

BIG PICTURE BIBLE STUDY

Overview of the Old Testament – Lesson 2

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¹ God said "Let Us..." - Trinity

* Biblical dates based on [Annals of the World](#), Bishop James Ussher

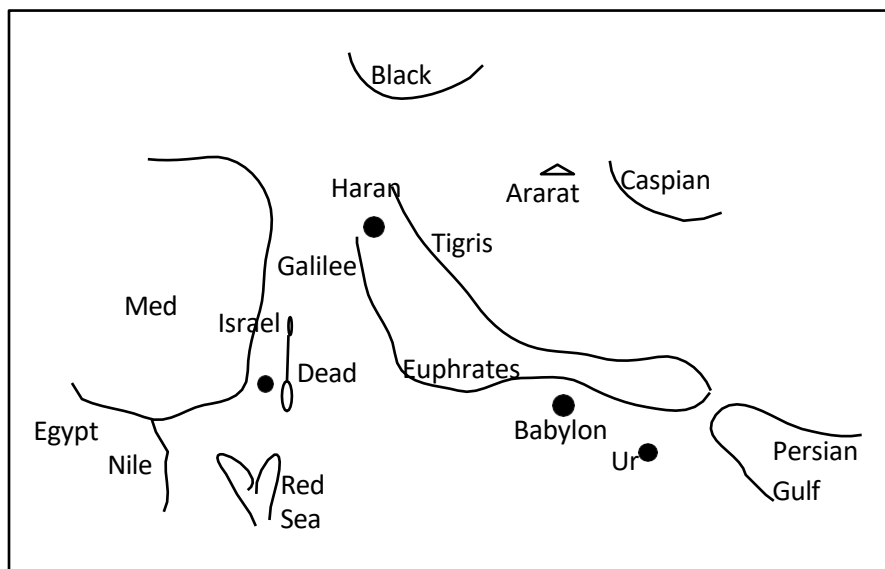
Other authors may disagree after Judges for example: (1Ti 1.4):

- [The Wonders of Bible Chronology](#) by Philip Mauro
- [The Romance of Bible Chronology](#) by Martin Anstey



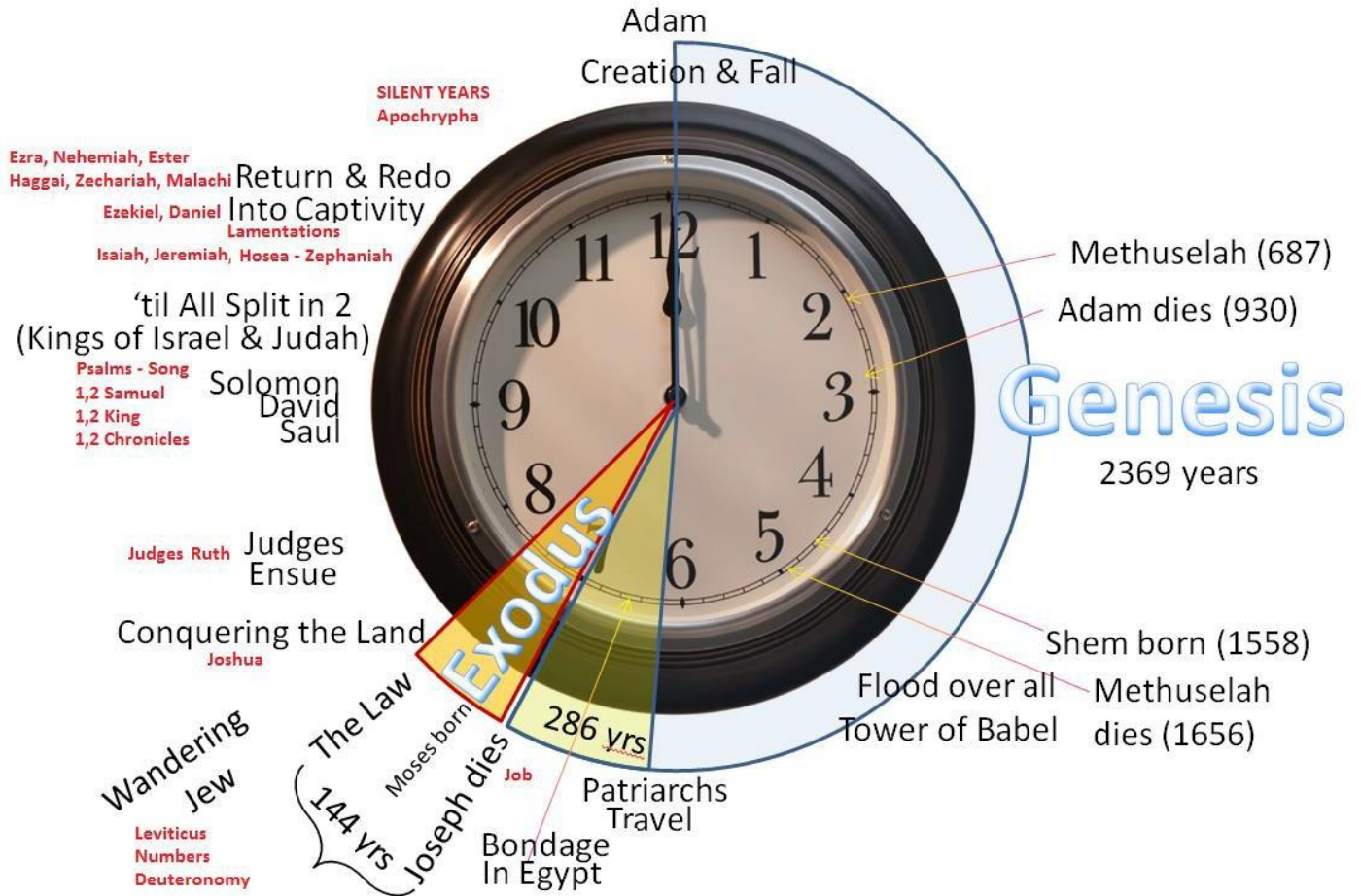
Where did this happen? On the map of Bible lands most of the Old Testament activity is to the east of a line drawn through Israel's coastline (except going into Egypt). The New Testament activity is mostly west of a line drawn through the Jordan River.

Practice drawing and visualizing a simple map of the Old Testament with key locations like the one below.



When did this happen? Visualize a clock to represent 4000 years of Old Testament history. The genealogical record of the Old Testament allows the calculation of event times. Start with Adam at twelve o'clock.

If 12 Hours = 4000 Years Then



- Adam lived 930 years – almost ¼ of the Old Testament.
- The flood occurred in the 1656th year.
- The Tower of Babel was about 100 years later.
- It was 427 years from the Flood until the call of Abraham.
- From Abraham until the Law was 430 years.
- 40 years of wandering in the wilderness after the Law
- 20 years of conquering and dividing the land under Joshua
- The period of Judges was given as about 450 years in Acts 13:20.
- The period of Kings was 516 years.
- The Babylonian Captivity lasted 70 years.
- The 69 weeks (periods of seven years) prophecy of Daniel 9:24-27 foretells 483 years from the command to rebuild the temple until Messiah cut off.

The 39 books can be divided into categories as follows:

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The Jewish Bible is divided differently but contains the same material in 24 books. (see Lu 24:44)

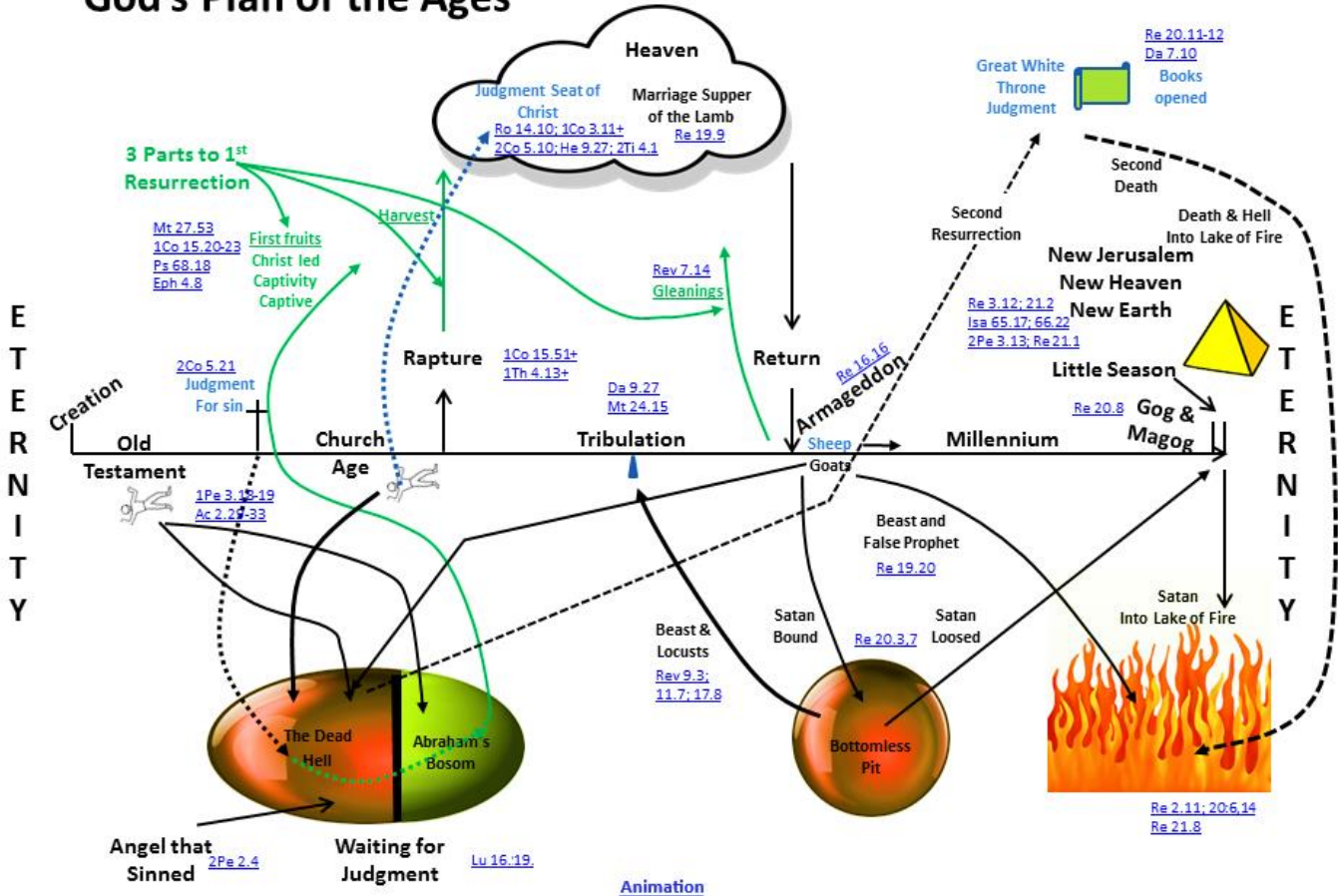
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God's plan runs throughout the Bible and is discernible by "rightly dividing the Word of Truth". See these two websites for more charts explaining God's plan:

<http://www.preservedwords.com/dispruth/contents.htm> especially Chart 69 and 74

<http://www.dakebible.com/Catalog/DakeCharts/dake-chart-big.htm>

God's Plan of the Ages



In the diagram time flows from eternity to eternity punctuated by:

- The Old Testament
- The Church Age
- Tribulation
- Millennium.

Key events

- Creation
- Crucifixion
- Rapture of the Church
- Judgment Seat of Christ
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb

- Return of Christ with the armies of heaven at the 2nd Coming - the Battle of Armageddon
- Satan bound for 1000 years
- Satan loosed for a “season” in final rebellion (Gog and Magog)
- The final judgment (Great White Throne)
- Heaven and Earth made new and righteous

Seven judgments occur:

- Calvary – Christ was judged for all sins for all people for all time (Heb 10.10-14)
- Self-judgement of our Daily Walk – 1 Corinthians 11:27-32
- Judgment Seat of Christ - for works and rewards of believers 1 Corinthians 5:9-11
- Judgement of the Nation of Israel in the Tribulation - 2 Samuel 7:10-16; Jeremiah 30:1-9
- Judgment of nations – Matthew 25:31-33
- Judgement of the Tribulation and Millennial Saints – Zechariah 14:16-19; Matthew 25:31-46; Rev. 20:44-5 (this occurs in conjunction with the Great White Throne Judgement)
- White Throne judgment for unbelievers of all ages – Revelation 20:11 ff

Two resurrections:

- The first resurrection – in three parts like a harvest
 - Christ – the first fruits (1Co 15.20)
 - Rapture – the main harvest or ingathering of all dead and living believers. Christ meets his people in the air with the words, “Come up hither” (1Th 4.13-18, 1Co 15.51-58, Rev 4.1)
 - Tribulation saints – the gleanings (Rev 7.13-14)
- The second resurrection – unbelieving dead of all ages judged at the Great White Throne of God. (Rev 20.11-12)

Two deaths:

- First death – bodies of believers sleep in the earth waiting for the first resurrection. Their souls continue to live in Paradise with God. The souls of the Old Testament saints were led from Abraham's Bosom to Paradise when Christ rose from the dead. Souls of unbelievers wait in Hell. Their bodies are in the earth to be raised at the second resurrection.
- Second death – Death and Hell are cast into the Lake of Fire. Unbelievers will receive an eternal resurrection body and experience the second death in the Lake of Fire for ever along with the fallen angels and satanic trinity – Satan, the Beast, and the False Prophet.

Places:

- Heaven

- Earth
- Eternity
- The dead (Before the cross it was divided by a great gulf into Hell and Abraham's Bosom now empty.)
- Bottomless pit

- Lake of Fire
- New Jerusalem
- New Earth
- New Heaven

Prophecy:

Prophecy and the plan of God tie the Old and New Testaments together. Before God does a thing, He tells about it. ***Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.*** Paraphrasing Augustine (354-430 AD), ***The New Testament is concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New.***

Jesus on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection told two of his followers, ***“O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.”*** ***Luke 24:25-26, 44.***

The first prophecy of the Messiah is ***Gen 3:15 – And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed (Christ); it shall bruise thy head (Satan's destruction), and thou shalt bruise his heel (Christ's crucifixion).***

The Messiah came from Abraham's seed. This promise was confirmed with Isaac and Jacob. He would come from the tribe of Judah (Isa 65:9) and be called a “Star out of Jacob”. “A Sceptre shall rise out of Israel” (Num 24:17). David was promised a seed to sit on the throne of Israel forever (Ps 89).

The virgin birth and His name were foretold in ***Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.***

The place of His birth was foretold in ***Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.***

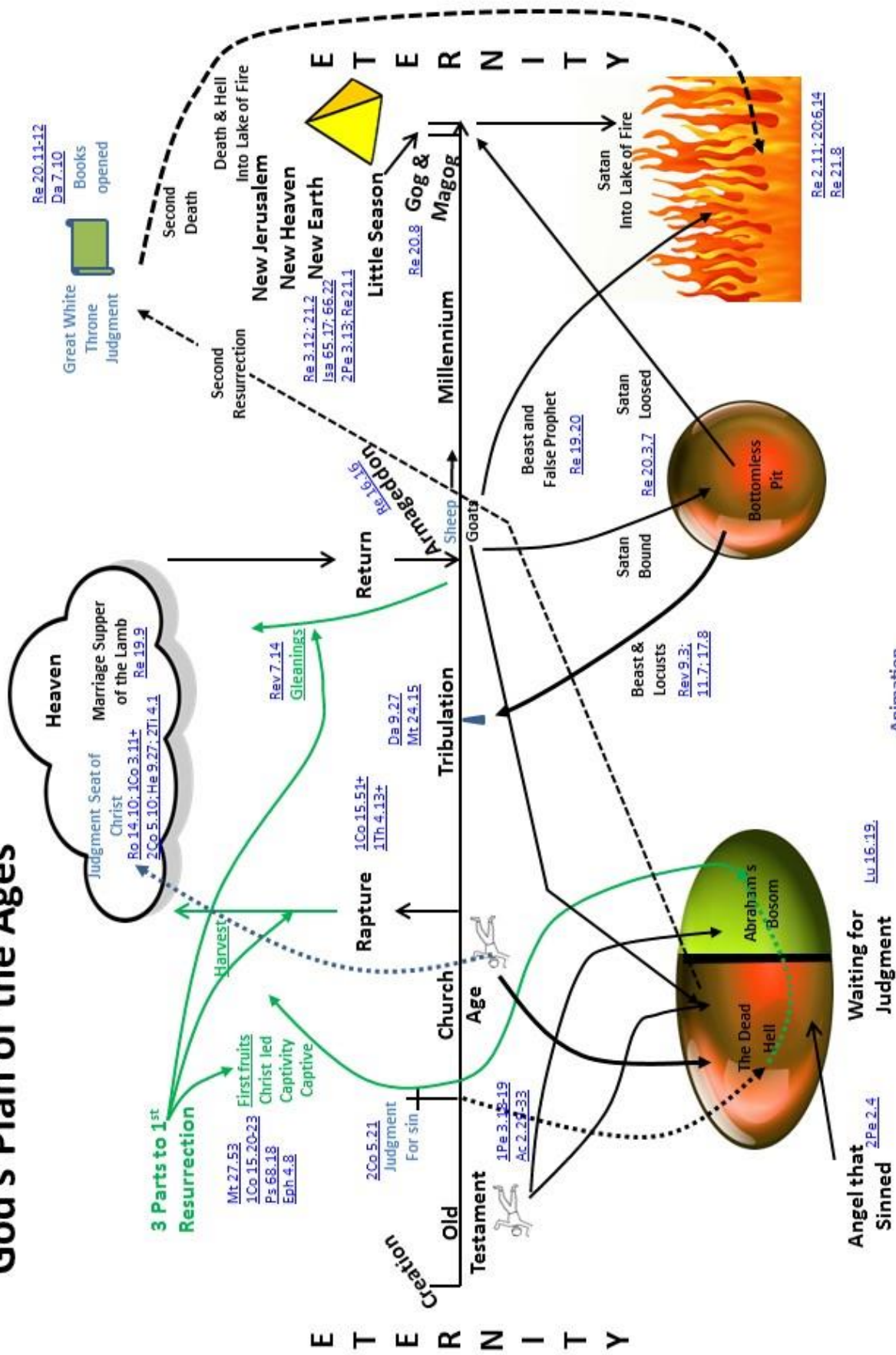
More details are given hundreds of years before his birth in ***Isa 9:6,7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever.***

The probability of already fulfilled prophecies happening by chance alone is essentially zero, and yet they have happened. We can have confidence that the remaining prophecies will also be fulfilled exactly.

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