

Interlocked Series

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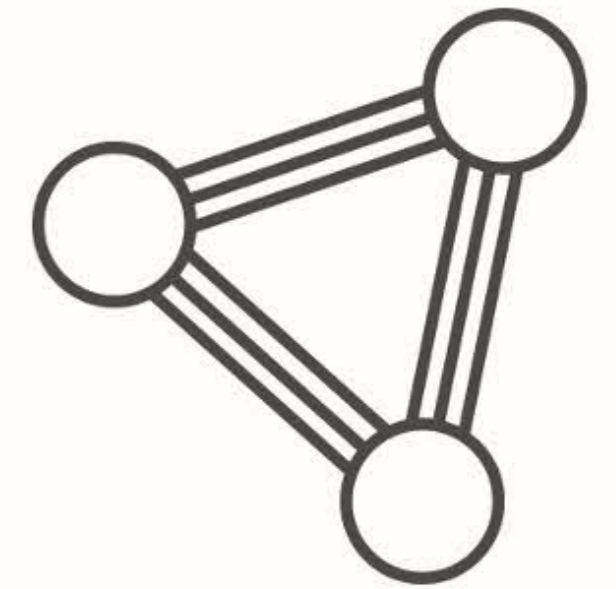
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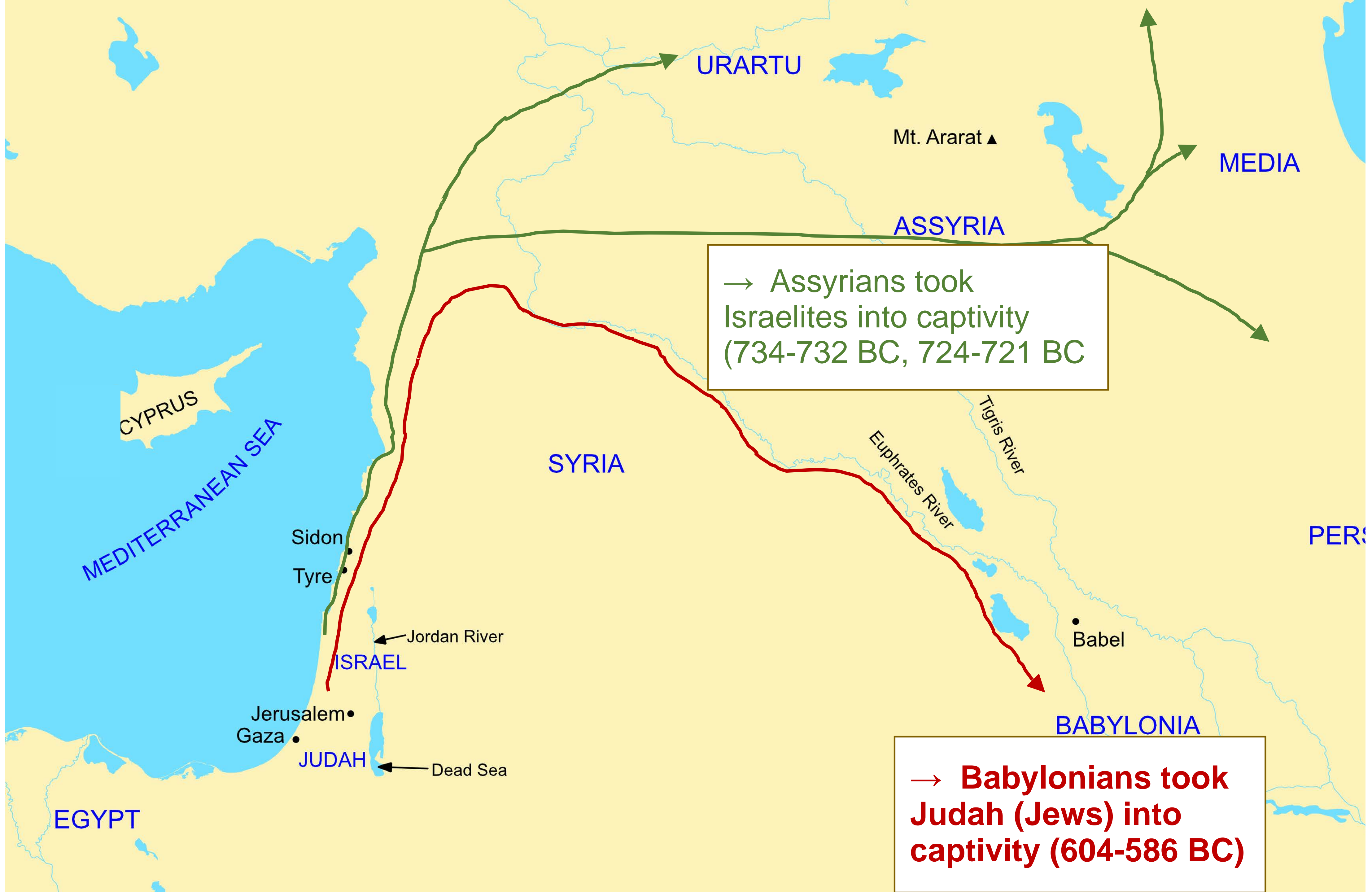
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Lesson 28: Partial Return of Judah

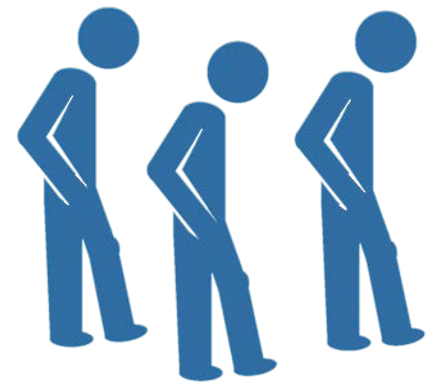
Lesson 28B

- **Has God replaced Israel with the Church?**
- **Completion of the OT**
- **Preservation of the OT**
- **Accuracy demonstrated through LXX, MT, DSS**
- **What about using translations?**
- **God still speaks to us through His Word**

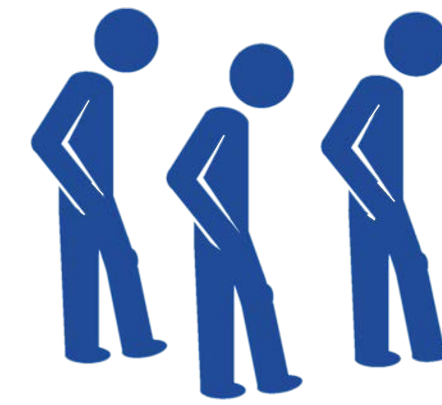


→ Assyrians took Israelites into captivity (734-732 BC, 724-721 BC)

→ **Babylonians took Judah (Jews) into captivity (604-586 BC)**



**ISRAEL
EXILED TO
ASSYRIA**



**JUDAH EXILED TO
BABYLON**

2nd wave:

**King Jehoiachin,
Ezekiel**

3rd wave:

Last King Zedekiah

Year
(BC)
not to
scale

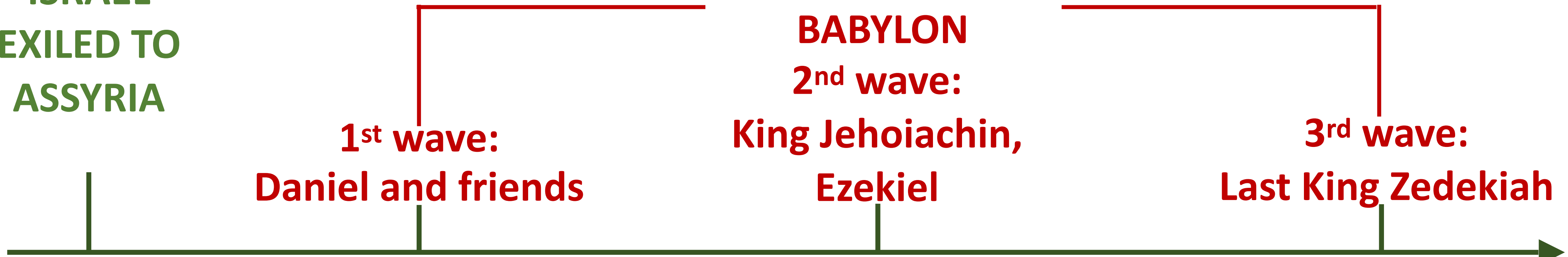
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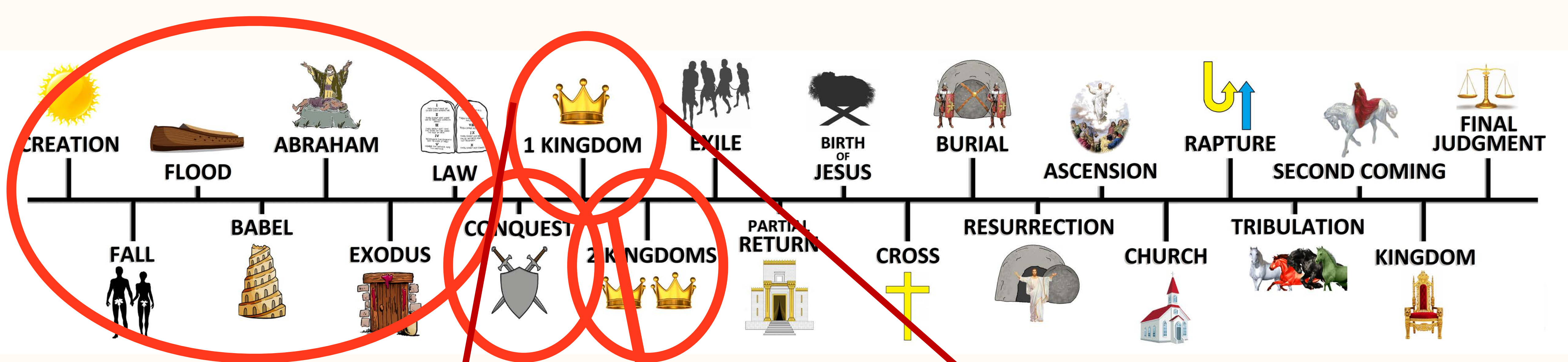
~ 605

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~586

**1st wave:
Daniel and friends**





Torah
Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1–2 Samuel
1–2 Kings
1–2 Chronicles

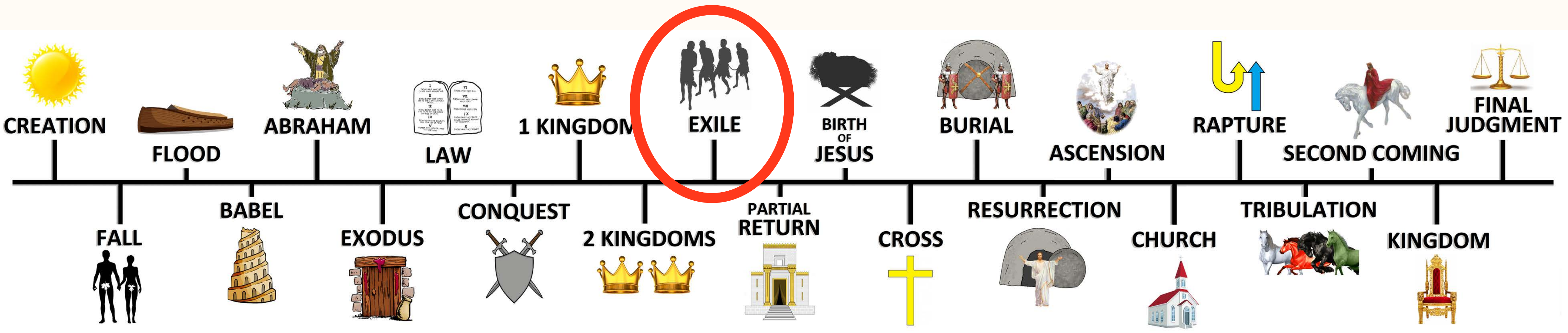
Kings
FOR
Israel

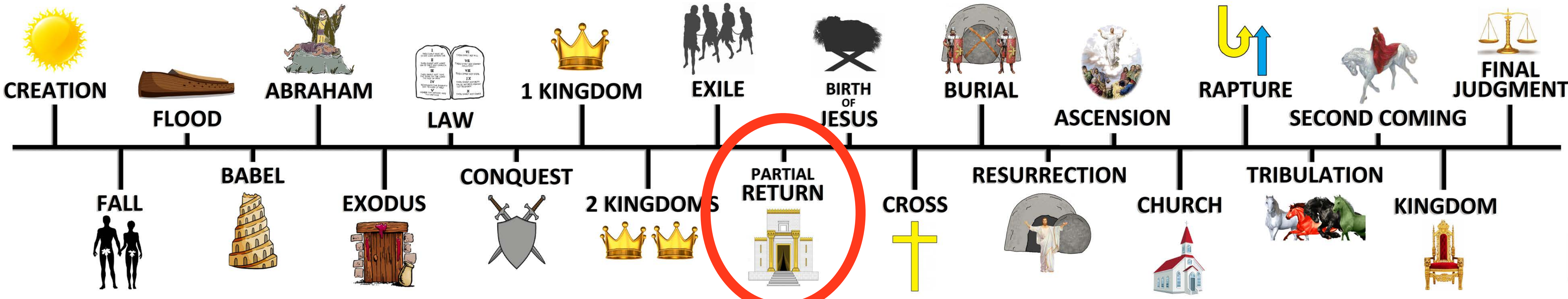
King
David

King
Solomon

Kingdom
Divided

Decline of
the Kingdom



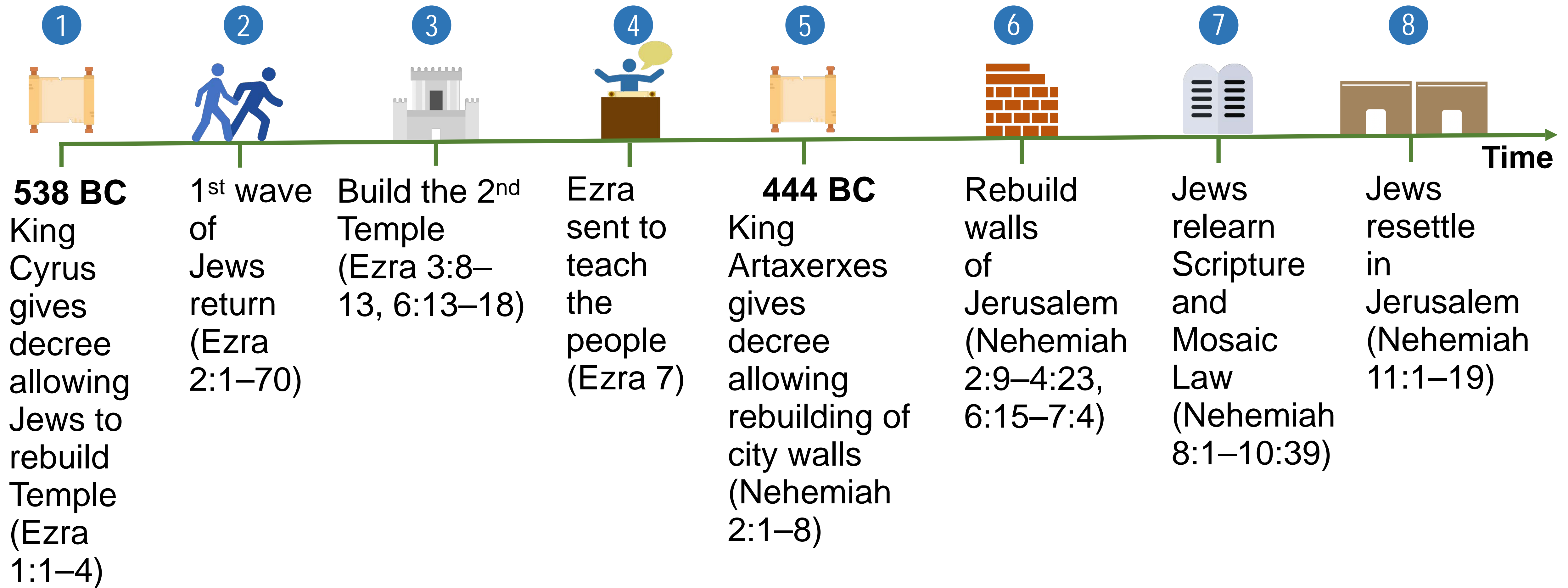


Genesis, Exodus,
Leviticus,
Numbers,
Deuteronomy

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

Joshua,
Judges,
Ruth

Ezra,
Nehemiah,
Esther



Is it true that God is done with Israel and will now only focus on the church?

Answer: NO!

Rom. 11:1, “I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.


Rom. 11:2, “God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

Rom. 11:3, “ ‘LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life’?

Rom. 11:4, “But what does the divine response say to him? ‘I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.’

Rom. 11:5, “Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.”

**The reason is based on
God's eternal, unconditional
contracts with Israel.**

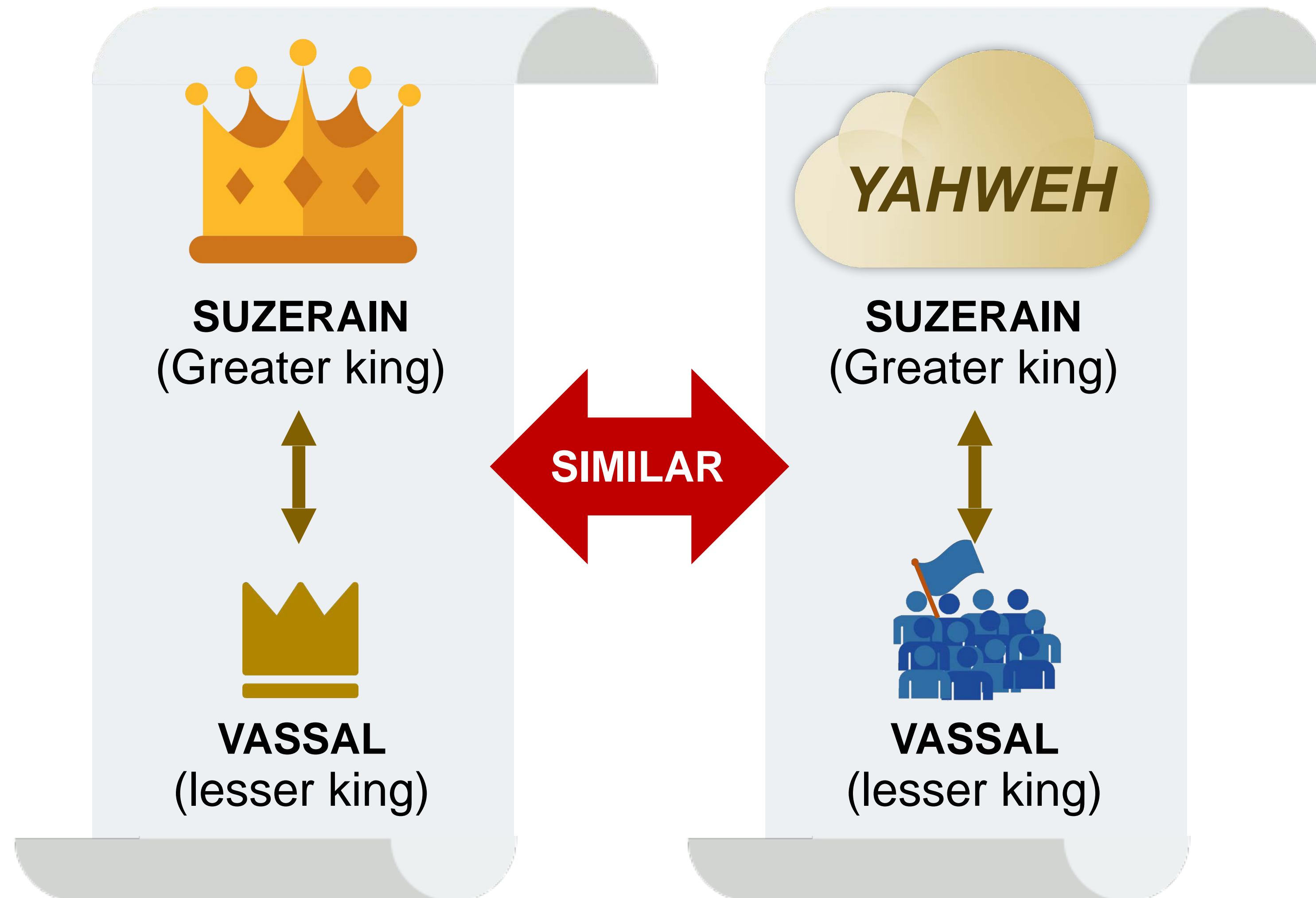
Abrahamic Covenant	Parties Involved	Promises	Signatories	Type
	God, Abraham, and descendants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land• Descendants• Worldwide blessing	God alone (by passing between the animal halves)	Unconditional

Lev. 26:44, “ ‘Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.’ ”

Lev. 26:45, “ ‘But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.’ ”

SUZERAIN-VASSAL TREATY

Contract between a greater and lesser king



**“*RIV*” Complaint/Lawsuit:
Lawsuit or complaint used when
Vassal breaks treaty with Suzerain**

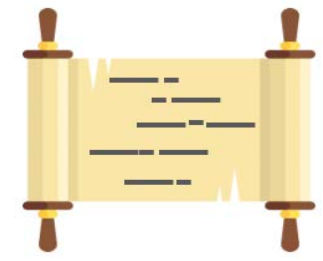
**Israel's
National
Anthem**

- Moses

Matt. 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ”

Critical to understand:

- **Jesus came the first time to offer the Kingdom.**
- **He was rejected by the leaders and a lot of the people.**
- **The Kingdom was postponed to the future Second Coming of Christ.**



Prophet Jeremiah:
Length of exile

70 years

PARTIAL RETURN



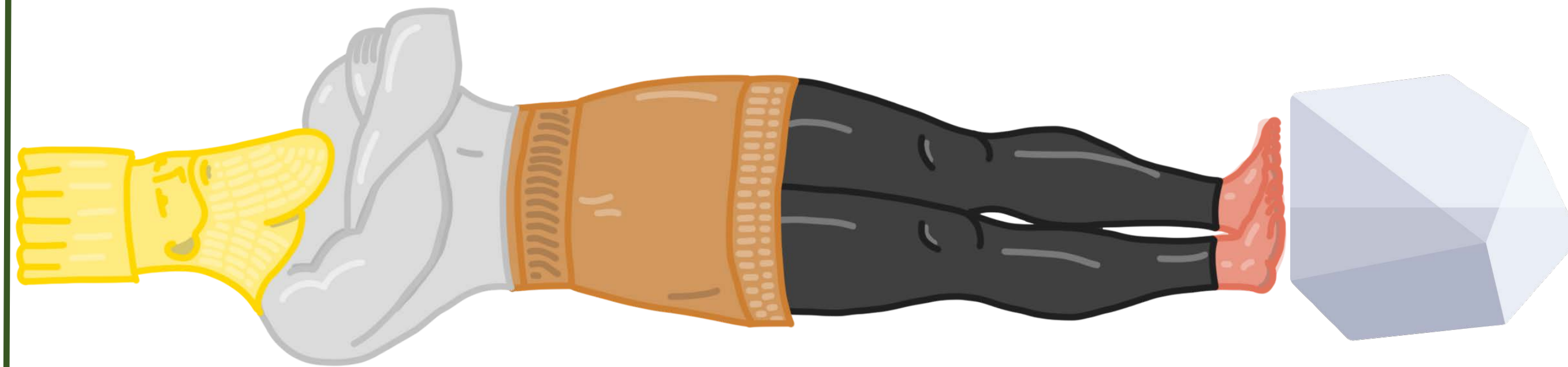
Jews
return home

AD 30

Jesus' 1st Coming:
He offers the Kingdom
but the Jews reject Him



Nebuchadnezzar's
dream



Babylon Medo-Persia Greece Rome Revived Rome

Jesus' 2nd Coming:
He will usher in the
return of the
Kingdom of God

FINAL FULL RETURN

**God's Kingdom
returns**

How long = 70 sets of 7 years

"Times of the Gentiles"

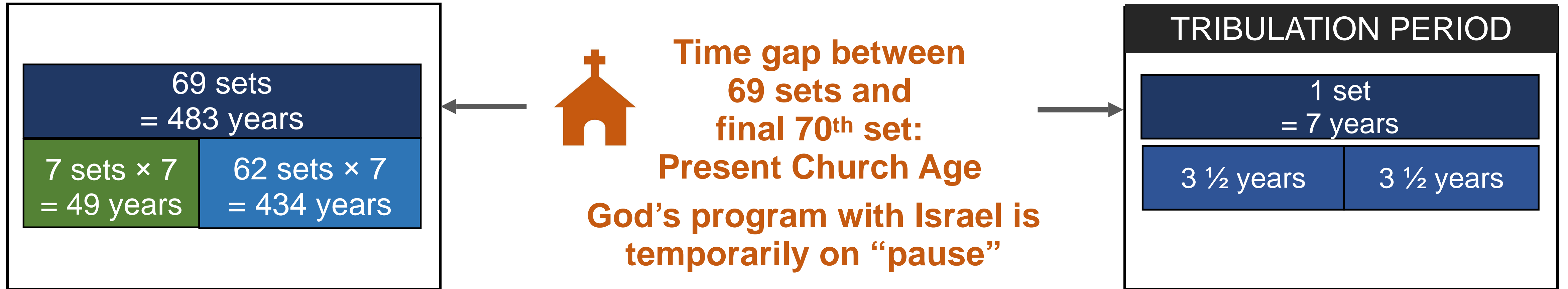
Rom. 11:25, “For I do not desire, brothers, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Rom. 11:26, “And thus in this manner, all Israel will be delivered, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

Rom. 11:27, “ ‘For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.’ ”

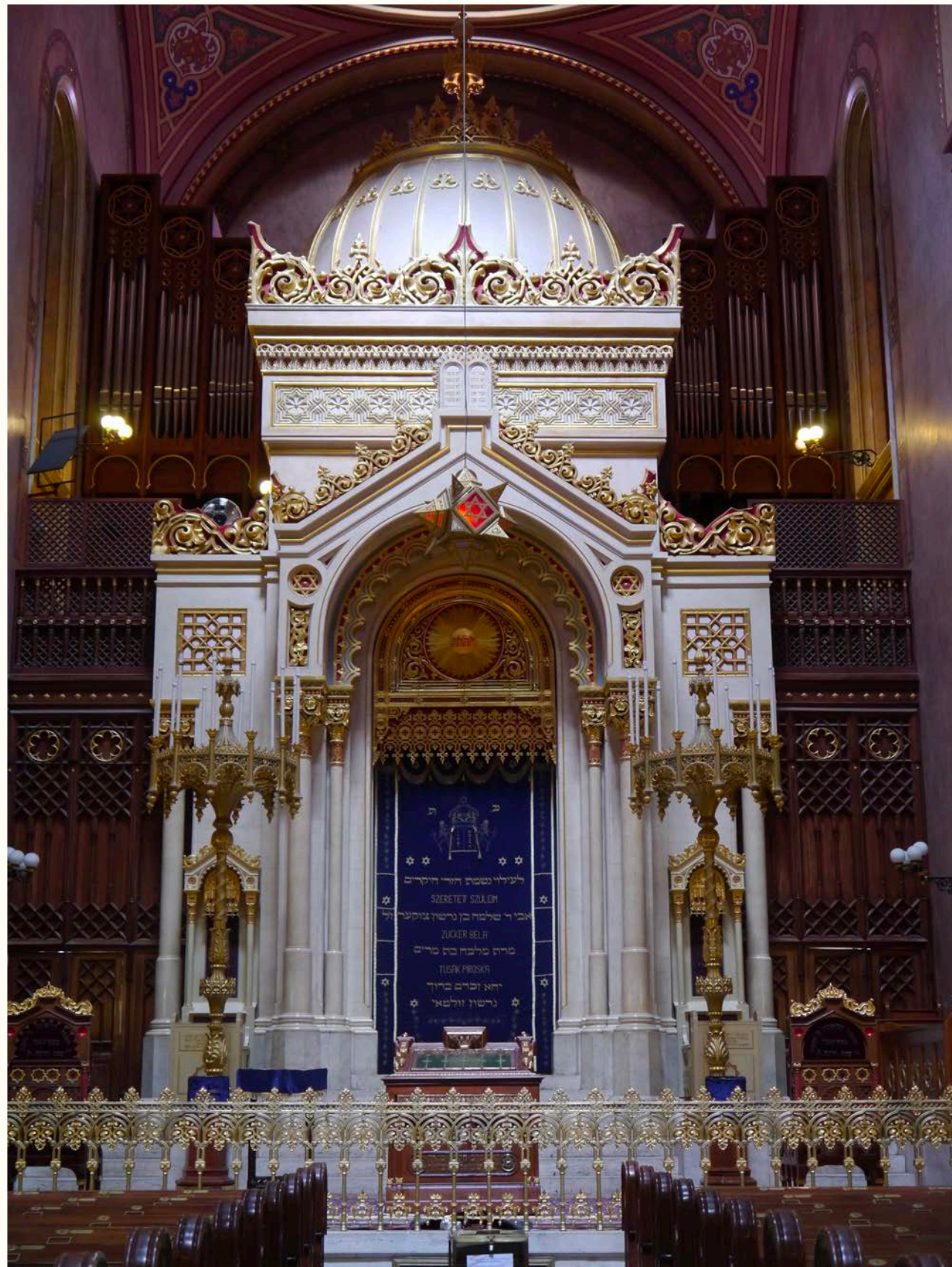
[RD translation]

The 70 sets (or “weeks”) of Daniel (Daniel 9:24–27)



B. Completion and Preservation of the Old Testament

1. The completion of the Old Testament



A Torah ark in a synagogue



An Old Testament Scroll



Scripture scrolls stored in a Torah ark

The scrolls were organized into three broad categories:

TANAKH

TaNaKh



Torah (Law)

Nevi'im (Prophets)

Ketuvim (Writings)

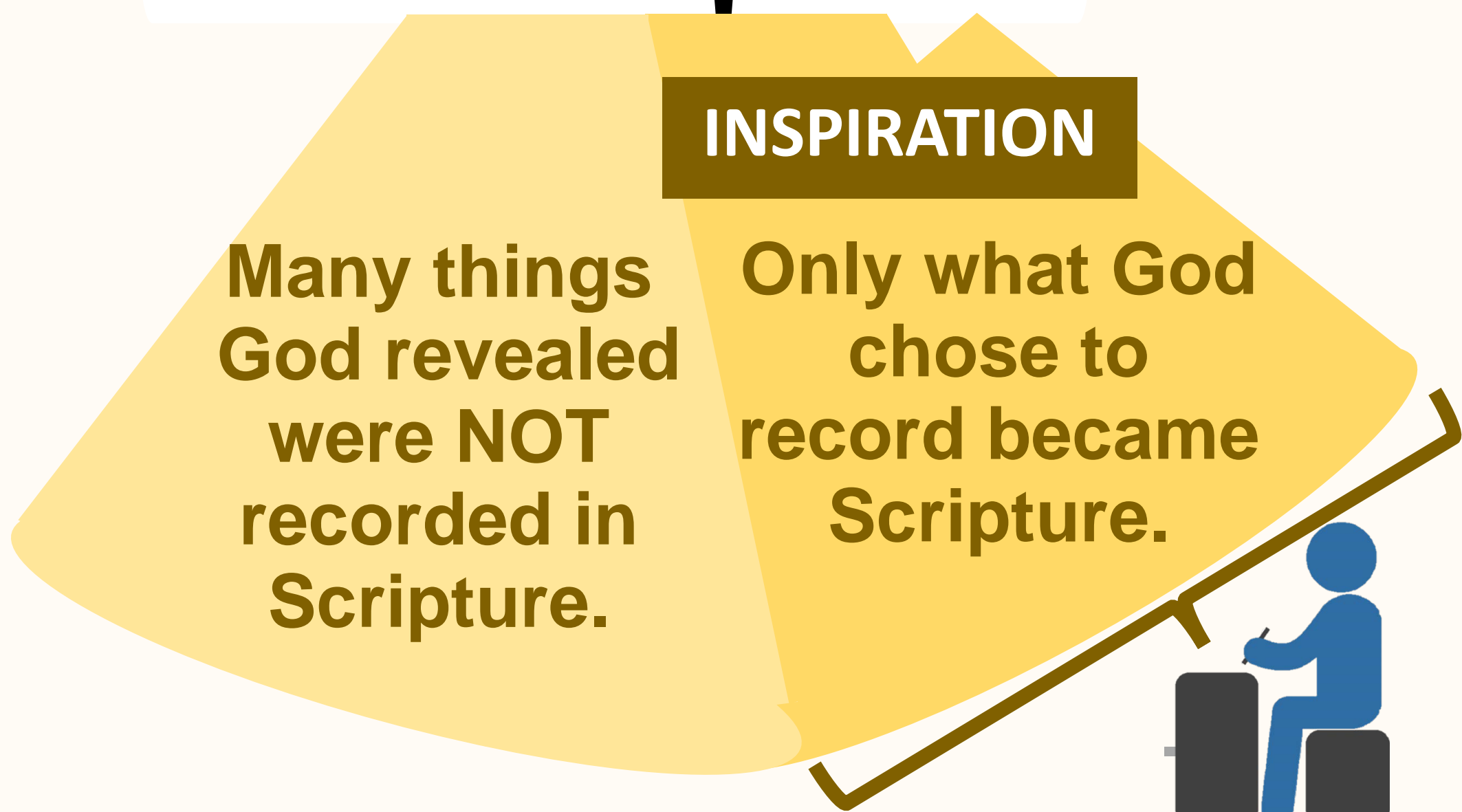
What is the “canon” of Scripture?

The word “canon” means “rule” or “measuring rod.” Every book that passed the standards was “canonized.”



REVELATION

What God revealed in the course of history.



THE CANON

The Bible is God's revelation written, preserved, and canonized.

Test of a Genuine Prophet

Deut. 13:1–5; 18:20–22



Does not
come true



Not from God



Comes
true



Does not
necessarily
mean it's
from God

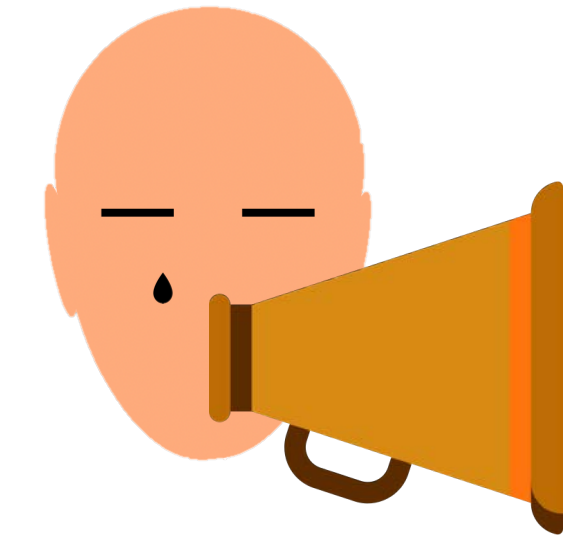


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**TRUE
PROPHET**

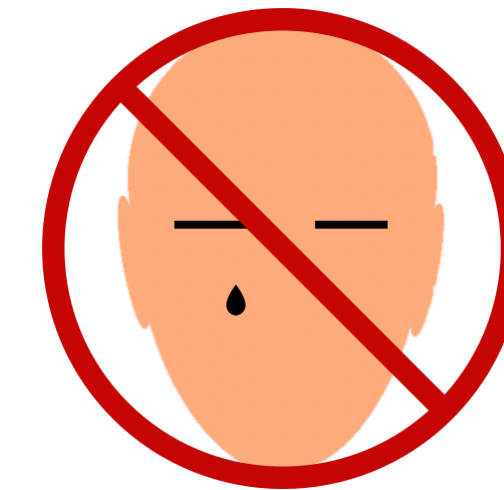


MIRACLES

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Teaching
**DOES NOT
MATCH**
God's Word

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**FALSE
PROPHET**



TANAKH: 24 books

Torah (Law)

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

Nevi'im (Prophets)

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Samuel (1 and 2)
9. Kings (1 and 2)
10. Isaiah
11. Jeremiah
12. Ezekiel
13. All 12 minor prophets

Ketuvim (Writings)

14. Psalms
15. Proverbs
16. Job
17. Song of Solomon
18. Ruth
19. Lamentations
20. Ecclesiastes
21. Esther
22. Daniel
23. Ezra and Nehemiah
24. Chronicles (1 and 2)



HOLY BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT: 39 books

Law

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

History

6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther

Wisdom

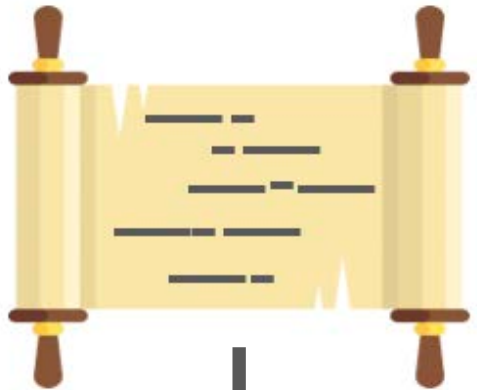
18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon

Prophets

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| 23. Isaiah | 32. Jonah |
| 24. Jeremiah | 33. Micah |
| 25. Lamentations | 34. Nahum |
| 26. Ezekiel | 35. Habakkuk |
| 27. Daniel | 36. Zephaniah |
| 28. Hosea | 37. Haggai |
| 29. Joel | 38. Zechariah |
| 30. Amos | 39. Malachi |
| 31. Obadiah | |

Old Testament completed

New Testament writing started



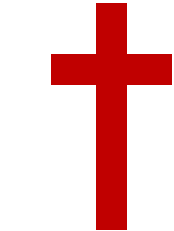
400-year silence. God did not speak to the Jews. No prophets in operation.

~ **430 BC**

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

~ **AD 27–29**

Approximate ministry of John the Baptist, the prophet who introduced Jesus the Messiah.



AD 33

~ **AD 50**

Examples of Apocryphal Books

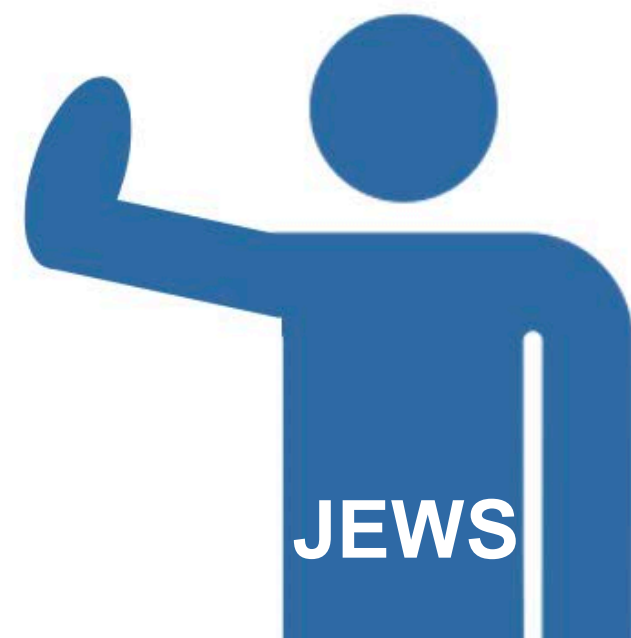
1. 1 Esdras
2. 2 Esdras
3. Tobit
4. Judith

5. Wisdom of Solomon
6. Ecclesiasticus
7. Baruch
8. Letter of Jeremiah

9. Prayer of Manasseh
10. 1 Maccabees
11. 2 Maccabees
12. Additions to Esther

13. Additions to Daniel
14. 1 Enoch
15. 2 Enoch
16. The Testament of Adam

**NOT
inspired
Word of
God**



NEVER quoted
from them



**Not accepted
by the early
church.**

**Or the
Protestant
Church.**

2. Keeping the Old Testament text accurate

Example 1

Judg. 18:30, “Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image; and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of MOSES, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.”

Moses מֹשֶׁה
 משה

Manasseh מְנַשֶּׁה
 מנשה

Example 2

1 Sam. 9:9, “(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: ‘Come, let us go to the seer’; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)”

2 Sam. 18:18, “Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which is in the King’s Valley. For he said, ‘I have no son to keep my name in remembrance.’ He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom’s Monument.”

When the Canon was Open

- Actively listened to God
- Recorded new Scripture
- Edited and clarified Scripture



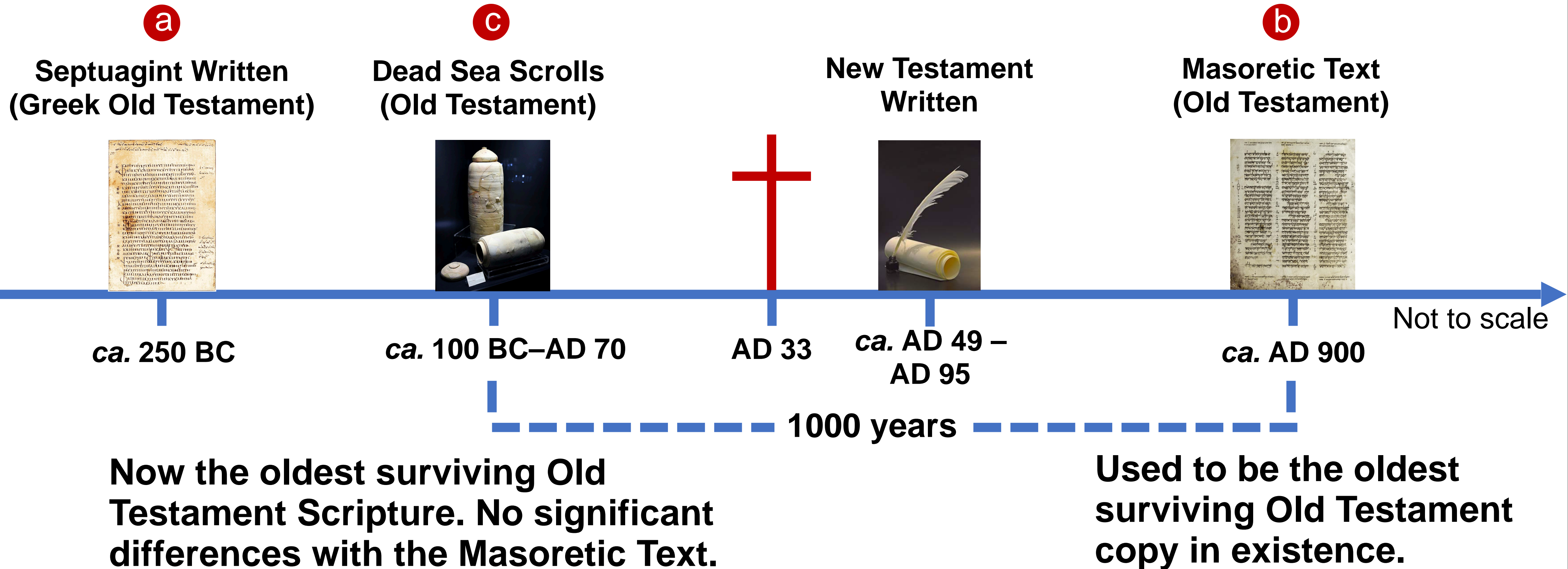
After the Canon was Closed



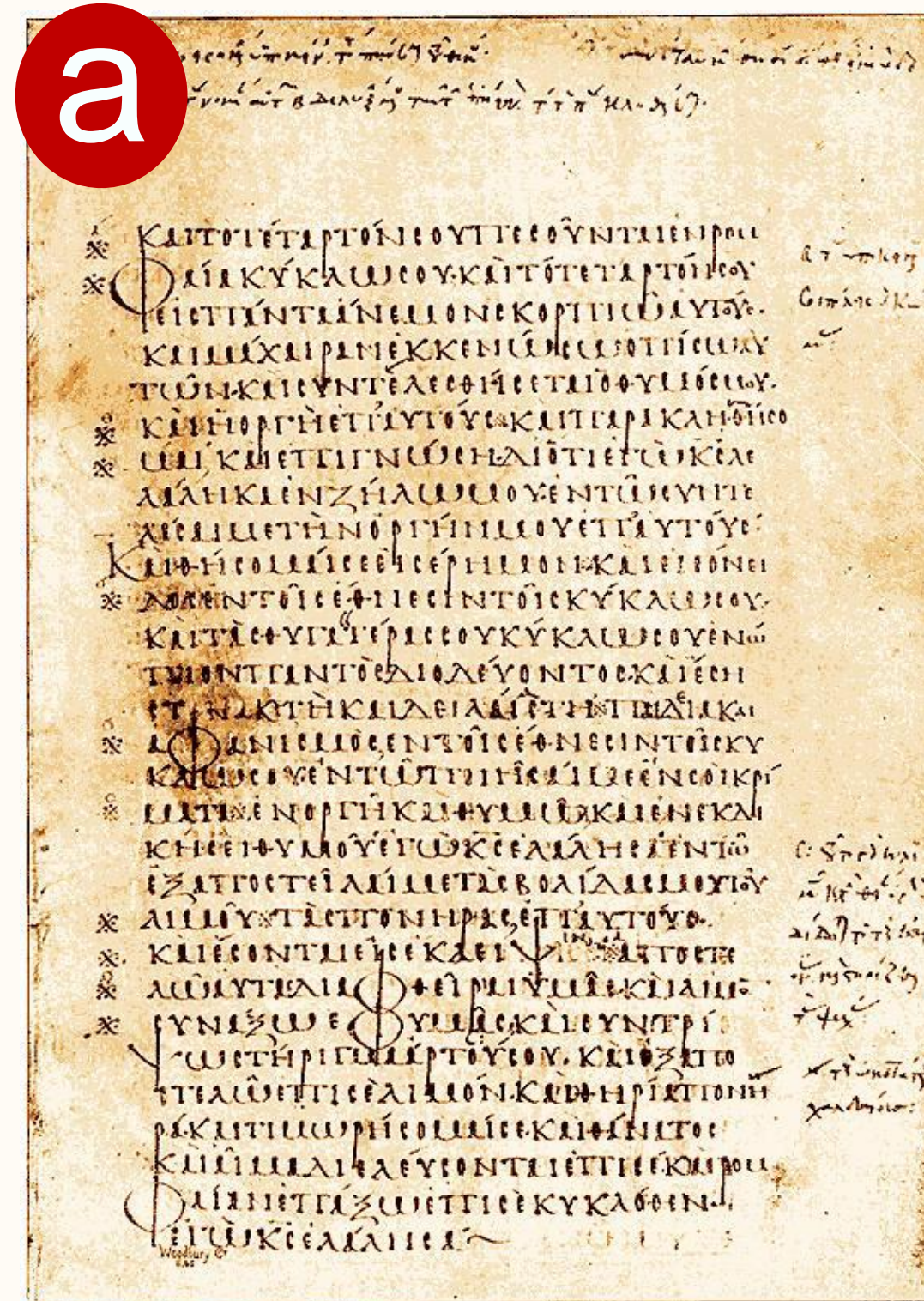
Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but [are] fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
Eph. 2:20, “already on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,
Eph. 2:21, “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
Eph. 2:22, “in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

3. Scripture remained accurate over time.

ACCURACY OF SCRIPTURE OVER TIME



The Septuagint LXX



In the mid-third century BC, Jews in Alexandria no longer understood Hebrew. The Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek. This became the standard text for many Jews by the time of Christ, and the writers of the New Testament often quote from the LXX.

LXX, “70,” refers to the legend of 70 Rabbis translating the Pentateuch in 70 days.

Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls (DSS)



The Psalms scroll that was discovered in Qumran.



Caves in Qumran where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.



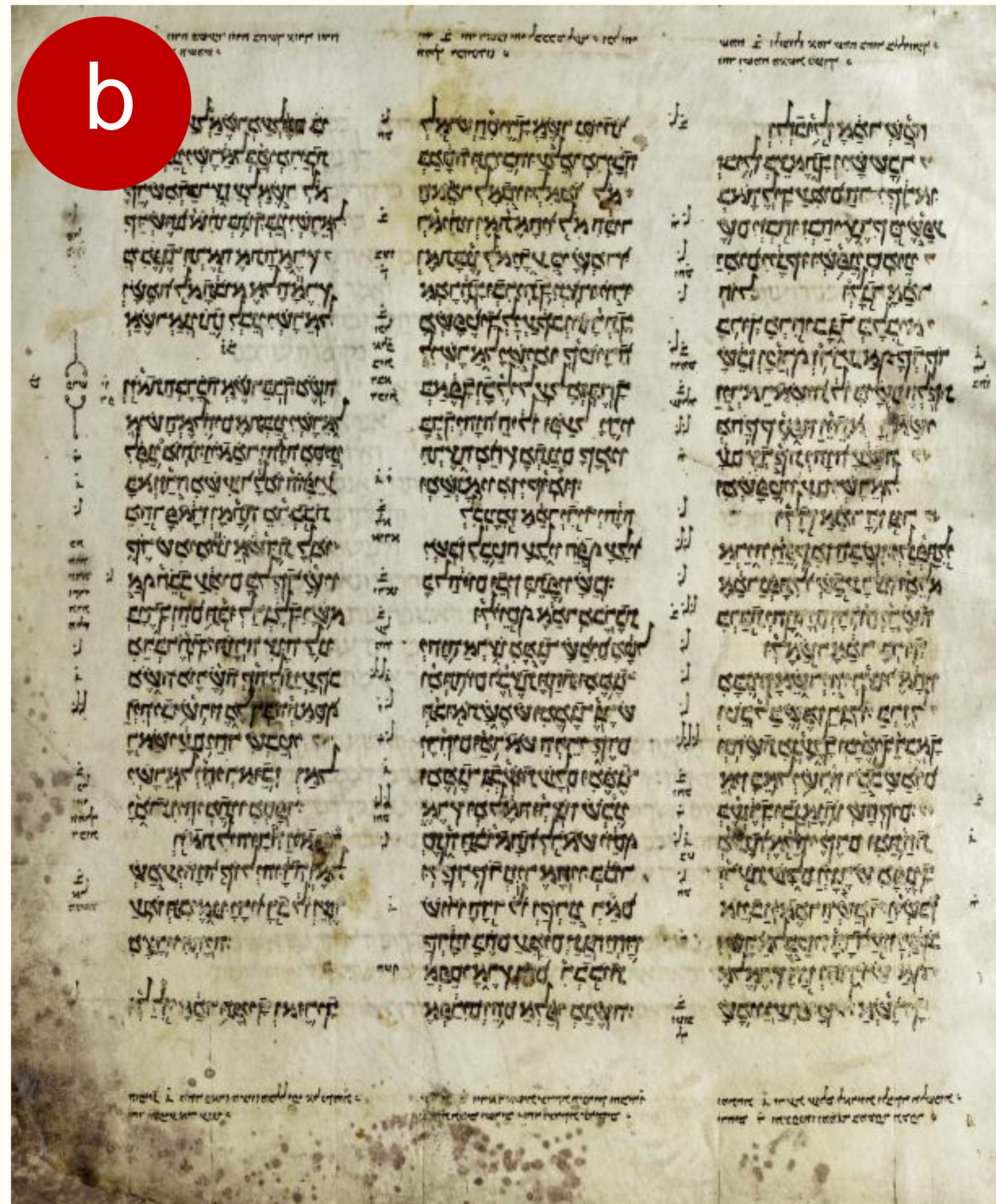


SCROLLS HIDDEN IN THE DESERT

IN THE SUMMER OF 1947, BEDOUIN SHEPHERDS WERE PASTURING THEIR FLOCKS NEAR THE NORTHWESTERN SHORE OF THE DEAD SEA. WHILE LOOKING FOR A GOAT THAT HAD WANDERED OFF INTO THE CLIFFS, THEY CAME ACROSS A CURIOUS ROCK CREVICE. WHEN THEY THREW A STONE INTO A CAVE OPENING THEY FOUND, THEY WERE SURPRISED TO HEAR A STRANGE ECHO. THEY CRAWLED INSIDE, AND IN THE DIMNESS THEY SPIED LARGE, WHOLE JARS STANDING ON THE FLOOR. INSIDE THE JARS, THEY FOUND FOLDED PIECES OF LEATHER, SOME OF WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLOTH. THAT IS HOW THE SECRET OF THE QUMRAN SCROLLS



Masoretic Text (MT)



From 400 BC to 200 AD the scribes (*sopherim*) were responsible for copying and preserving the Hebrew text.

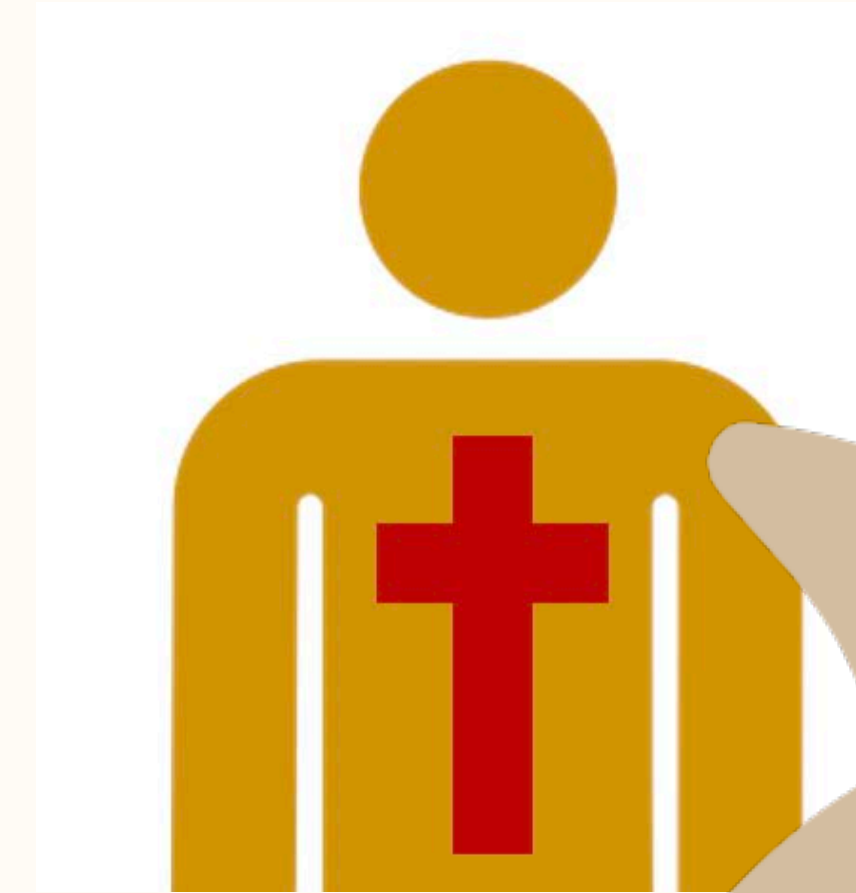
The Masoretes were a family of scribes (*ca.* AD 600–900) responsible for developing a complex system for copying the manuscripts of Scripture to preserve their integrity.

They also developed a system of vowels, accents, and annotations [*Masora*] to instruct on the proper pronunciation and reading. Thus, in the MT the consonants of the original are inspired, not the vowels.

4. Accuracy even in the small details

Matt. 22:31, “But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

Matt. 22:32, “ ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”



I am the God of

Abraham ... 

Isaac ... 

Jacob. 

5. The availability of God's Word for all people.

Luke 16:29, “Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ”

Should translations of the Bible be treated as the “real Bible”? Should people treat it like God’s Word?

However, Jesus Himself used “translations!”



Jesus quoted from the Septuagint (Greek) version of Isaiah 29:13.

Mark 7:6, “He answered and said to them, ‘Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: “This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

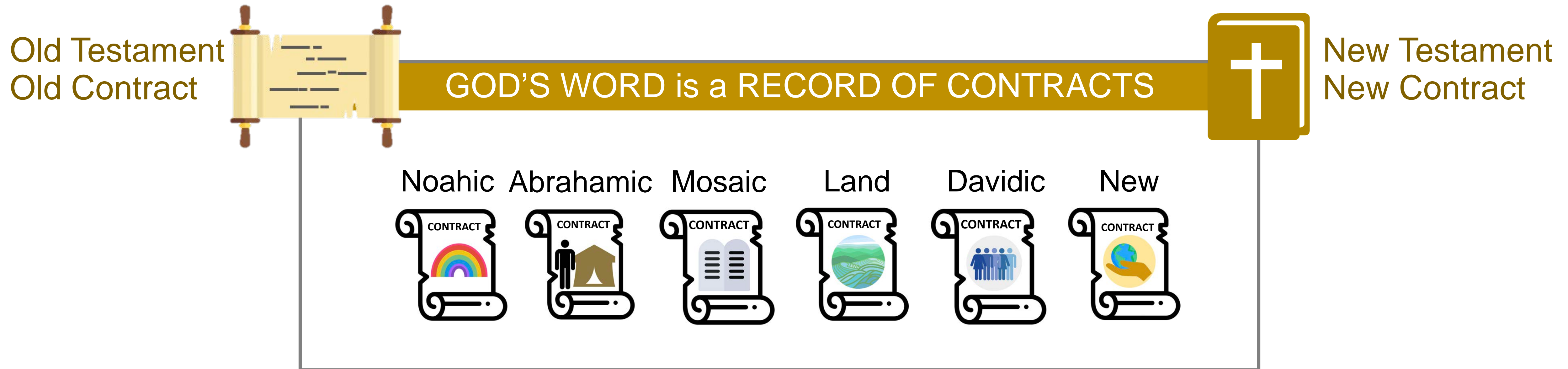
Mark 7:7, “ ‘ “And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.” ’ ”

Original Hebrew

Original Hebrew version of Isaiah 29:13

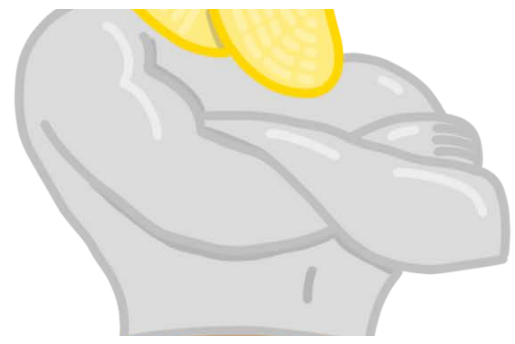
Isa. 29:13, “Therefore the Lord said: ‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,”

Importantly, we need to remember that God's Word is a record of a contract.



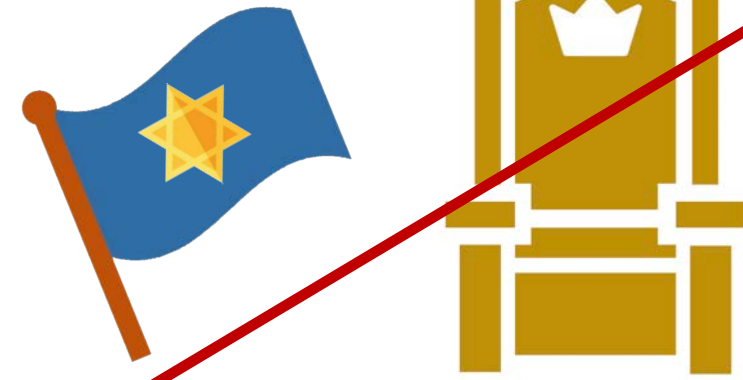
The Word of God Continues to Speak to Us

Situation Jews faced at the time of the Partial Return



Medo-
Persia

Under Gentile government



God's Kingdom not in operation



No new revelation

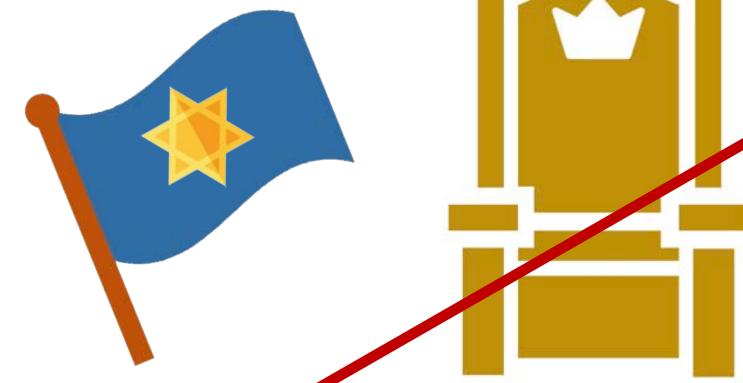


No prophets writing Scripture

Situation many Christians face today



Under Gentile government



God's Kingdom not in operation



No new revelation



No prophets writing Scripture

God speaks to us
through His
Written, Recorded
Word



We respond
to God
through
prayer

