THE BOOK OF GENESIS

From Paradise to Prison

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1-13

"land" "seed" "blessing"

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 30 "land"

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

"seed"

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

"blessing"





FORSAKING ISRAEL

HOW IT HAPPENED AND WHY IT MATTERS

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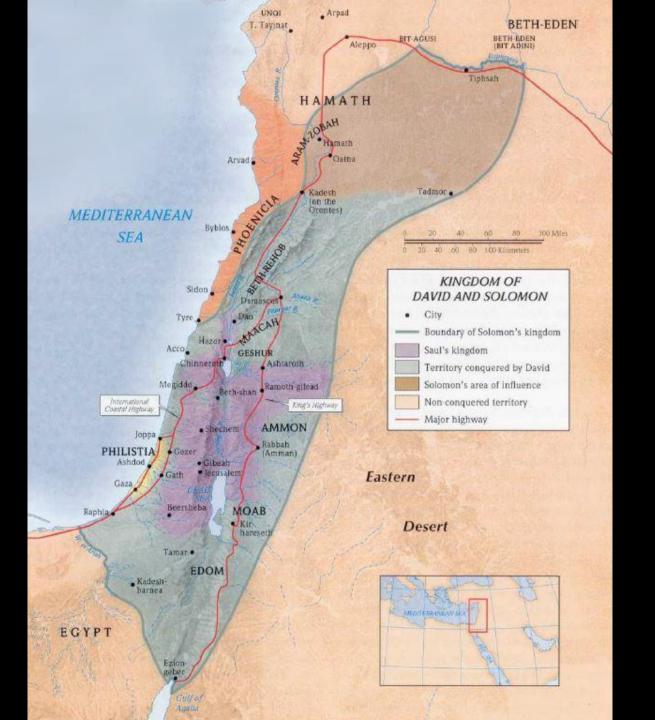
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Historic premillennialists usually agree that God made covenants with Israel in the Old Testament promising her that Messiah would one day set up a kingdom with Israel at the center. But tragically, Israel for-feited these promises when, instead of accepting Jesus as her Messiah, she crucified Him. Consequently, historical premillennialists teach that God permanently transferred the promises of the covenants from the one nation of Israel, and thus the church permanently "superseded" Israel. If there is a large conversion of Jews in the future, they will be added to the church. But national Israel is no longer a part of God's plan. Most historic premillennialists teach that the church will go through the Tribulation (i.e., posttribulationism).

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Dispensational premillennialism is based on God's irrevocable promises to Israel in the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenants, Old Testament prophecies, and important New Testament passages. These promises will be fulfilled with Israel after the Second Coming of Christ. Messiah will rule the world from an earthly Jerusalem in a wonderful era of peace between Israel and the nations. The city of Jerusalem will be the center of religion and government for one thousand years, and God's glory will be displayed on the earth as in no other time in history. After this millennium, God will remake the heavens and the earth, and then the second stage of God's kingdom will begin and last forever. Concerning the rapture of the church, most dispensationalists believe that God will rapture the church out of the world before the seven-year Tribulation begins (i.e., pretribulationism). During the Tribulation, God will begin to bring Israel back to Himself.

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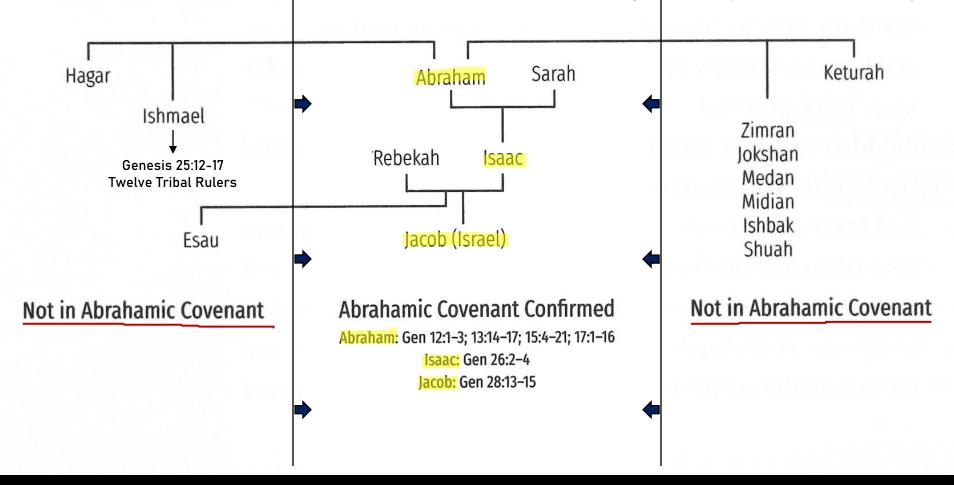




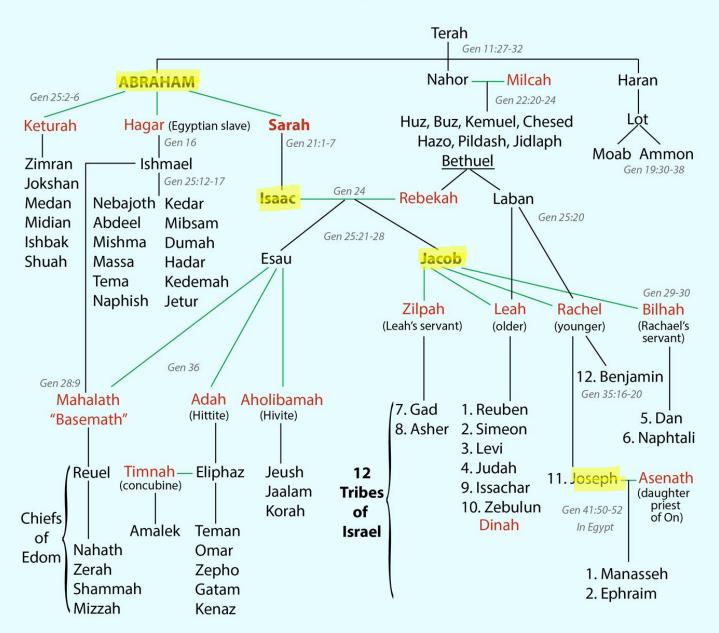
God's Kingdom prominently occurs in the Bible. It's the most frequent topic Jesus covered in His teaching ministry. An inductive study throughout the Scripture of this topic reveals that three major categories of Kingdom emerge. (1) God rules in general sovereignty over all that is in the universe all the time [Dan. 2:47; 4:3]. (2) Christ reigns as Head of the church (Eph. 1:22-23). This is largely a spiritual reign in and through believers in the present age by means of God's Spirit. (3) And when Christ returns a 2nd time, He will establish an earthly Kingdom centered in Israel (Isa. 11; Zech. 14; Rev. 19-20). He is coming as the Messianic, Davidic King of Israel.

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The Covenant Confirmed with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob



GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM





The Land Covenant Deut 30:1–10



Part of the Conditional Mosaic Covenant

Israel's Side

When Israel is scattered in apostasy (30:1) The nation must repent (30:2)

Will be fulfilled in future tribulation

God's Side

God will regather Israel (30:3–4) God will give the Land to Israel (30:5) God will circumcise Israel's heart (30:6) God will judge Israel's enemies (30:7) God will bless Israel's obedience (30:8–10)

Will be fulfilled in future kingdom

"The covenants that God made with Israel in the Old Testament promised that Israel would have an eternal kingdom in the location of the Land God promised to Abraham. While God warned them time and again that because of their disobedience they would be removed from the Land, at the same time He promised that He'd restore them to the Land as His people under the rule of the Messiah, and they would serve Him. Israel has never completely controlled the land God promised, and they have never returned to the Land under the conditions of the covenant, so the OT promises and prophecies clearly foretold a future for Israel as an ethnic, political entity with a special status as God's people. This will be fulfilled when Israel submits to God spiritually."

Thomas Ice

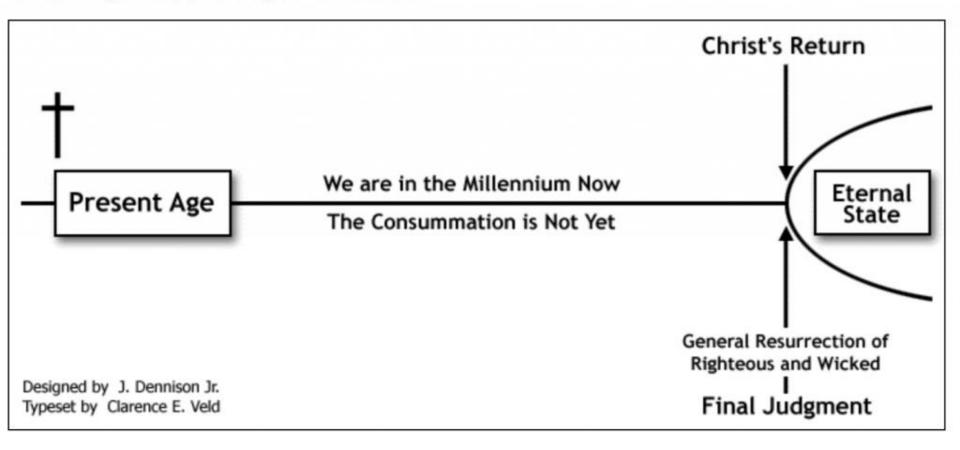
"The Abrahamic covenant is the springboard through which every promise of blessing originates, whether to the Jews, the Gentiles, or the church of God. Just because God's promises have a wideranging scope does not mean that the promises He made to Israel are not permanent and will not be kept. The force of the Abrahamic covenant is still in place today. God still blesses those who bless Israel and curses those who curse Israel. These promises will come to a climax during the events of the tribulation period, leading up to the second coming of Christ and His glorious reign from Jerusalem for one thousand years."

Thomas Ice

Amillennialism:

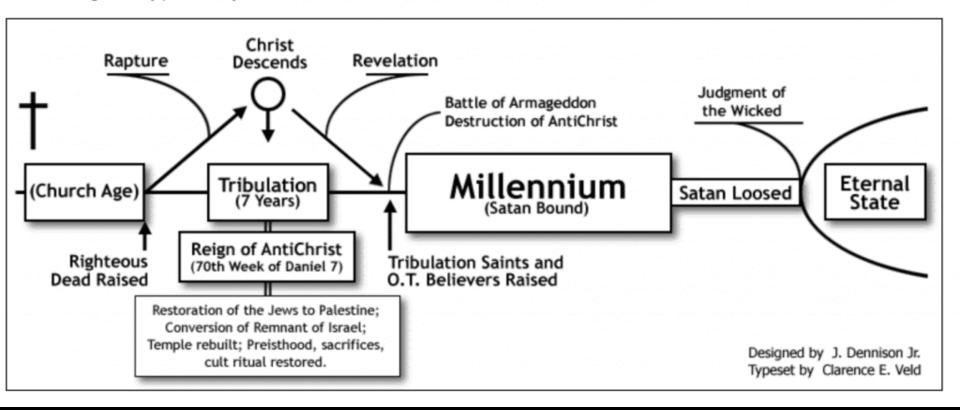
(perhaps better termed Nunc-Millennialism or Inaugurated Millennialism)

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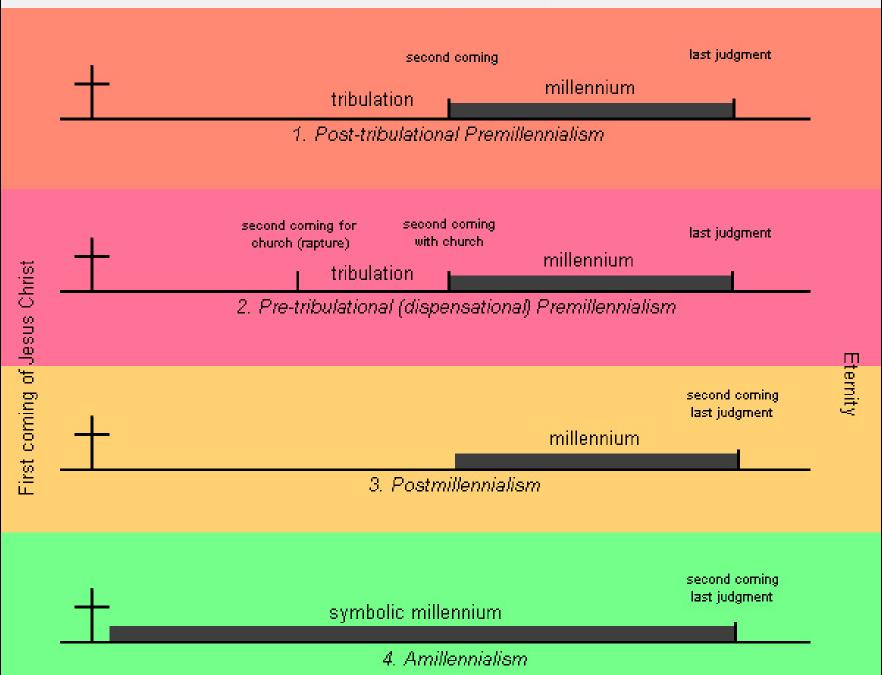


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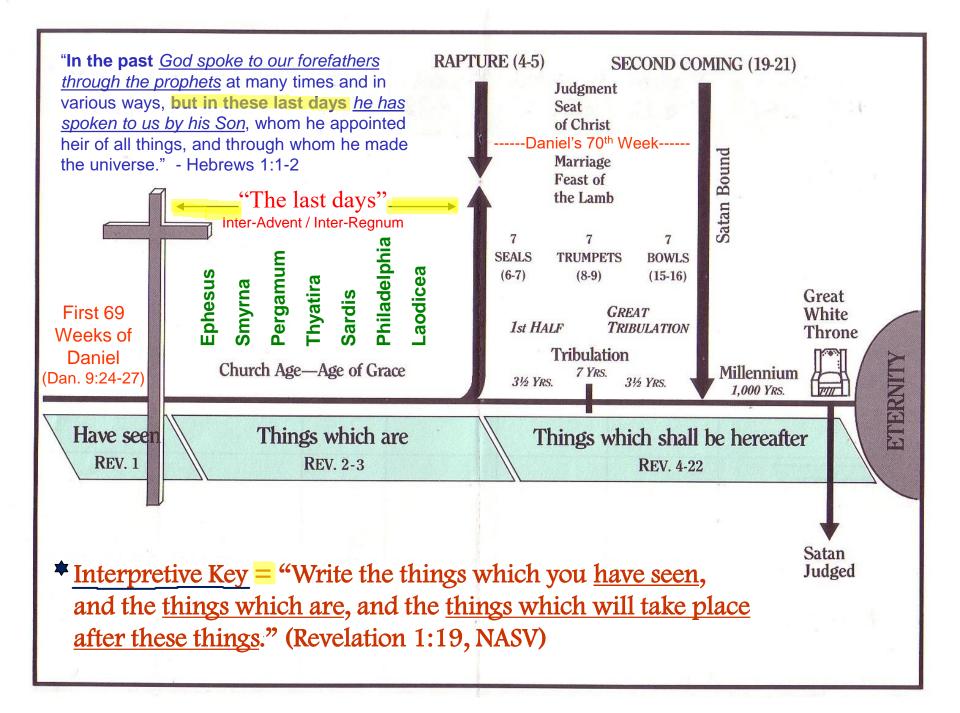


Comparison of Christian millennial teachings



"How does this metaphor relate to Israel's future? It teaches that the Jewish nation was cut off the tree but ultimately will be grafted back into it. Paul thus made three clear explanatory points: First, some Israelites have been cut off the tree because of unbelief (vss. 17, 20). Second, Gentiles have been grafted into a position of blessing (vs. 17). Third, Israel will be grafted back in later (vs. 23).

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Biblical Distinctions

Descendants of Jacob

Origin

Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Covenants

Basis of Existence

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

People-group/nation

Makeup

People from all nations

Descendants of Jacob Obedience to the law Faith in God

Relationship to God Faith in God

End of the Millennium

Culmination



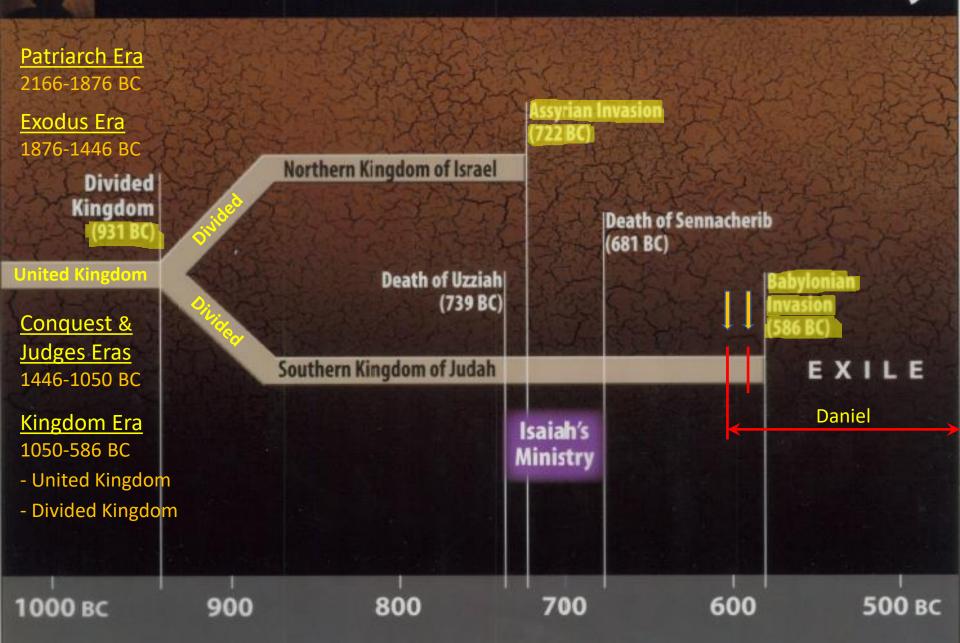


LUKE 1:31-33

"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."



Isaiah's Place in Israel's History



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

