

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged, light-colored rock cliff face on the right side. To the left of the cliff, a wide valley stretches out, featuring a winding road, green fields, and a body of water (likely a lake or reservoir) in the distance. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds.

# **Heb-Rex**

## **General Epistles & Revelation**

**By Ray Mondragon**

An aerial photograph of a vast landscape. In the foreground, a large, deep blue lake stretches across the right side. To the left of the lake, there are green fields and some small settlements. The middle ground shows a wide expanse of land with patches of green and brown, indicating different types of vegetation or land use. In the background, a range of low, rolling hills or mountains is visible under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene is a wide, open landscape.

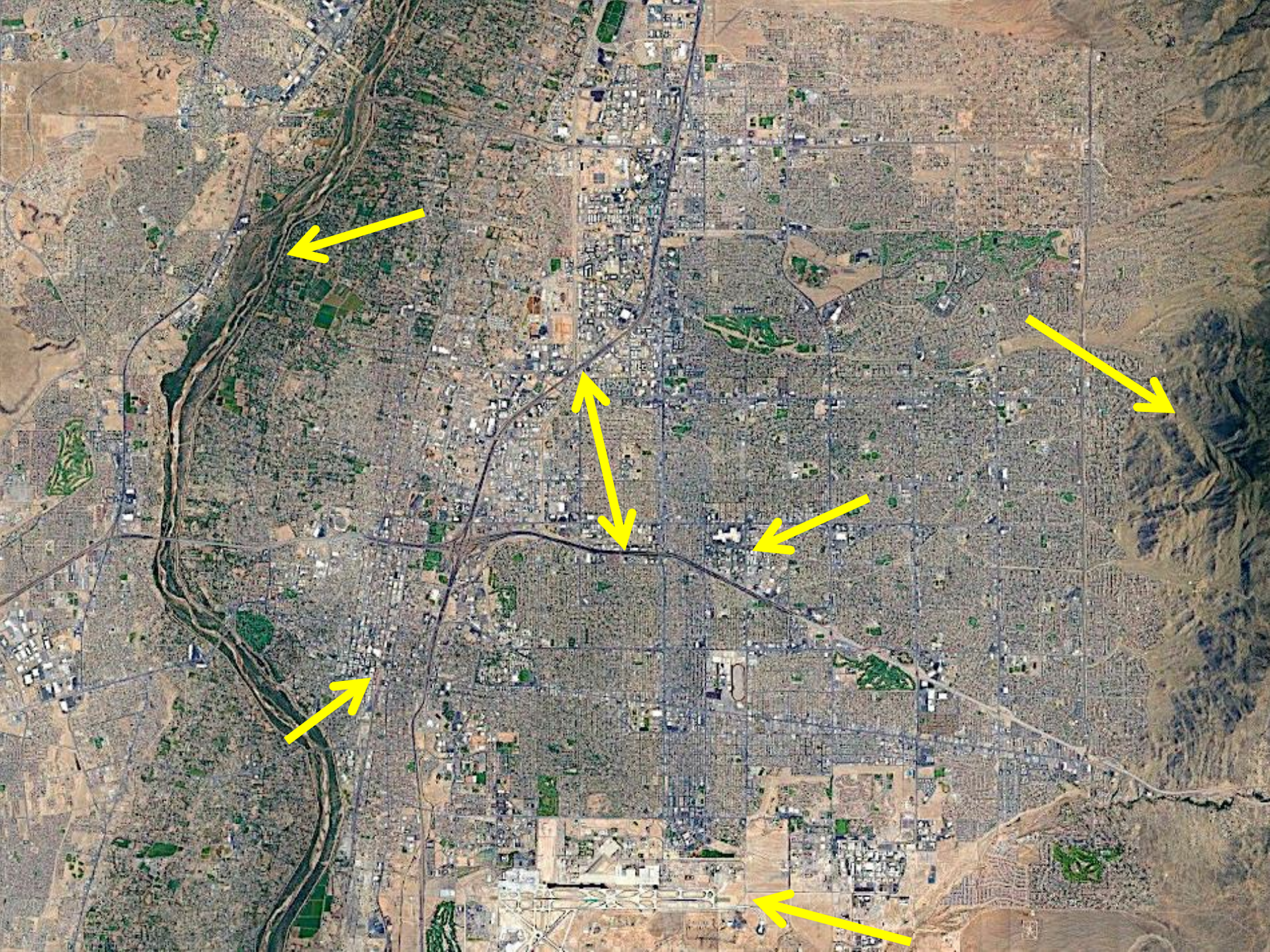
# Heb-Rev Introduction

**2Ch 20:6 & he said, “O Lord, the  
God of our fathers, art Thou  
not God in the heavens? &  
art Thou not ruler over all  
the kingdoms of the nations?  
Power & might are in Thy  
hand so that no one can stand  
against Thee.**

**Gal 4:4-5** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

# BOOK STUDY





# **BOOK STUDY**

## **1. Overview - Context**

**Read**

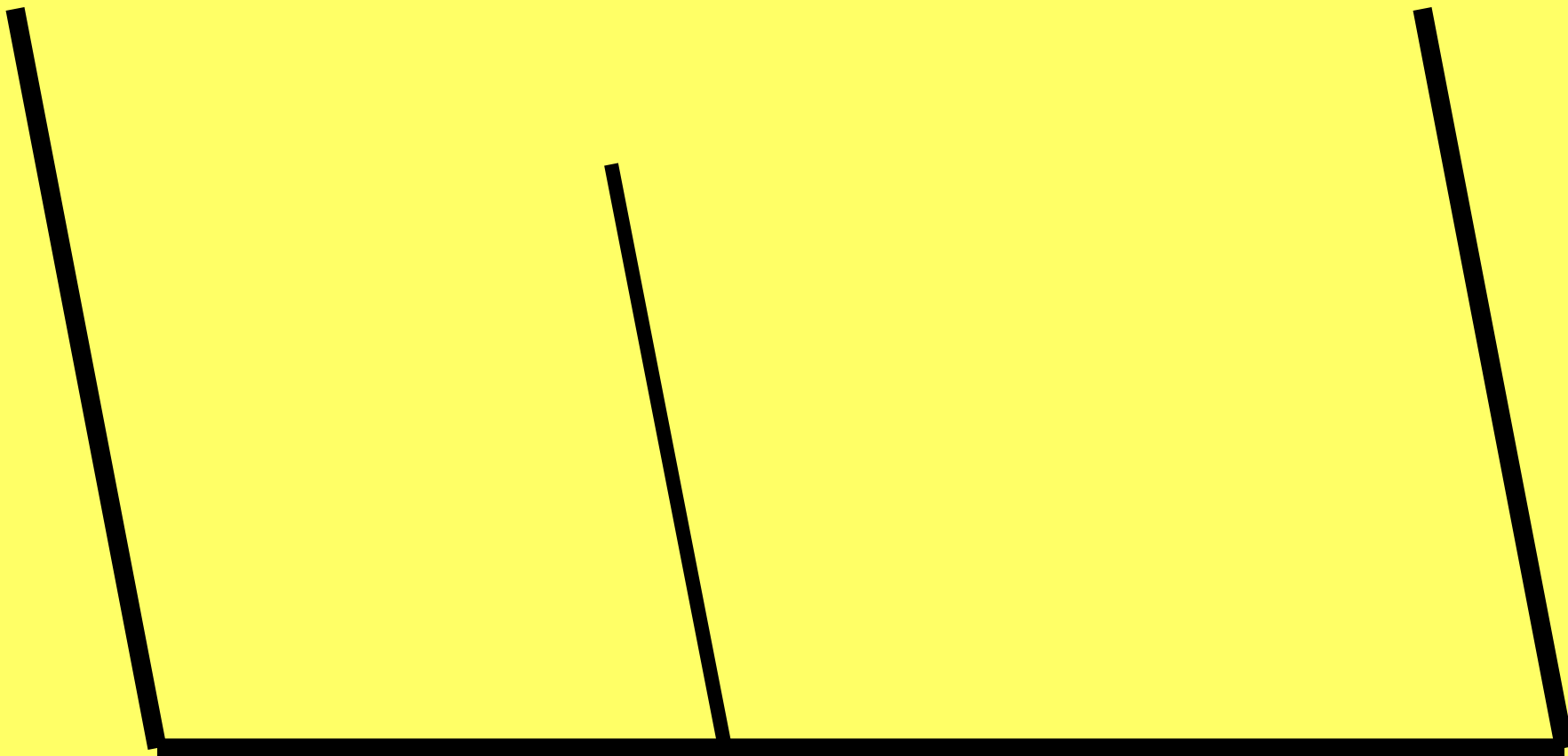
**Outline**



# **DIVISIONS**

- ❖ **Direct Statements**
- ❖ **Connectives**
- ❖ **Grammatical Indicators**
- ❖ **Literary Form**
- ❖ **Subject Changes**

# GENESIS



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Primeval  
History

Patriarchal  
History

1

11

12

50

# GENESIS -

## Origins

**Primeval  
History**

**Creation**

**Fall**

**Flood**

**Scattering**

**1**

**11**

**Patriarchal  
History**

**Abraham**

**Isaac**

**Jacob**

**Joseph**

**12**

**50**

# **GENESIS -**

# **Origins**

<b>I. Primeval History</b>	<b>1-11</b>
<b>A. Creation</b>	<b>1-2</b>
<b>B. Fall</b>	<b>3-5</b>
<b>C. Flood</b>	<b>6-9</b>
<b>D. Scattering</b>	<b>10-11</b>
<b>II. Patriarchal History</b>	<b>12-50</b>
<b>A. Abraham</b>	<b>12-25</b>
<b>B. Isaac</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>C. Jacob</b>	<b>27-36</b>
<b>D. Joseph</b>	<b>37-50</b>

# **BOOK STUDY**

## **1. Overview - Context**

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**



# **MAIN IDEA**

- **Binds all other subjects**
- **Accounts for all parts**
- **Look for clues in book**

# **BOOK STUDY**

- 1. Main Idea - Origin of all things  
universe, time, earth, plants,  
creatures, mankind, sin,  
judgment, nations, .... ISRAEL**

# **BOOK STUDY**

## **1. Overview - Context**

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**

**Purpose**



# **BOOK STUDY**

- 1. Main Idea -      Origin of all things  
universe, time, earth, plants,  
creatures, mankind, sin,  
judgment, nations, .... ISRAEL**
- 2. Purpose -      to give Israel their  
origin, purpose, & plan**

# **BOOK STUDY**

## **1. Overview - Context**

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**

**Purpose**

**Observations**

**Confirm**



## **2. Historical Background**

The background image shows the exterior of a library building with large windows and columns. The words "MERMANN LIBRARY" are visible on the upper part of the facade. A person with a backpack is walking across the foreground. The word "BACKGROUND" is overlaid in large, bold, cyan letters with a black outline and a drop shadow.

# **BACKGROUND**

- **Author**
- **Audience**
- **Occasion**
- **Geography**
- **Individuals**

# **SOURCES**

- 1. References in Book**
- 2. References in Scripture**
- 3. Other resources -**
  - Surveys of NT or OT**
  - Commentaries**
  - Bible dictionaries/encyclop.**
  - Historical works**

**Millennium**

**Church**

**MESSIAH**

**Kingdom**

**Israel**

**Exodus & Conq.**

**ABRAHAM**

**SCATTERING**

**FLOOD**

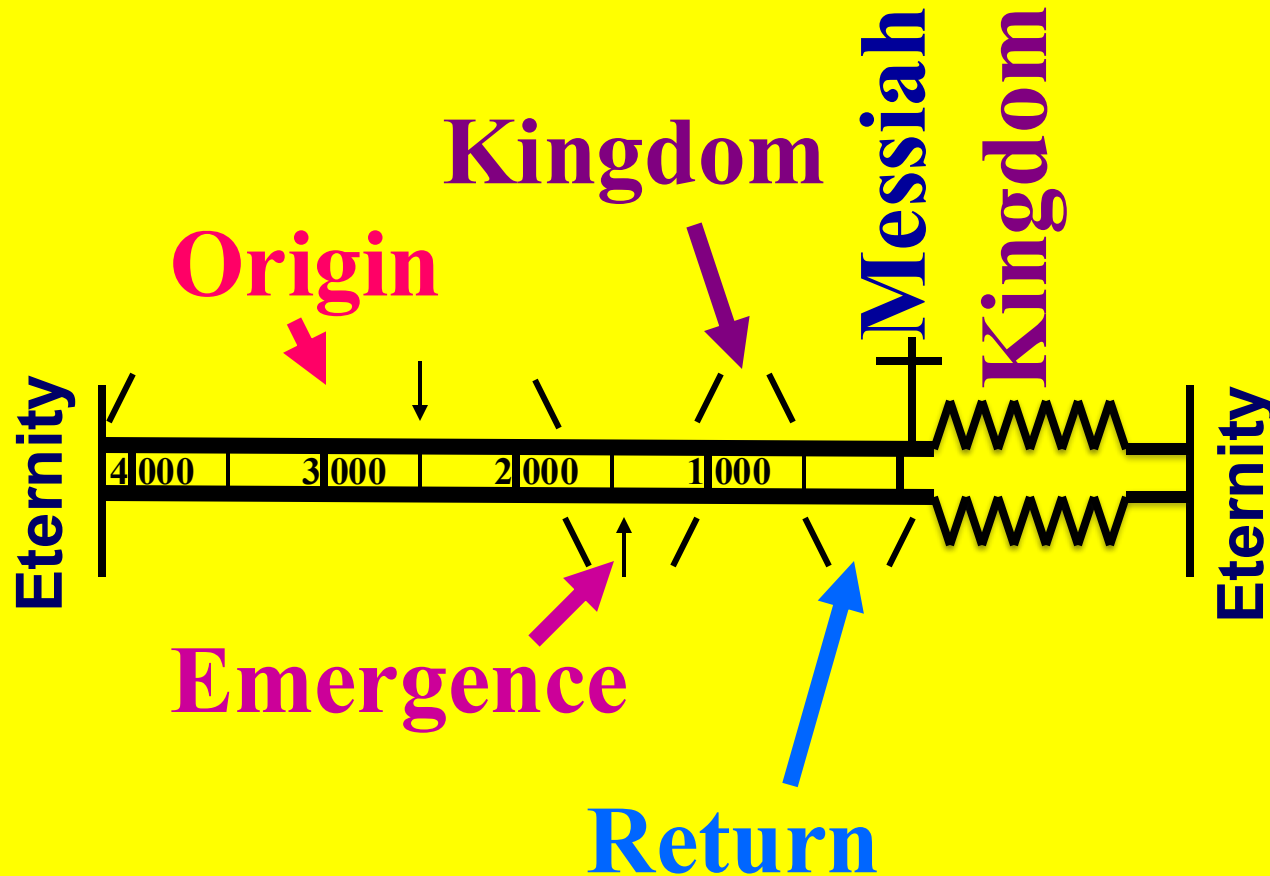
**FALL**

**CREATION**

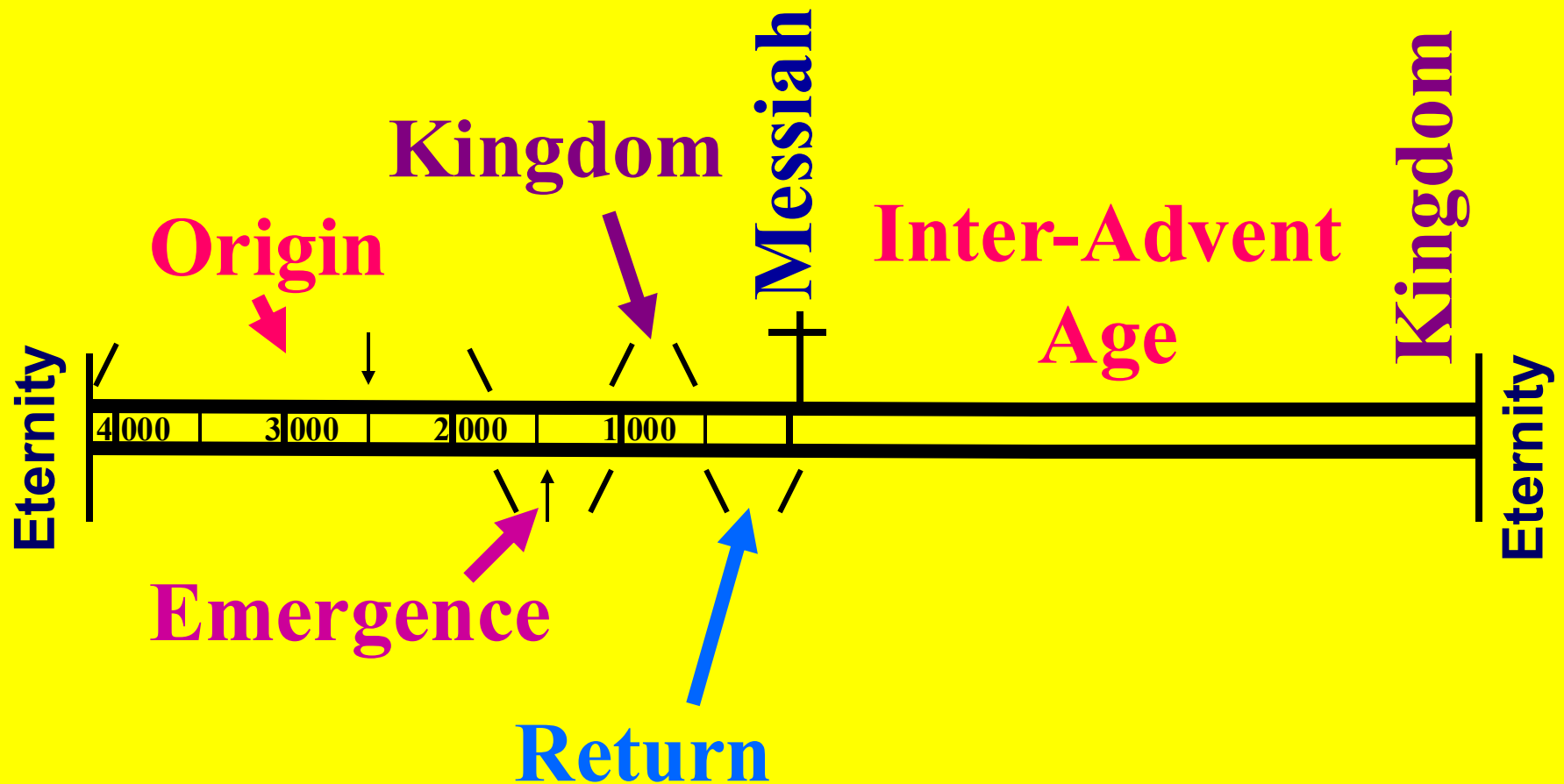
**WORLD**

**HISTORY**

# BIBLICAL HISTORY



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# **WHY 4 GOSPELS?**

**1. Different Audiences**

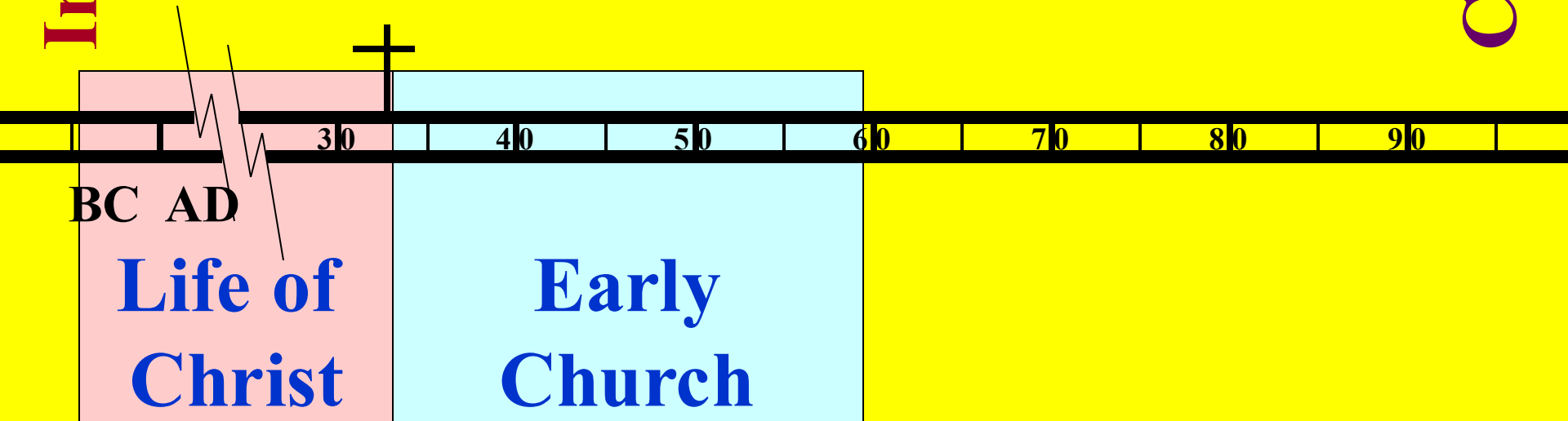
**2. Different Purposes**

**Nazareth  
from east**

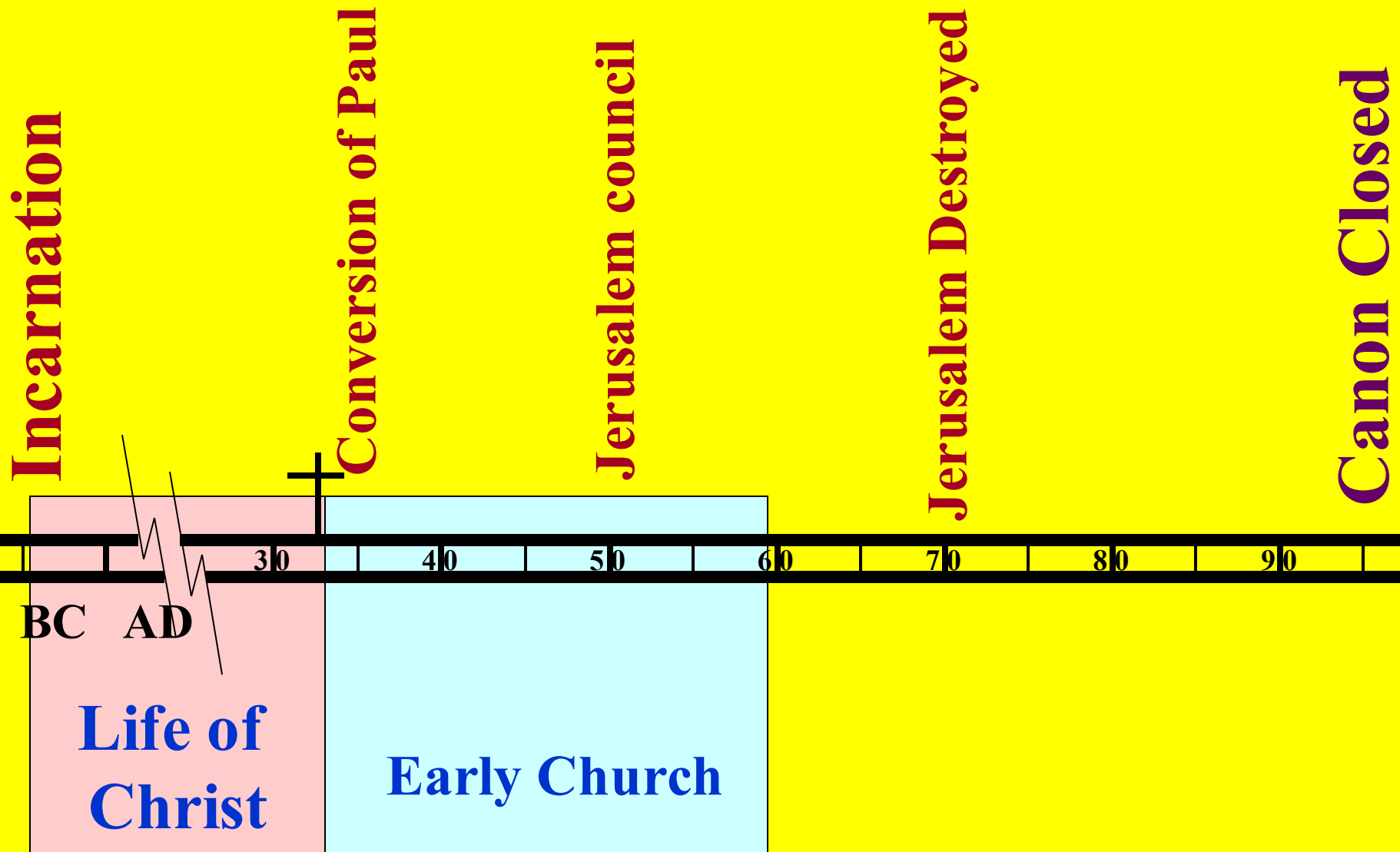
# NT HISTORY

Incarnation

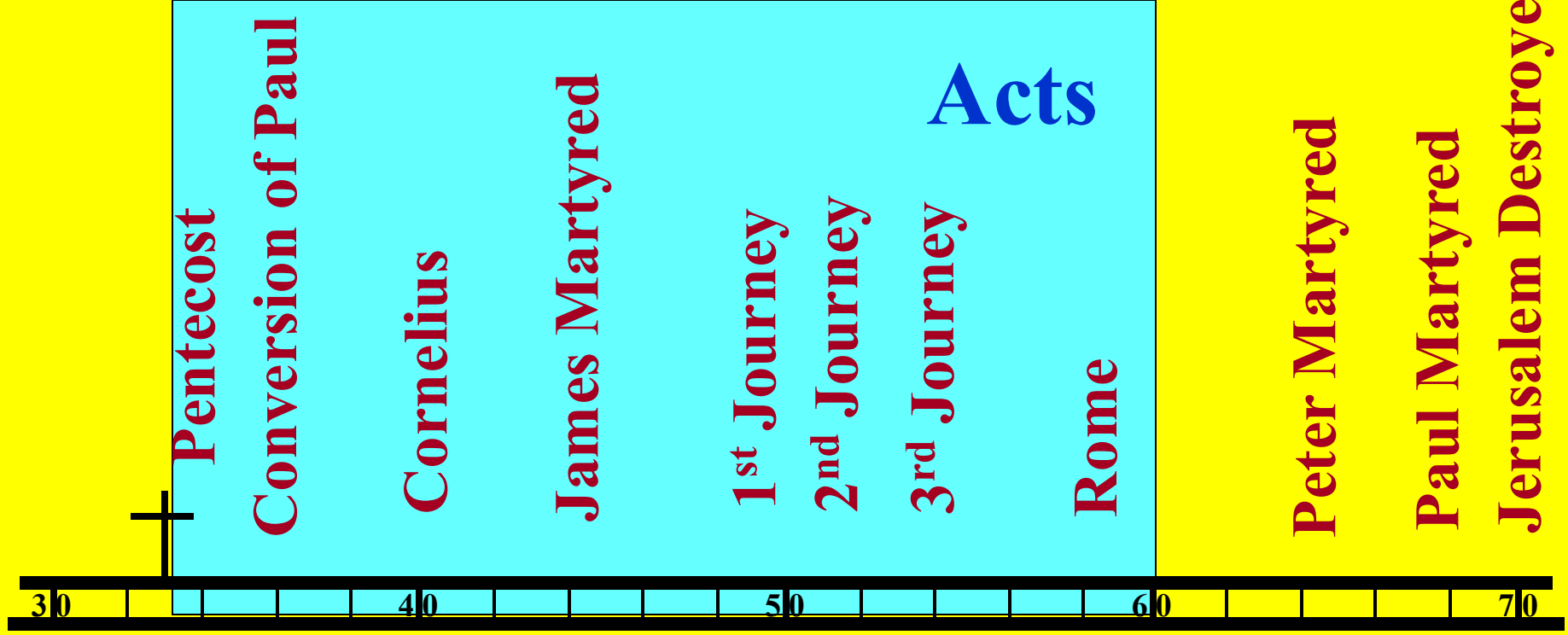
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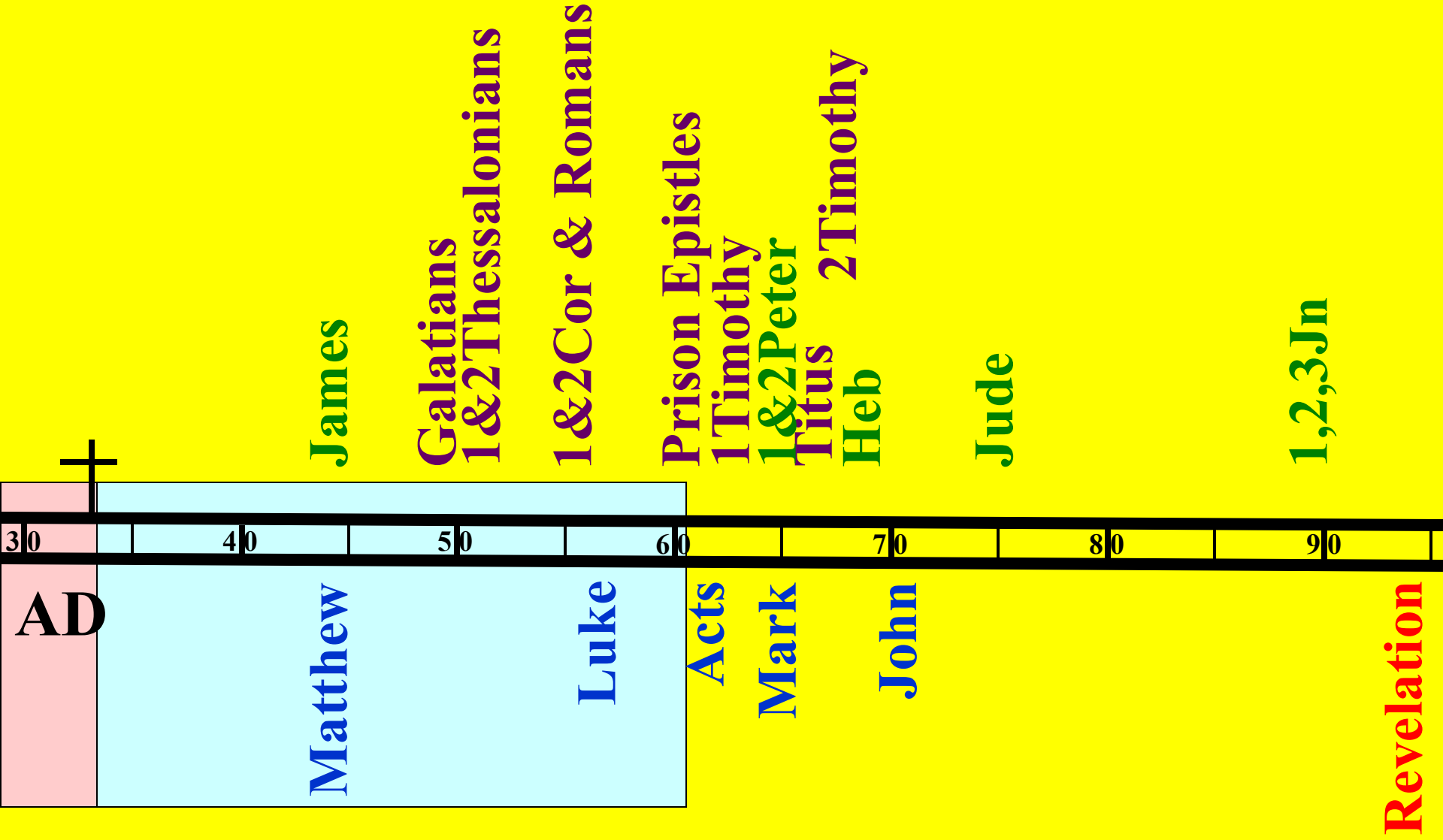
# NT HISTORY



# ACTS HISTORY



# DATE OF WRITING



# **STRUCTURE**

- **Gospels - Biographical**
- **Acts - Historical**
- **Romans to Jude - Epistolary**
- **Revelation - Prophetic**

# EPISTILES



# EPISTLES

➤ Importance

➤ Extent



# **27 NT BOOKS**

- ❖ **How Many Narrative books?**
- ❖ **How Many Prophetic books?**
- ❖ **How many Letters?**

# EPISTLES

- Pauline - 13 (Rom-Tit)
- General - 8 (Heb-Jd)
- Revelation - 7 (2-3)
- Acts - 2 (15:23-29, 23:25-30)  
= 30

# EPISTLES

➤ Importance

➤ Extent

➤ Characteristics



# CHARACTERISTICS

## 1. Occasional



# **OCCASSIONAL**

- ✧ Main interpretive problem
- ✧ Intended for a specific occasion in 1<sup>st</sup> century
- ✧ Circumstance of readers or author
- ✧ Sometimes a crisis or problem

# CHARACTERISTICS

1. Occasional
2. Doctrinal
3. Mixed Form



# ἐπιστολή

1. Official letters with authority - Act 15:30
2. Personal letters - 2Cor 3:1
3. Spiritual or metaphorical - 2Cor 3:2-3
4. Apostolic but not inspired - 2Cor 10:9-11
5. Inspired letters of NT - 2Pet 3:16

# MIXED FORM

- **Letter** - **non-literary**  
**private**
- **Epistle** - **literary**  
**public**

**“An epistle is a work of art; a letter is a piece of life ... One is like the carefully finished photograph which does you justice; the other is like a snapshot that shows you as you are.”**

**(Robinson)**

# CHARACTERISTICS

1. Occasional
2. Doctrinal
3. Mixed Form
4. Direct
5. Apostolic



# EPISTLES

➤ Importance

➤ Extent

➤ Characteristics

➤ Features



# **FEATURES**

- 1. Salutation**
- 2. Thanksgiving**
- 3. Prayer**
- 4. Body**
- 5. Exhortations**
- 6. Closing**



# GENERAL EPISTLES

- **Name**
- **Importance**
- **Authors**

# **AUTHORS**

- **Paul - Apostle**
- **Hebrews - Unknown**
- **James - Half brother of Jesus**
- **Peter - Of 12 apostles**
- **John - Of 12 apostles**
- **Jude - Half brother of Jesus**

# **AUTHORS**

- **Paul -** insists upon faith
- **Heb. -** insists upon faithfulness
- **James -** insists upon works
- **Peter -** insists upon hope
- **John -** insists upon love
- **Jude -** insists upon watchfulness

# GENERAL EPISTLES

- **Name**
- **Importance**
- **Authors**
- **Themes**
- **Occasion**

# **OCCASION**

- 1. Rapid spread of Christianity**
- 2. Persecution of church**
- 3. False teachers**

# **CANONICITY**

- 1. Authorship**
- 2. Universality**
- 3. Contents**
- 4. Inspiration**

A photograph of a sunset over the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a shimmering path of light across the dark water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the distant hills are silhouetted against the twilight. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

**If our Lord is SOVEREIGN  
over all history,  
He can care for us!!!**

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**