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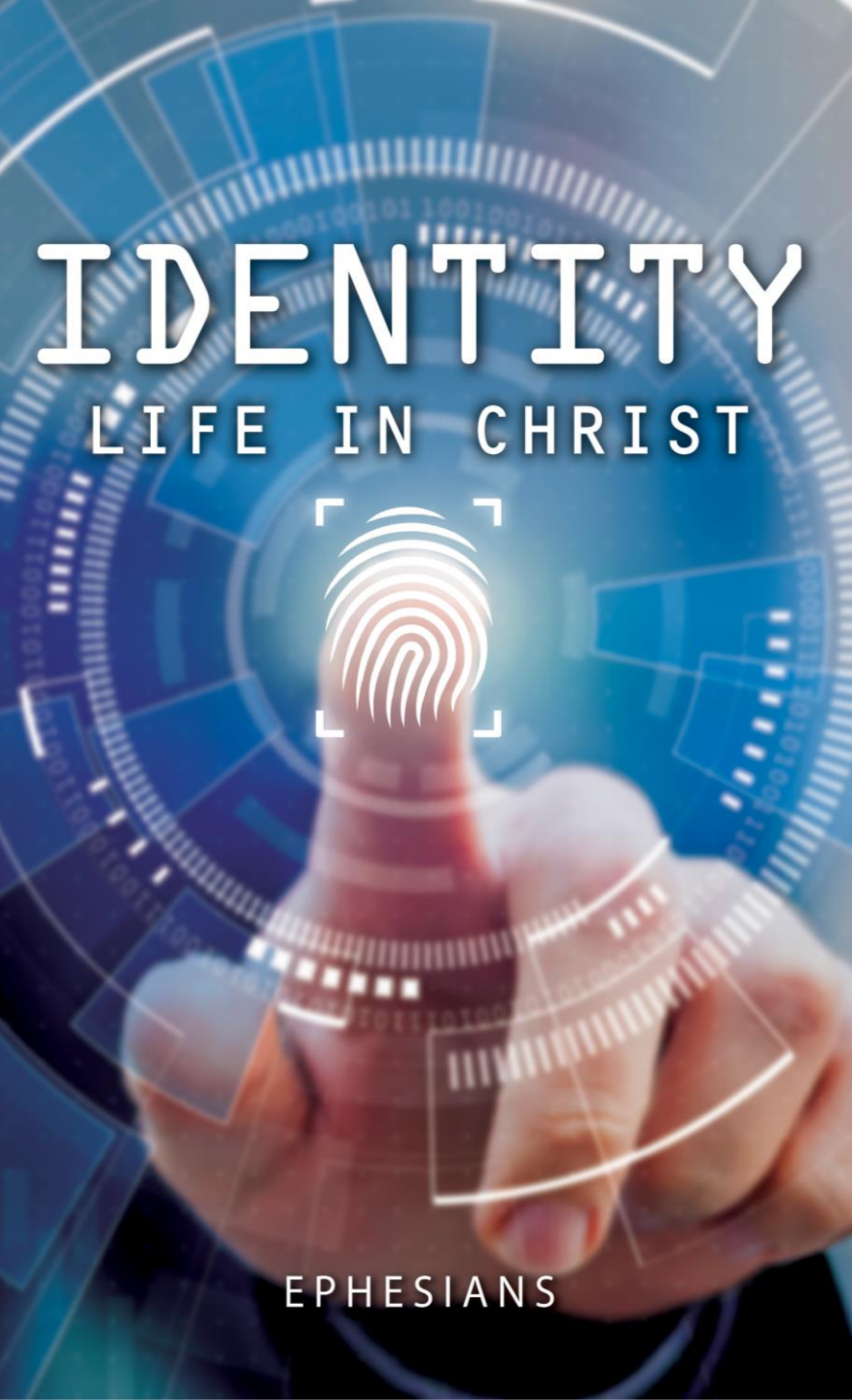


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LESSON 7

LIFE-CHANGING POWER





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1. Chapters 1-3: Doctrine Concerning the Church

The doctrinal basis for believers' unity "in Christ".

The new **LIFE** which God has given us "in Christ" (1:3-2:10)

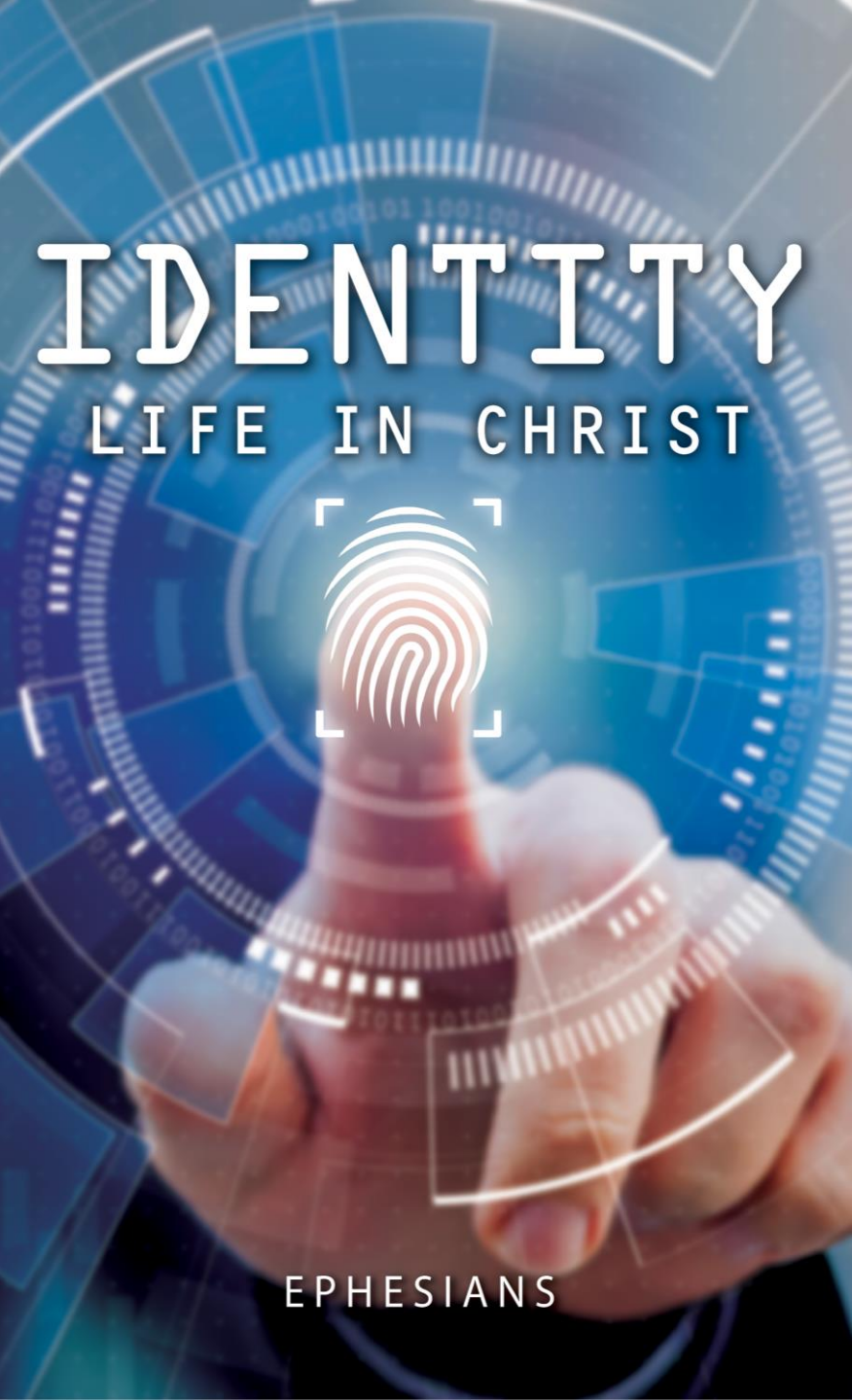
The new **SOCIETY** which God created "in Christ" (2:11-3:21)

2. Chapters 4-6: Duties of the Church (Practical)

What life "in Christ" looks like personally as well as inter-personally in the church, workplace, and home.

The new **STANDARDS** which God expects of his new society – *unity* and *purity* (4:1-5:21).

The new **RELATIONSHIPS** into which God has brought us — *harmony* in the home and *hostility* to the devil (5:21-6:24).



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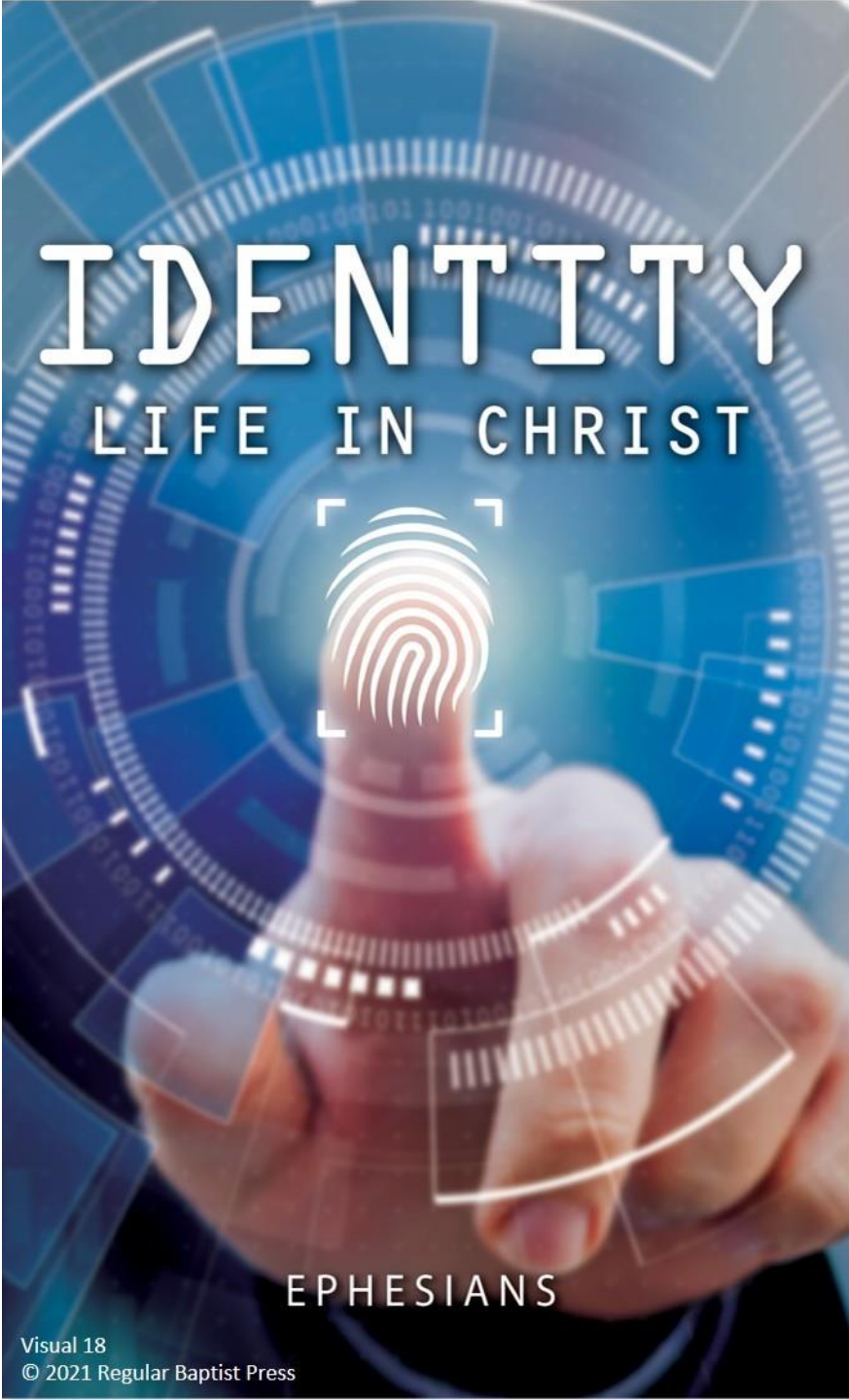
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Mystery Revealed



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3:6 *together . . . together . . . together.* The repetition of this word indicates the unique aspect of the mystery that was not previously known; namely, the equality & mutuality that Gentiles had with Jews in the church, the one body. That Gentiles would turn to the God of Israel and be saved was prophesied in the O.T. (see Romans 15:9-12); that they would come into an organic unity with believing Jews on an equal footing was unexpected.



Rooted in Love

What would you list as effects of being rooted in love?



Secure faith.
Love for others.
Confidence in hardships.
Seek the best for others.
Desire to please God.
Friendly demeanor.



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Theater in Ephesus



κατοικέω

katoikeō

live; dwell; to settle down & be at home.

οἰκονομία

oikonomia

stewardship; administration; dispensation

Limited Old Testament Perspective

Second Coming
of Messiah

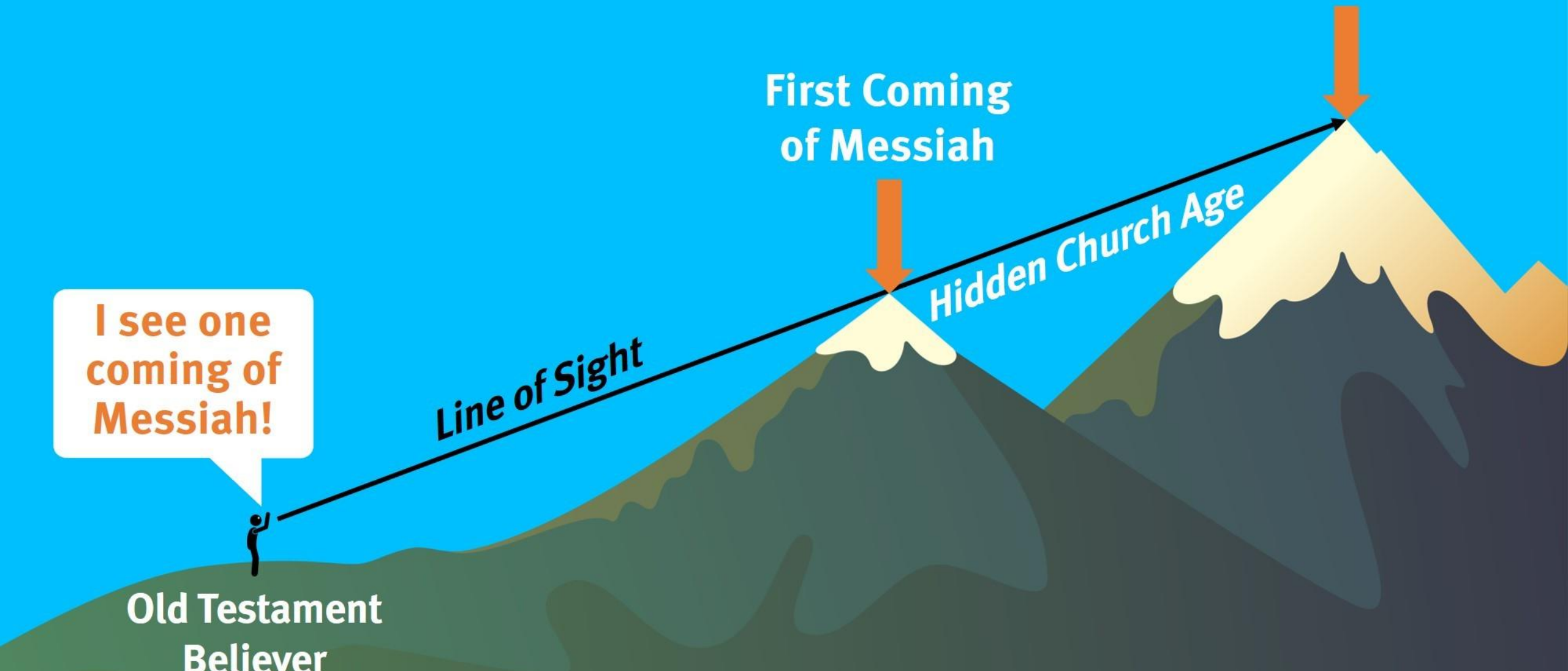
First Coming
of Messiah

Hidden Church Age

Line of Sight

I see one
coming of
Messiah!

Old Testament
Believer



**NEW
TESTAMENT**

(The Gospels)

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

Other Letters

REVELATION

Biography History

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

Paul's Letters

Prophecy

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL

DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

Laws of Moses

History

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

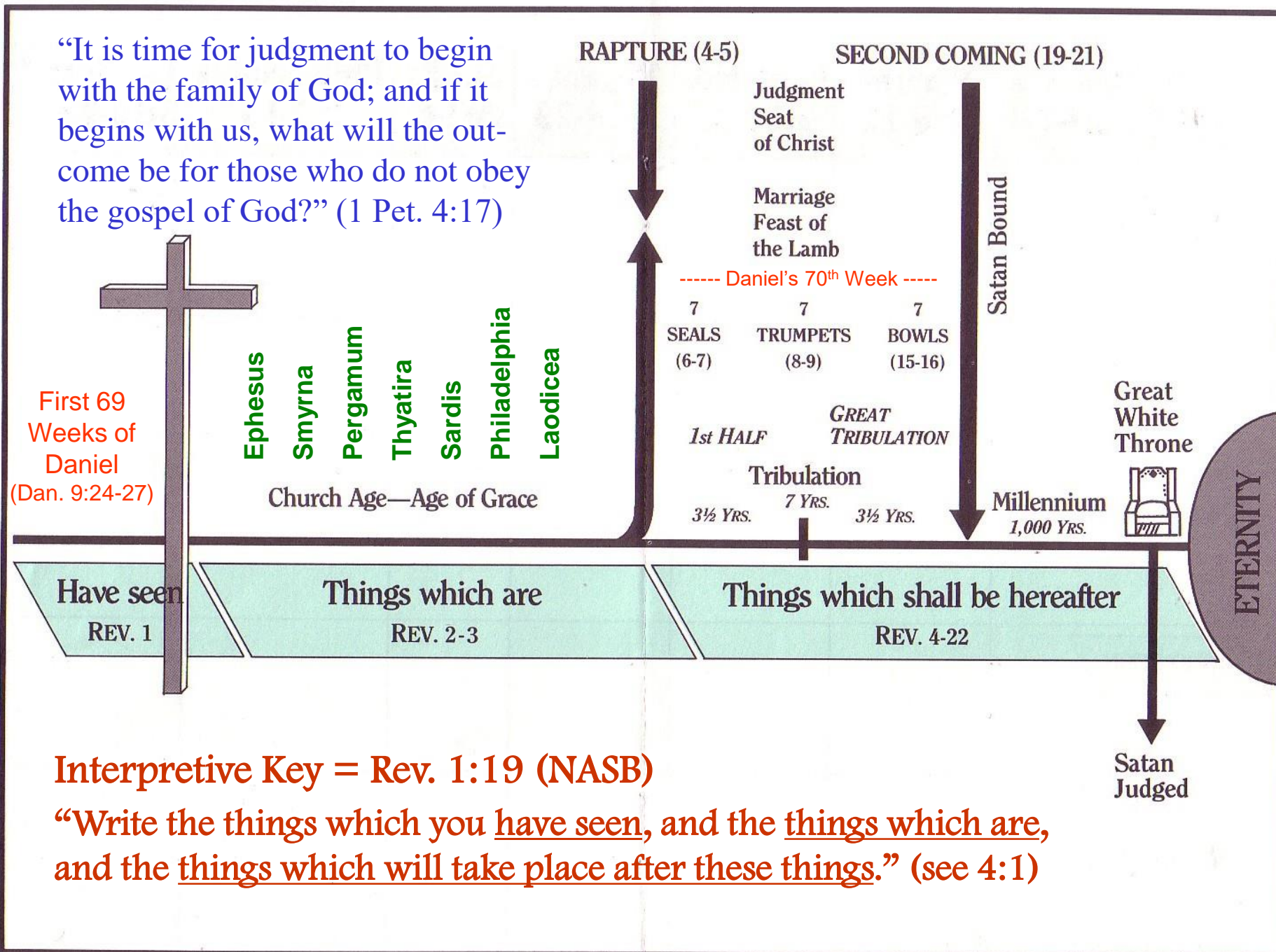
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

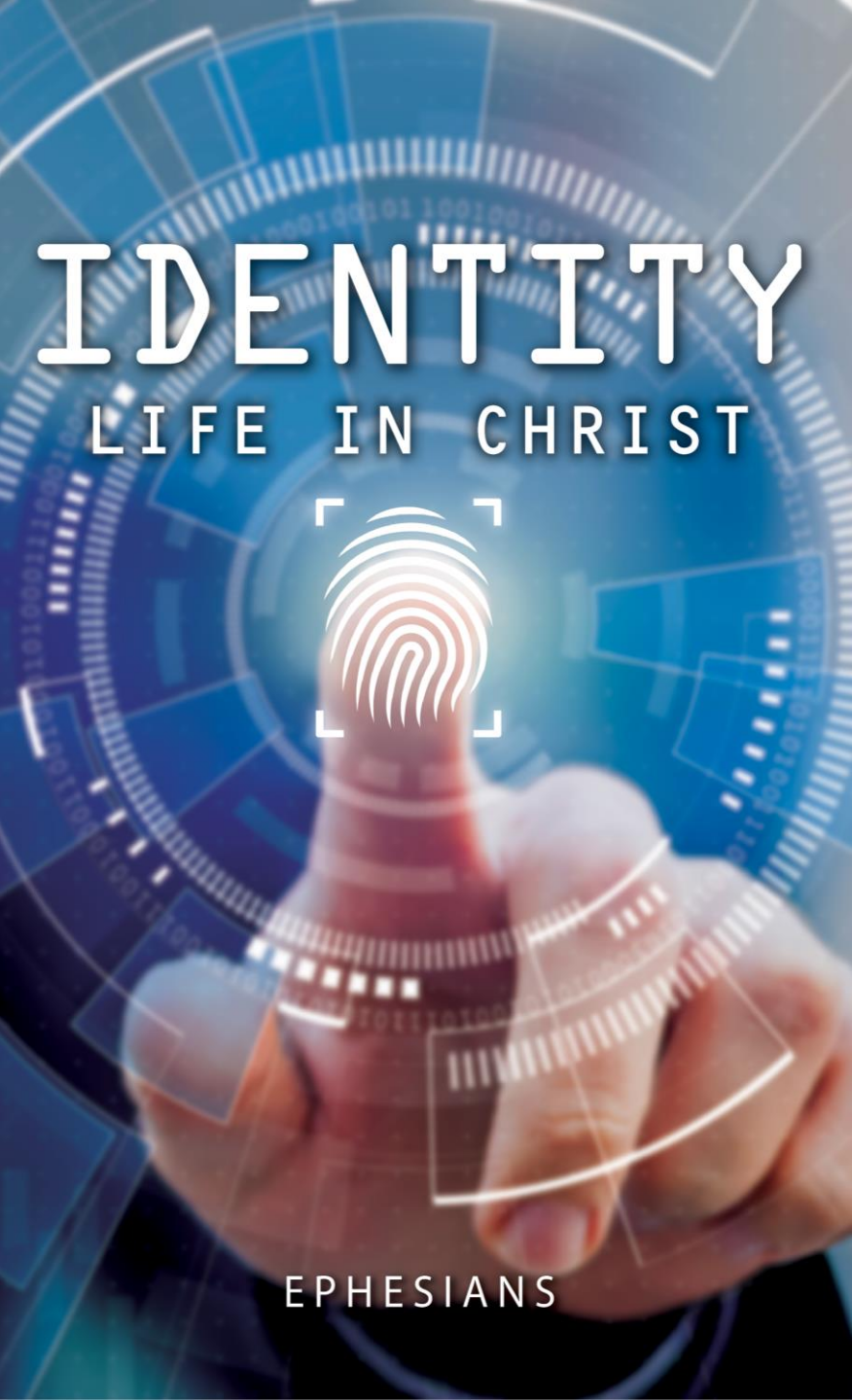
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Songs of Solomon

**OLD
TESTAMENT**





Building Unity in Christ



LESSON 5

“Ephesians is today the most contemporary book in the Bible, since it promises community in a world of disunity, reconciliation in place of alienation, and peace instead of war.”

John R. W. Stott. The Message of Ephesians (1979). *The Bible Speaks Today (BST)* series.