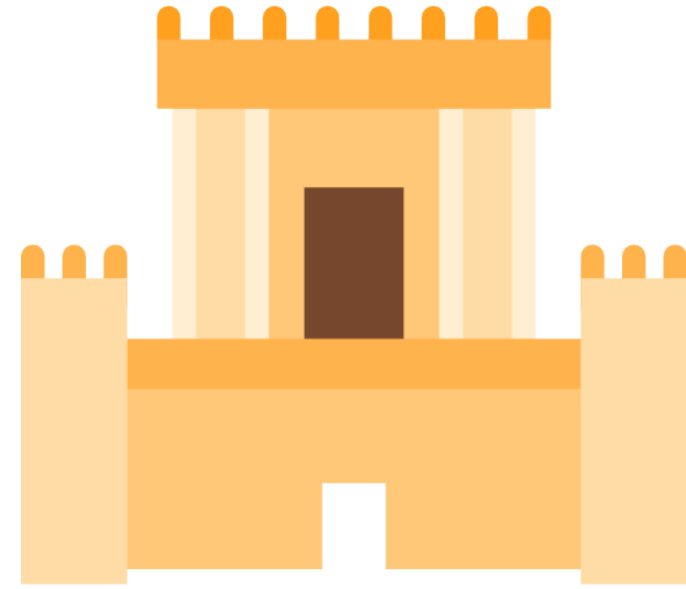
For example, there were Sabbath day rules for:

- how many steps a person could walk.**
- how much “work” a person could do to prepare food without breaking the law.**
- how many letters a person could write before it was counted as work.**
- what they could or could not do with their animals on that day!**

3. The Jews became obsessed with the temple.



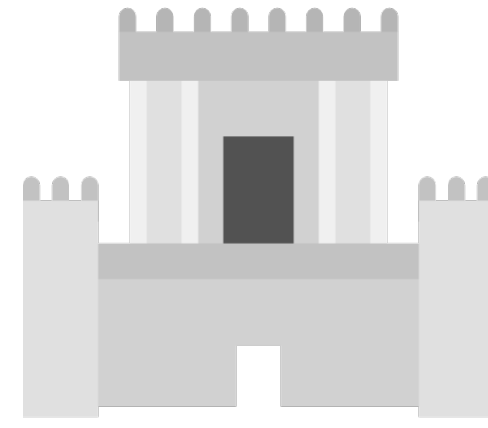
First Temple



Solomon's Temple
966 BC

(1 Kings 6:1–38)

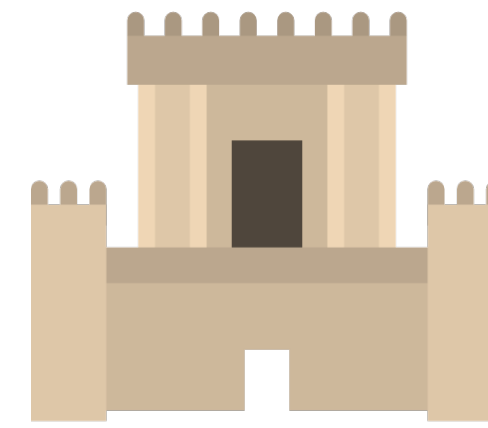
Second Temple



Zerubbabel's Temple
538 BC

(Ezra 3:8–13,
6:13–18)

Second Temple (Herod's Upgrade)



Herod's Temple
AD 63

Time

Acts 7:46, “who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob.

Acts 7:47, “But Solomon built Him a house.

Acts 7:48, “However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:”

Isa. 29:13, “Therefore the Lord said: ‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,’ ”

When Would *Yahweh* Send the Promised Savior?

1 Pet. 1:10, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

1 Pet. 1:11, “searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”

Gal. 4:4, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
Gal. 4:5, “to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

**Importantly, this
renewal is God's
work, not man's**



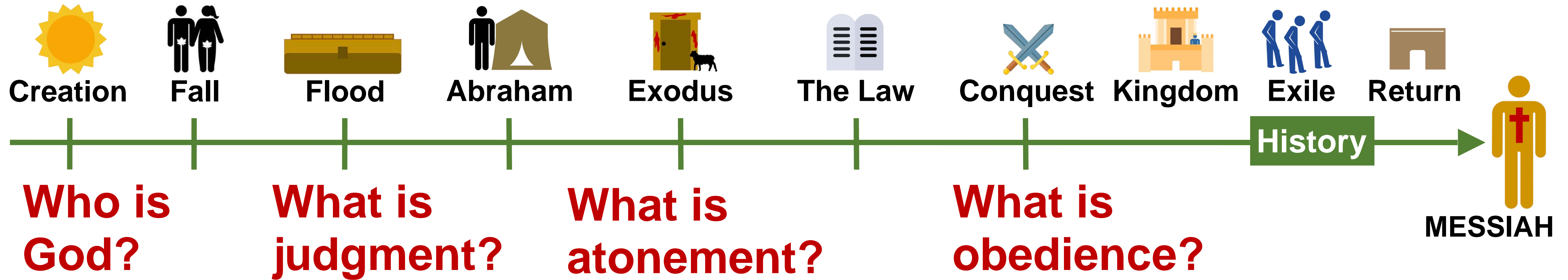
Daniel 2, 7, 8	
612 BC	Babylon
539 BC	Medo-Persia
330 BC	Greece
63 BC	Rome
AD Future	Revived Rome
Kingdom of God	

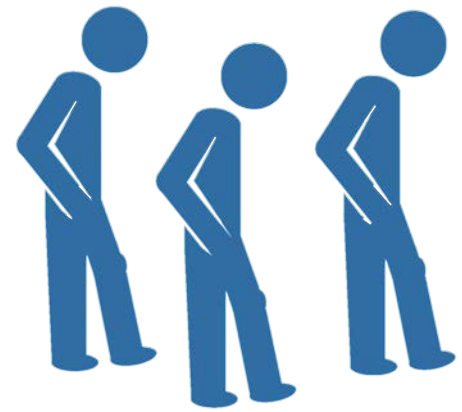
**What is
sin?**

**What is
faith?**

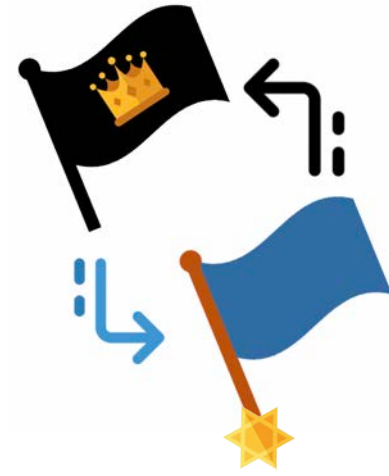
**What is
holiness?**

Teaches man:





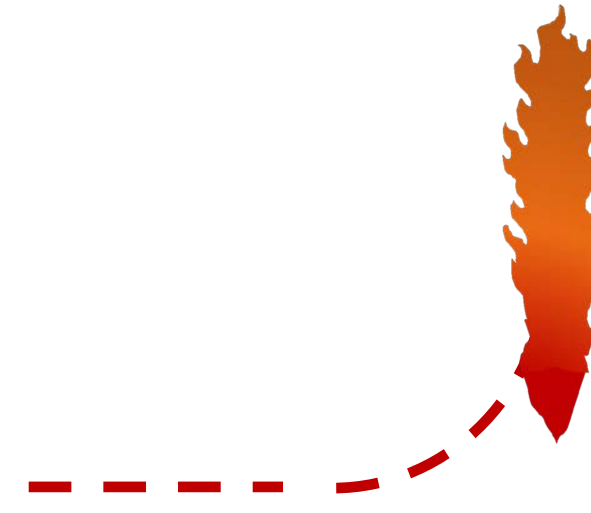
Israel exiled



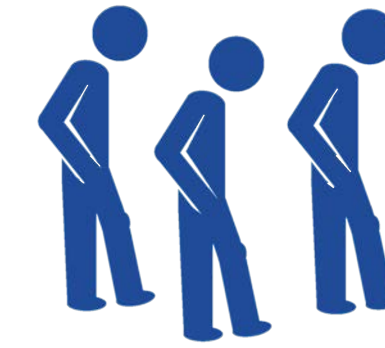
**Transfer of political
power to the
Gentiles**



**End of
Solomon's
dynasty**



**Shekinah Glory
departed**



Judah exiled

Year (BC)
not to scale

721

603

598

591

586

479

Taoism

Zoroastrianism

Jainism

**Vedanta
Monoism**

Buddhism

Confucianism

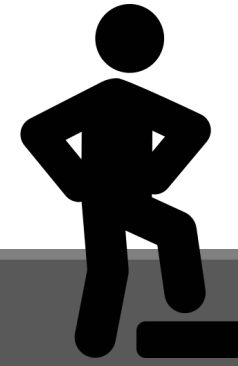
Judaism (new form)

Sources of Truth

1. YAHWEH

God's Revelation in Scripture:

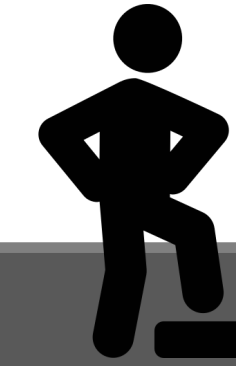
Content-filled message given in human language so man can understand.



2. Man

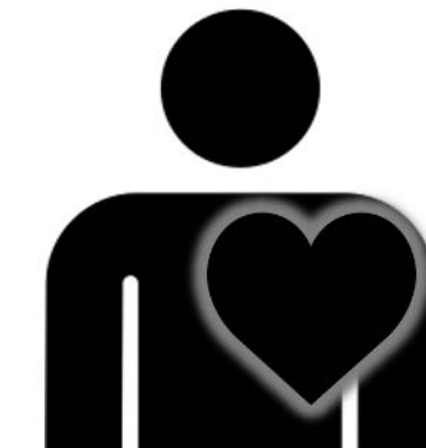
Human reason

because man's mind is able to discover truth without any external help (that is, without any god).



3. Man

Man's personal **experience** and feelings are the ultimate source of truth. This includes scientific study.



***Yahweh* Sent a Prophet to Announce the Arrival of the Messiah**

John 1:29, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”

John 1:30, “ ‘This is He of whom I said, “After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.” ’ ”

John 1:31, “ ‘I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.’

John 1:32, “And John bore witness, saying, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

John 1:33, “I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

John 1:34, “And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

Looking at Jesus was Looking at God Himself

John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”

Old Testament

Anointing prophet:
Samuel



New Testament

Anointing prophet:
John the Baptist



Jesus Introduced Himself to the Jews First

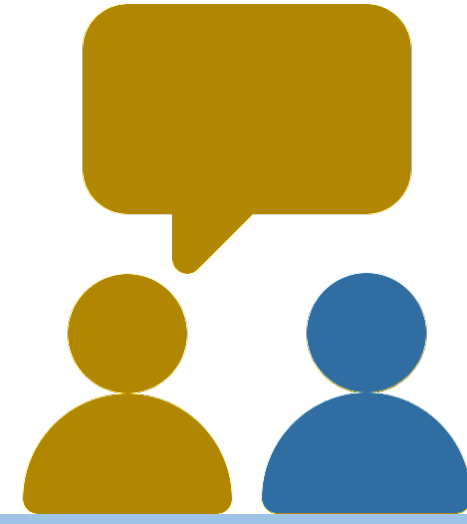
Watching Jesus ...



work



eat



talk



care



teach



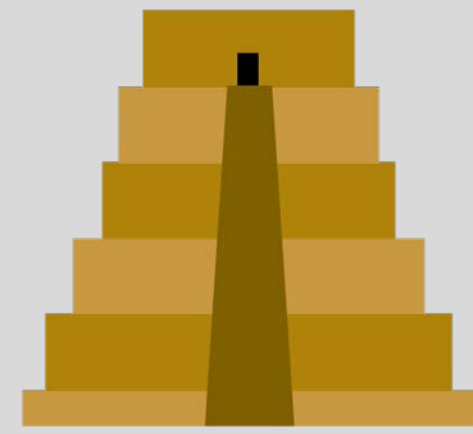
love

... was watching **God Himself!**

How Civilization became Paganized and How God Intervened

Noah and his family – All believers in *Yahweh*

Most people rebelled against God and rejected His History and Truth

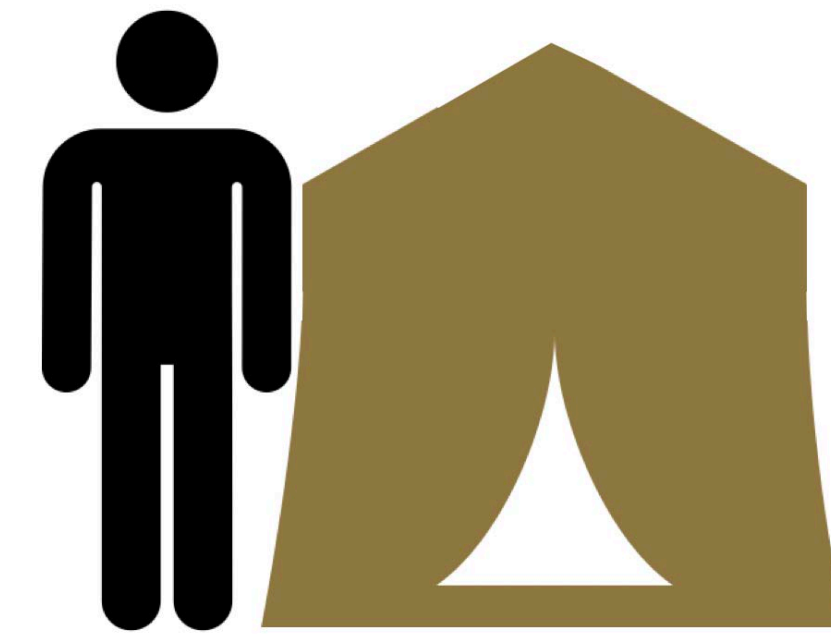


Pagan Kingdom of Man

Based on WORKS

Man would save himself through his own ideas

God intervened to preserve His History and Truth



Call of Abraham

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Destiny:



Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1, “Now the Lord had said to Abram: ‘Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “ ‘I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ”

Rom. 3:1, “What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?”

Rom. 3:2, “Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.”

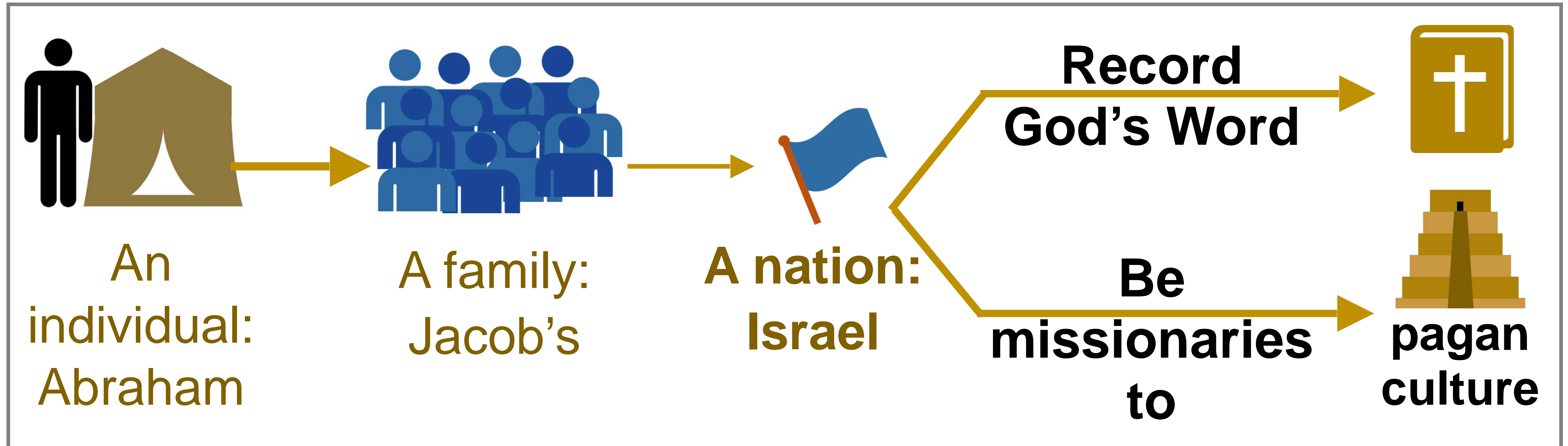
Amos 3:7, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.”

Ex. 19:5, “ ‘Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Ex. 19:6, “ ‘And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Rom. 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Election of a nation for a specific mission and purpose



Matt. 28:18, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matt. 28:19, “ ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matt. 28:20, “ ‘and by teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and look, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

The Jews Rejected Jesus

John 1:10, “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

John 1:11, “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

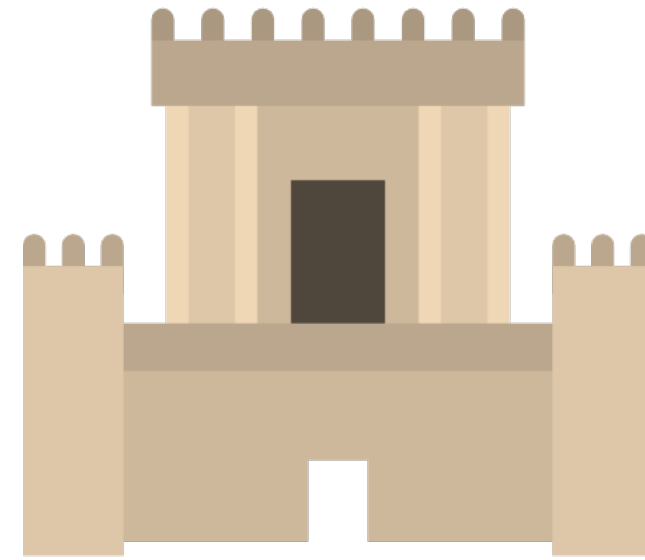
Why did the Jews Reject the Savior that *Yahweh* Sent?



**Afraid of
losing
peace**



**Afraid of
losing
legalism**



**Wanted to
protect their
temple
worship**



**Jesus was the
“wrong” type
of Messiah**



**They refused
to believe
that Messiah
is *Yahweh***