

Faith 101: What is the Bible?

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Game Plan: Sept 16th - Oct 21st

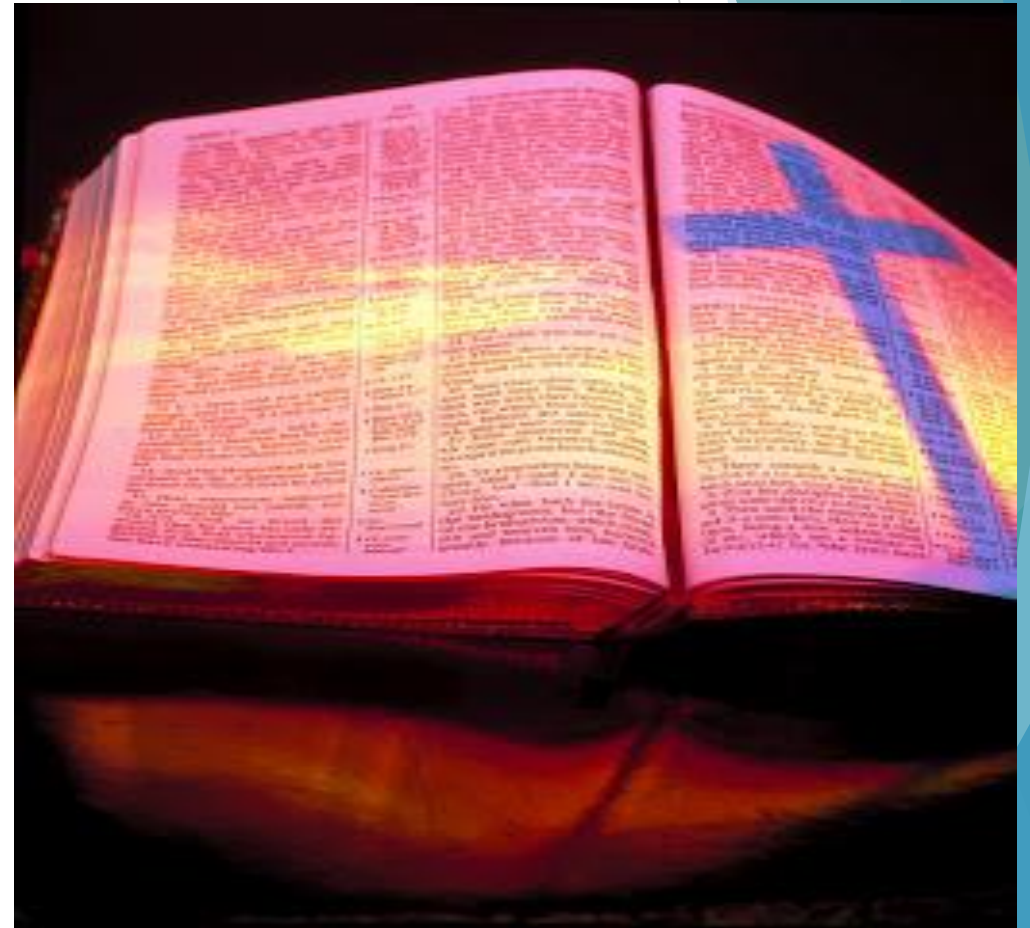
- 1) What is a Christian?
- 2) Who is this Jesus guy anyway?
- 3) What is the Bible?
- 4) What makes us Lutheran?
- 5) Worship - why we do what we do
- 6) Christian community

DISCUSSION

- What have your experiences been with reading the Bible on your own?
- Do you have a favorite passage/book of the Bible?
- Are there sections of the Bible that you find especially confusing? Where do you get most lost?

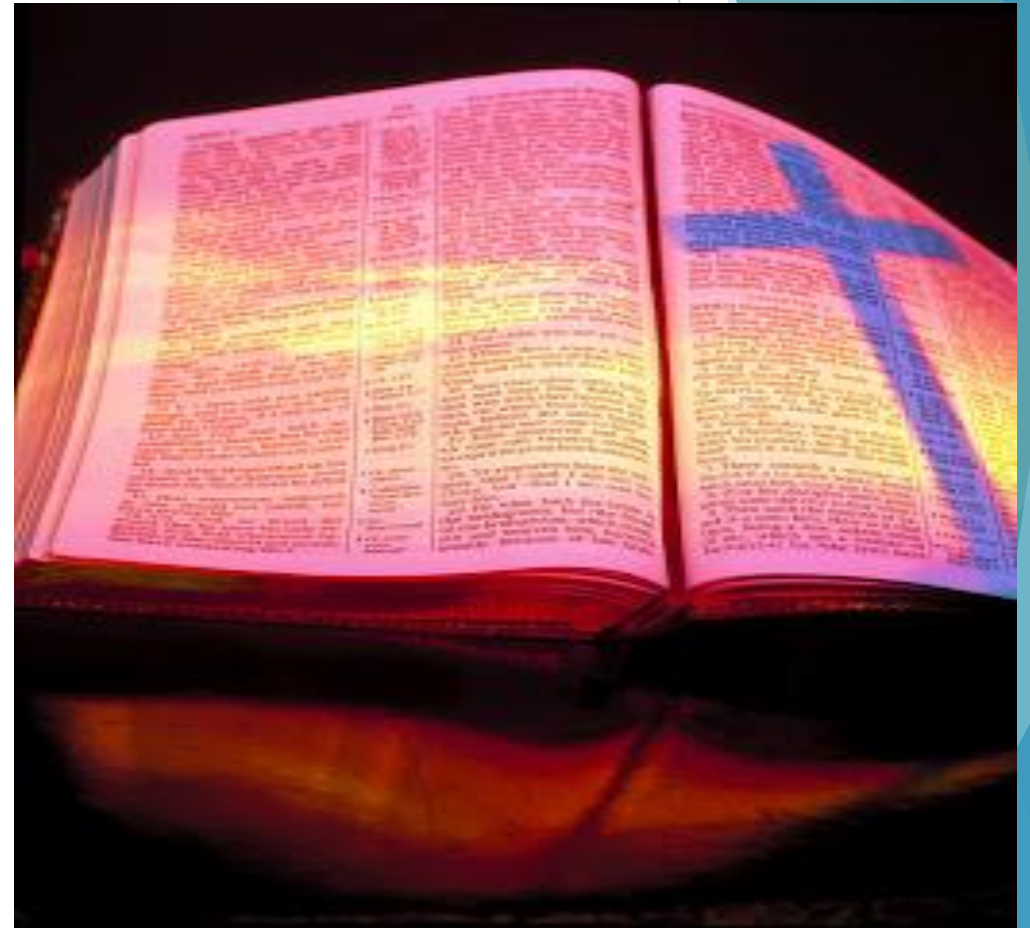
What is the Bible?

- ▶ Collection of sacred texts for Christians
- ▶ Product of divine revelation/ inspiration
- ▶ Records relationship between God and us (history, teaching, story, etc.)



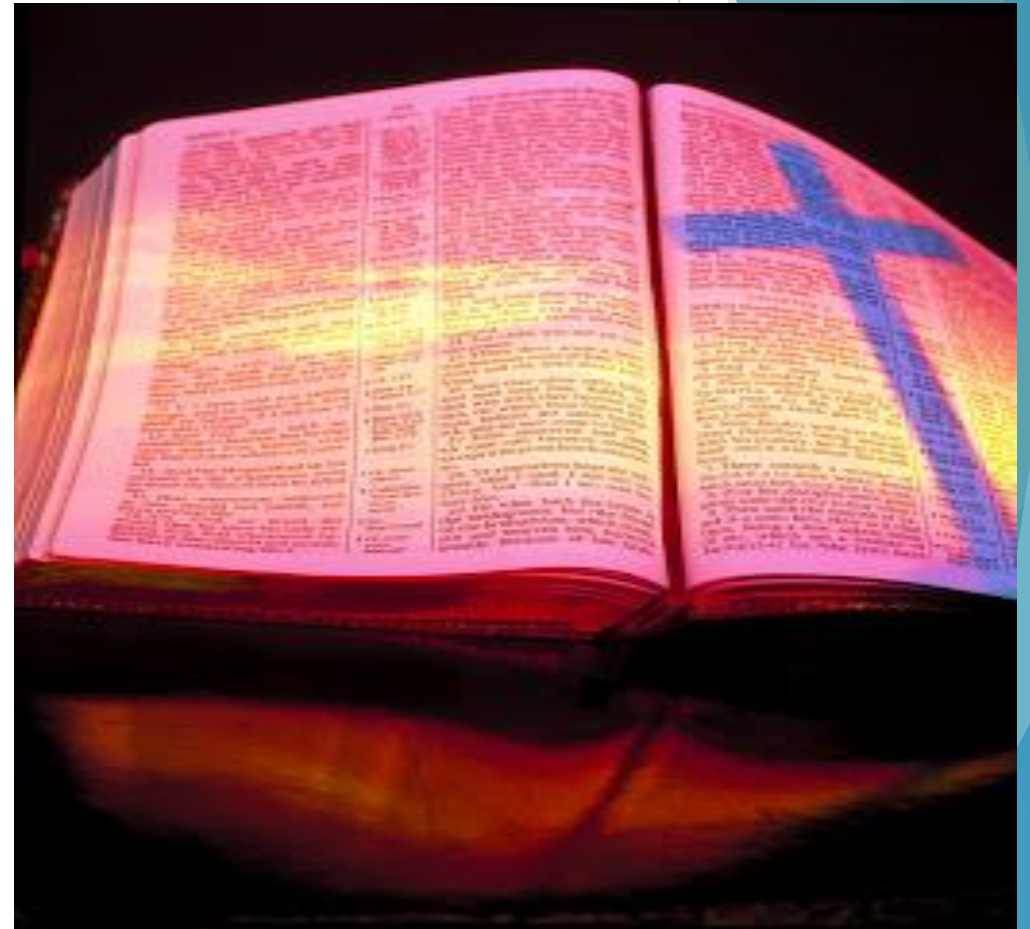
What is the Bible?

- ▶ Word of God
- ▶ Connects us to God
- ▶ Teaches us about our Triune God
- ▶ Proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ



What is the Bible?

Meant
for us
to read!!



Why read the Bible?

But how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?... So **faith comes from what is heard**, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:14,17

Why read the Bible?

Indeed, **the word of God is living and active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Why read the Bible?

All scripture is **inspired by God** and is **useful for teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

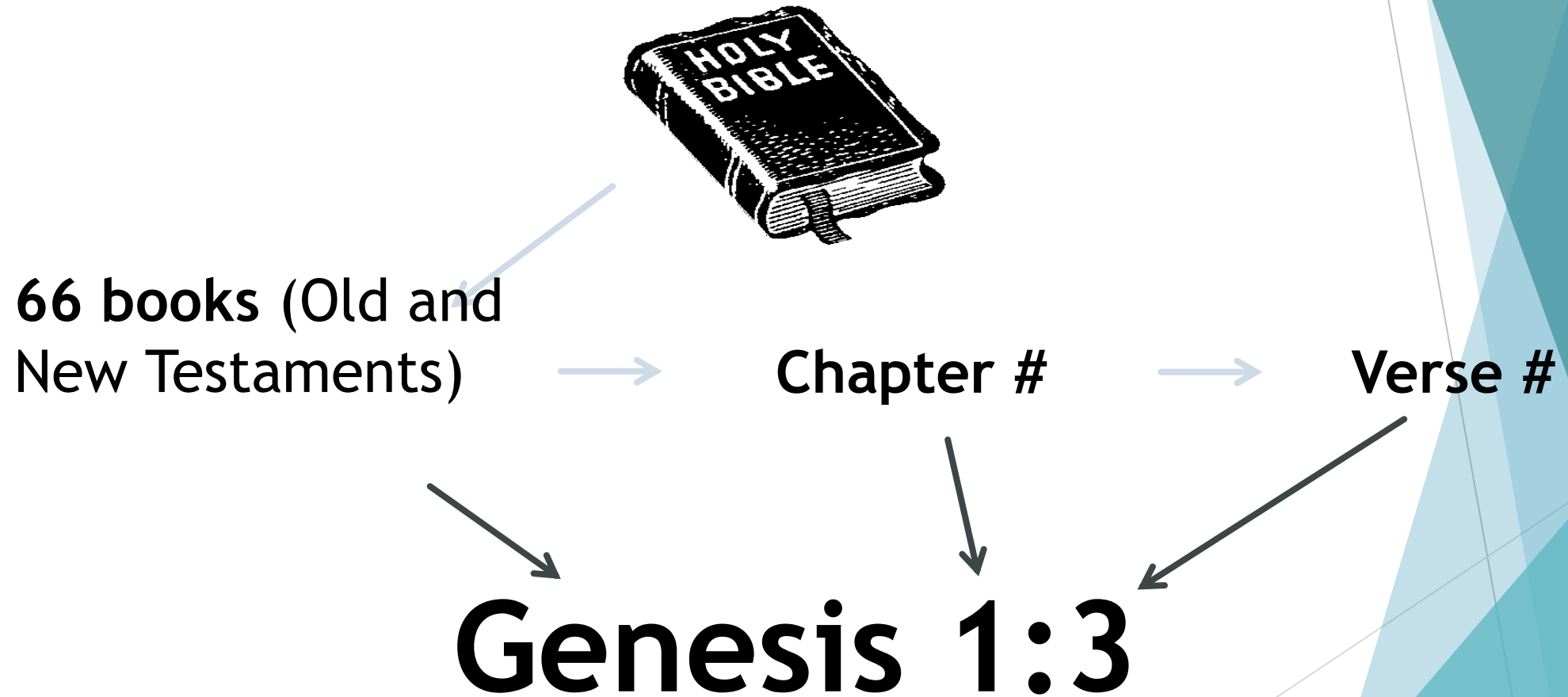
2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Bible is a collection of texts

- ▶ Written at different times throughout history
- ▶ Written by different people
- ▶ Written in different literary genres

Broken down into books:
treat each as one text

How the Bible is broken down



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Book

The First Book of Moses, Called

Genesis

Chapter

The creation

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. [Jer. 4:23; Ps. 33:6; Is. 40:13,14]

³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was good*: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. [Ps. 74:16]

⁶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ⁷And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. ⁸And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was good*. ¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon

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¹⁴ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. ¹⁷And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was good*. ¹⁹And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill

Genesis
1:3

Old Testament

New Testament

39 books

27 books

39 OT + 27 NT =

66 books of the Bible

Old Testament

New Testament

Genesis	Nehemiah	Hosea
Exodus	Esther	Joel
Leviticus	Job	Amos
Numbers	Psalms	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	Proverbs	Jonah
Joshua	Ecclesiastes	Micah
Judges	Song of Songs	Nahum
Ruth	Isaiah	Habakkuk
1 & 2 Samuel	Jeremiah	Zephaniah
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1 & 2 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Zechariah
Ezra	Daniel	Malachi

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	Joel	
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Christian OT (39 books)		
The Law (Pentateuch)	OT History	Prophets
Genesis	Pre-Exilic	Isaiah
Exodus	Joshua	Jeremiah
Leviticus	Judges	Lamentations
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	Wisdom	
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	Psalms	
	Proverbs	
	Ecclesiastes	
	Song of Songs	

****Originally written in Hebrew**

Books of the Old Testament

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

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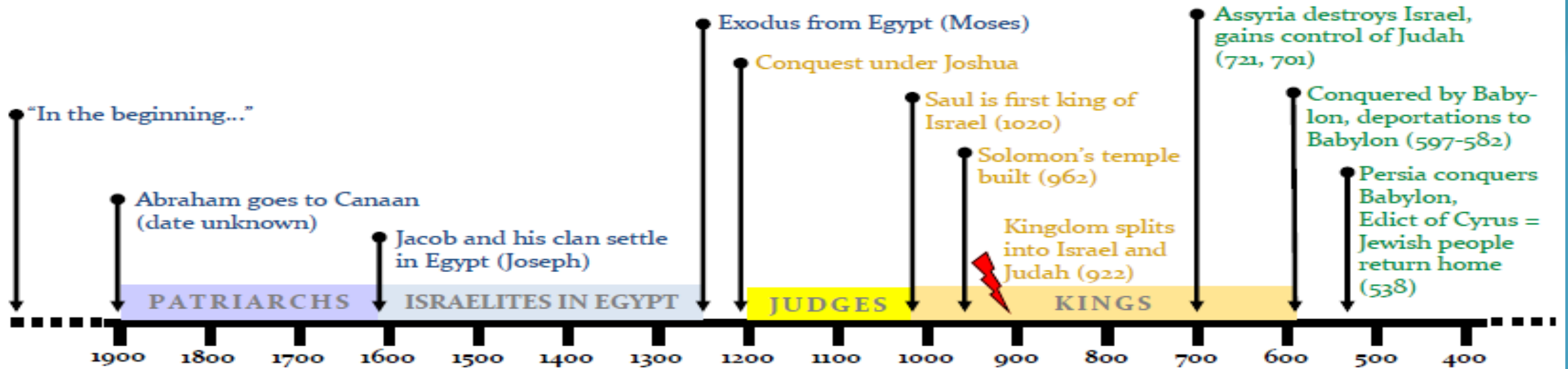
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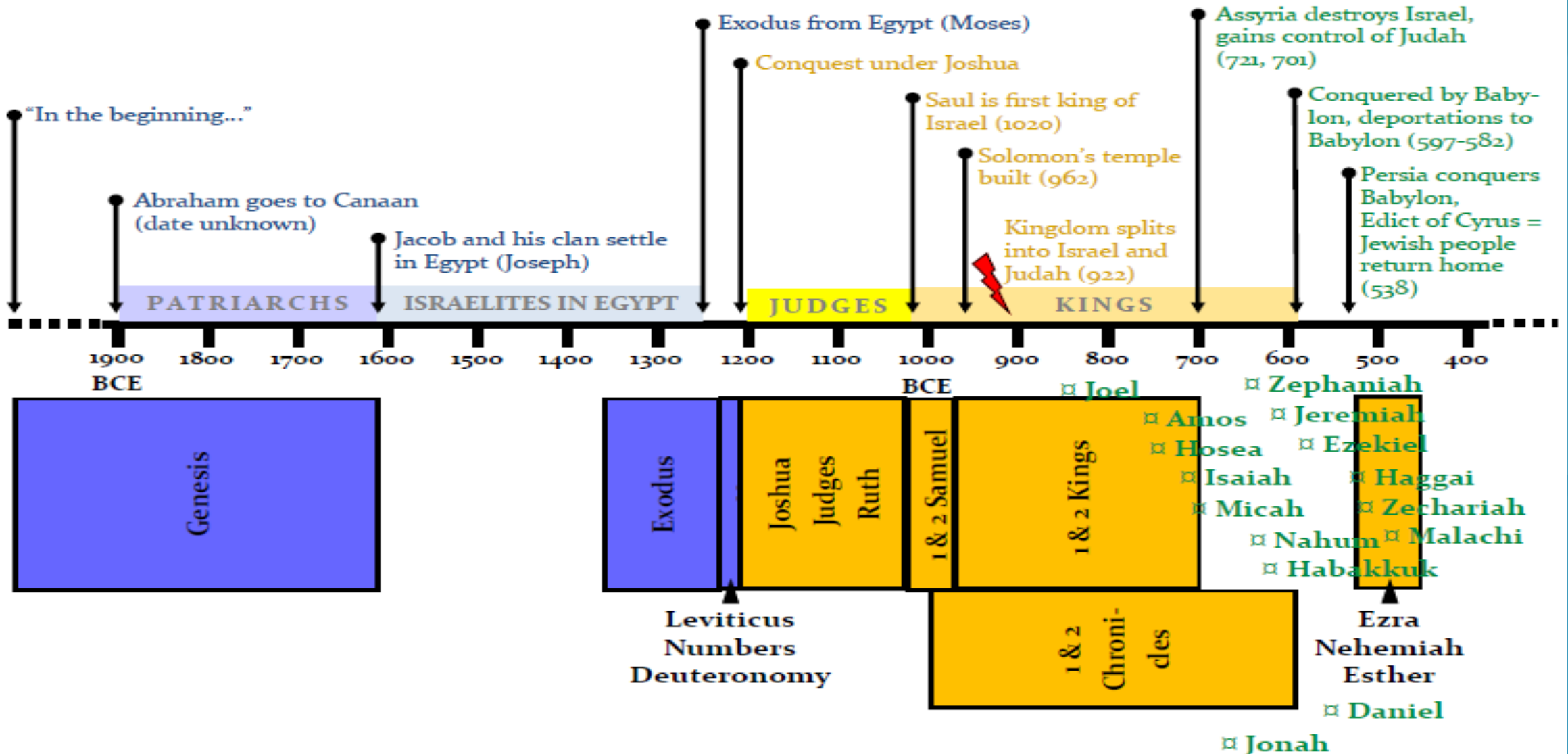
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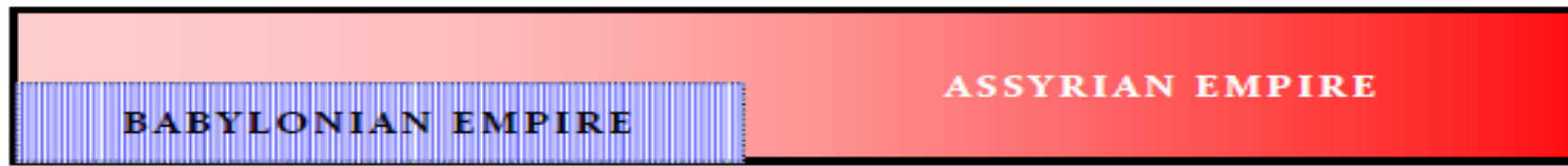
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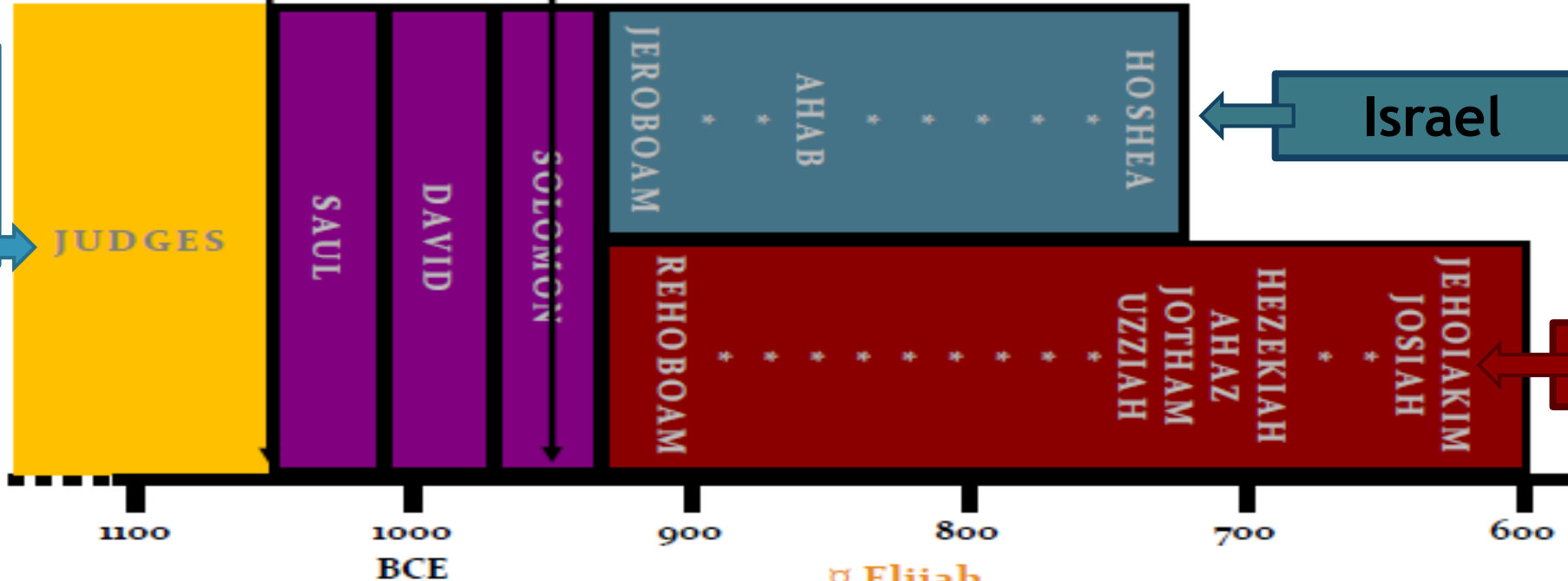


Saul is first king of Israel (1051)

Solomon's temple built (950)

Kingdom splits into Israel and Judah (930)

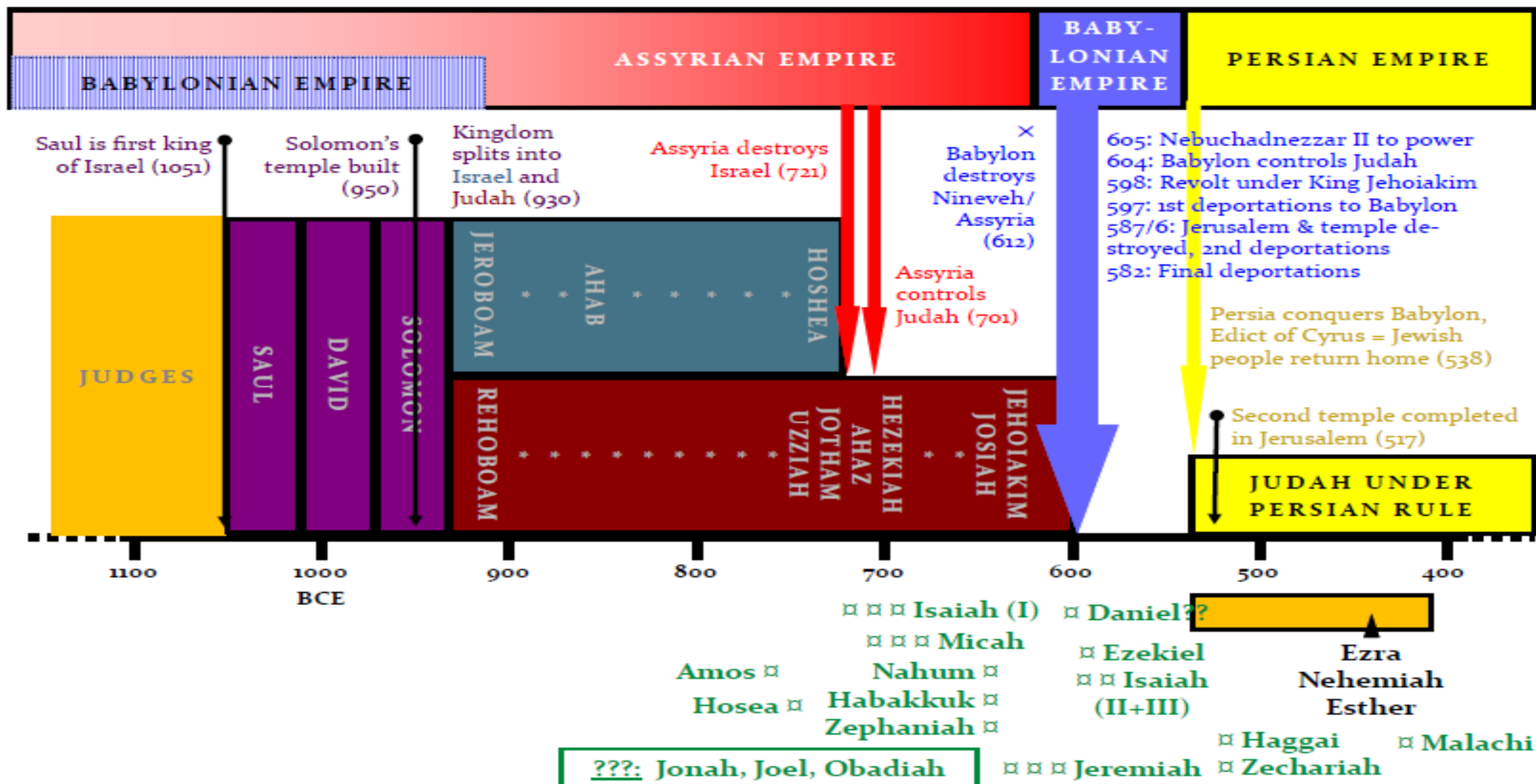
12 tribes of Israel in Canaan



□ Elijah, Elisha



Old Testament: History and Events 1050BCE—400 BCE



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- Story of Christ and the early church (5 BCE - 100 CE)
- Written and collected by members of the early church
- Originally written in Greek

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Matthew

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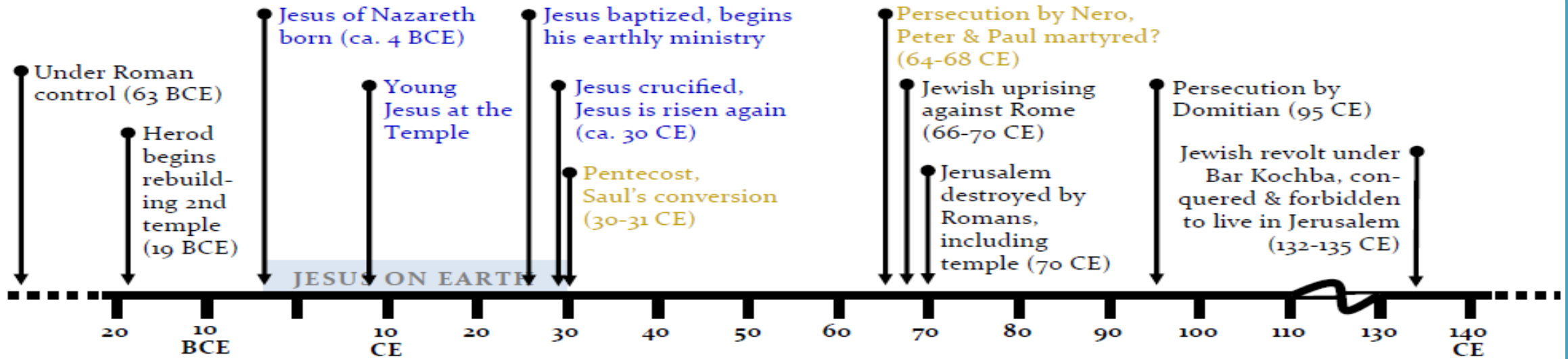
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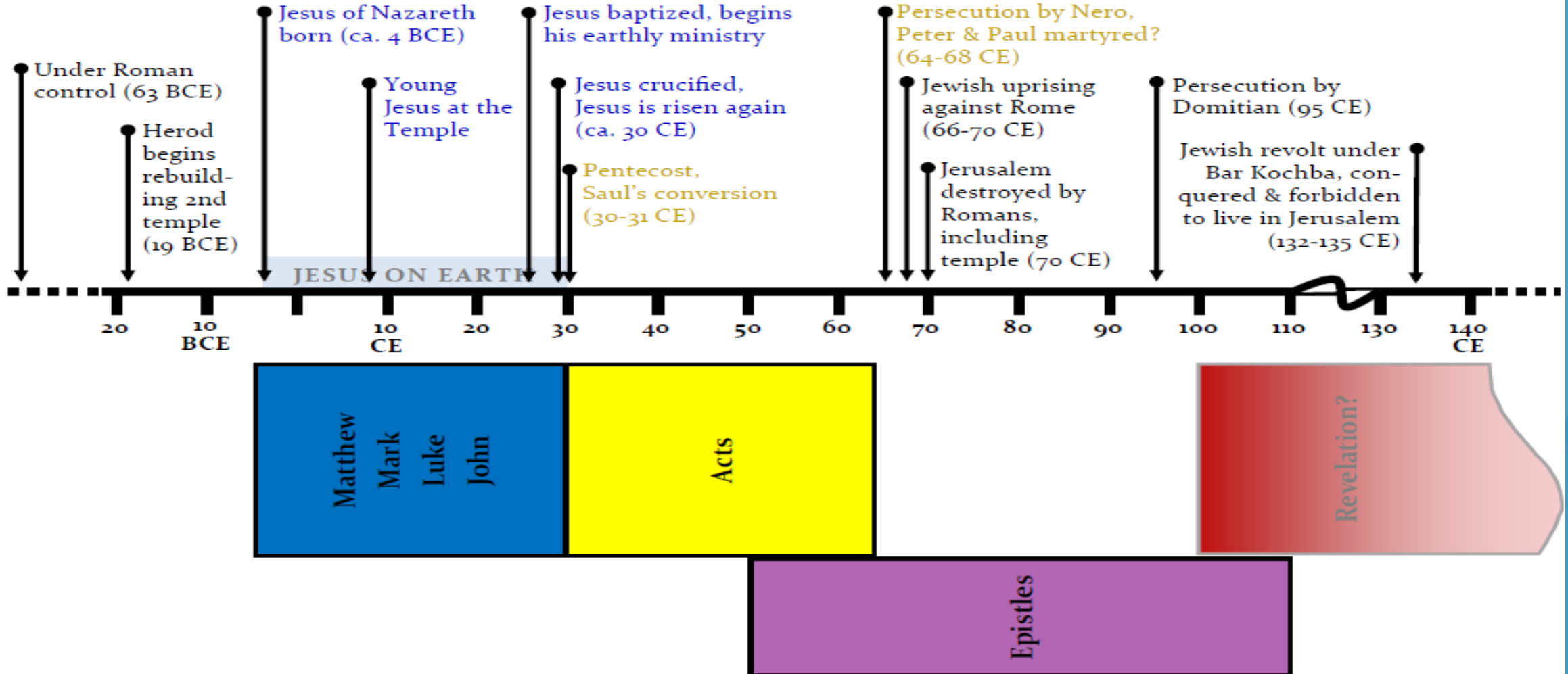
Epistle (Letter)

Apocalypse

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Epistles as NT Books

Book of Galatians/Epistle to Galatia

FROM: The apostle Paul (or another church leader)

TO: The church in Galatia (or elsewhere)

RE: The questions you asked, the problems I have heard about, the latest events, your financial gifts (**THEOLOGY IN ACTION!**)

P.S. Please copy and distribute...

Who wrote the Epistles?

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

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AUTHOR

Paul/“Paul” - apostle

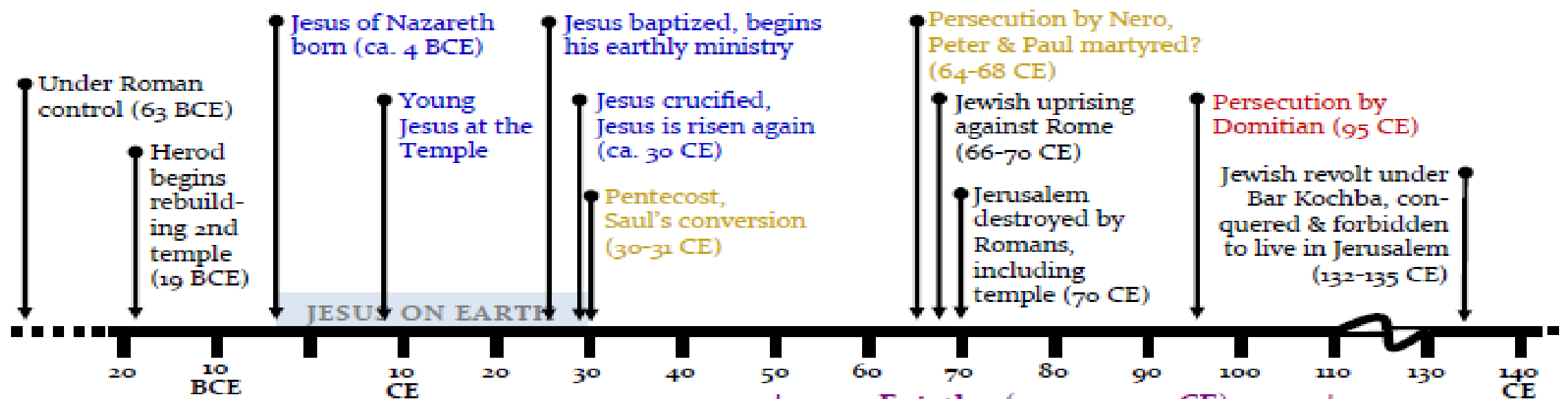
James - brother of Jesus?

“Peter” - disciple

John - gospel writer/ disciple?

Jude - brother of Jesus?

Unknown



Approximate time
each book was
written

Epistles (ca. 50—110 CE)

1 Thessalonians

Ephesians

Galatians

1 & 2 Timothy, Titus

1 Corinthians

1 & 2 Peter, Jude

Romans

1, 2, 3 John

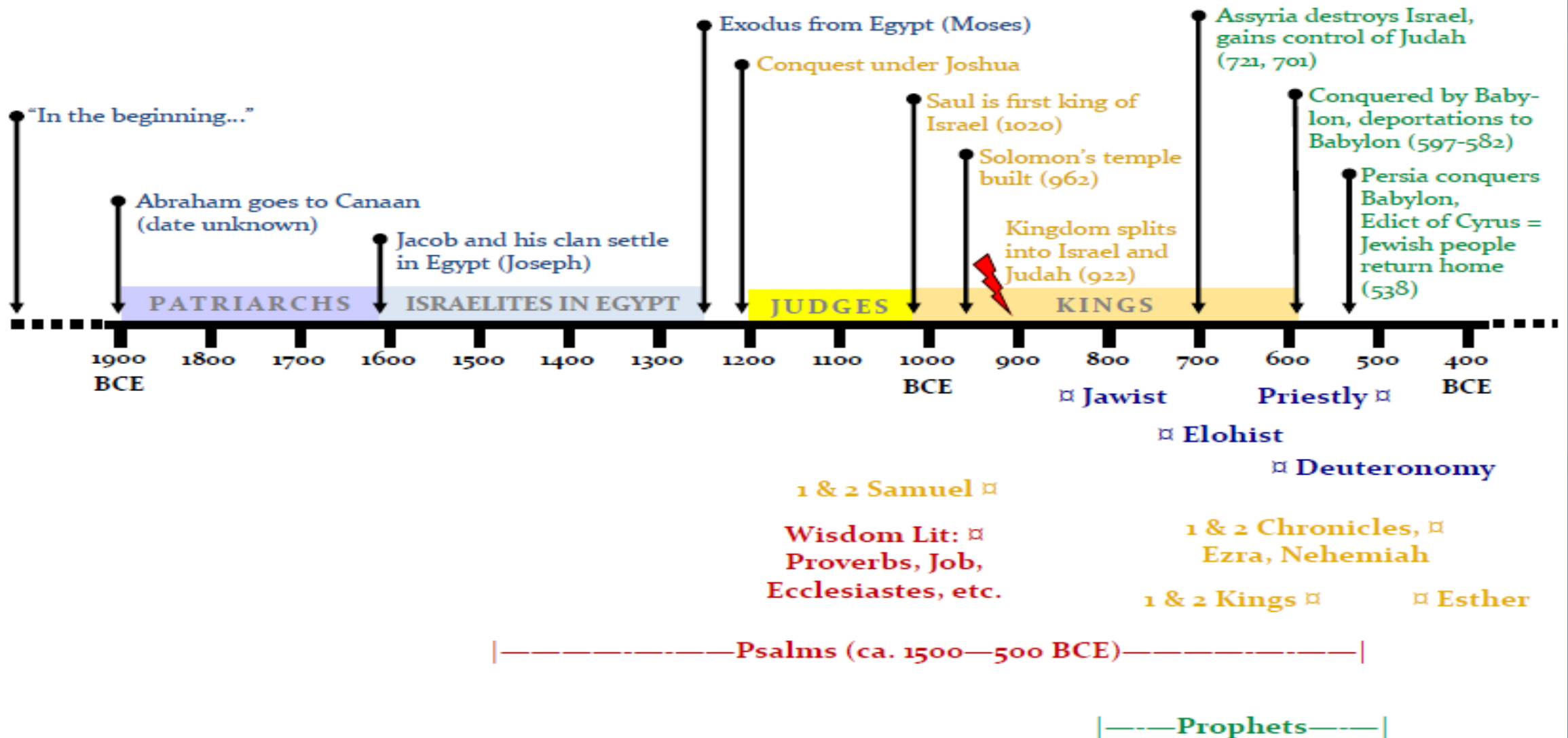
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Old Testament Sources

- ▶ Oral traditions
- ▶ Pentateuch = Moses?, JEDP Theory
- ▶ Prophetic books authored by prophets themselves around the time they lived
- ▶ Many books attributed to large figures (David, Solomon, Samuel) - multiple authors
- ▶ Many things written down during Babylonian exile and after
- ▶ Process of collecting, editing and revising

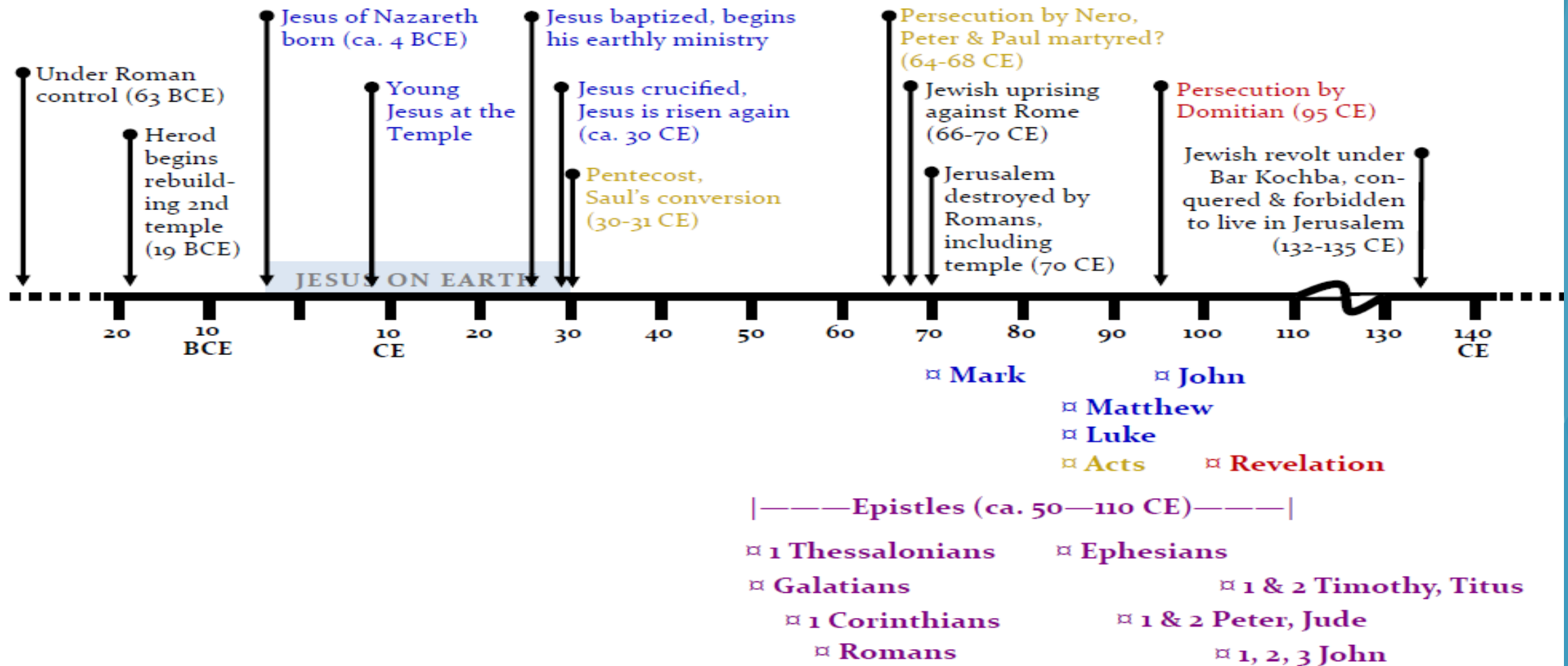
When was the OT written?



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- ▶ Old Testament = shared scripture from Jewish tradition
- ▶ New Testament = writings from the early Christian church, started with oral teachings as well, epistles written in real-time

When was the NT written?



Where did the Bible come from?

- ▶ Were these the only writings/stories/ letters? NO.
- ▶ Why these books?
 - ▶ Popular, widely used/known
 - ▶ Authentic, historical
 - ▶ Agreed upon: canon
 - ▶ Stable by the 4th century CE

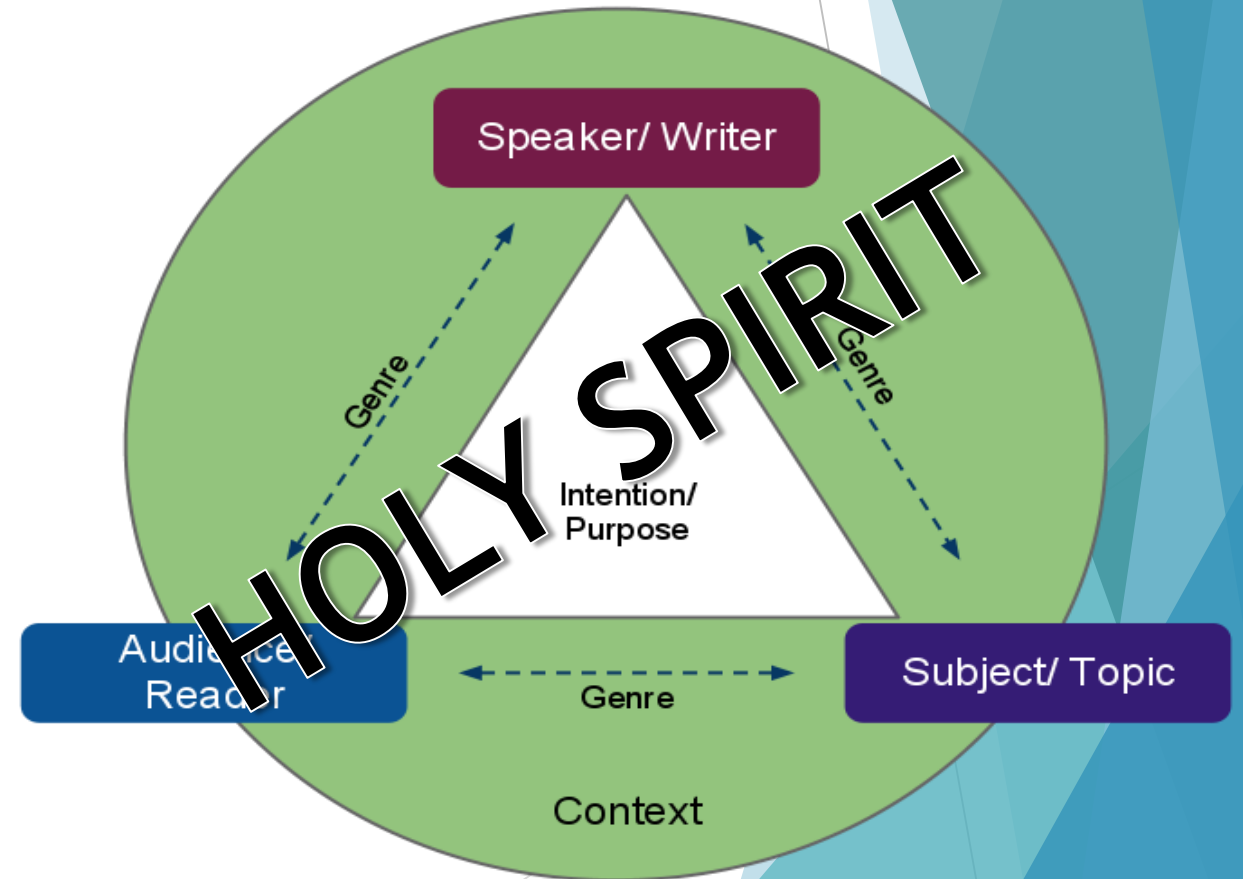
Biblical Sources: Some reminders

- ▶ Modern historical criticism = mid-18th century!
- ▶ Nothing was timestamped
- ▶ Literacy was LOW
- ▶ If God can be in the writing, God can be in the editing!

Why does all this matter?

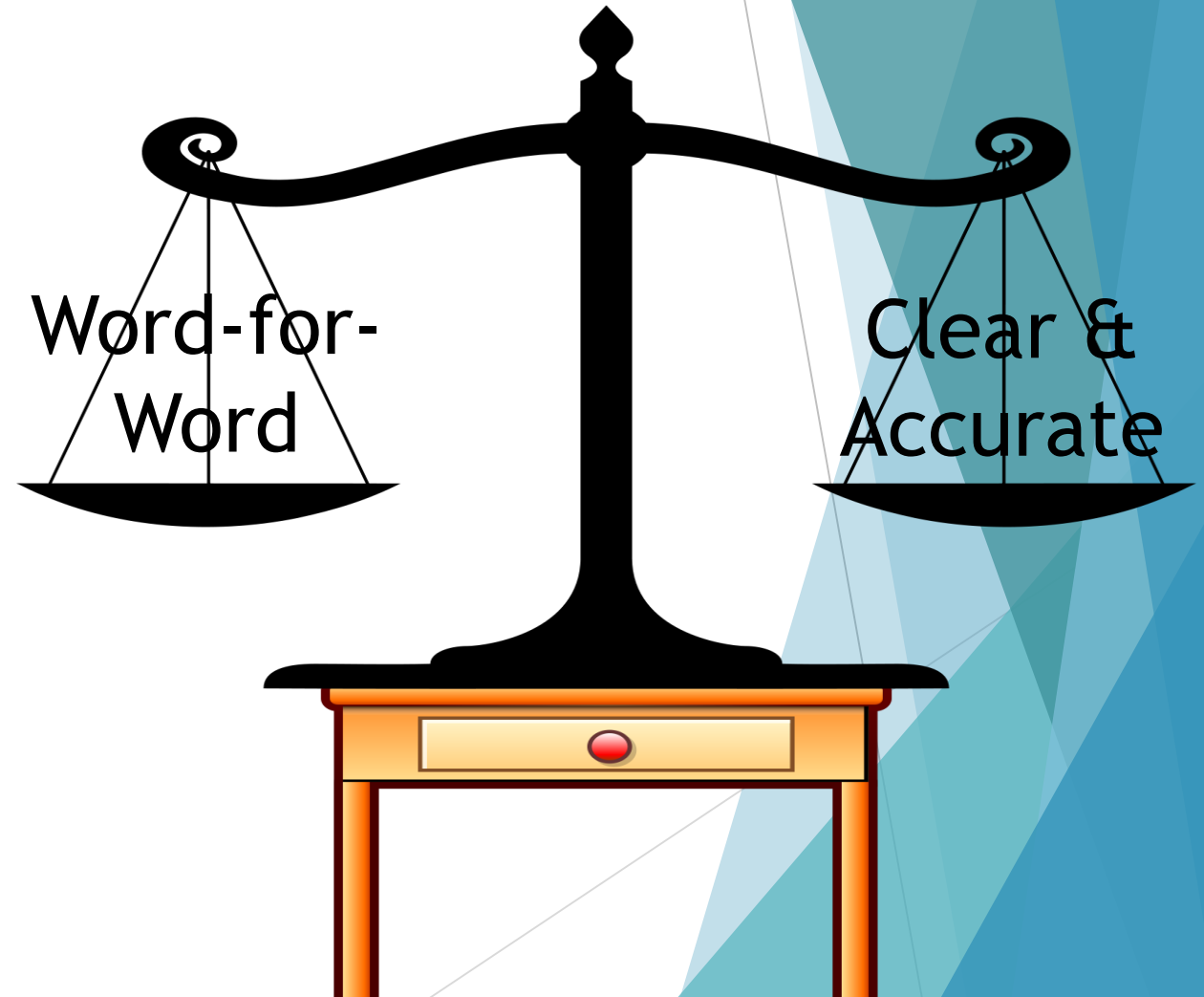
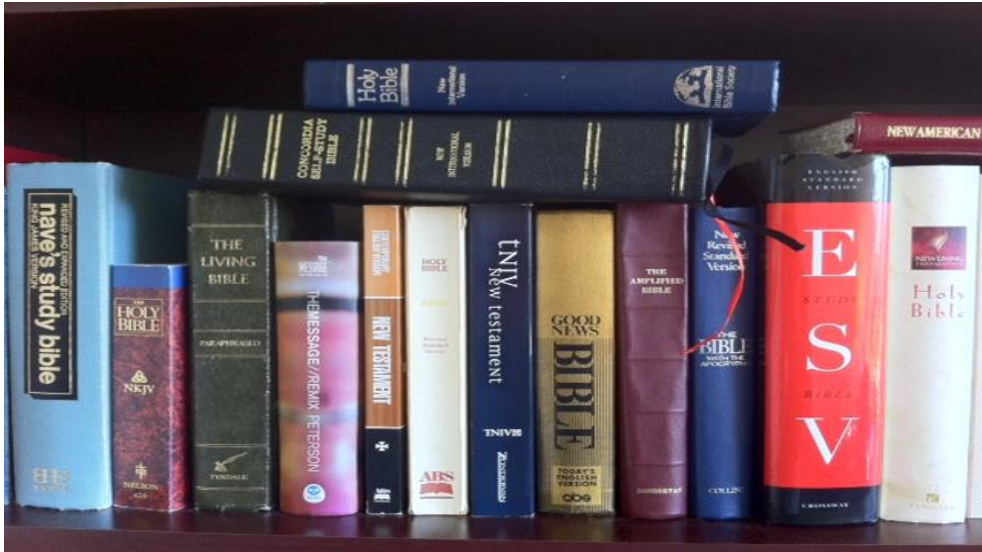
- ▶ Understanding context helps us understand scripture more fully
- ▶ Acts as a check of our assumptions
- ▶ God is at work in all of it!

Rhetorical Triangle

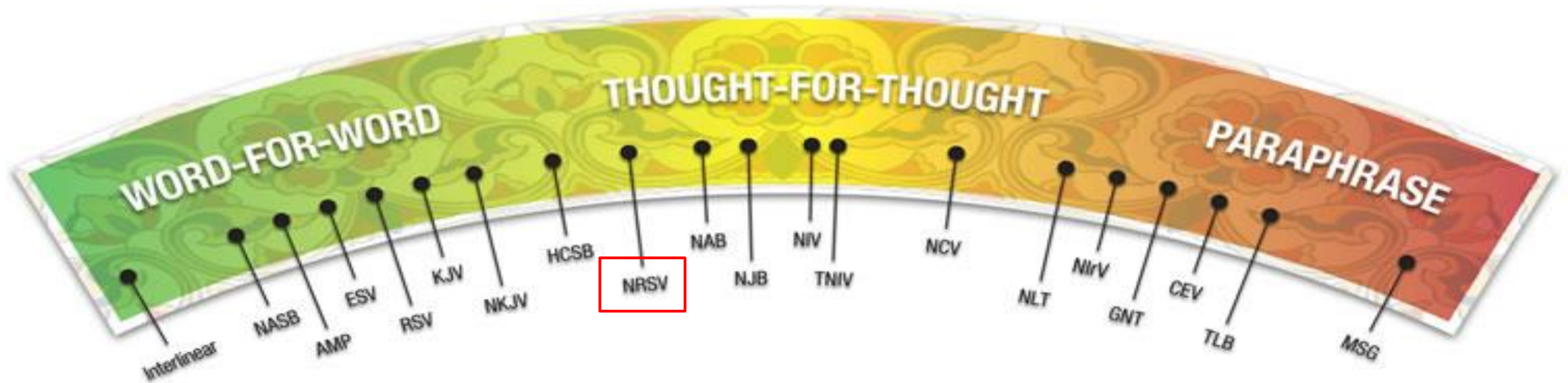


Translations

- ▶ OT = Hebrew
- ▶ NT = Greek
- ▶ Many different English translations!



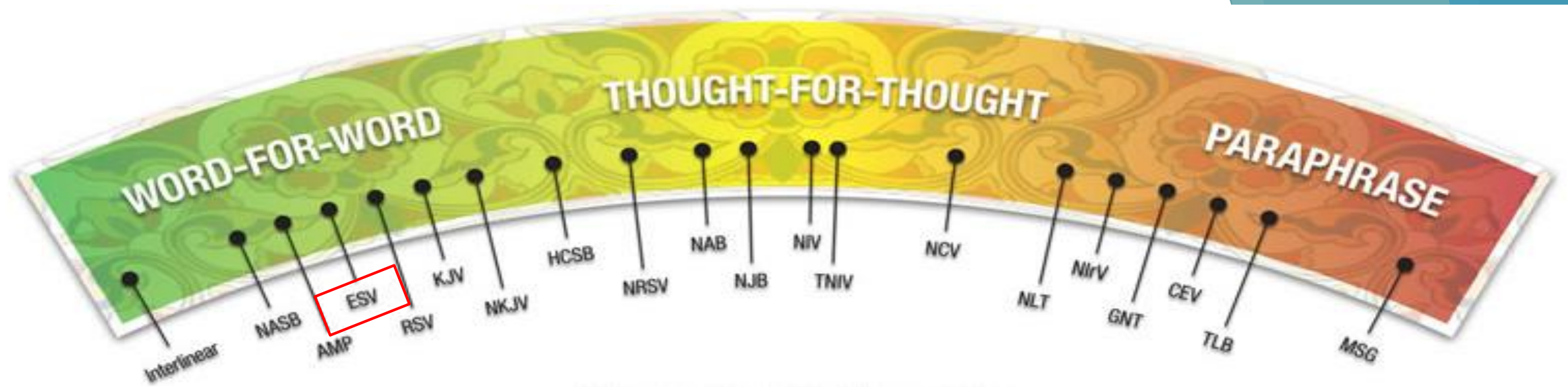
Types of Bible Translations



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

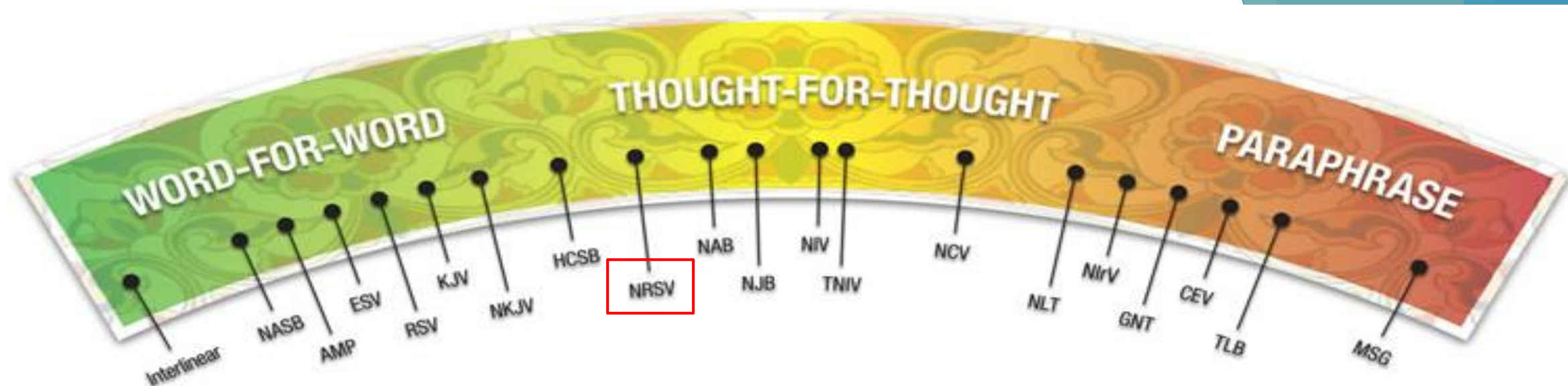
→ HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

NirV - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message



1 Corinthians 11:23-24 English Standard Version (ESV)

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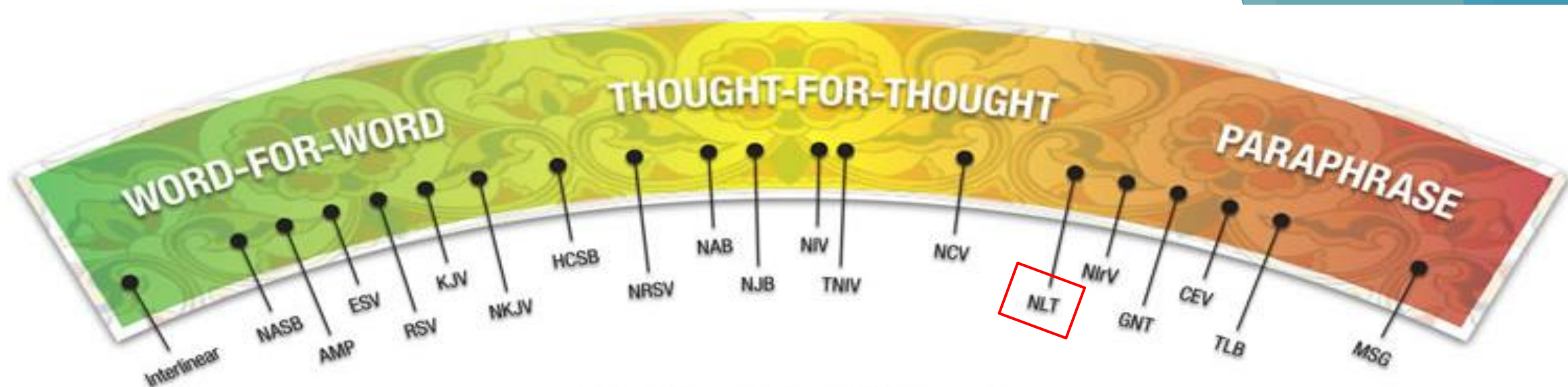
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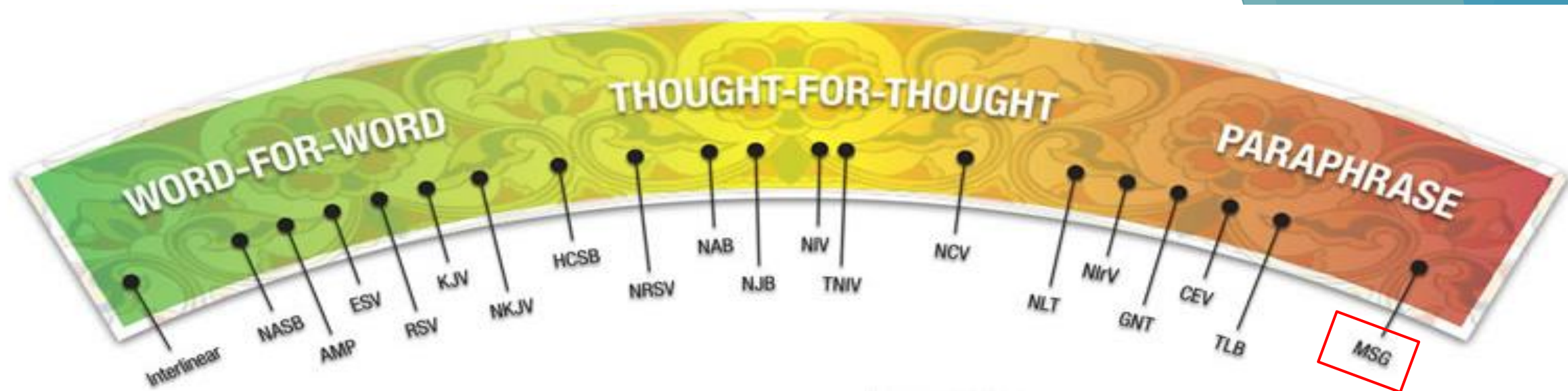
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²³ For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread ²⁴ and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you.^[a] Do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

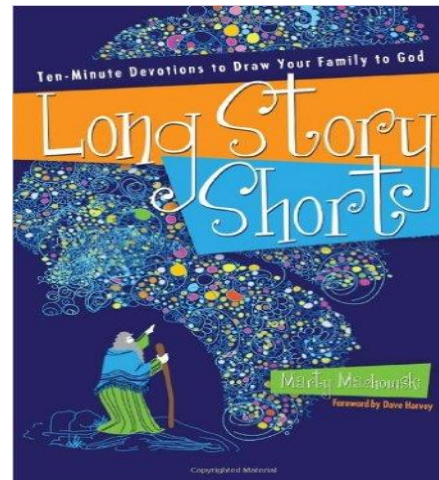
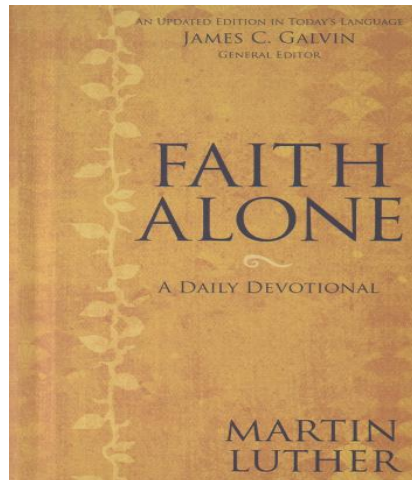
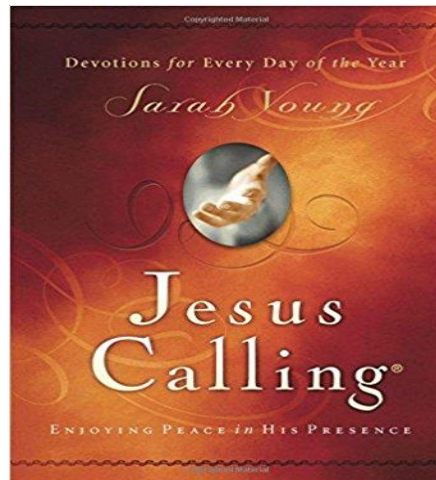
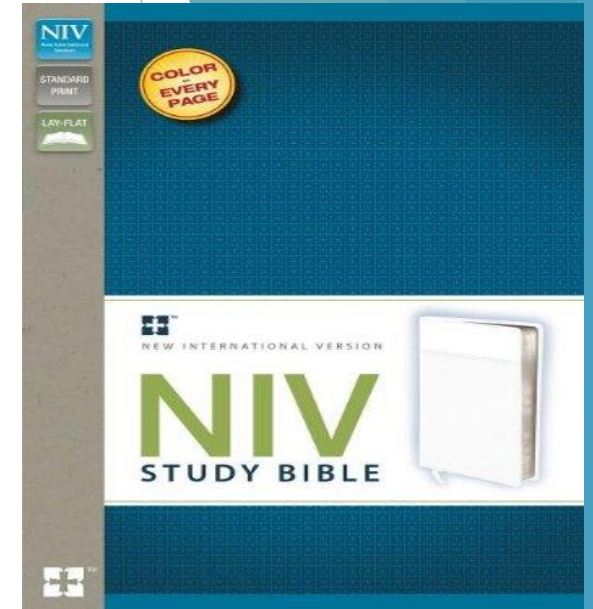
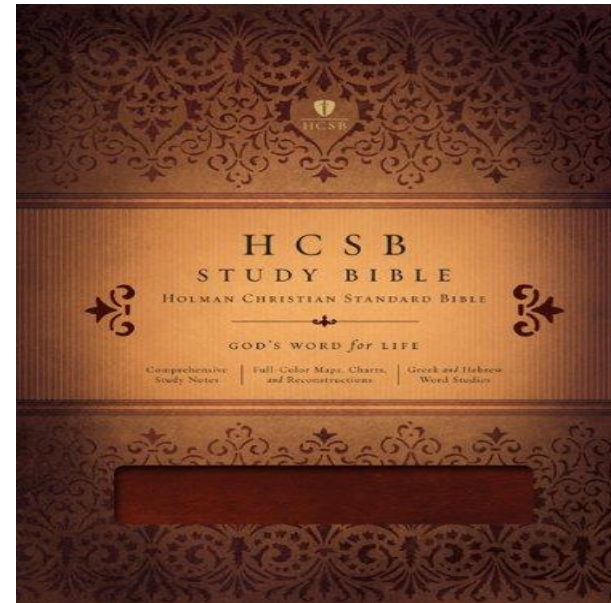
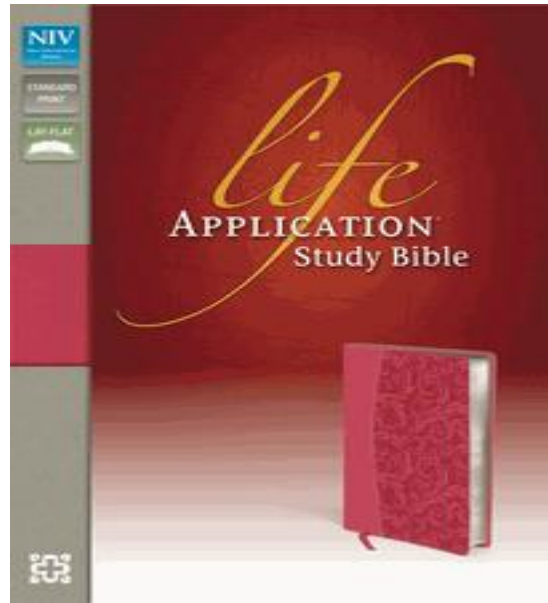
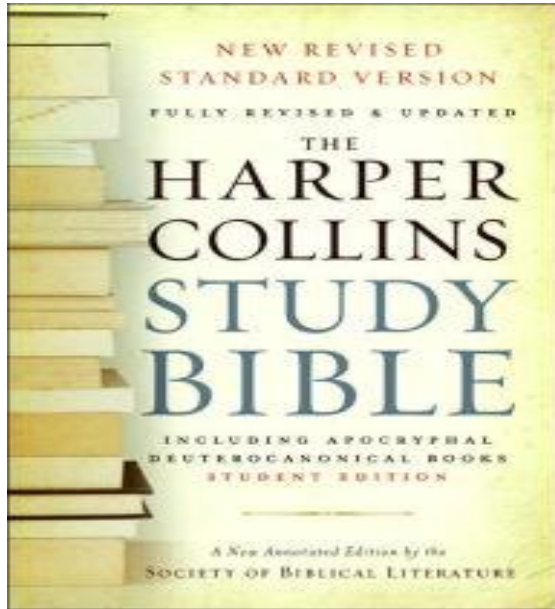
²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for^[a] you. Do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Message (MSG)

23-26 Let me go over with you again exactly what goes on in the Lord's Supper and why it is so centrally important. I received my instructions from the Master himself and passed them on to you. The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said,

This is my body, broken for you.
Do this to remember me.

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