

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.



“MELCHIZEDEK – THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX”

PART 3

Heb. 7:18-22

May 12, 2013

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“Law”

3 ways it is used in Scripture:

1. O.T. Scriptures.
2. Pentetuch.
3. The commands of the Mosaic Law.



STOP

**WATCH
FOR
CHILDREN**

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25**



**PARKING BY
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PERMIT
ONLY**



**NO
PARKING
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LANE**

What is the purpose of the Law?

1. To reveal the character of God (Holy & Righteous).

Rom 7:12

12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

2. To instruct man what is required to live in a relationship with God.

Ps 1:1-2

1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.

3. To separate Israel from other nations as the unique people of God.

Deut 14:1-2

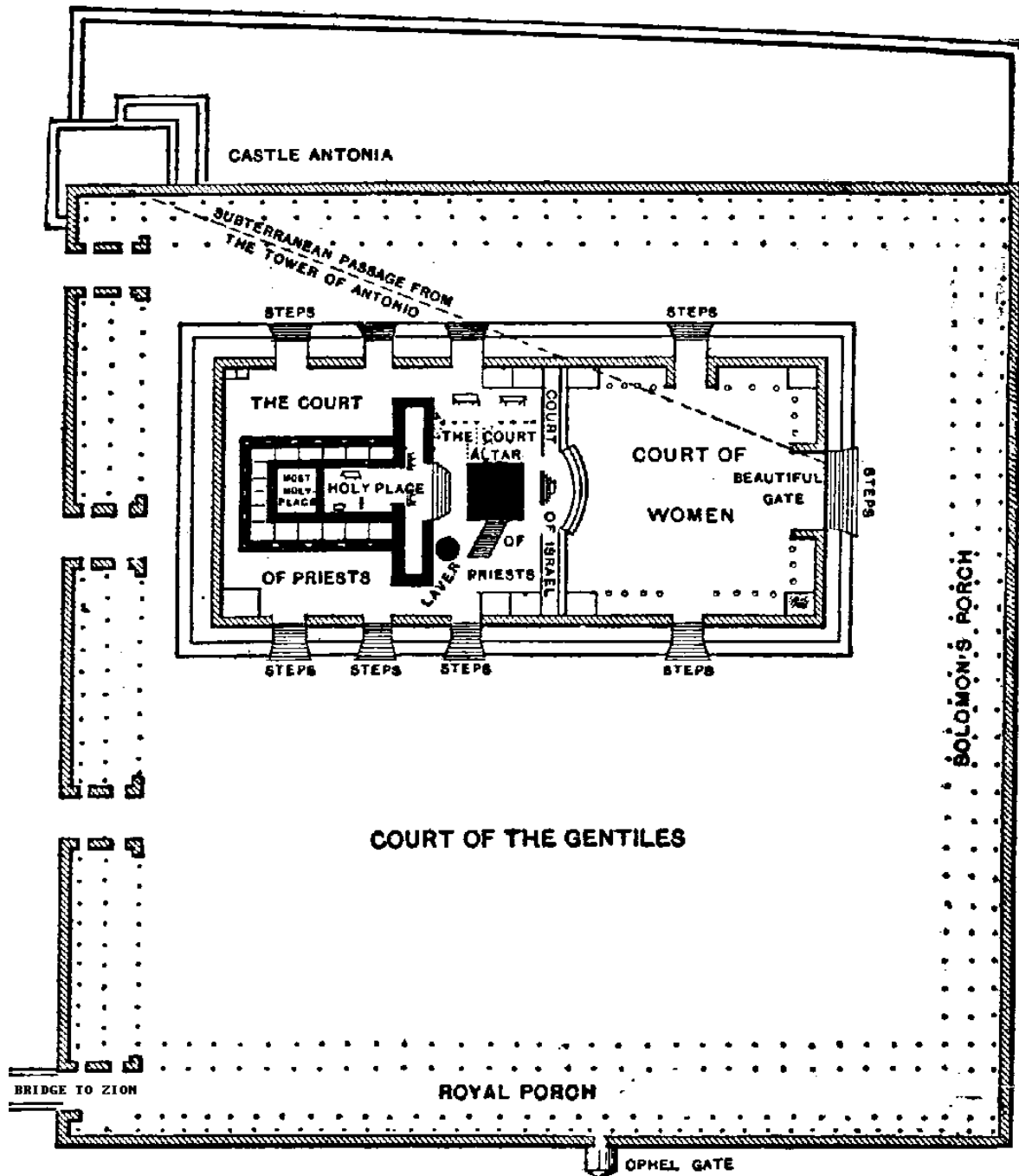
1 "You are the sons of the Lord your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.

2 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

4. To serve as a wall of partition.

Eph 2:11-19

- 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands —
- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
- 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,
- 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;
- 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,



PLAN OF TEMPLE



Inscription in Greek & Latin on wall of Temple proper -

"No Gentile may enter within the barricade which surrounds the sanctuary and enclosure. Anyone who is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his ensuing death."

- Josephus (Jewish historian)

If you wanted to become a believer in the O.T you must –

1. Live under the Mosaic Law.

2. Be circumcised.

3. Live like the Jews.

*Gentiles could not enjoy the spiritual blessings of Israel, only as proselytes to Israel.

5. To reveal sin.

Rom 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law;

Rom 3:19-20

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God;

20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

6. To reveal the inability of the unbeliever to save himself.

James 2:10

10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Gal 3:11

11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

7. To drive the unbeliever to faith in Christ.

Gal 3:24

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

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- I. Edenic Covenant.
- II. Adamic Covenant.
- III. Noahic Covenant.
- IV. Abrahamic Covenant:
 - Palastinc Covenant
 - Davidic Covenant
 - Mosaic Covenant
 - New Covenant
 - Messianic Covenant

The term "Covenant" in Scripture:

Used 316 times.

O.T. – 282

N.T. – 34

Hebrews – 21

1 – ch. 7

7 – ch. 8

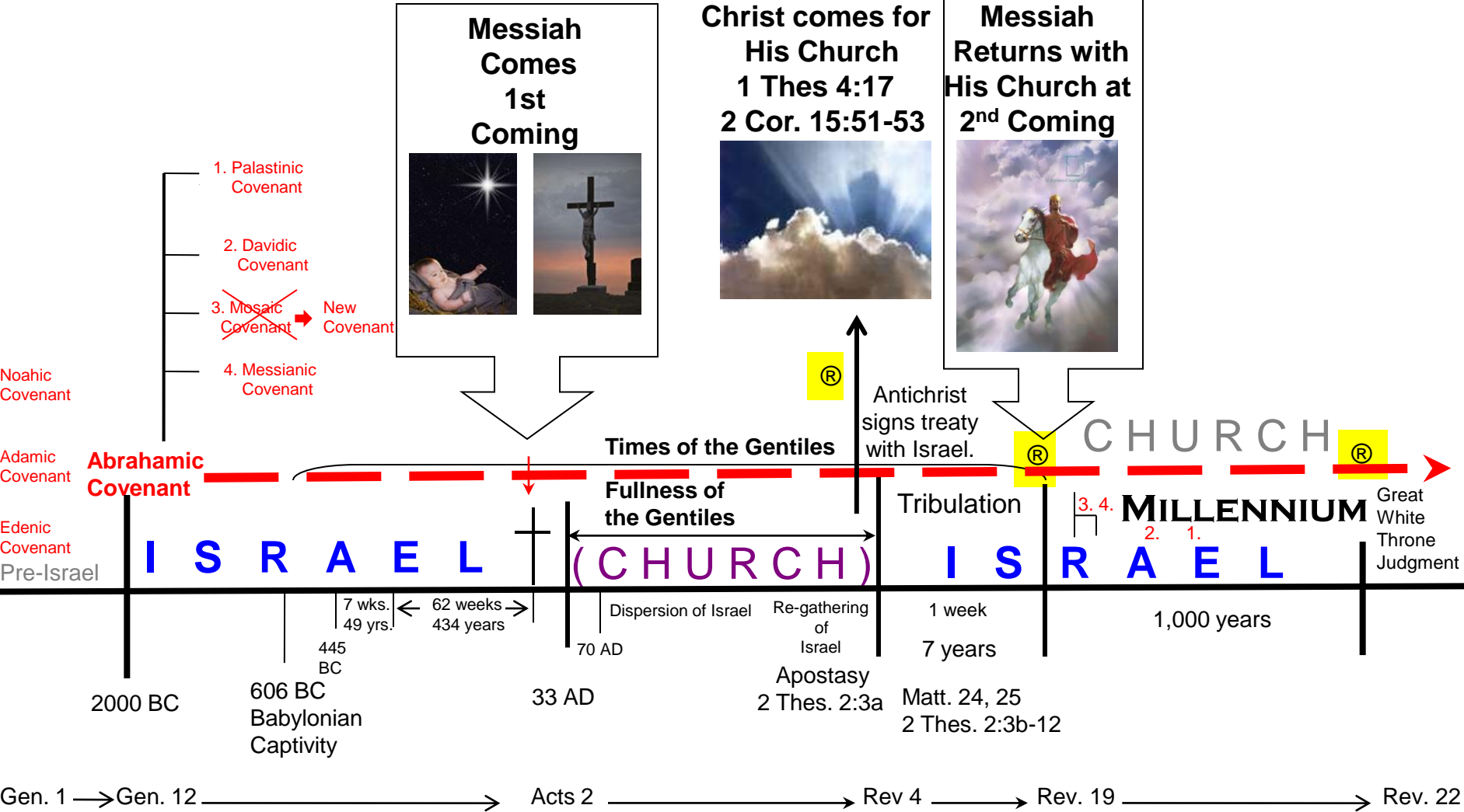
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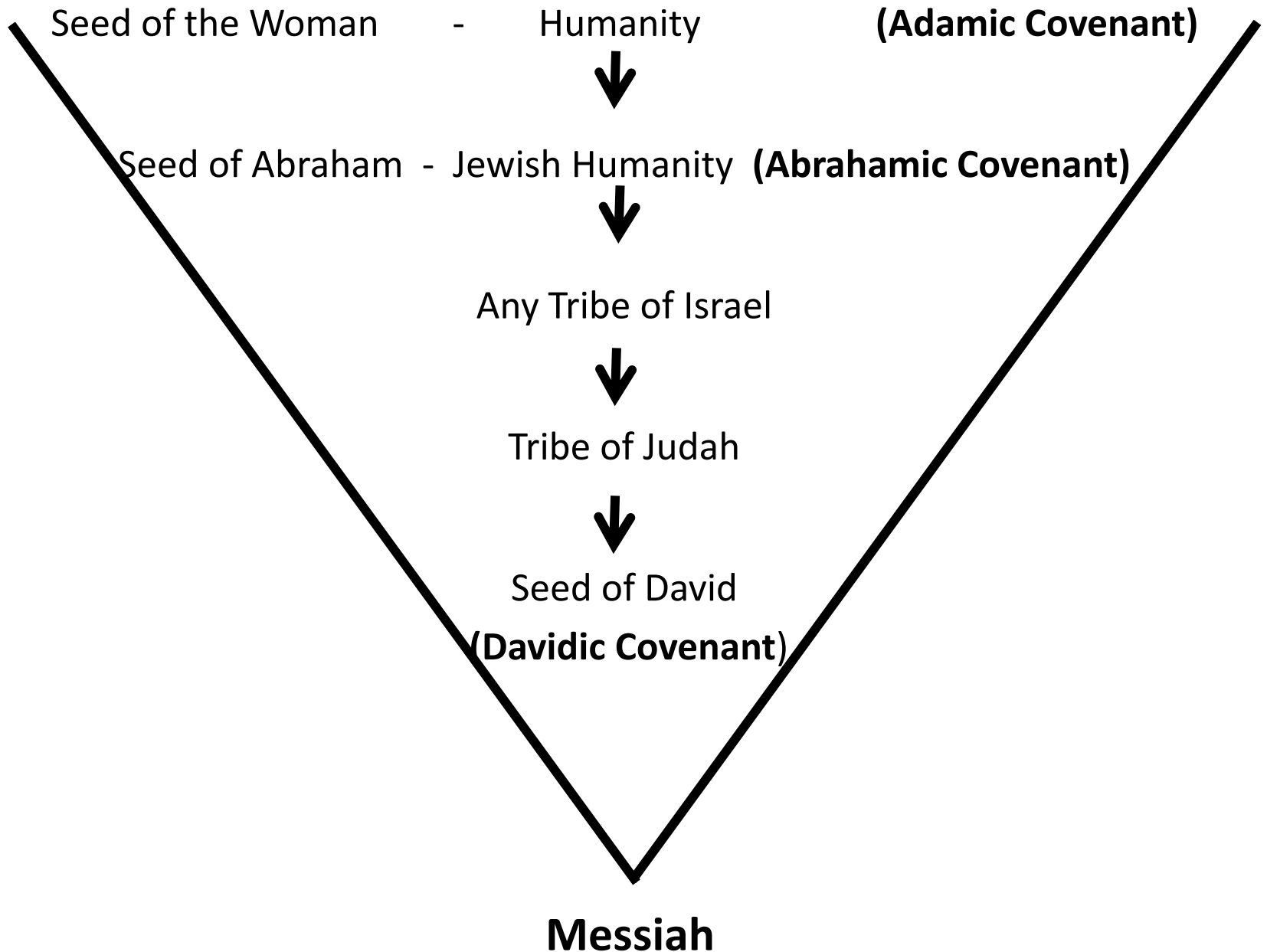
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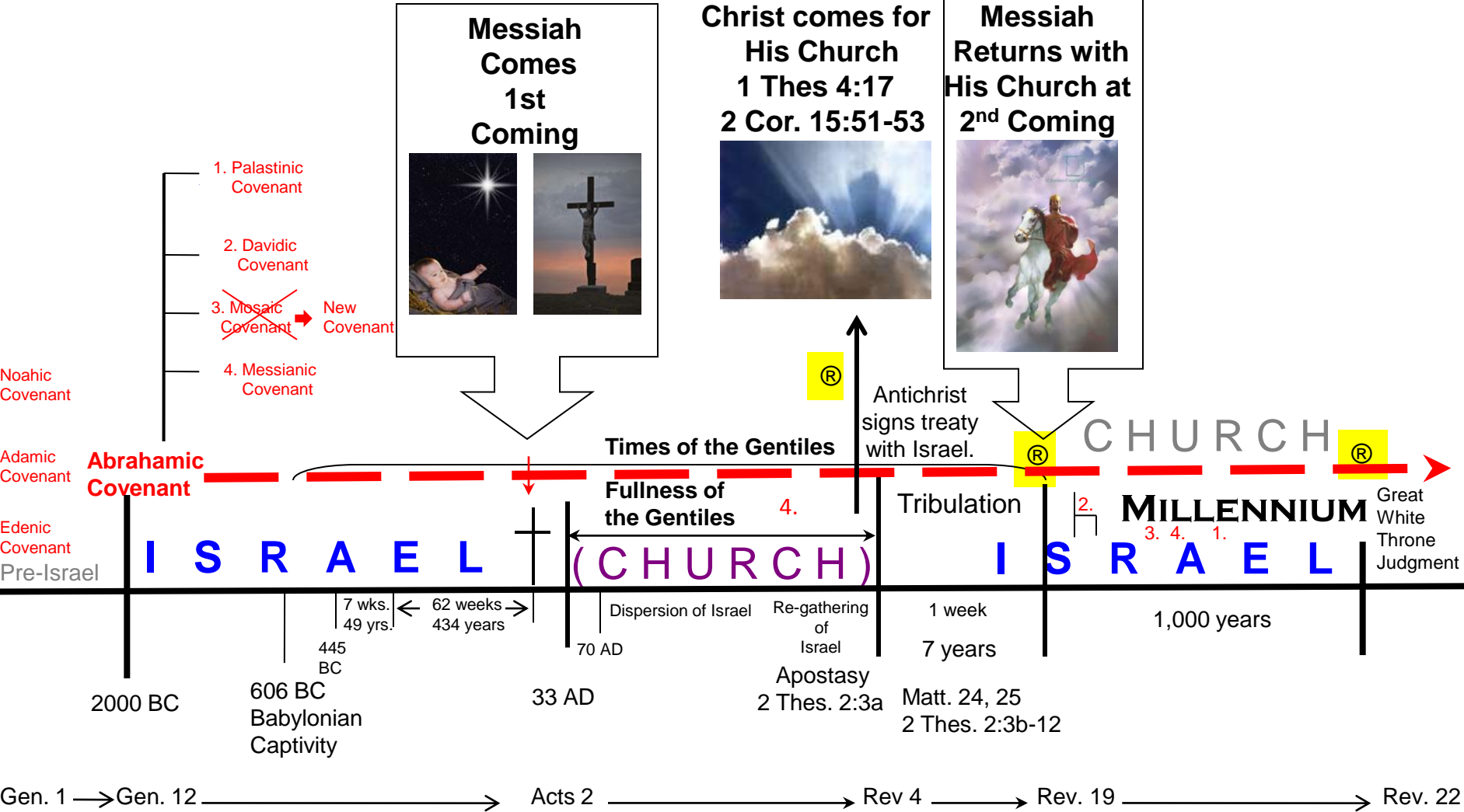
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1. ***Palastinic Covenant*** – Land for Israel
2. ***Davidic Covenant*** – Kingdom with a King in Israel forever (Eternal House, Eternal Throne, Eternal Kingdom, Eternal Descendant)
3. ~~***Mosaic Covenant***~~  ***New Covenant***
Personal Blessing for Israel National Salvation for Israel
4. ***Messianic Covenant*** – Israel and Gentile nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham which is the the Messiah.

NARROWING OF THE SEED



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Application

1. Keep the Law in it's limited proper perspective – it only reveals, it does not save.
2. Be thankful, as a Gentile, that the barrier has been broken that separated you from all of the Jewish blessings God gave in the O.T.
3. Be thankful, as a Jew, that God has and is faithful to all of His covenants which bring blessing and hope.
4. All of us should be thankful to our *Great High Priest*, Jesus Christ, for fulfilling the Law, drawing us near to God, and unconditionally guaranteeing His covenants.