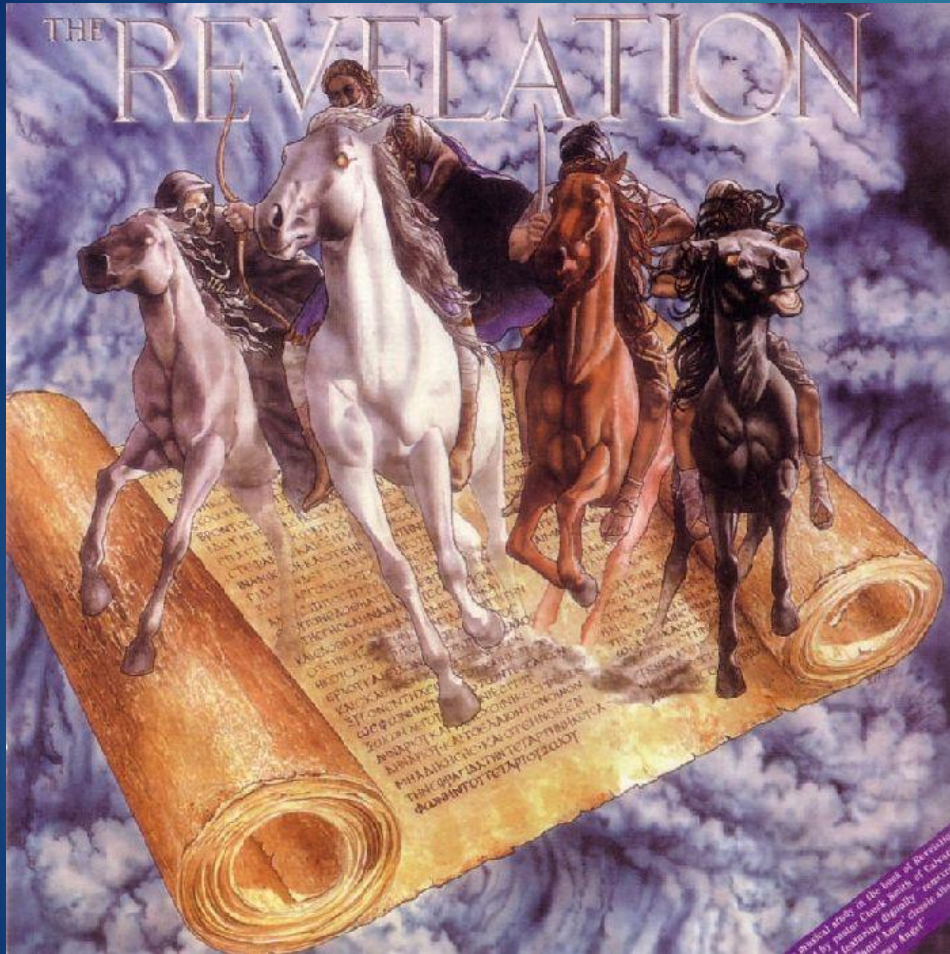


GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN FOR THE AGES



Lesson 1

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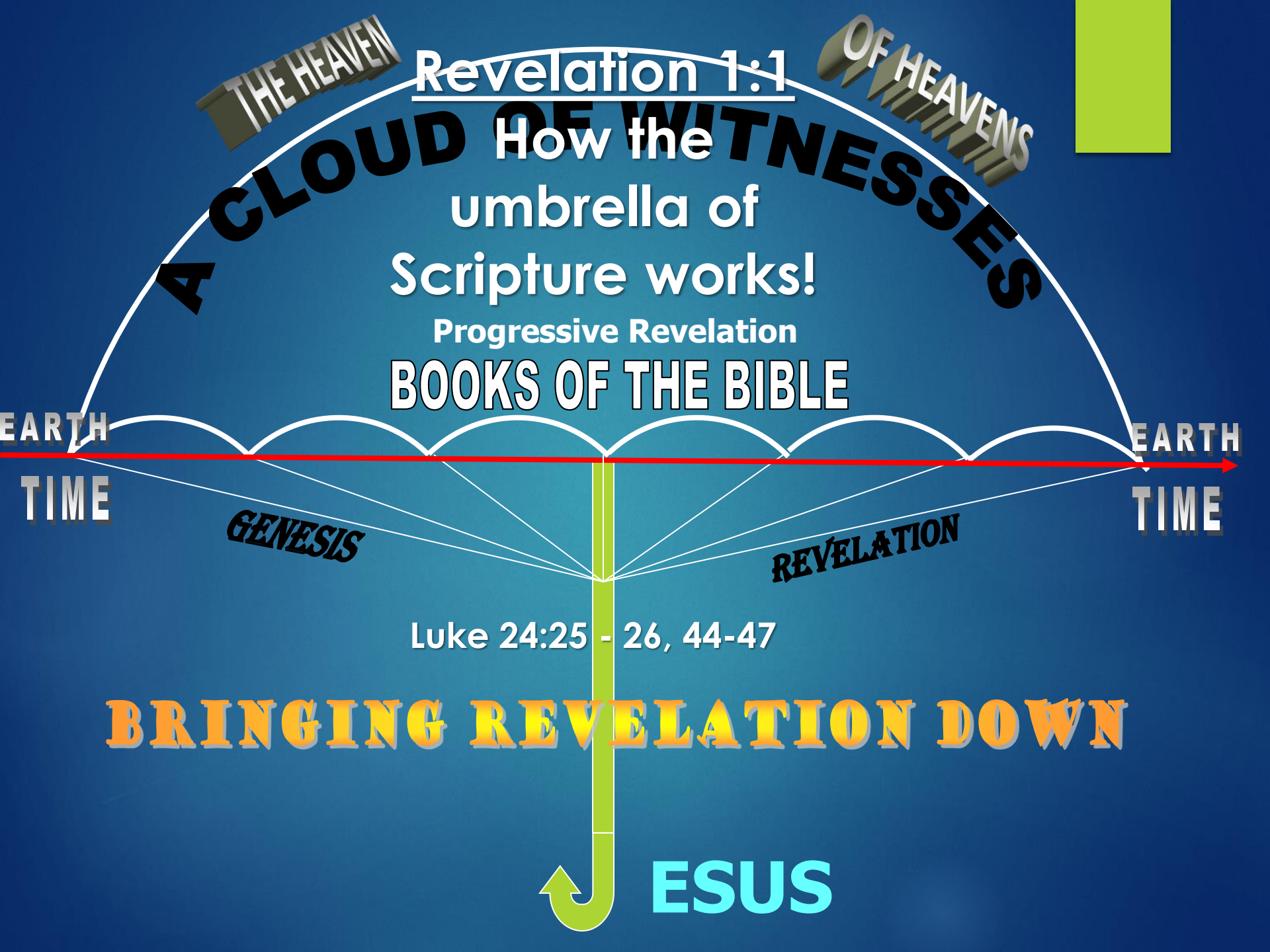
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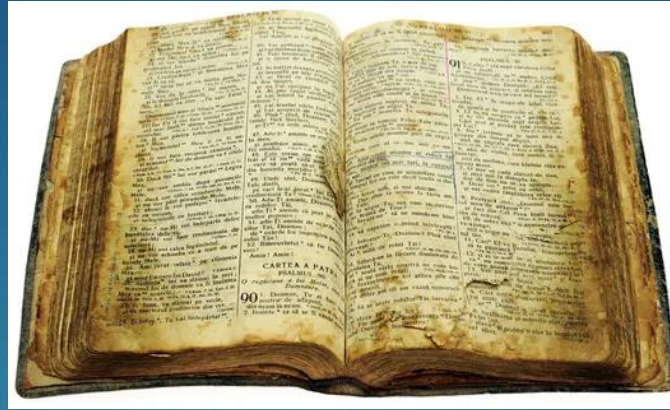
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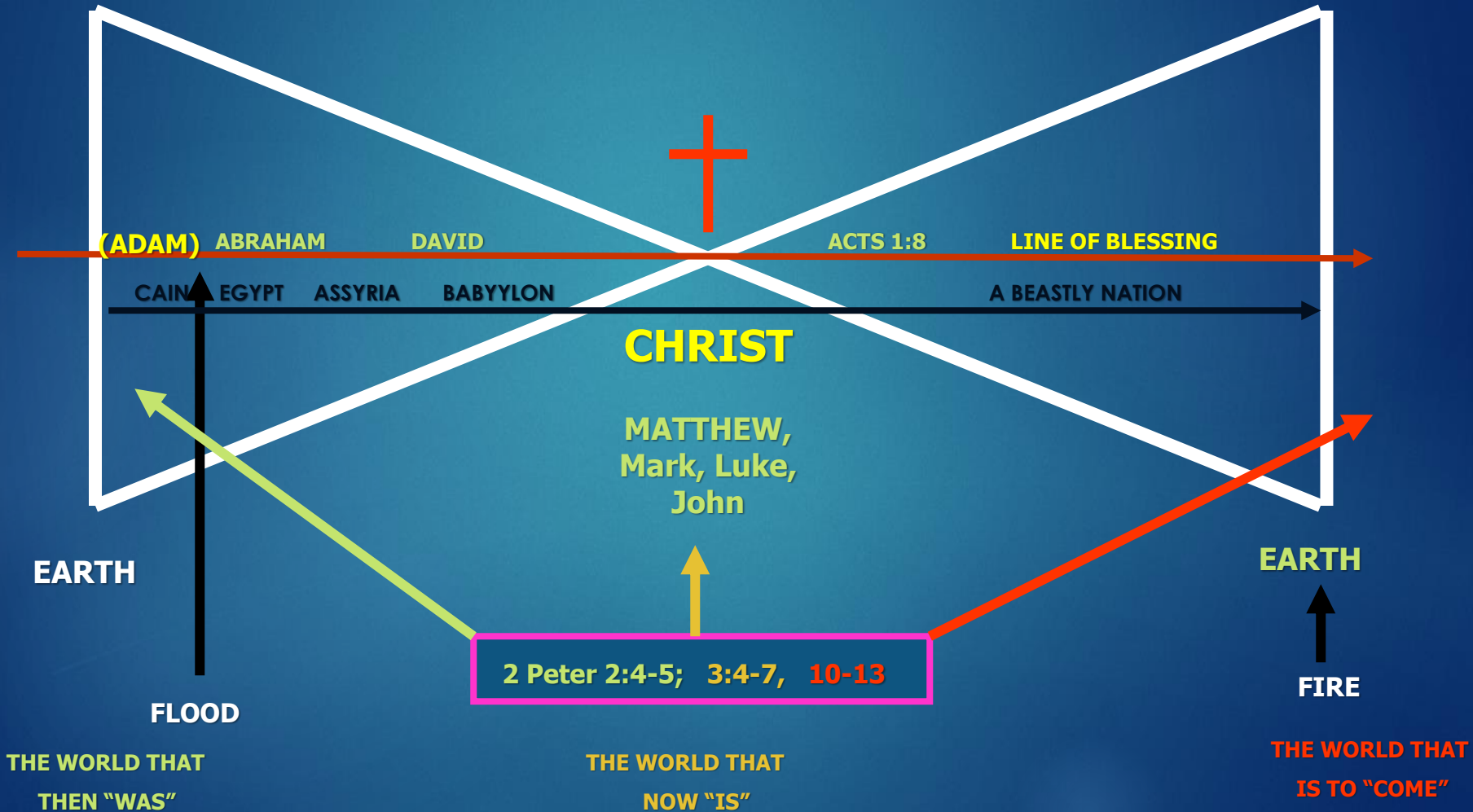
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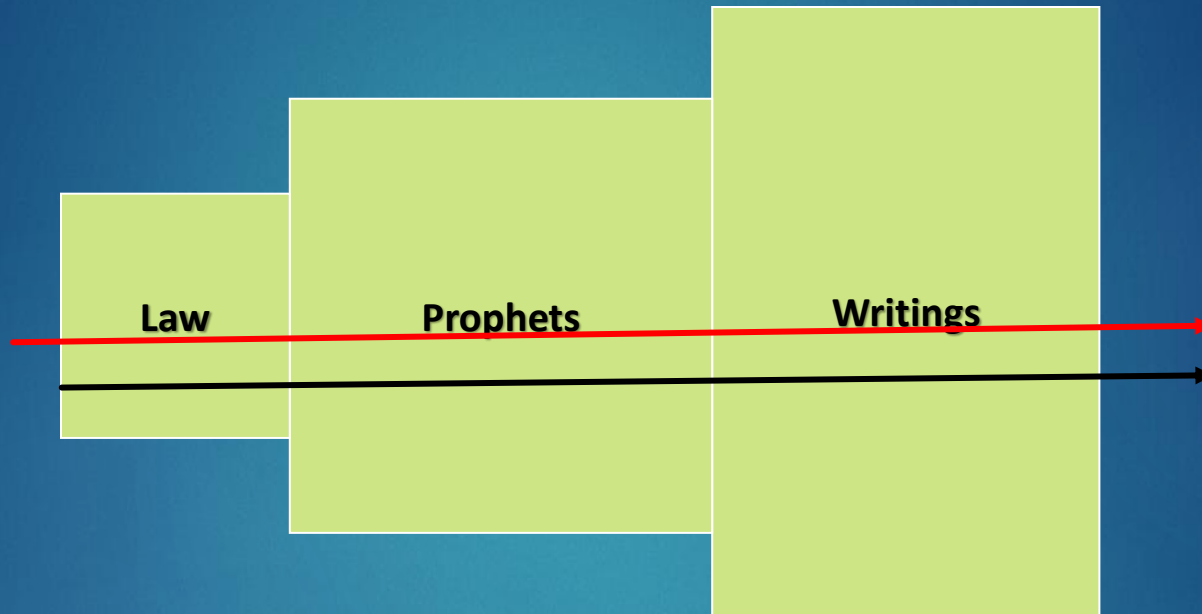
SCRIPTURE BUILDS UPON SCRIPTURE



- ▶ Seen in the Hebrew arrangement of the OT—the **TaNaK**, an acronym:
 - ▶ **Ta** for Torah—Law (Pentateuch)
 - ▶ **Na** for Neviim—Prophets—The Former; The Latter
 - ▶ **K** for Ketuvim—Writings (poetical; wisdom; Megilloth)
- ▶ **The sailors telescope—**

OLD TESTAMENT

**The Red Line:
God's Desire to Bless**



**The Black Line:
The Fall—Sin & Death**

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT



Law

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Plan for the ages and need of a redeemer

Failure of Israel and the coming of a future David

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Life and correction in the kingdom

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The Red Line Goes Through Eternity
The Black Line Stops at the Age to Come

THE PROPHETS LOOKED INTO THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



- ▶ As Moses looked into the past (**creation**), the present (**the exodus**) and the future (**a coming king**), the prophets constantly look back to Moses's writings as foundational (**see Gen. 3:15; Gen. 49:8-12; Exod. 15; Num. 22-24; Deut. 28-31**), the basis for the prophet's predictions and judgments
 - ▶ They looked at the **present** to judge Israel's relationship to the covenants (**Psa. 90; Jer. 31:21-22**)
 - ▶ They also looked into the **future**, offering a hope (**Jer. 31:23-34; Ezek. 37; 1 Pet. 1:10-12**)
- ▶ The NT writers also looked **back** to the OT prophecies; at the **present**; and into the **future** for the same reasons (**see Lk. 24:24-27, 44-45; Acts 3:17-26**)

ALL AUTHORITY IS FROM GOD—God is sovereign



- ▶ **Rom. 13:1**—ou gar estin exsousia ei me hupo theou: *For not is authority except under/by God, i.e., For there is no authority except under/by God*
 - ▶ This explains why God can send a disciplining nation against Israel and then turn around and judge that nation
 - ▶ The disciplining rod/nation exceeds the limits of its authority given by God
 - ▶ For example, **Isa. 10:5-19**—Assyria; **Jer. 25:9-14**—Babylon
 - ▶ Both, the nations, Israel and the angels will be judged by His statutes and laws (**Isa. 42:1-4: 24:21-23**)

ISRAEL IS AT THE CENTER OF ALL THE NATIONS



- ▶ **Because of the hope of Messiah**, all prophecy for the nations, centers around Israel/Jerusalem, even in the Torah (**Num. 23:9; Ezek. 5:5**)
 - ▶ Moses connects the creation and fall, using Gen. 3:15 and a genealogy leading to Abraham (Gen. 5; 11:27ff.)
 - ▶ From the Abrahamic promises (Gen. 12:1-3) all prophecies are centered around Israel and a coming ruler/deliverer (see Gen. 49:8-12; the Balaam prophecies, Num. 22-24; and the song of Moses, Deut. 31:14-32:29)
- ▶ Israel was created to be **the head** of the nations, **not the tail** (Deut. 28:1, 9-10, 13, 44)
- ▶ YHVH is to be **enthroned in Israel** and in the **midst of the nations** (**Ezek. 5:5**)
- ▶ Jerusalem and its Davidic king are to be **over** all the nations (**Exod. 15:16-18; 2 Sam. 7:10-16; Psa. 2**)
- ▶ This continues **the mandate given Adam** (**Gen.1:26-27**; see Gen. 12:1-3)

HISTORY IS A TYPOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

The past foreshadows the present



- ▶ **THE GARDEN OF EDEN**/tabernacle/temple—the dwelling place of God (3 spaces; **Exod. 25:9; Ezek. 1**)
 - ▶ All three were meant to expand, filling the whole earth (**Gen. 1:26-28; 9:1; 12:1-3**)
 - ▶ Moses saw the return of the glory, Exodus 40, but due to sin, it would not be final until Rev. 21-22
 - ▶ The New Jerusalem is modelled on the pattern of the holy of holies, a 3-dimensional cube models the mountain in Eden (**Ezek. 28:13-14, 16**) and the holy of holies in the tabernacle and temple
 - ▶ The water flowing from the throne and the trees for the healing of the nations, follows the pattern of the river and the tree of life in the garden (**Rev. 22:1-2**)

THE EXODUS (Gen. 6-8; Deut. 30:1-6; Isa. 11:11; 1 Cor. 5:7; Lk. 22:15-16)

- ▶ This framework is especially visible in Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel (**Isa. 11:11-12; Jer. 16:14-15; 23:7-8; Ezek. 20:33-38**)
- ▶ **Through judgments**, like those in Egypt, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (**Isa. 26:9; Rev. 16:7; 19:2; see Job 30:24**)
- ▶ Israel will be redeemed with great judgments and given a new heart (**Isa. 26:9b; Jer. 31:31-33; Isa. 1:27 KJ; see Neh. 1:10; Jer. 12:14-17; 29:10-11; Ezek. 16:59-60; 20:33-38**)
- ▶ As Moses would defeat Pharaoh (**Exod. 7:8-12**), so the greater Moses (**Deut. 18:13; 34:10; Jn. 7:40**) will defeat the adversary (**Gen. 3:15; 1 Jn. 3:8**)

THE TABERNACLE

- ▶ The tabernacle and its offerings will prefigure the coming Messiah's work in the matters of redemption for sin (Leviticus; **Jn. 1:29**; 1 Cor. 5:7)

FORMING A REDEMPTIVE OUTLINE



- ▶ God **created** and is **possessor** of the heavens and earth (Gen. 1:1-2:3; 14:19)
- ▶ **Man was to rule** in obedience to God over the earth, **enlarging the Son's domain**, until it encompassed the whole heavens and earth (Gen. 1:26-27)
- ▶ Man's **disobedience** led to the **need of a Redeemer**, to return blessing and free both man and earth from the curse, rendering a judgment against the serpent and his seed (Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 8:19-22; 1 Cor. 15:20-28)



- ▶ **This redeemer** would come as **the offspring of the woman** (Gen. 3:15, see the 3rd pers. pers. pronouns; sing. vb. forms; and sing. suffixes in relation to zera—seed)
- ▶ **His family line** would narrow from **Adam**, through **Abraham**; through the twelve; through Judah to **David** (Gen. 5:1ff.; 49:8-12; Num. 22-24); to the Christ—Yeshua
- ▶ Israel's **failure to keep the Sinai covenant** would lead to them being dispersed among the nations, in need of the Redeemer (Lev. 26:33-39; Deut. 4:25-31; 28-29; 30:1-6)
- ▶ **God would** then come and **bring them out a second time**, making a **new covenant** with them, redeeming them from their sins and giving them a new heart (Lev. 26; 30:1-10; Jer. 31:27-34; Ezek. 36:22-32; cf. Matt. 23:37-39)



- ▶ **Through Abraham and his seed**, Yeshua's **blessings** would go out **to the nations**, offering them redemption through the Son, grafting them into the covenants and promises of Israel through faith (Gen. 12:1-3; **Matt. 28:18-20**; Jn. 15; **Rom. 11:11, 19-22; Eph. 2:11—22**)
- ▶ **In the latter days**, Yeshua will seat Himself on a glorious throne in Jerusalem and render judgment upon all the unbelieving nations (**Matt. 25:31-46**; see Exod. 15:16-18; 1 Sam. 2:10)
- ▶ Finally, **He will defeat the Devil**, his anti-Christ, the false prophet and death (**Matt. 28:18**; Heb. 2:8; **1 Jn. 3:5, 3-8; Rev. 19-20**)
- ▶ In so doing **He will usher in the kingdom of God** and a new world for all eternity— (**Rev. 21-22**)

CONCLUSION



- ▶ **The goal of this course is to follow the simple outline, enlarging upon it as it is developed in the scriptures**
- ▶ **This will then be used as a platform for the study of the book of Revelation**