

A SURVEY OF THE

BIBLE

Context • Content • Conviction



PURPOSES

- ✦ **HELP US READ OUR BIBLE WELL PERSONALLY.**
- ✦ **HELP US LISTEN TO MESSAGES WELL.**
- ✦ **GUIDE US IN SEEING THE BIG PICTURE OF GOD'S STORY.**
- ✦ **PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR INTERPRETING ALL SCRIPTURE.**
- ✦ **PROVIDE CONTEXT AND STRUCTURE FOR EACH BOOK.**
- ✦ **HELP US SEE WHERE WE FIT INTO GOD'S STORY.**
- ✦ **PROVIDE HOPE THAT GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING!!**



**THE OLD TESTAMENT
THE NEW TESTAMENT
AND EVERYTHING
IN BETWEEN**



MOSES

5 Books
1 Psalm
125,139 words
20.4% of Bible

EZRA

3 Books
43,618 words
7% of Bible

JEREMIAH

2 Books
35,306 words
6%

JOHN

5 Books
28,092 words
4.7% of Bible
20.4% of NT

LUKE

2 Books
37,932 words
6% of Bible
27.5% of NT

PAUL

13 Books
32,408 words
5.1% of Bible
27.1% of NT



THE FULLNESS OF TIMES

FOR WHILE WE WERE STILL HELPLESS,
AT THE RIGHT TIME,
CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY.

Romans 5:6



THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY



THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

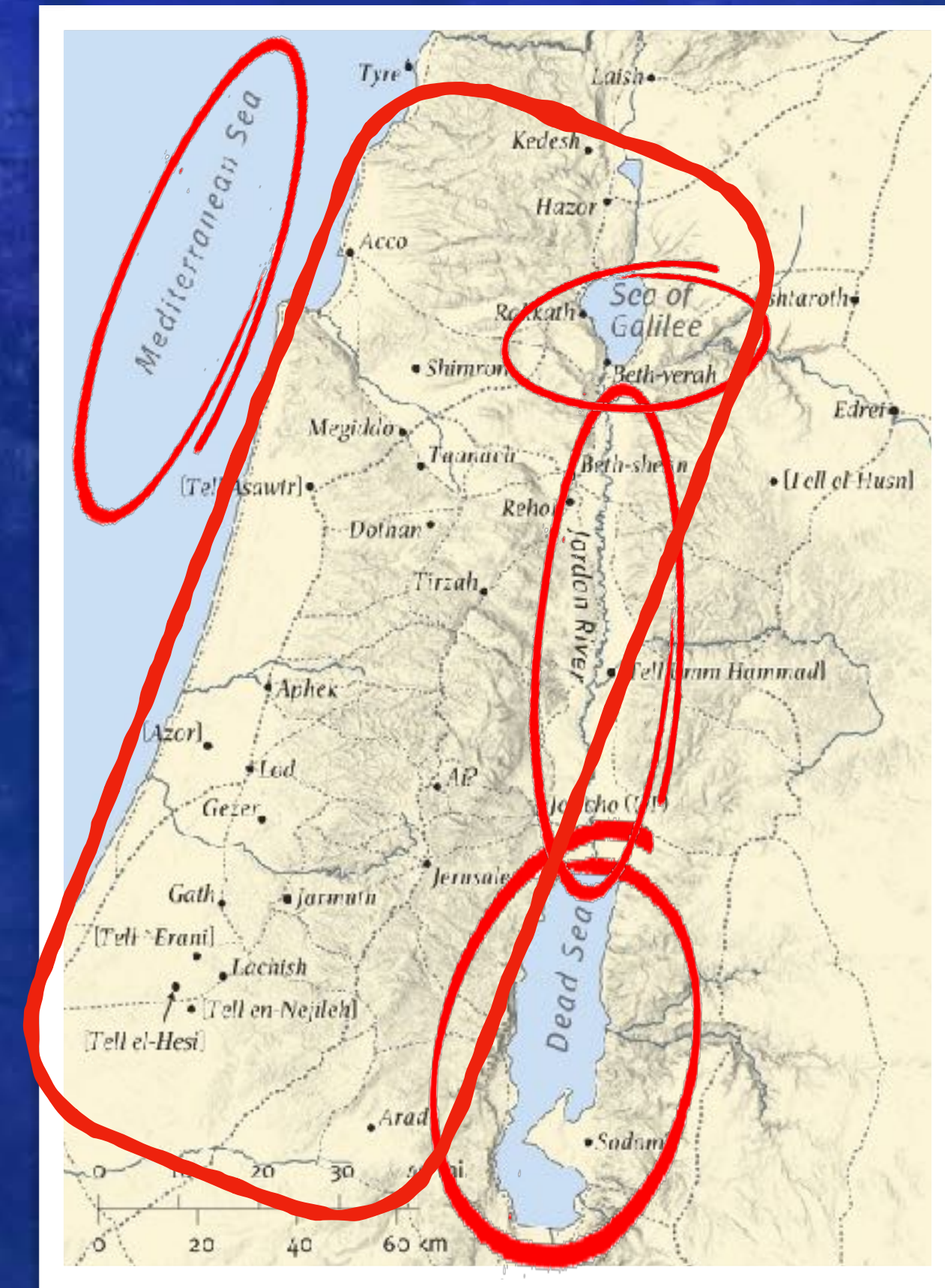
AFTER CREATION ADAM AND EVE FELL OUT OF PERFECT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. GOD SENT THE FLOOD. AND, AT THE TOWER OF BABEL THE NATIONS ARE BORN. THEN ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND YEARS AGO GOD CALLED ABRAHAM. ABRAHAM LEFT FROM UR WHICH IS NEAR THE PERSIAN GULF WHICH TASTES LIKE **SALT**. SALT REMINDS US THAT WHEN GOD CALLED, THE GROUP THAT LEFT UR WAS **SARAH** (ABRAHAM'S WIFE), **ABRAHAM**, **LOT** (ABRAHAM'S NEPHEW), AND **TERAH** (ABRAHAM'S FATHER). THEY TRAVELED ALONG THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES. THEIR FIRST STOP WAS HARAN WHERE TERAH DIES.



Genesis 1-12

THE OLD TESTAMENT SETTING

NOW FOR A GEOGRAPHY LESSON. WE HAVE THE SEA OF GALILEE THAT FLOWS INTO THE JORDAN RIVER WHICH DUMPS INTO THE DEAD SEA. TO THE WEST IS THE MEDITERRANEAN. BETWEEN THESE BODIES OF WATER LIES ISRAEL.



Genesis 1-12



THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

THE NATION OF ISRAEL GREW. THERE ARE SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHARACTERS IN THE GENERATIONS FOLLOWING ABRAHAM.

ABRAHAM'S SONS WERE ISHMAEL AND ISAAC. ISAAC'S SONS WERE ESAU AND JACOB. ONE OF JACOB'S SONS WAS JOSEPH WHO WAS TAKEN TO EGYPT AFTER HIS BROTHERS SOLD HIM INTO SLAVERY.



Genesis 12-50

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

THE JEWS EVENTUALLY ENDED UP IN EGYPT WHEN A FAMINE DROVE JOSEPH'S BROTHERS TO EGYPT IN A QUEST FOR FOOD. THEY REMAINED IN EGYPT AND EVENTUALLY SPENT 400 YEARS IN BONDAGE AS THE SLAVES OF PHARAOH. THAT WAS UNTIL MOSES WENT BEFORE PHARAOH AND TOOK GOD'S MESSAGE, "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" BUT PHARAOH HAD A HARD HEART AND SAID, "NO." SO GOD SENT TEN PLAGUES CULMINATING WITH THE MOST FRIGHTENING, THE ANGEL OF DEATH VISITED EGYPTIAN HOUSEHOLDS WHILE HE PASSED OVER THE ISRAELITE HOUSEHOLDS. THAT EVENT IS REFERRED TO AS PASSOVER.

Exodus 1-40



THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

PHARAOH RELENDED AND TOLD THE JEWS THEY COULD LEAVE EGYPT. THE JEWS FLED AND ONLY ESCAPED PHARAOH'S CONTINUED WICKEDNESS WHEN GOD MIRACULOUSLY PARTED THE RED SEA. FROM THERE THEY WENT TO MT. SINAI WHERE MOSES RECEIVED THE LAW AND THE TEACHING ON THE TABERNACLE. THE TABERNACLE IS WHERE THE LEVITES AND PRIESTS GAVE OFFERINGS AND CELEBRATED FEASTS.



Exodus 1-40, Leviticus

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

AFTER LEAVING MT. SINAI THE JEWS MOVED INTO THE DESERT WHERE THEY WERE COUNTING THE FACES FOR A CENSUS. THEY TRAVELED TO KADESH OASIS. FROM THERE THEY SENT OUT THE TWELVE SPIES. BECAUSE OF THE REPORTS OF TEN OF THE TWELVE SPIES THE NATION WANDERS IN THE DESERT AND A WHOLE GENERATION DIES. THEY FINALLY END UP IN MOAB WHERE MOSES GIVES THE SECOND LAW (A SERIES SERMON ON THE ORIGINAL LAWS) AND THEN HE DIES.



Numbers - Deuteronomy

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

GOD HAS CLEANSSED THE NATION OF THE DOUBTING GENERATION AND NOW ALLOWS JOSHUA TO CROSS THE JORDAN. THEY TRAVEL TO AND DESTROY THE HEATHEN CITY OF JERICHO WITH THE FAMOUS BLOWING OF THE TRUMPETS AND CRUMBLING OF THE WALLS. ONCE IN THE LAND THE JEWS DIVIDE AND CONQUER IN TWO MILITARY CAMPAIGNS; FIRST THE SOUTH AND THEN THE NORTH OF THE LAND GOD HAS PROMISED. THEN AGAIN THEY DIVIDE THE LAND BUT THIS TIME IT IS TO SETTLE. THEY DIVIDE THE LAND BETWEEN THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.



Joshua

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

OUR NEXT MOVE TAKES US INTO THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES WHICH LASTS FOR 400 YEARS. THREE EXAMPLES OF THE JUDGES ARE DEBORAH, GIDEON, AND SAMSON. DURING THIS PERIOD OF THE JUDGES, "EVERY MAN DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES," EXCEPT FOR RUTH AND SAMUEL.



Judges - Ruth

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

SAMUEL IS THE LAST OF THE JUDGES AND HE ANOINTS THE FIRST KING WHICH TAKES US INTO THE PERIOD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WHICH LASTED 120 YEARS. DURING THAT TIME THE KINGS WERE; SAUL WHO HAD NO HEART FOR GOD, DAVID WHO HAD A WHOLE HEART FOR GOD, AND SOLOMON WHO HAD A HALF HEART FOR GOD. SOLOMON'S SONS TAKE US INTO THE PERIOD OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM WHICH LASTED FOR 400 YEARS.



1 & 2 Samuel (Psalms, Wisdom Books)

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

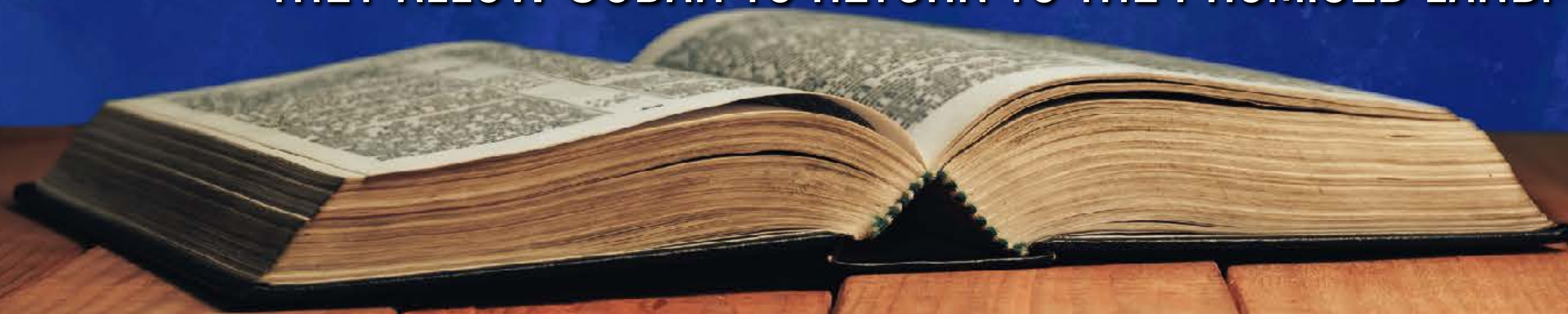
THE KINGDOM WAS DIVIDED INTO THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. THE NORTH BEING ISRAEL AND THE SOUTH BEING JUDAH. IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM THERE WERE 19 KINGS. IN THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM THERE WERE 20 KINGS. OF THE 19 IN THE NORTH, 0 WERE GOOD KINGS (KINGS WHO HAD A HEART FOR GOD.) IN THE SOUTH, OF THE 20 KINGS, 8 WERE GOOD.



1 & 2 Kings

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM THE PROPHETS SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GOD AND WARN THE JEWS TO “SHAPE UP OR SHIP OUT” BECAUSE THE MESSAGE FALLS ON DEAF EARS ASSYRIA COMES AND OVERTAKES ISRAEL. THEN THEY SCATTER THEM THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST. ABOUT 150 YEARS LATER BABYLONIA COMES DOWN AND CONQUERS JUDAH WHO THEY EVENTUALLY TAKE INTO EXILE FOR 70 YEARS. AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME BABYLONIA IS TAKEN OVER BY PERSIA. PERSIA HAS NO INTEREST IN THE JEWS SO THEY ALLOW JUDAH TO RETURN TO THE PROMISED LAND.



Prophets

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

THE FIRST WAVE OF PEOPLE TO RETURN CAME WITH ZERUBBABEL TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE. DURING THIS TIME ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN TO PERSIA. THE SECOND WAVE OF PEOPLE CAME BACK WITH EZRA WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING BACK MOST OF THE PEOPLE. THE THIRD WAVE CAME BACK WITH NEHEMIAH WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZING THE REBUILDING OF THE WALLS. THEN IN SCRIPTURE THERE IS A PERIOD OF 400 YEARS OF SILENCE, AND THEN WE MOVE TO THE NEW TESTAMENT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF CHRIST.



Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

DATES

4000 BC 2000 BC 1500 BC 1000 BC 500 BC

PEOPLE

ADAM
NOAH
ABRAHAM
ISAAC
JACOB
JOSEPH

EXODUS FROM EGYPT
(1446 BC)

MOSES JOSHUA

SAMUEL

SAUL
DAVID
SOLOMON

ASSYRIA DESTROYS
(722 BC)

ISRAEL

JUDAH

BABYLON CAPTIVITY
(586 BC)

70 YEARS

RESTORATION

BONDAGE IN EGYPT
(400 YEARS)

UNITED KINGDOM
(400 YEARS)

DIVIDED KINGDOM
(400 YEARS)

HISTORY

GENESIS EXODUS NUMBERS JOSHUA JUDGES 1 SAMUEL 2 SAMUEL 1 KINGS 2 KINGS EZRA NEHEMIAH

LEVITICUS DEUTERONOMY

RUTH

1 CHRONICLES

2 CHRONICLES

ESTHER

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

SONG OF SOLOMON

POETRY

PROPHETS

PRE-EXILIC

TO ISRAEL:
OBADIAH
AMOS
JONAH
HOSEA
NAHUM

TO JUDAH:
JOEL
ISAIAH
MICAH
ZEPHANIAH
JEREMIAH
HABAKKUK
LAMENTATIONS

EXILIC

EZEKIEL
DANIEL

POST-EXILIC

HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

CHRONOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE WRITING PROPHETS

PRE-EXILIC

TO ISRAEL:

OBADIAH
(840?)

AMOS
(760)

JONAH
(760)

HOSEA
(755)

NAHUM
(660)

THREE PROPHETS
SPEAK TO ISRAEL/JUDAH
ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES.

OBADIAH
(EDOM)
JONAH
(NINEVEH/ASSYRIA)
NAHUM
(NINEVEH/ASSYRIA)

TO JUDAH:

JOEL
(835)

ISAIAH
(740)

MICAH
(735)

ZEPHANIAH
(630)

JEREMIAH
(627)

HABAKKUK
(607)

LAMENTATIONS
(586)

EXILIC

EZEKIEL
(593-571)

DANIEL
(605-537)

OBADIAH
(586?)

JOEL
(???)

POSTEXILIC

HAGGAI
(520)

ZECHARIAH
(520-514)

MALACHI
(520)



THE WRITING PROPHETS IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT

ASSYRIAN DOMINANCE (745-612 BC)



KING JEHU OF ISRAEL BOWING TO SHALMANESER OF ASSYRIA
CIRCA 825 BC - BLACK OBELISK OF SHALMANESER

BABYLONIAN DOMINANCE (612-539 BC)



THE LION OF BABYLON
CIRCA 575 BC - ISHTAR GATE BUILT BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR II

PERSIAN DOMINANCE (539-336 BC)



CYLINDER SEAL OF CYRUS THE GREAT
CIRCA 539-530 BC - CYRUS CYLINDER BRITISH MUSEUM

OBADIAH
(848-841?)

AMOS
(760)

ZEPHANIAH
(630)

HABAKKUK
(607)

DANIEL 7-12
(605-537)

JOEL
(835?)

JONAH
(760)

JEREMIAH
(627)

EZEKIEL
(593-567)

HAGGAI
(520)

HOSEA
(755)

LAMENTATIONS
(586?)

DANIEL 1-6
(605-537)

ZECHARIAH
(520-514)

ISAIAH
(740)

OBADIAH
(586?)

JOEL
(?)

MALACHI
(520)

MICAH
(735)

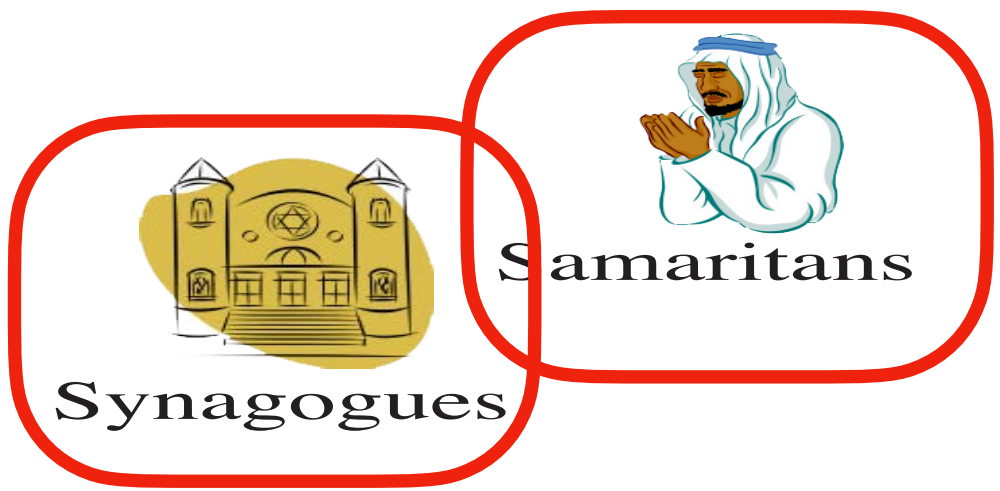
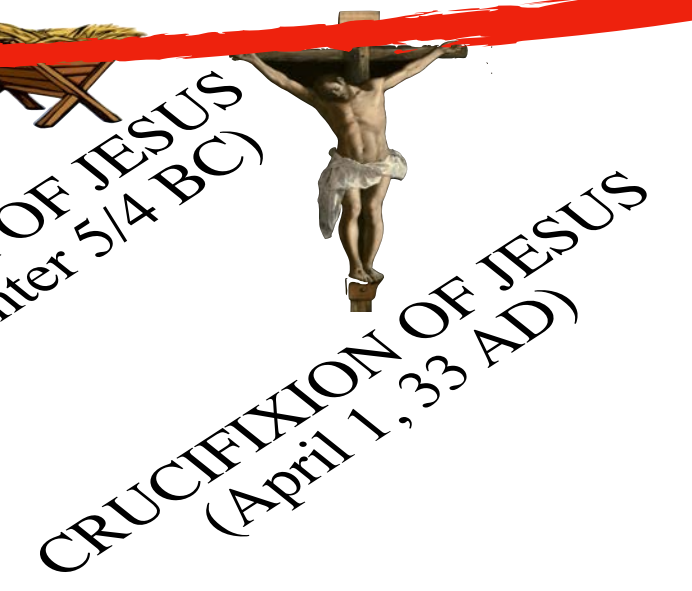
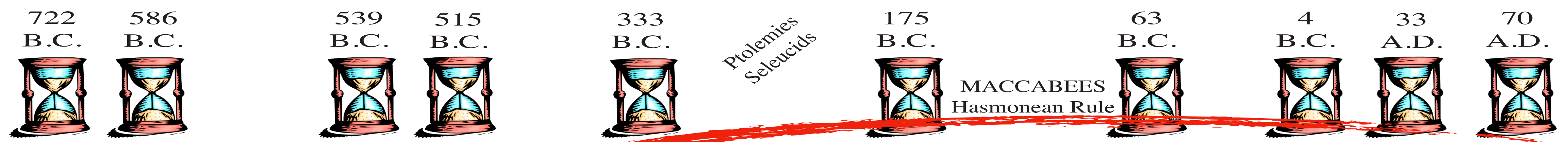
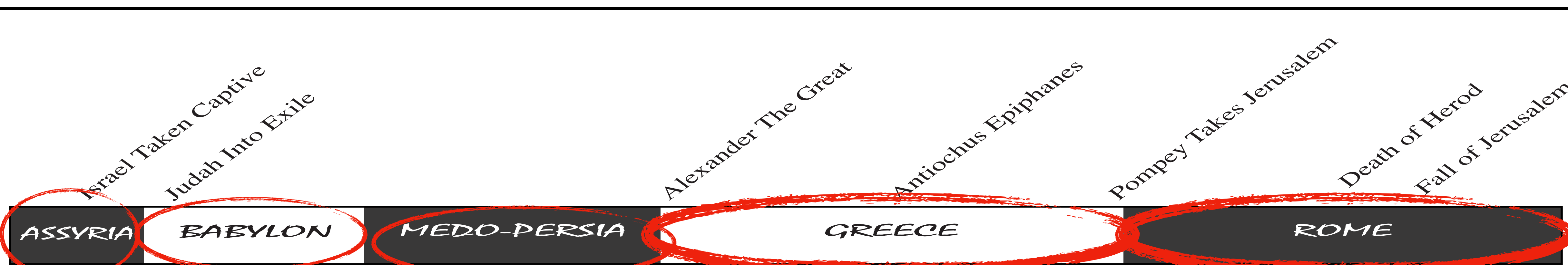
NAHUM
660



EGYPT RE... A COMPETING WORLD POWER... THIS TIME

THE STORY BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS





BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

THE NEW TESTAMENT STORY



THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

BY COMMON CONFESSION, GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS:
HE WHO WAS REVEALED IN THE FLESH,
WAS VINDICATED IN THE SPIRIT,
SEEN BY ANGELS, PROCLAIMED AMONG THE NATIONS,
BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD, TAKEN UP IN GLORY.



1 Timothy 3:16

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF JESUS

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN

BIRTH OF JESUS

WINTER 5/4 BC

JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

8 BC

JESUS MINISTRY BEGINS

30 AD

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MONDAY - MARCH 30, 33

CRUCIFIXION

FRIDAY - APRIL 3, 33

RESURRECTION

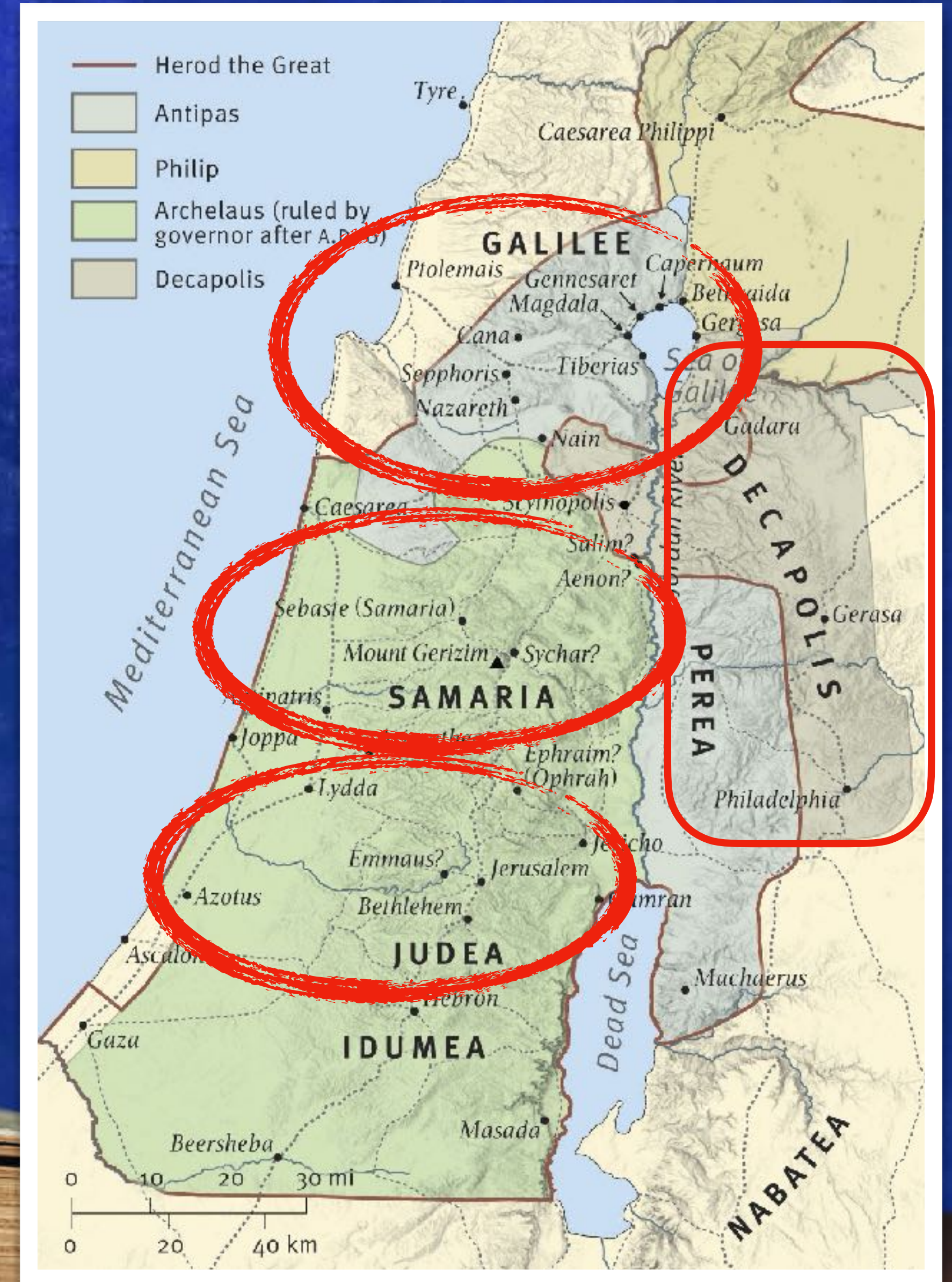
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 33

ASCENSION

MAY 14, 33

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 33

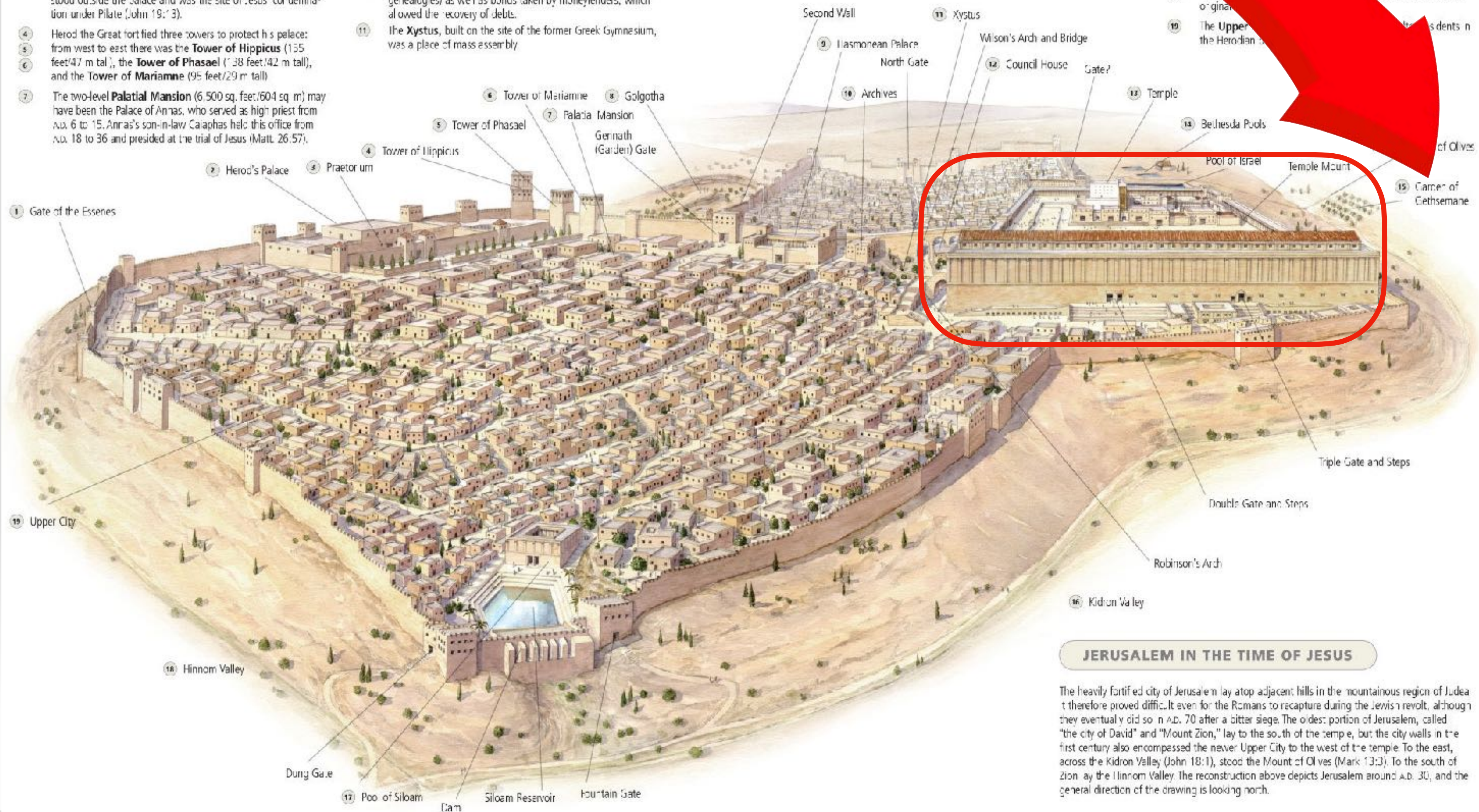


- 1 The **Gate of the Essenes** allowed the Essenes to access latrines outside the city walls in accordance with their strict laws of hygiene.
- 2 **Herod's Palace** was the Jerusalem home of Herod the Great from 23 to 4 B.C. Pilate, who normally resided in Caesarea Maritima, resided in this palace during his visits to Jerusalem, including his visit for the Passover preceding Christ's crucifixion.
- 3 The **Praetorium** was in Herod's Palace (Matt. 27:27; Mark 15:16), which served as Pilate's official headquarters and as a fortress. A raised stone pavement, used for official judgments, stood outside the palace and was the site of Jesus' condemnation under Pilate (John 19:13).
- 4 Herod the Great fortified three towers to protect his palace: from west to east there was the **Tower of Hippicus** (135 feet/41 m tall), the **Tower of Phasael** (138 feet/42 m tall), and the **Tower of Mariamne** (95 feet/29 m tall).
- 5 The two-level **Palatial Mansion** (6,500 sq. feet/604 sq. m) may have been the Palace of Ananias, who served as high priest from A.D. 6 to 15. Ananias's son-in-law Caiaphas held this office from A.D. 18 to 36 and presided at the trial of Jesus (Matt. 26:57).

- 6 This is often considered the most likely location of **Golgotha**, the place of Jesus' death. It was on a hill overlooking a quarry, outside the Second Wall of the city and near the Gennath (Garden) Gate.
- 7 Herod the Great lived in the luxurious **Hasmonean Palace** from the mid-30s to 23 B.C. while awaiting the building of his own new palace. Herod Antipater ("Herod the Tetrarch") lived in this palace during his reign, 4 A.C.–A.D. 39. Jesus appeared before him here in either A.D. 30 or 33.
- 8 The **Archives** building contained the public registers (including genealogies) as well as bonds taken by moneylenders, which allowed the recovery of debts.
- 9 The **Xystus**, built on the site of the former Greek Gymnasium, was a place of mass assembly.

- 10 The **Council House** was a public building, perhaps functioning as a municipal office.
- 11 **The Temple** was reconstructed by Herod the Great in 20/19 B.C.
- 12 The **Bethesda Pools** (see John 5:2) were twin pools measuring c. 312 by 164–196 feet (95 by 50–50 m), and 15 feet (4.5 m) deep. A small Roman temple dedicated to Aesculapius stood to the east of the pools.

- 13 The **Garden of Gethsemane** was located approximately 300 yards (274 m) from Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. The Mount of Olives was "a Sabbath day's journey away" from Jerusalem (Acts 1:12), approximately 1,100 yards, or 3/5 of a mile.
- 14 The **Kidron Valley** has always served as the eastern boundary of the city. The **Pool of Israel** (see John 9:7), a focal point of Jerusalem, was a reservoir, and received water from the **Upper City**.
- 15 The **Upper City** was the residential area of the Herodian period.



JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF JESUS

The heavily fortified city of Jerusalem lay atop adjacent hills in the mountainous region of Judea that therefore proved difficult even for the Romans to recapture during the Jewish revolt, although they eventually did so in A.D. 70 after a bitter siege. The oldest portion of Jerusalem, called "the city of David" and "Mount Zion," lay to the south of the temple, but the city walls in the first century also encompassed the newer Upper City to the west of the temple. To the east, across the Kidron Valley (John 18:1), stood the Mount of Olives (Mark 13:3). To the south of Zion lay the Hinnom Valley. The reconstruction above depicts Jerusalem around A.D. 30, and the general direction of the drawing is looking north.

THE EARLY LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JESUS

BETHLEHEM IS THE CITY OF JESUS' BIRTH, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE WINTER OF 5/4 B.C. MARY AND JOSEPH FLED TO EGYPT TO ESCAPE HEROD AND THEN RETURNED TO NAZARETH WHERE HE WAS RAISED BY HIS CONSTRUCTION WORKER FATHER WHO WAS A CARPENTER OR STONE MASON. JESUS INAUGURATED HIS MINISTRY WHEN HE WENT TO THE JORDAN RIVER TO BE BAPTIZED BY JOHN. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS HE WENT TO THE WILDERNESS WHERE HE WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN BUT OVERCAME EACH ONE.



Gospels

THE EARLY JUDEAN MINISTRY

JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM OFTEN (LIKELY THREE TIMES A YEAR FOR THE FEASTS OF PASSOVER, PENTECOST AND TRUMPETS). ON ONE TRIP HE TAUGHT NICODEMUS ABOUT THE SECOND BIRTH WHICH IS NECESSARY TO BE SAVED. FROM TIME TO TIME HE HAD A MINISTRY IN SAMARIA ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM. ON ONE TRIP HE STOPPED AT SYCHAR WHERE HE MET A WOMAN AT THE WELL AND PROVED TO HER THAT HE WAS MESSIAH WHICH WAS A MESSAGE SHE SHARED WITH MANY OTHERS.



Gospels

THE GALILEAN MINISTRY

EARLY IN HIS MINISTRY JESUS WAS IN HIS HOMETOWN OF NAZARETH AND EXPERIENCED A CLEAR REJECTION IN THE SYNAGOGUE THERE. HE DECIDED TO MOVE HIS BASE OF OPERATION AND MINISTRY TO THE LAKESIDE CITY OF CAPERNAUM ON THE SEA OF GALILEE. FROM THERE HE MADE A SELECTION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES WHOM HE TRAINED TO CARRY OUT HIS MINISTRY. HE PREACHED THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT EXPLAINING THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS CANNOT BE EARNED BUT MUST BE IMPUTED. JESUS WAS ACCUSED BY THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS THAT HE IS GETTING HIS POWER FROM SATAN WHICH LED HIM TO TEACH IN A DIFFERENT WAY. THE PARABLES START IN ORDER TO TEACH THOSE WHO HAVE SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AND CONFUSE THOSE WITH RELIGIOUS PRIDE.



Gospels

THE GALILEAN MINISTRY

ON THE SEA OF GALILEE A STORM STILLED PROVED TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE WAS THE SON OF GOD. LATER AS HIS FOLLOWING WAS GROWING, A CROWD FILLED UP WITH A MIRACULOUS MEAL THAT INCLUDED TWELVE BASKETS OF LEFTOVERS DEMONSTRATED JESUS MAKES MORE THAN ENOUGH PROVISION FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL. NEAR THE MIDDLE OF HIS MINISTRY, A TESTIMONY OF PETER MADE IT CLEAR THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS IN THE PRESENCE OF PETER, JAMES AND JOHN REVEALED HIS FULL GLORY.



Gospels

LATER JUDEAN MINISTRY

THE OPPOSITION TO JESUS CONTINUED TO GROW IN JERUSALEM UNTIL STONES FLEW FROM THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS TRYING TO KILL HIM; THEREFORE, JESUS WITHDREW AND BEGAN TO FOCUS ON TRAINING HIS DISCIPLES. IN PEREA, ACROSS THE JORDAN, HE TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT COUNTING THE COST AND HOW HE WAS SEEKING THE LOST.



Gospels

LAST WEEK IN JERUSALEM

JESUS MADE HIS FINAL TRIP TO JUDEA AT THE TIME OF THE PASSOVER AND ON THE WAY HE STOPPED IN BETHANY WHERE LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD CAUSED MANY TO BELIEVE IN HIM. WHILE IN JERICHO A TAX COLLECTOR CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS. ZACCHAEUS PRAISED BY JESUS DEMONSTRATED THAT ALL SINNERS CAN FIND SALVATION IN HIM. FINALLY, JESUS ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM IN A TRIUMPHAL ENTRY WHICH IS QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY A TEMPLE CLEANSING.



Gospels

LAST WEEK IN JERUSALEM

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION HE HAD A LAST SUPPER WITH HIS DISCIPLES. HE WENT TO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE WHERE HE PRAYED AND IS BETRAYED BY JUDAS ISCARIOT, ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES. JESUS IS TRIED THREE TIMES AND FOUND INNOCENT EACH TIME. HE IS DENIED BY PETER, CRUCIFIED BY THE ROMANS, AND FINALLY RESURRECTED TO PROVE HE IS THE SON OF GOD AND SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.



Gospels

LIFE OF CHRIST

PREPARATION

(Matt. 1:1-7:29; Mark 1:1-15;
Luke 1:1-4:13; John 1:1-18)

BIRTH
BAPTISM
TEMPTATION
TEACHING

MINISTRY

(Matt. 8:1-20:34; Mark 1:16-10:52;
Luke 4:14-19:44; John 1:19-17:26)

OBSCURITY
POPULARITY
OPPOSITION
TRAINING

PASSION

(Matt. 21:1-28:20; Mark 11:1-16:8;
Luke 19:45-24:53; John 18:1-21:25)

TRIAL
CRUCIFIXION
RESURRECTION
ASCENSION



Life of Christ

Preparation

(Matt. 1:1-7:29; Mark 1:1-15;
Luke 1:1-4:13; John 1:1-18)

Birth

Baptism

Temptation

Teaching

Ministry

(Matt. 8:1-20:34; Mark 1:16-10:52;
Luke 4:14-19:44; John 1:19-17:26)

Obscurity

Popularity

Opposition

Training

Passion

(Matt. 21:1-28:20; Mark 11:1-16:8;
Luke 19:45-24:53; John 18:1-21:25)

Trial

Crucifixion

Resurrection

Ascension

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD ASCENDS HELPS US REMEMBER THAT IN ACTS JESUS **A**SCENDS INTO HEAVEN, GIVES THE **S**PIRIT WHICH ENABLES THE APOSTLES TO **C**URE PEOPLE AS A SIGN TO AUTHENTICATE THEIR MESSAGE. ANANIAS AND SAPHIRE'S **E**MBEZZLEMENT OF SORTS RESULTED IN THEIR DEATH. AFTER BEING ARRESTED, PETER AND JOHN EXPERIENCED A **N**IGHT RELEASE AND THE GOSPEL EXPLODED SO MUCH THAT THEY HAD TO APPOINT **D**EACONS TO TAKE CARE OF SOME DUTIES TO KEEP THE APOSTLES FOCUSED ON THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER. **S**TEPHEN WAS THE FIRST CHRISTIAN TO BE MARTYRED FOR HIS FAITH IN CHRIST.



Acts 1-7

EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH

THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH BY THE JEWS BECAME OFFICIAL BUT THIS DID NOT PREVENT PHILIP'S PREACHING FROM SPREADING THE GOSPEL TO SAMARIA. AFTER HARSHLY PERSECUTING THE CHURCH, PAUL'S CONVERSION ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS RESULTED IN A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE FUTURE OF THE GOSPEL WITNESS. PETER'S VISION CLEARED THE WAY FOR GENTILES TO BE FULLY ACCEPTED INTO THE CHURCH.



Acts 8-12

EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH

PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY LASTED TWO YEARS AS HE TOOK THE GOSPEL TO THE REGION OF GALATIA. AFTER THE JOURNEY HE RETURNED TO JERUSALEM WHERE THE LEADERS OF THE CHURCH HELD A COUNCIL AND SAID "LAW? ... NO!" PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY LASTED THREE YEARS AS HE PLANTED CHURCHES IN MACEDONIA — ACHAIA — GREECE. HIS THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY LASTED FOUR YEARS AND HE PLANTED CHURCHES IN ASIA.



Acts 13-28

EXPANSION OF THE CHURCH

LIKE JESUS, PAUL WENT THROUGH THREE TRIALS BEFORE FELIX, FESTUS, AND AGRIPPA. HIS FIRST IMPRISONMENT WAS IN CAESAREA AND THEN ROME. AFTER HIS FREEDOM FROM ROME HE EVANGELIZED IN MORE PLACES, PERHAPS IN SPAIN, UNTIL HIS SECOND IMPRISONMENT WHICH DID NOT STOP THE CHURCH BUT LED TO FURTHER EXPANSION.

Acts 13-28



LIFE OF PAUL

FIRST JOURNEY

(ACTS 13-14)

APRIL 48
SEPTEMBER 49

GALATIANS

JERUSALEM
COUNCIL

SECOND JOURNEY

(ACTS 15:36-18:22)

APRIL 50
SEPTEMBER 52

1 THESSALONIANS

2 THESSALONIANS

THIRD JOURNEY

(ACTS 18:23-21:16)

SPRING 53
MAY 57

1 CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS

ROMANS

PRISON EPISTLES

(ACTS 28:30)

WINTER 60
SPRING 62

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

PHILEMON

FINAL DAYS

(ACTS 13-14)

AUTUMN 67
SPRING 68

1 TIMOTHY

TITUS

2 TIMOTHY



GOSPELS

THE LIFE OF CHRIST
WITH AN AGENDA

HISTORY

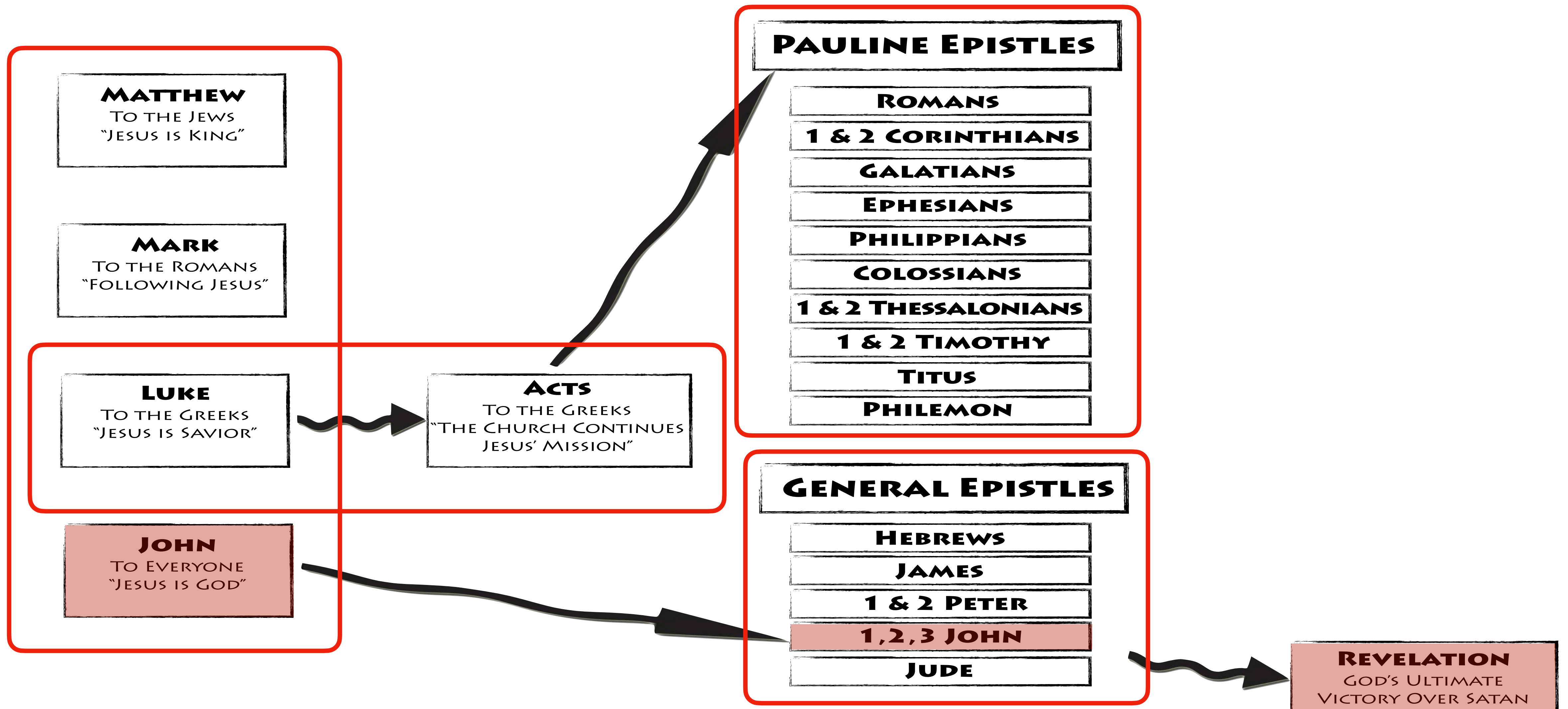
THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
WITHIN GOD'S PURPOSE

EPISTLES

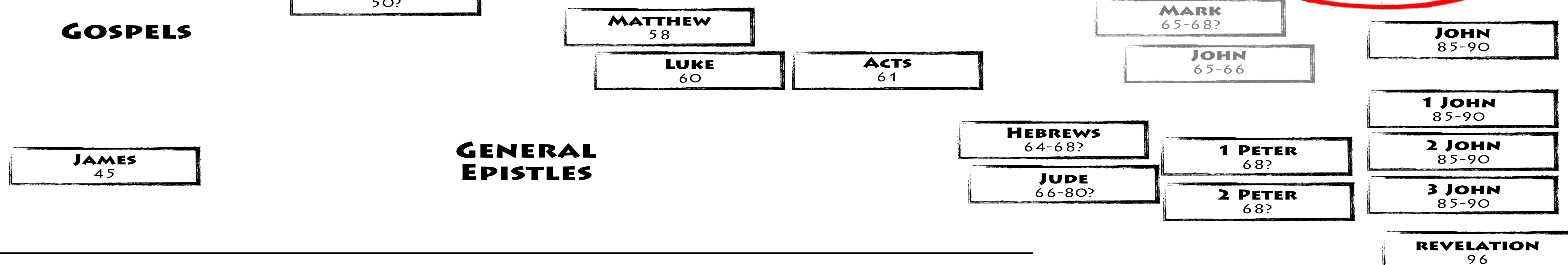
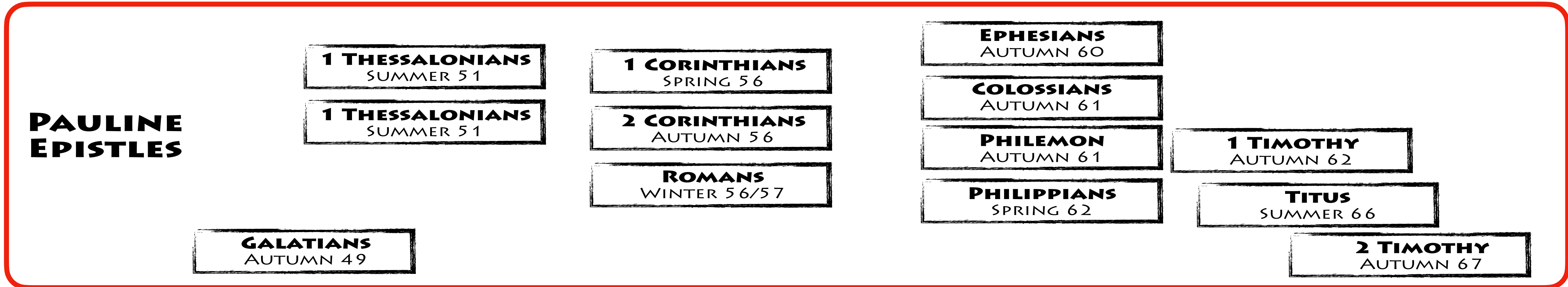
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JOHN'S GOSPEL



THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS VIEW THE LIFE OF JESUS FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN

FOCUS ON JESUS' MINISTRY IN THE NORTH
(IN GALILEE)

JESUS PRESENTED AS
THE SON OF DAVID AND THE SON OF MAN

THE GOSPEL FOR THE INFANT CHURCH

JESUS' TEACHES IN SHORT MESSAGES
(PARABLES)

JESUS' TEACHING AND ACTIONS
HIGHLIGHTED

VERY LITTLE REFLECTION BY THE WRITER
MENTIONS ONE PASSEVER

8% OF THE SYNOPTICS IS FOUND IN JOHN
97% OF MARK IS IN MATTHEW OR LUKE
(94% OF MARK IS IN MATTHEW; 79% IS IN LUKE.)

56% OF MATTHEW IS IN MARK,
42% OF LUKE IS FOUND IN MARK
24% OF MATTHEW AND LUKE IS SHARED
20% OF MATTHEW IS UNIQUE TO HIM
35% OF LUKE IS UNIQUE TO HIM

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN VIEWS THE LIFE OF JESUS FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH

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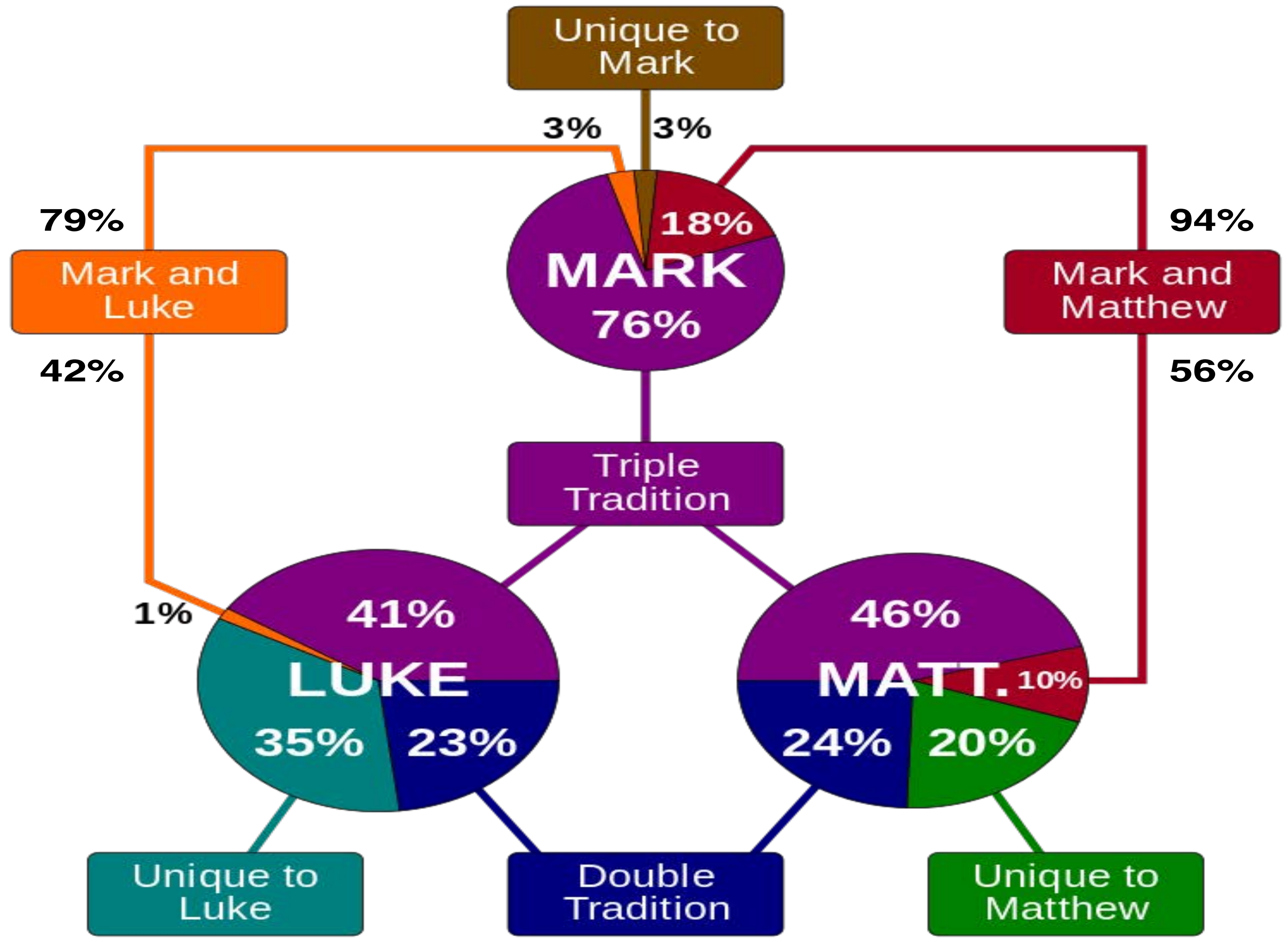
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JESUS' TEACHES IN EXTENDED DISCOURSES
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JESUS' IDENTITY AND MISSION
HIGHLIGHTED

SIGNIFICANT REFLECTION BY THE WRITER
MENTIONS THREE PASSEVERS

92% OF THIS MATERIAL IS UNIQUE TO JOHN



THE FULLNESS OF TIMES

BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF THE TIME CAME, GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, BORN OF A WOMAN, BORN UNDER THE LAW, SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM THOSE WHO WERE UNDER THE LAW, THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION AS SONS.

Galatians 4:4-5



THE FULLNESS OF TIMES

IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE WHICH HE LAVISHED ON US. IN ALL WISDOM AND INSIGHT HE MADE KNOWN TO US THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL, ACCORDING TO HIS KIND INTENTION WHICH HE PURPOSED IN HIM WITH A VIEW TO AN ADMINISTRATION SUITABLE TO THE FULLNESS OF THE TIMES, THAT IS, THE SUMMING UP OF ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, THINGS IN THE HEAVENS AND THINGS ON THE EARTH.

Ephesians 1:7-10



LESSONS TO LEARN

- ✦ **GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND HAS A PLAN.**
- ✦ **OUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT PLAN DEPENDS ON OUR ALIGNMENT WITH HIS PURPOSES.**
- ✦ **WE ARE HOPELESS AND HELPLESS APART FROM THE GRACE OF GOD.**
- ✦ **GOD'S GRACE, CHRIST'S PROVISION AND THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE IS OUR ONLY HOPE.**



NEXT STEPS:

- I WILL ACTUALLY READ MY BIBLE REGULARLY THIS YEAR.
- I WILL BEGIN TO READ MY BIBLE RESPONSIBLY (IN CONTEXT AND MAKING APPLICATION).



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice