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# The Theology of Creation – Fall - Salvation

Seen in Christ my Savior -  
How to understand the Bible  
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# Renewal of the Mind

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# The Creation of the Mind – Damage of the Mind – Salvation of the Mind

Also How to **understand** the Bible

# CREATION

# The FALL

Image of God

Likeness of God

Master on the Creation

Living Forever

Access to the Tree of Life

Evil??

Do Not Eat from K. of G and Evil

Eve as a gift to Adam

Death of Man

Corruption of Man's Nature

No Access to the Tree of Life

The Problem

NO ACCESS to God anymore

CONGRAGATION

HOUSE OF WORSHIP

WORSHIP

You are the one who have ministered to me SALVATION when I abandoned your law

BAPTISM: Burried and Resurrected with Christ

CHRISMATION = Anointment by the Holy Spirit – I am a Temple for God

WORSHIP with the Mystical work of The HOLY SPIRIT

Preparation of solution

# The Eucharist

JESUS CHRIST

God becoming Human

The Solution

# The Eucharist

# Revelation

JESUS CHRIST

God becoming Human



CONTINUES IN HEAVEN

To him that overcomes will I give to eat of **the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. (Rev 2:7)

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

<sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there **the tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Rev 22:1-2)

The Solution

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Where did Evil come From?

# Q and A ... to Lucifer by The Holy Spirit – Isaiah 14

- **How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Day Star, son of Dawn!  
How you are cut down to the ground,  
you who laid the nations low!**
- <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart,  
“**I will** ascend to heaven;  
**I will** raise my throne  
above the stars of God;  
**I will** sit on the mount of assembly  
on the heights of Zaphon;[c]
- <sup>14</sup> **I will** ascend to the tops of the clouds,  
**I will** make myself like the Most High.”

# Annoucement – Ezekiel 28

- **11** Moreover the word of the LORD came to me: **12** Mortal, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD:
- **You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**
- **13** You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, carnelian, chrysolite, and moonstone, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, [\[c\]](#) turquoise, and emerald; and worked in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared.

# Announcement – Ezekiel 28

- **14** With an anointed **cherub** as guardian I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked among the stones of fire.
- 15** You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, **until iniquity was found in you.**
- 16** In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and the guardian cherub drove you out from among the stones of fire.

# Announcement – Ezekiel 28

- **<sup>17</sup> Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.**

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I cast you to the ground;  
I exposed you before kings,  
to feast their eyes on you.

<sup>18</sup> By the multitude of your iniquities,  
in the unrighteousness of your trade,  
you profaned your sanctuaries.

So I brought out fire from within you;  
it consumed you,  
and I turned you to ashes on the earth  
in the sight of all who saw you.

<sup>19</sup> All who know you among the peoples  
are appalled at you;

you have come to a dreadful end and shall be no more  
forever.

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**CREATION**

**The FALL**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT -  
GOD IS PREPARING THE  
SOLUTION**

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CONGRAGATION

Circumcision •

HOUSE

Tabernacle •

RUBRCS WORSHIP

Worship – •  
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus

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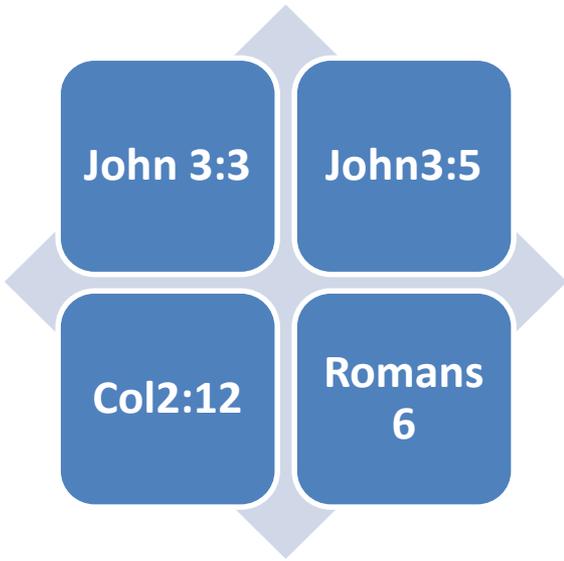
**Baptism**

**NT**

**Holy Spirit Dwelling**

**Eucharist (the Solvation)**

- All of us Sanctified Tabernacle
- Melchizedek Ge14



**JOHN 14-16**

**JOHN 6 ETERNAL LIFE**

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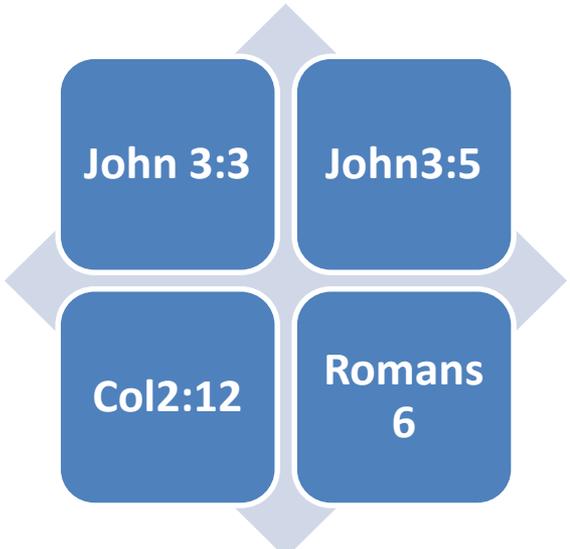
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- Noah
- Naaman the Syrian
- Red sea
- Jordan
- The cloud

- All of us Sanctified
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JOHN 14-16

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# The TRUE Solution to the Fall - The New Testament

- **Remember: The Problem that needs to be solved:**
- The Fall: **1** - Corruption happening to Man, that is manifested in Man “dying”,
- **2** - Man being corrupted is **(3)** prevented from the access to the Tree of Life, prevented access to God as it was manifested by God’s invitation to Man to “eat” from the Tree of Life.

# The Solution must provide

- **1** – Overcoming Death,
- **2** - Removal the Corruption of Man,
- and therefore **3** – Regaining access to God (i.e. return to the Tree of Life)
- The OT was the preparation and skeleton for this Solution
- The OT provided the prophecies about this Solution

# The Solution

- The **Death** of God on Cross and the Resurrection (God in the Flesh = Lord Jesus)
- Him becoming Man, that is the Lord in the flesh Jesus Christ, He dies, He overcomes death and **resurrects**.
- Death is defeated by Our Lord Jesus Christ, God-Man.

# New Testament – New Covenant

- And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- “For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the **testator**. For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the **testator** lives.” Hebrews 9:15,16, 17

# He must pass this Solution to us

- 1 – Remission of Sins – which is the removal of our corruption and giving us eternal life (i.e. overcoming death)
- 2 – Giving us access to be one with Him, which is the access to the Tree of Life.

# Congregation – God's own people

## Old Testament (Ex 19:5,6)

- <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you<sup>[a]</sup> will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

## New Testament (1 Peter 2:7-9)

- But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

# Congregation – Location – Rituals

- **New Testament – The Holy Trinity**
  - **Congregation** – Baptism – Buried and Resurrected with **Christ** – Col 2:12, Romans 6:4
  - **Location** – The Church is the **Body of Christ** (Col) – We are also the Temple of the Holy Spirit
  - **Rituals/Communication with God** – The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of **Christ** (full abiding in God and God in us – John 6:50-55 – Access again to the Tree of Life)

# Passing the Solution to us

- **Baptism and the Holy Chrismation**
- Holiness: By Baptism (replaces circumcision)  
(Colossians 2:12)
- Sanctification: By the Holy Spirit - Chrismation  
(Pentecost Acts 2, Acts 8, laying of the Hands)  
(Anointment by oil: 1 John 2:22)
- A chosen Generation (Ex 19, 1Peter 2:9)

# Baptism and Chrismation

- Dying and Resurrecting with Christ: “Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Col 2:12)
- Therefore we were buried with Him through **baptism** into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:2)

# Baptism and Chrismation

- 15 “If you love Me, keep<sup>[d]</sup> My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and **will be in you**. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” (John 14: 15-18)

# Now we become Part of Christ – A Congregation

- <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (1 Peter 2:9)
- St. Peter is quoting the OT in Ex. 19:6 : God is instructing Moses to tell the people: “And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” – if they heed His commandments

# Congregation – requires the presence of Priesthood

- Heb 9:11, 12. “But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, <sup>[a]</sup> with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.
- <sup>12</sup> Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

# The New Testament – The Fulfilment

- 1 - A Congregation (Everyone in Christ – by - Baptism)
- 2 - A House (The Bride of Christ, the Church)
- 3 - A way of Worship (No veil between us and God)
- 4 – An Eternal Life (Communion – The Body and the Blood of the Lord)

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## The Problem

Lucifer falls  
(Pride)  
Is 14, Ez 28

God is Love  
God is Life  
The Creation

God,  
Adam  
and Eve.  
Access to  
the Tree  
of Life

Man *freely* gains  
knowledge of Evil  
(being deceived  
by the devil)

Death

Corruption  
of Nature

No More  
Access to  
God =  
Prevention  
from the  
Tree of Life

Land  
Judges  
Kingdom  
Captivity  
Dispersion

God plans the  
solution (The Old  
Testament)

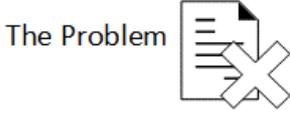
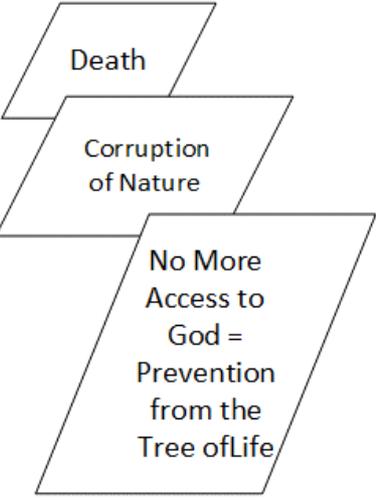
Prophets

Congregation

House for  
meeting the  
congregation

God and Man  
(The Law -  
Worship  
Rituals)

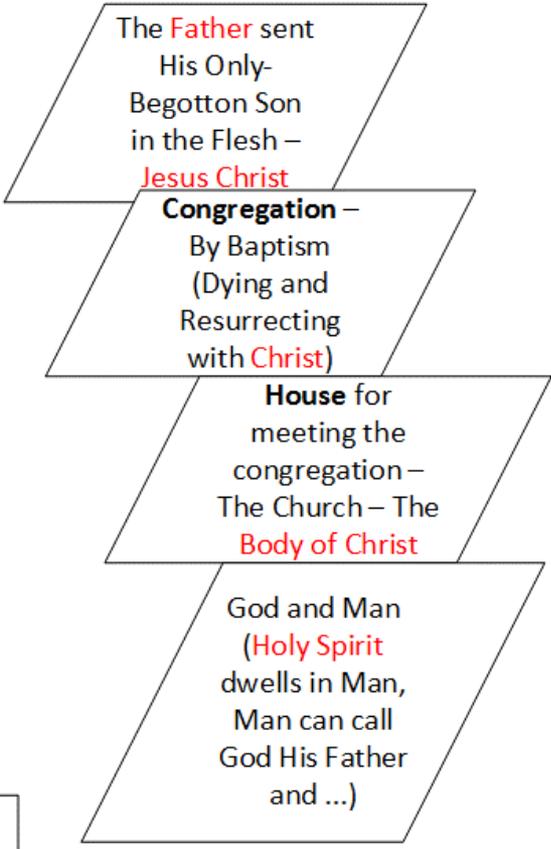
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The "Real" Solution  
(OT was the "Shadow")

Communion of the Body and Blood of the Life-giving Flesh of the **Incarnate Son**  
(Access is restored again to the "Tree of Life")

Eternal Life



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# Entrance – Access again to The Tree of Life

- Therefore she Gives us Entrance into Heaven, for she is the Body of Christ who is in Heaven.
- The Epistle to the Hebrews focuses on Christ entering in to the Holiest Of Holies by His own Blood, as a result we are able to “enter” into the veil, and have access to Him, and have His Body and His Blood.

# Entrance – Access again to The Tree of Life

- John 6:53-55. *“Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For My flesh is food indeed, [\[h\]](#) and My blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup> He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”*

# Jesus Christ ordained His Disciples

- On the same day of the Resurrection
- Jesus Christ blew on them the Holy Spirit – This is far before the Day of Pentecost
- So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, **He breathed on *them***, and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”** <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

# Liturgy is HEAVEN on EARTH

- We are the temple of God – by the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 6

- The East is the Bosom of the Father
- The Altar is the Throne of God
- On the Throne is the Lord Jesus Christ – Heb 13: 10 “We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.”
- The Corners of the Altar are the Four Evangelists

# Liturgy is HEAVEN on EARTH

- 1 – The Lamb and the Tree of Life : Rev 5 and Rev 22.
- 2 - The Veil is open and we see The Altar – The Throne of God : Rev 4
- Heb 13:10: “We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.”
- 3 – The four Incorporeal creatures – the 4 Evangelist – Rev 4

# Liturgy is HEAVEN on EARTH

- 3 – The four Incorporeal creatures – the 4 Evangelist – Rev 4
- 4 - The souls under the Altar – Rev 6
- 5 - The worshiping in white – Rev 6, 7
- 6– The singing antiphonically: Rev 1, 4, 5

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# OT: After the Fall

**Congregation**

Before the law

**Abel, Noah,  
Abram...**

**Judges**

After the law

**kingdom**

**Location +  
House**

Before the law

**Location Only**

After the law

**Tabernacle**

**Temple**

Preparation  
phase but  
lacking the  
solution

**Rituals**

**Atonement / Sacrifices**

**Purification / Sanctification**

Limited (therefore all inadequate – they are just “The Shadow of the Real Things”)

**Captivity of  
kingdom**

**Demolition of  
Temple**

**ALL external**

Need a King

Need for Rebuilding the House

Need Internal Sanctification

# OT: Congregation – Location - Rituals

- They Enjoy: God's **protection** – **Revelation** – **Commandments** – **Covenant's** (hint:Romans 9)
- Membership – Removal of the Evil people (outside the congregation) –
  - Abel and Cain, Noah (1<sup>st</sup> Covenant), ... Generations of Sam, ... Genesis 4, ...,
  - Abraam (2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant – **Circumcision-cutting off part**) – Ge 12, 17
- **Congregation:** Abram's posterity - **Location:** Ge 12 – **Rituals:** Burnt Offering (Bloody Sacrifice) – Ge 3 – Abel – Noah – Abraham (Ge 22)
- Genesis (all)
- Rising up to rule other nations: Ge 37-50 (Joseph)

# OT: Congregation – Location - Rituals

- They Enjoy: God's **protection** – **Revelation** – **Commandments** – **Covenant's** – **Worship**
- Book of Exodus
  - **Congregation:**
    - Delivered from Slavery – Ex 1-12, Ex 4:22,23: Israel is My Son!!)
    - Passover Lamb: Ex 12
    - Ex 19:5,6 “Kingdom of Priest – Holy Nation”
    - Only One Person can Have ACCESS To God - Moses - Ex 19, 24
    - Brings us down the Word of God (10 Comm): Ex. 20.
    - The Tablets: 1<sup>st</sup> set (Ex 33), 2<sup>nd</sup> Set (Ex 34) – What is the Difference?
  - **Location:** The Desert – The path with God (locations in the desert and their symbols)– Building the House of God: The Tabernacle – Ex 25 and on
  - **Rituals:**
    - The Passover Lamb – Ex 12
    - Very Detailed – The LAW – Exodus and Leviticus

# OT: Congregation – Location - Rituals

- They Enjoy: God's **protection – Revelation – Commandments – Covenant's – Worship**
- Book of Leviticus
  - **Congregation:** Lev. 11:44 Atonement / Sacrifices  
Purification / Sanctification
  - **Location:** The Tabernacle -
  - **Rituals – The Law detailing the Rituals:**
    - The Sacrifices – Lev 1-7 regular, 16 once a year, 23 feasts
    - The Blood: Lv 17
    - The Clean and Unclean: Lv 11
    - The Cleansing from Leprosy: Lev. 14

# 3 - OT - Rituals

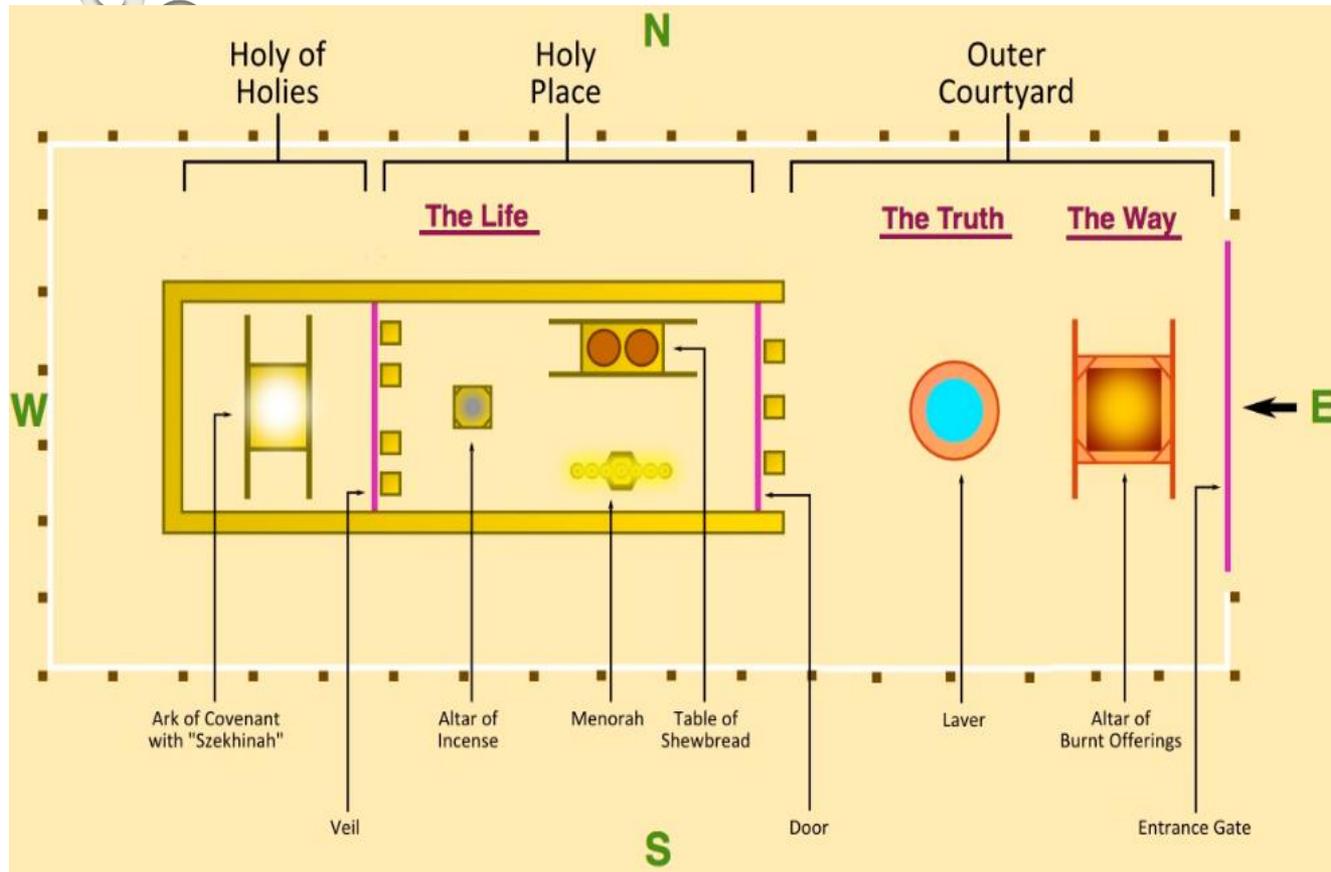
- Conclusion about the Rituals:
- 1 - Holiness – Separation – Sanctification: Lev 11:44 : *“<sup>44</sup> For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”*
- 2 – Instilling in the children of the God the “automatic” avoidance of what is unholy. VERY IMPORTANT CONCEPT

Atonement / Sacrifices

Purification / Sanctification

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# 2 - OT – The House



Atonement / Sacrifices

Purification / Sanctification

# 3 - OT - Rituals

Atonement / Sacrifices

Purification / Sanctification

- The Circumcision (Gen 17)
- The Sacrifices: Leviticus, Chapters 1-7
  - Burnt Offering: Symbolizes Christ on the Cross
  - Grain Offering: It is non-animal which Symbolizes Christ during his pure Life.
  - Sin Offering: Christ as a carrier of sin, He became a curse for us (Gal 3:13)
  - Trespass Offering: Christ pays our ransom
  - Peace Offering: Christ as our Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

# Congregation – falls and rises – falls away from sanctification

## OT

- Losing from Sanctification – Apostasy from God
- Fall into idol worship
- God disciplines
- God delivers
- Cycle repeats

## NT

- We are always “sanctified” by the Holy Spirit
- Repentance and Confession
- “Blood of Christ cleanses us from all sins” (1 John 1:)
- John 20:21-23

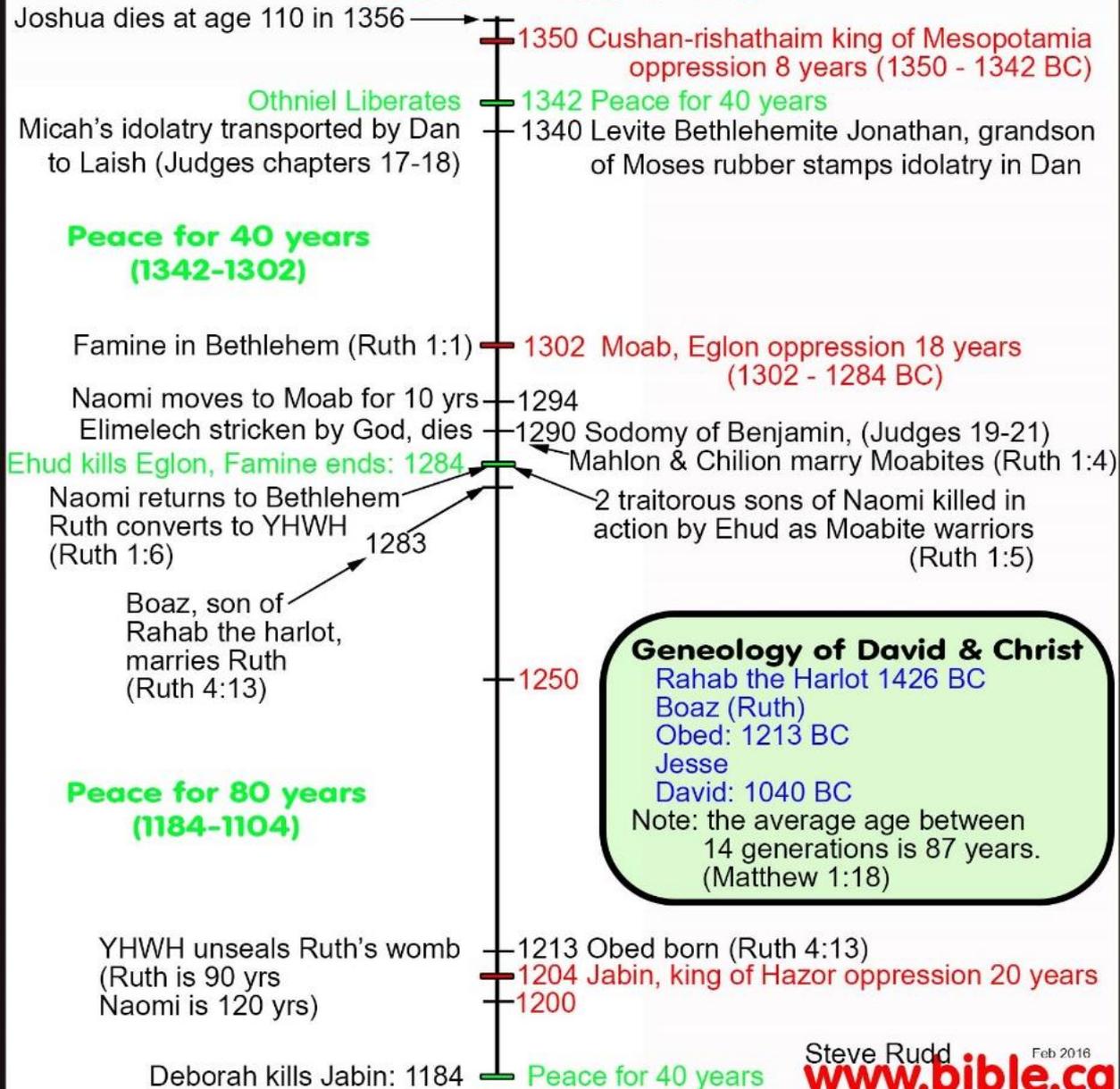
# Congregation Cycle



fall and rise  
cycle

# Book of Judges

## Harmony of Judges, Othniel, Ehud, Ruth Timeline 1350 - 1184 BC

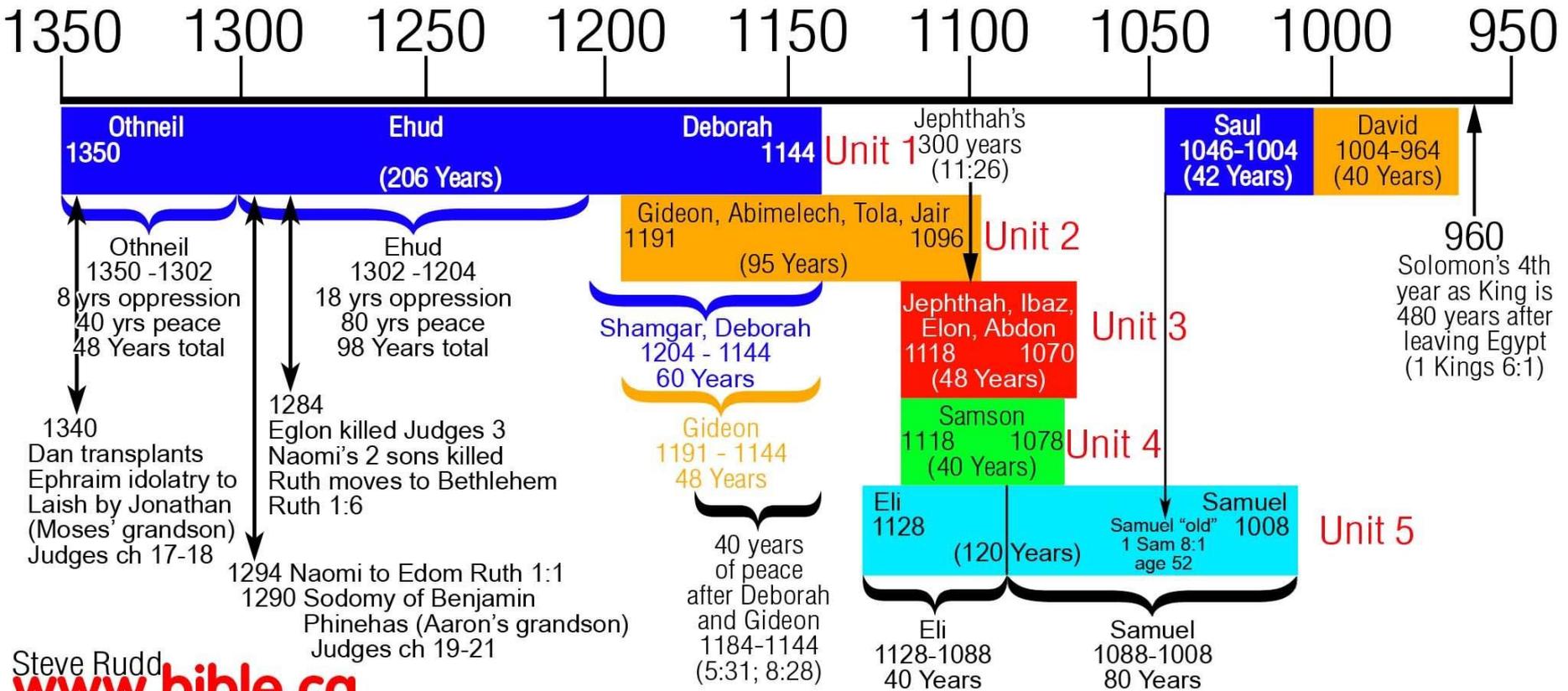


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# Congregation Cycle

## Chronology of Judges Timeline

The five Indivisible Units of Chronology



# Kingdom and Prophets

- Before Kingdom Division
  - Saul
  - David:
    - King-prophet
    - Symbol of Christ: Goliath slay – an exiled lawful king (from Saul)
    - Fall and repentance
  - Solomon: King – prophet – Temple builder (1 Ki 8)
    - Fall and repentance
- After Kingdom Division

# Kingdom and Prophets

- After Kingdom Division
- Explosion of Sins: Idol worship – Associated with sexual immorality – adultery – False prophets – worship away from the Temple (where it should be the only place for worship)

# The Old Testament – The Preparation

- 1 - A Congregation (Abraam – Ge 12)
- 2 - A House (The Tabernacle)
- 3 - A way of Worship (Leviticus)
- 4 – An Eternal Life (Not existing, but lots of “PROMISES” of one)

# The Solution – “the How part”

- 1 - A Congregation (re”New”ed Adam and Eve)
- 2 - A House (A “new” Paradise)
- 3 - A way of Worship (A “heavenly” style)
- 4 – An Eternal Life

# Faith and Works

- What is meant as “works” that should be abandoned are the “works of the Law”
- Gal 2: 16: “knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

# Works of the Law vs Works

- Works of the Law
  - Circumcision
  - Sacrifices
  - Observance of Clean and Unclean food, ...
- Works = good actions
  - James 2: 26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”
  - Romans 3:31 ““Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.””

# *The law*

Works of the law



No Salvation

Removed from NT

The Shadow of real things

Was fought by the church hence  
they were accused as breakers of  
the law

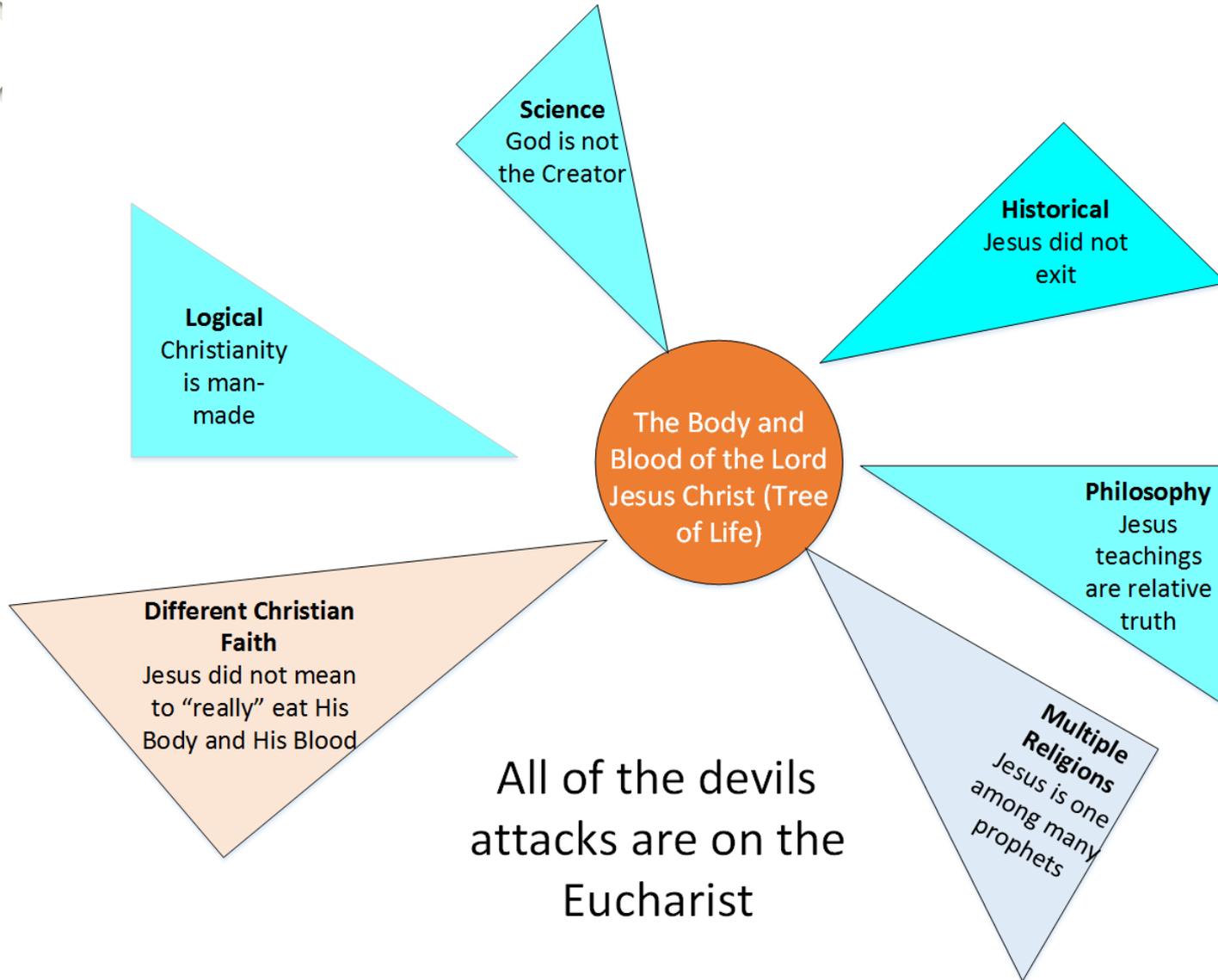
Commandments of the law



Behavior needed for salvation

Priests in the NT

Romans 7



All of the devils attacks are on the Eucharist

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