

Divine Principle  
Bible Study  
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# Parallels of History

- In the previous lecture, we studied how God worked with fallen man to bring about mankind's restoration and the accomplishment of His Will.
- God's work and the resultant historical events are not random, but follow His Principles of Restoration.
- In this lecture we will present a high-level overview of the history of mankind, from the time of Adam through the histories of Israel and the Christian world.
- We will show how the Principles of Restoration operate in these historical time periods and discover the parallels between them.
- We will discover how God has been working until today towards the restoration of our world.

## Why Does History Repeat Itself?

- Historians have noted cycles and repetitions of history but have been unable to explain why this occurs.
- A true understanding of history must be based on the knowledge that there is a God who created man, and that God has a purpose for His creation.
- By understanding God's absolute, unchanging will to establish His Kingdom on earth, the cause of these parallels of history can be clearly explained.

- We have all heard that history repeats itself. But why?
- A common response is that history repeats itself because humans repeat themselves.
- But a closer look inside these "parallels" of historical repetition from a Biblical perspective, i.e., using Biblical references, reveals another hand at work.
- This is the purpose of this lecture.

## History reflects God's Work to Establish His Kingdom

- The purpose of restoration is to fulfill the original purpose of creation - the Kingdom of God on earth. (Genesis 1:28)
- A new, sinless "Adam" must come to establish a God-centered lineage, free of original sin.
- Certain conditions must be established before the new Adam can appear.
- If the central person, family or nation fails their portion of responsibility, another is chosen for the same mission.
- God's principles do not change; when human beings fail their portion of responsibility, similar circumstances and events take place at a different time.

- Then what is it that God is trying to accomplish through His work in history?
- Through understanding God's purpose in history and what He is trying to accomplish, the reason behind parallels of history become clear.

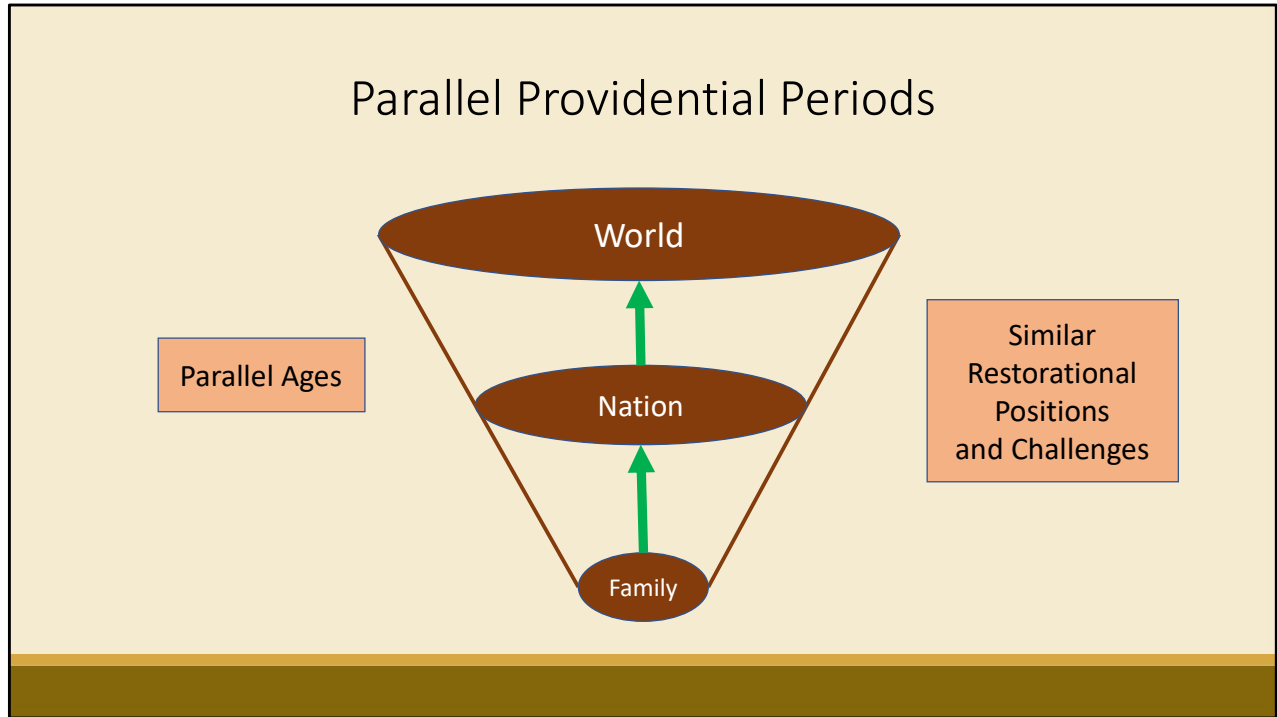
**Gen. 1:28** *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

*I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have purposed, and I will do it.*

Isaiah 46:11

- The bottom line is that God's Will is eternal, unchanging and absolute.
- Even though the first human ancestors fell, God and His Will do not change. His original Purpose of Creation must be fulfilled.
- Therefore, regardless of what any individual, group or nation does at any particular time in history, God will never give up until His Kingdom is established on the earth.
- There is always a path – no matter how long it takes to accomplish.

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- As we learned in the Principles of Restoration lecture, Jacob established the Family level foundation to receive the messiah.
- However, mankind had already developed to include many nations under Satan's dominion.
- As we study history, we will see how God worked to expand the foundation for the Messiah from the Family level to the National level, and then to the World level.
- When a period of history repeats the events of a previous period, even though there may be differences in scope and degree, the two periods are called Parallel Providential Periods.
- The principle cause behind these parallels lies in God's Providence of Restoration through Indemnity, which we studied in the previous lecture.

# Factors Determining Parallel Providential Periods

The diagram illustrates the factors determining parallel providential periods. It starts with a box labeled "Foundation to Receive the Messiah". Two arrows point from this box to two separate boxes: "Foundation of Faith" and "Foundation of Substance". These two boxes are connected by a plus sign (+). From the "Foundation of Faith" box, a line leads to a blue circle containing the number "1". From the "Foundation of Substance" box, a line leads to a blue circle containing the number "2". To the right of circle "1" is a bracketed list of three items: "Central Figure", "Object for the Condition", and "Numeric Period (Years/Generation)". To the right of circle "2" is a bracketed list of two items: "Indemnity Condition to Remove the Fallen" and "Nature".

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Foundation to Receive the Messiah

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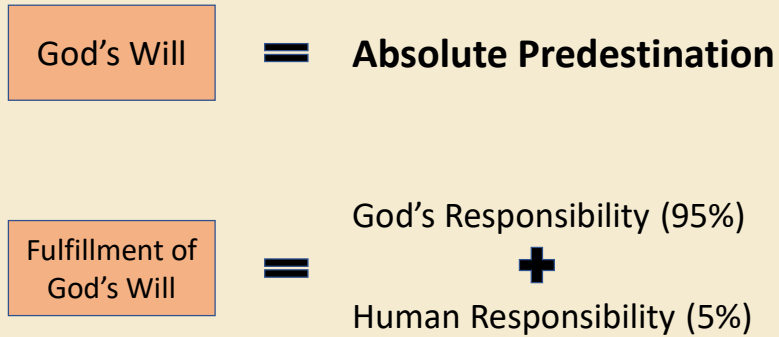
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Central Figure  
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- What are the characteristics of Parallel Providential Periods? In each of these periods, we will study the spiritual and providential elements from God's viewpoint.
1. Length of the Providential Periods are determined based on a specific number of generations or years of the indemnity period necessary for establishing the Foundation of Faith
  2. The Providential Periods are shaped by providential indemnity requirements - Namely, there must be a chosen central figure who makes an offering to God based on a specific numerical period. Based on this Foundation of Faith, the Indemnity Condition to Remove the Fallen Nature must be fulfilled in order to establish the Foundation of Substance.

## Why is the Providence of Restoration Prolonged?

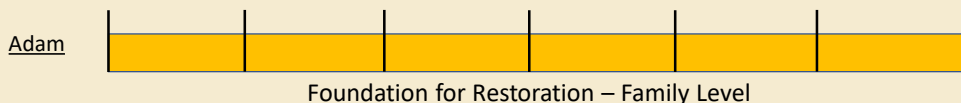


- Is everything that happens in God's Providence absolutely predestined by God?
- God is an absolute God. Yet, whether His Will is fulfilled through any particular individual, family or nation is conditional upon the fulfillment of their 5% portion of responsibility, which is required for God's will to be accomplished.
- Therefore, when the Will of God is not fulfilled because the responsible person, family or nation fails, God will choose another in a different era to fulfill that responsibility. God will continue His work until its complete fulfillment, prolonging the Providence in the process.



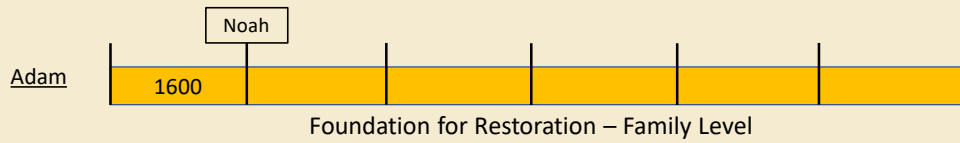
## The Periods in the Age of the Providence of Restoration and Their Lengths

## Historical Parallels



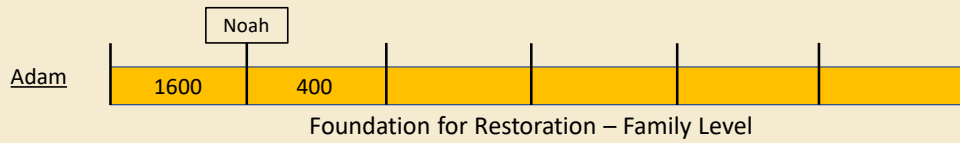
- If Adam had not fallen, “restoration” would not be needed, and we would not see a history of restoration. There would no need to be saved by a Messiah, no need to separate from Satan – because Satan and evil would not exist, and man would not have sin.
- The Providence of Restoration began after Adam’s failure.
- As we learned in the previous presentation, the purpose of God’s Providence of Restoration was to establish a foundation to receive the Messiah, so that mankind could be restored back to his original sinless state as children of God.
- After the Fall took place in Adam’s family, God worked to establish that foundation on the Family level.

## Historical Parallels



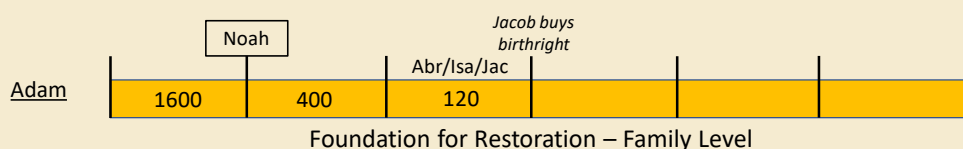
- After Cain murdered his brother Abel, a 1600 year period of Indemnity passed before Noah was called by God.
- The number 1600 is 40 times 40. The number 40 is a common numerical period in the Bible, representing a period necessary to separate from Satan. For example, Moses and Jesus each fasted for 40 days.
- God intended to have Noah's family establish the Foundation to Receive the Messiah on the family level.

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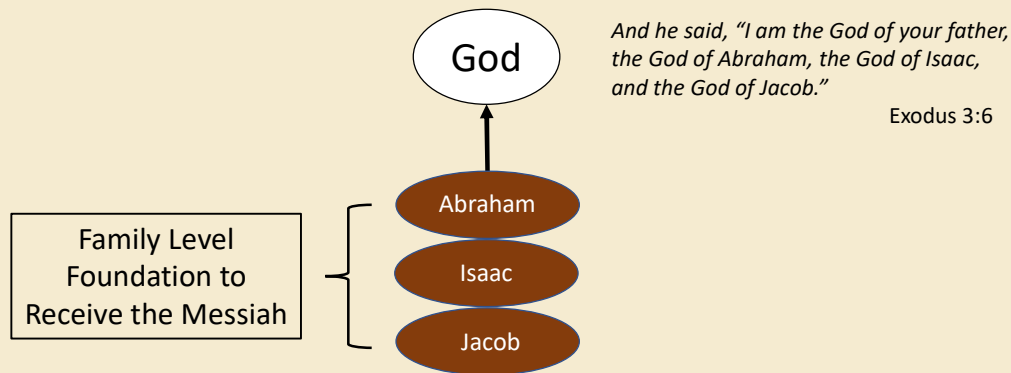
- However, as we studied previously, through Ham's disunity with his father, Noah's family was unable to create a foundation to receive the messiah.
- Following the failure of Noah's family, there was a 400-year period of indemnity before the birth of Abraham.

## Historical Parallels



- The next 120-year period was the time when God worked through the 3 generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to begin to establish the Foundation for Restoration on the Family Level.
- In **Genesis 12:2-3**, God said to Abraham:  
*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.*
- God's desire was to allow Abraham's family to establish the Foundation to Receive the Messiah, and to bless the world through him and his lineage.

## 3 Generations Seen as One

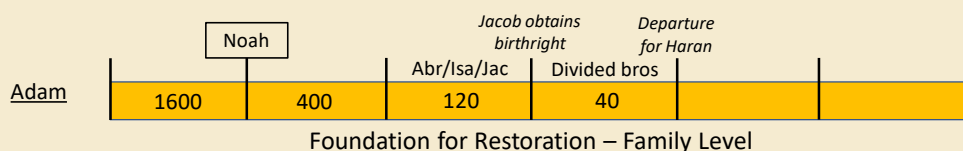


- Abraham's initial attempt to establish the Foundation of Faith by offering 3 types of animals failed. However, by offering a condition of greater indemnity, the sacrifice of his son Isaac, Abraham succeeded on the second attempt.
- Through his absolute unity with his father, Isaac was able to inherit Abraham's foundation. Isaac's younger son, Jacob, was chosen to stand in the central figure position of Abel, with the mission to restore the family level foundation for the messiah.
- Through the unity of the 3 generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their successful conditions of indemnity, God could work through their lineage to establish the foundation for the messiah.
- The Bible refers to God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

**Exodus 3:6** *And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."*

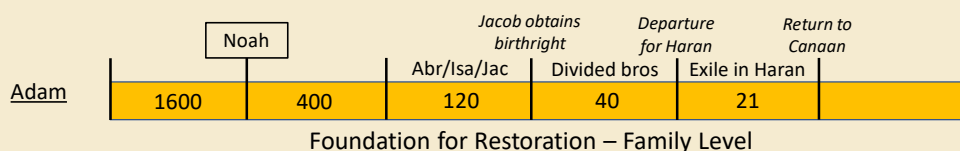
- Even in the New Testament, **Acts 7:32** says 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.'

## Historical Parallels



- As we studied in the previous presentation, the story of Jacob's victory is played out in **Genesis chapters 25-28** when Jacob first obtains the birthright from Esau. Due to his hunger, in exchange for a pottage of lentils, Esau sold his birthright to his younger brother Jacob.
- 40 years later, the dying Isaac was ready to pass on his Blessing to his oldest son. With the aid of his mother, Jacob manages through deception to secure Isaac's Blessing. When Esau threatened to kill Jacob, Isaac's wife Rebecca directed Jacob to escape to Haran, to live with Rebecca's brother, Laban.

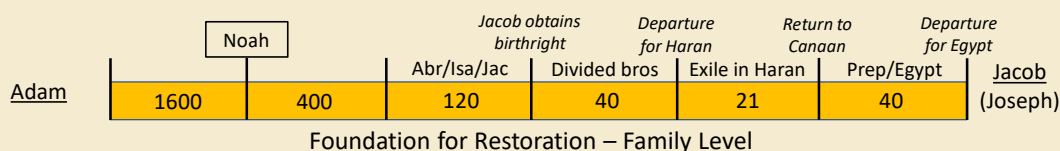
## Historical Parallels



- In Haran, Jacob served his Uncle Laban, and raised his family with his two wives, Leah and Rachel.
- After 21 years in Haran, Jacob decided to return home. Jacob prayed and asked God what to do.
- On the way home he is met with his brother Esau, who wanted to kill Jacob.
- However, through Jacob's foundation of faith and unconditional love towards his older brother, Esau's heart was melted and he could welcome Jacob.

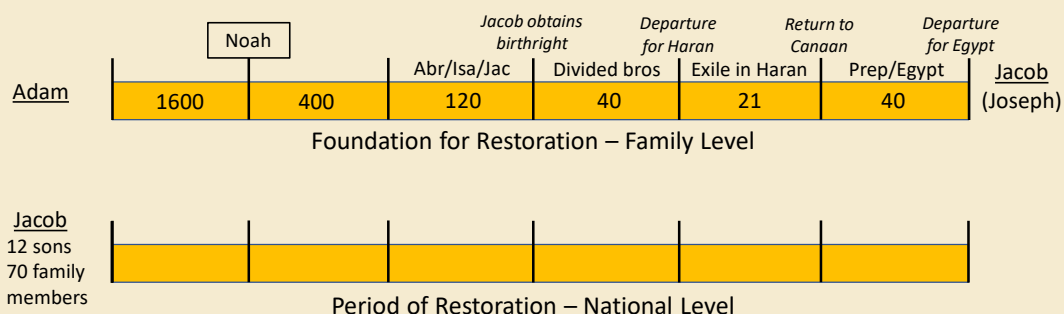


## Historical Parallels



- Isaac's family, including Jacob and Esau, lived in Canaan for 40 years until Jacob's son Joseph was sold into slavery by his jealous brothers.
- Joseph humbly served his master in the Pharaoh's palace. Due to his diligence, hard work and service, he gained favor in Pharaoh's eyes.
- When a famine enveloped Canaan and Egypt, Joseph obtained the pharaoh's permission and travelled to Canaan to rescue his family and take them back to Egypt where they could live and be fed. Joseph saved his whole family.
- Joseph was unjustly accused of wrongdoing by his master's wife. She tried to seduce him, and when he refused, she accused him of trying to seduce her.
- He was sent to prison. In prison, Joseph interpreted dreams for the Pharaoh, who then had him released. Eventually, Joseph became the Pharaoh's right-hand man.

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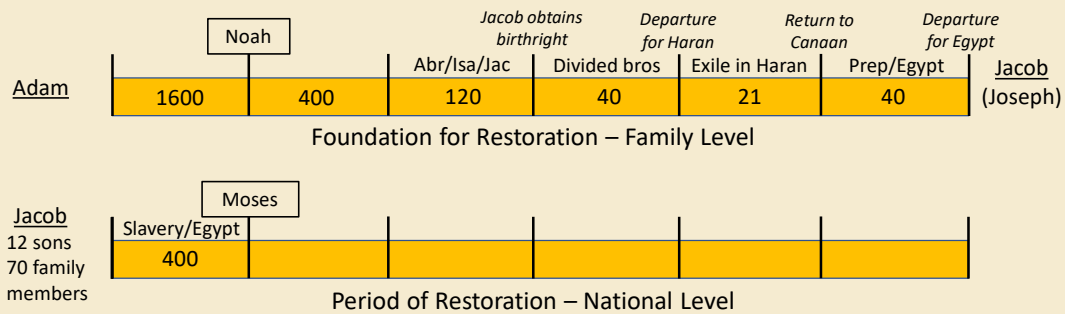


- Although the family level foundation to receive the messiah was successfully established through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, this foundation was not sufficient to accomplish God's providence.
- At the time of Noah, since they were the only family remaining on the earth, a family level foundation would have been adequate. The messiah could have been born into Noah's family, and restoration of the world could have been accomplished quickly.
- Due to the failure of Ham, however, the providence was extended. The world grew to include many nations. A family level foundation was not enough.
- Therefore, God needed to expand Jacob's victory to the national level.
- God's work over the subsequent parallel time periods was to establish a national level foundation – the nation of Israel.

## The Period of Slavery in Egypt

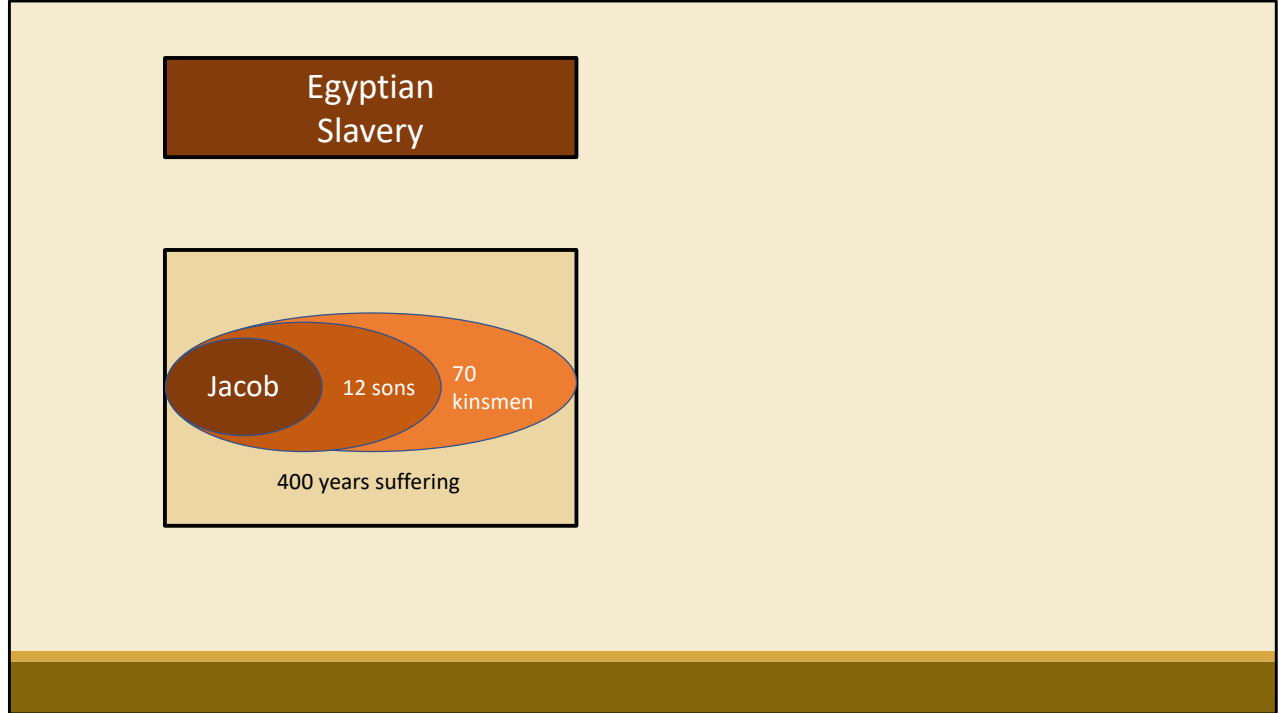
- The next providential period was the Period of Slavery in Egypt

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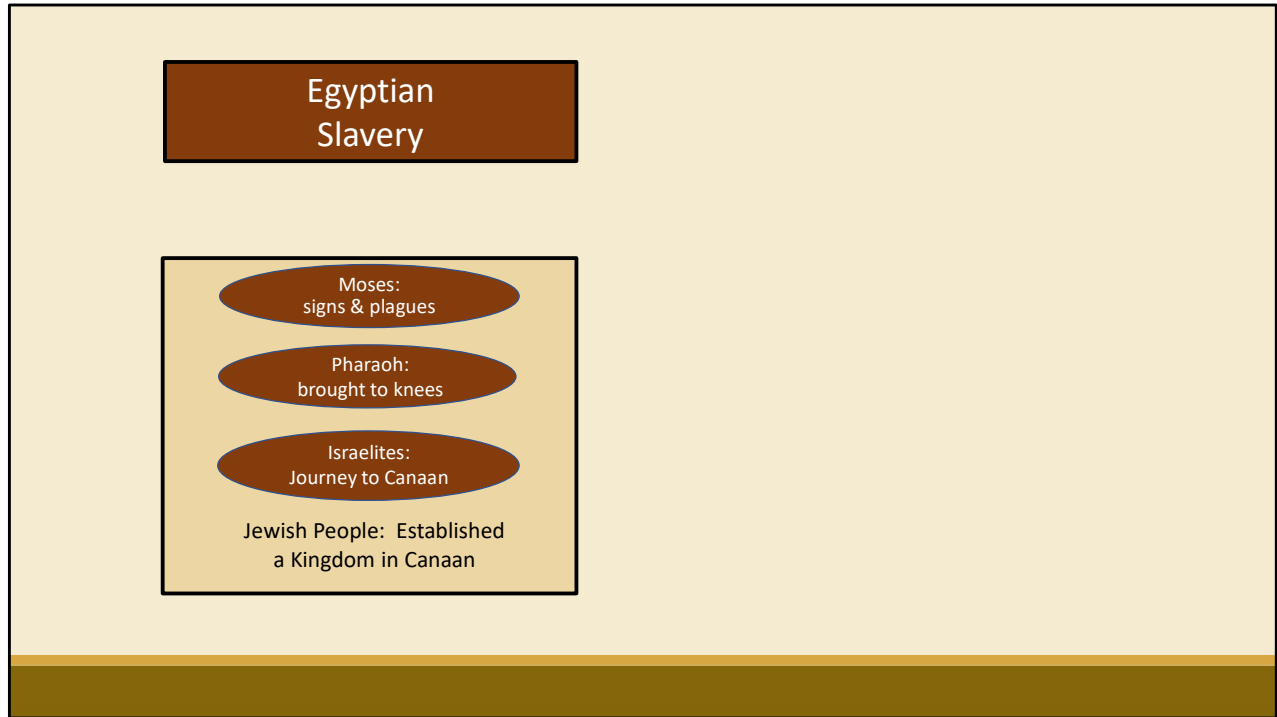


- Jacob's family grew through his 12 sons to become 12 tribes.
- Although Joseph had risen to the position of a prince in Egypt, the next pharaoh had become afraid of the Israelites.
- The Israelites became slaves in Egypt for the next 400 years.

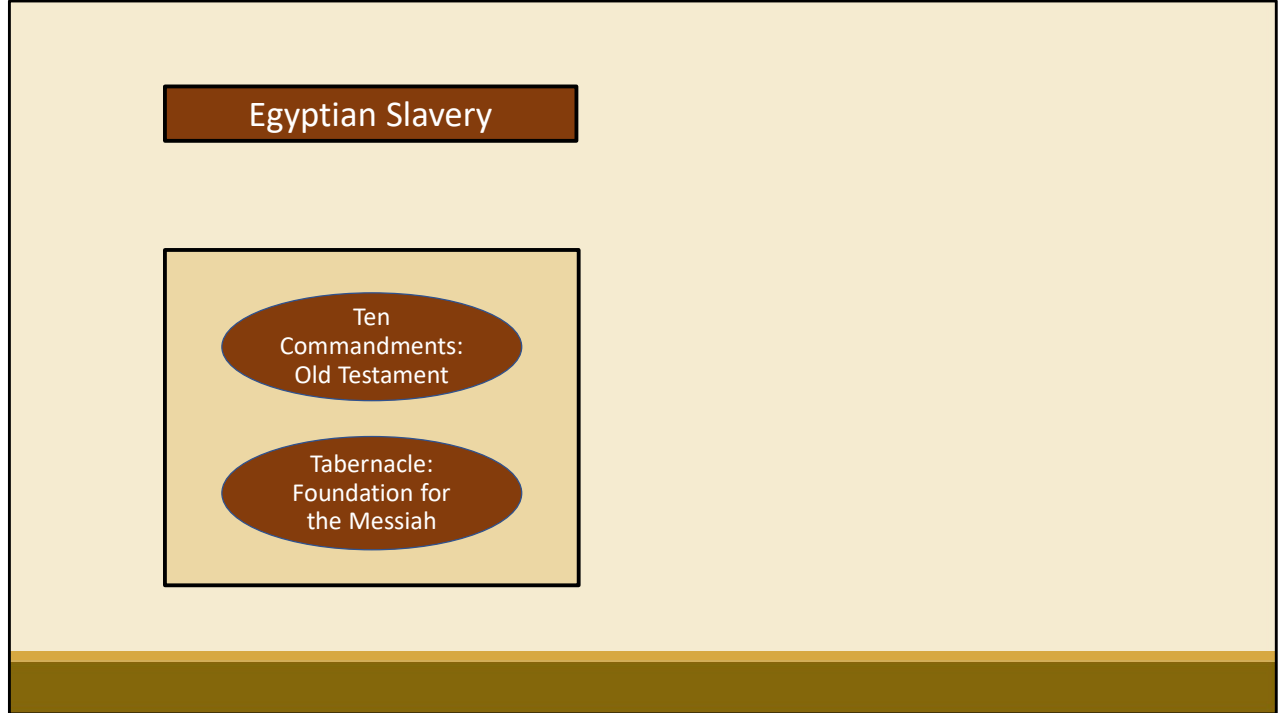




- Even while they were captive in Egypt for 400 years, Jacob's descendants multiplied into the nation of Israel.



- At the end of the 400 years of Israel's slavery in Egypt, Moses brought the Pharaoh to his knees by the power of the 3 signs and 10 plagues.
- Moses then led the Israelites out of Egypt and set out for the land of Canaan.

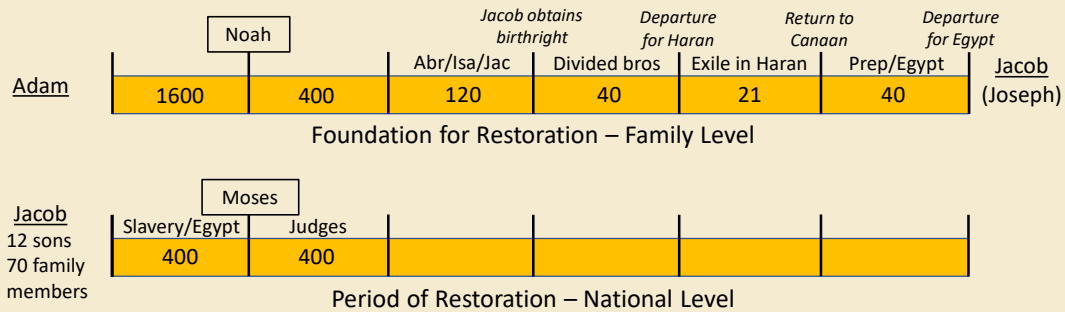


- Moses received the 10 Commandments and God's Word as revealed in the Law, which formed the core of what we now call the Old Testament Scriptures.
- By setting up and honoring the tablets of stone, the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle, he paved the way for the Israelites to prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

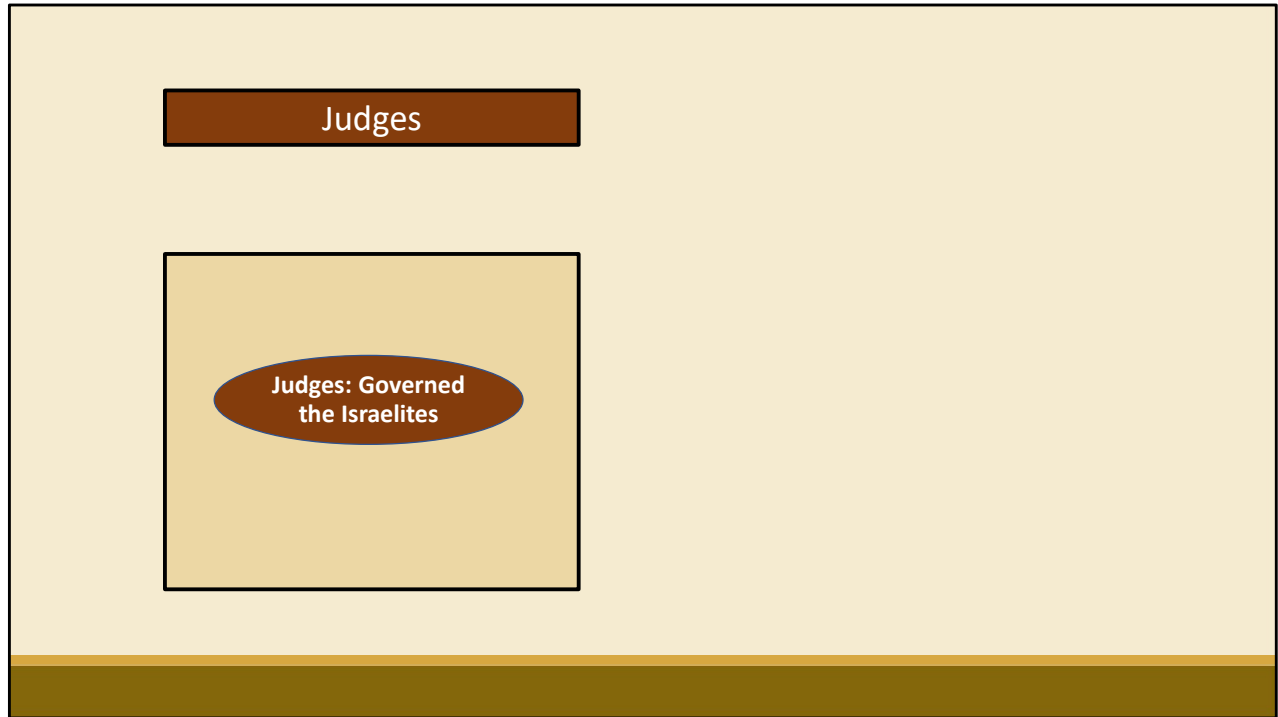


## The Period of the Judges

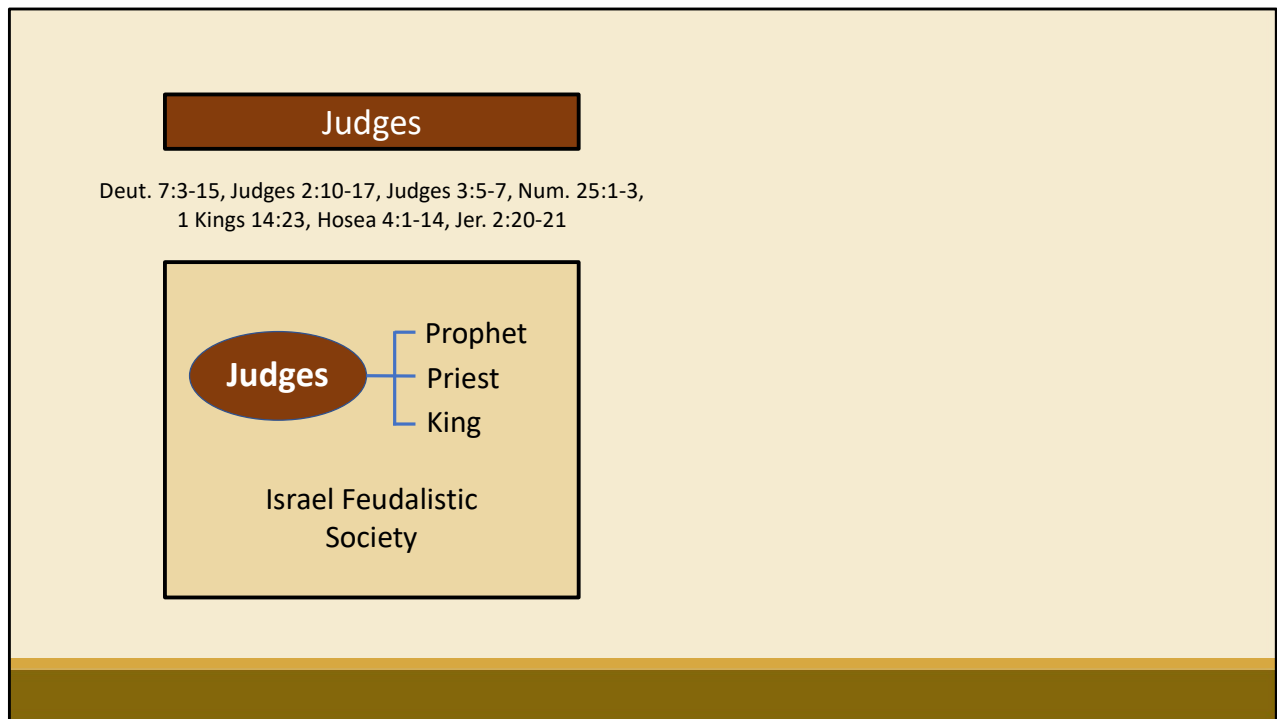
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- The 400-year period of the Judges was from the time the Israelites entered Canaan until the enthronement of King Saul as the first king of Israel.



- After the Israelites entered the land of Canaan, 15 judges, including Samson, Eli and Samuel, governed the Israelite tribes for a period of 400 years.
- This is called the period of the Judges.



- The judges filled the various responsibilities of prophet, priest, and king, which became separate offices in the later periods. Israel in this period was a feudalistic society.
- The Israelites had come to a new land prepared by God.
- The responsibility of the Judges was to educate and guide people to keep God's Word.
- Judges were both religious and political leader; No "separation of church and state" - One set of laws governed the people.
- However, after settling in Canaan for a generation, the people of Israel lost sight of God and His Word, and turned to other gods and a satanic culture.

Bible references:

**Deuteronomy 7:3-15** *Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons. For they will turn your sons away from following me to serve other gods... Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today. If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the LORD your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your forefathers. He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land... You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be*

*childless, nor any of your livestock without young. The LORD will keep you free from every disease...*

After settling in Canaan ...

**Judges 2:10-17** *After that whole generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation grew up, who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. Unlike their fathers, they quickly turned from the way in which their fathers had walked, the way of obedience to the LORD'S commands.*

**Judges 3:5-7** *The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods. The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD; they forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs.*

**Numbers 25:1-3** *While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate and bowed down before these gods. So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the LORD'S anger burned against them.*

**1 Kings 14:23** *They also set up for themselves high places, sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.*

**Hosea 4:1-14** *Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: "There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. There is only cursing, lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. Because of this the land mourns, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the fish of the sea are dying.*

*My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests... The more the priests increased, the more they sinned against me; they exchanged their Glory for something disgraceful. They feed on the sins of my people and relish their wickedness. They consult a wooden idol and are answered by a stick of wood.*

*A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God. They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn offerings on the hills, under oak, poplar and terebinth, where the shade is pleasant. Therefore your daughters turn to prostitution and your daughters-in-law to adultery ...because the men themselves consort with harlots and sacrifice with shrine prostitutes--a people without understanding will*

*come to ruin."*

**Jeremiah 2:20,21** *"Long ago you broke off your yoke and tore off your bonds; you said, 'I will not serve you!' Indeed, on every high hill and under every spreading tree you lay down as a prostitute. I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?"*

## The Period of the United Kingdom

# Historical Parallels

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<u>Adam</u>	1600	400	Abr/Isa/Jac	Divided bros	Exile in Haran	Prep/Egypt	Jacob (Joseph)	
			120	40	21	40		

Foundation for Restoration – Family Level

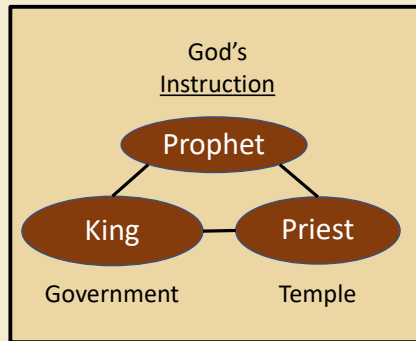
		Moses					
<u>Jacob</u> 12 sons 70 family members	Slavery/Egypt	Judges	United Kgdm				
	400	400	120				

Period of Restoration – National Level

- The 120-year period of the United Kingdom began with the reign of King Saul and lasted through the reigns of King David and King Solomon.

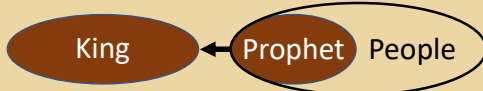


## United Kingdom



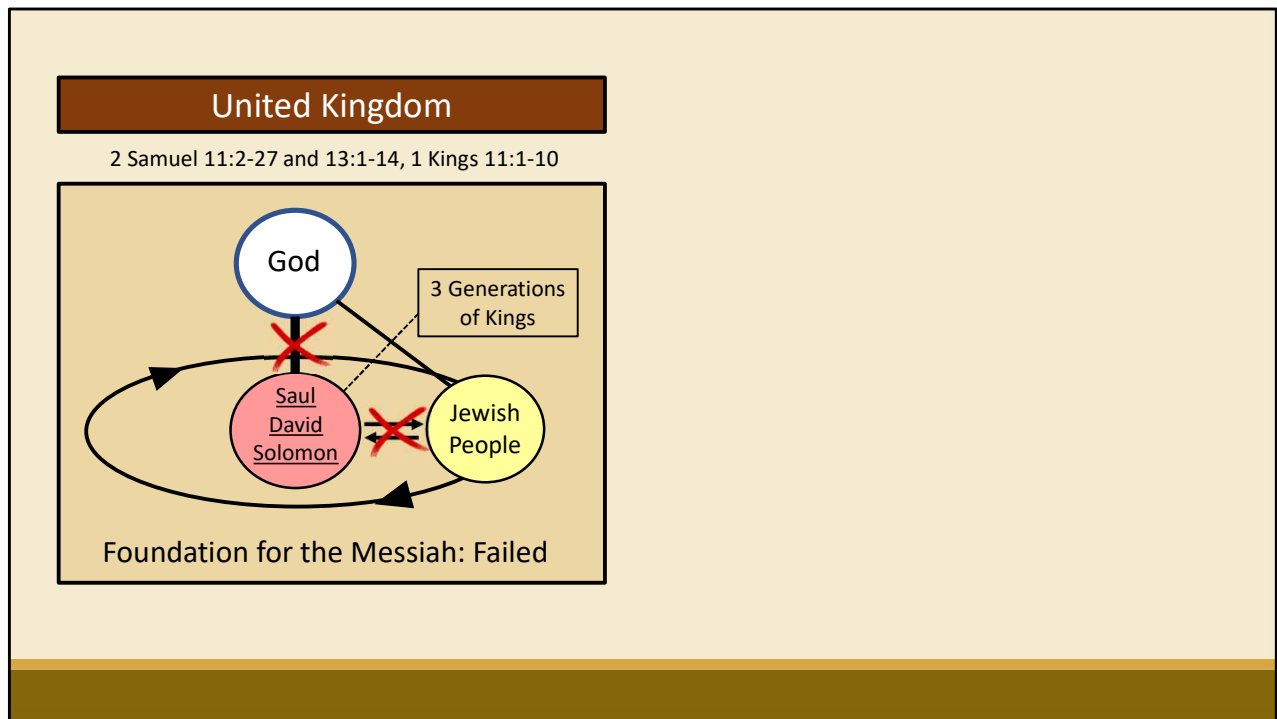
- In the period of the United Kingdom, the functions of the judge were distributed to the offices of prophet, priest and king.
- The prophets received instructions directly from God, the priests kept charge over the Tabernacle and later the Temple, and the king governed the nation.
- Each carried on their distinctive missions in guiding Israel to accomplish the goal of the Providence of Restoration.

## United Kingdom



**Prophet Samuel Anointed Saul as 1<sup>st</sup> King of Israel (1<sup>st</sup> Israel)**

- About 800 years after Abraham's descendants entered Egypt, by God's command the prophet Samuel anointed Saul as the first King of Israel.



- Although Saul, David and Solomon were in the position of kings of the nation of Israel, we must remember that they were fallen people who had a portion of responsibility.
- Because King Saul disobeyed the commands of God, he could not build the Temple.
- Out of the desire for another man's wife, King David sent the husband into a very dangerous situation where he would surely be killed.
- 40 years of King David's reign and 40 years of King Solomon's reign would pass before the foundation of faith was laid and the Temple built.
- But King Solomon left the position of Abel when he fell into lust, married many women from other cultures and began to worship their gods.
- Hence, during these 120 years of the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon there was no way for Israel to successfully establish the foundation for the Messiah.

Bible references:

**II Samuel 11:2-27** *One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful. And David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this*

*Bathsheba, ... the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."*

*In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die..." Uriah the Hittite died. After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.*

**II Samuel 13:1-14** *In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David... So Tamar went to the house of her brother Amnon, who was lying down... he grabbed her and said, "Come to bed with me, my sister." "Don't, my brother!" she said to him. "Don't force me. Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don't do this wicked thing." But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.*

- Solomon was the son of David and Bathsheba
  - Known as "wise King Solomon"
  - But Solomon also went against God

**I Kings 11:1-10** *King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter--Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God... So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD...*

*On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods. The LORD became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. Although he had forbidden Solomon to follow other gods, Solomon did not keep the LORD'S command.*

The Period of the  
Divided Kingdoms of  
North and South

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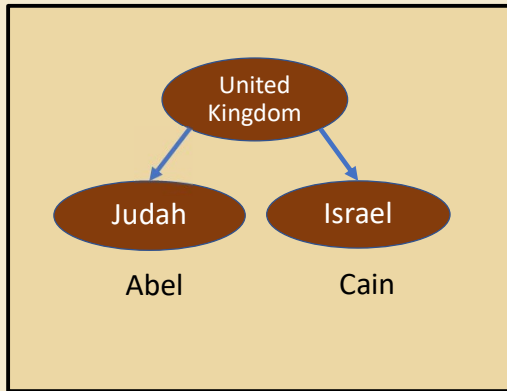
Foundation for Restoration – Family Level

		Moses					
Jacob 12 sons 70 family members	Slavery/Egypt	Judges	United Kgdm	Divided Kgdm			
	400	400	120	400			

Period of Restoration – National Level

- The period of the Divided Kingdoms of North and South began after King Solomon's reign and lasted 400 years.

## Divided Kingdoms N-S



- Because King Solomon worshipped idols, the United Kingdom of Israel was divided upon his death, having lasted only 3 generations.
- The kingdom of Israel in the north was in the position of Cain, while the kingdom of Judah in the south was in the position of Abel.

## Divided Kingdoms N-S

### Straying Israelites

- Internal Reform  
(Prophets)
- External Chastisement  
(Gentiles)

- In the period of the divided kingdoms of the north and south, whenever the Israelites strayed from the ideal of the Temple, God sent prophets to move the people to internal reform.
- However, because they did not repent, God chastised them externally by sending gentile nations such as Babylon to attack them.



## Divided Kingdoms N-S

2 Kings 17:13-23

### Both Kingdoms Collapsed

--Monarchy in Israel Ended

- The period of the divided kingdoms of north and south came to an end when gentile nations took the people of Israel and Judah into exile.
- They put an end to the monarchy in Israel.

**II Kings 17:13-23** *The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them although the LORD had ordered them, "Do not do as they do," and they did the things the LORD had forbidden them to do.*

*They forsook all the commands of the LORD their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed down to all the starry hosts, and they worshiped Baal. They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger.*

*So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah was left. And even Judah did not keep the commands of the LORD their God. They followed the practices Israel had introduced. Therefore the LORD rejected all the people of Israel...*

## The Period of Israel's Exile and Return

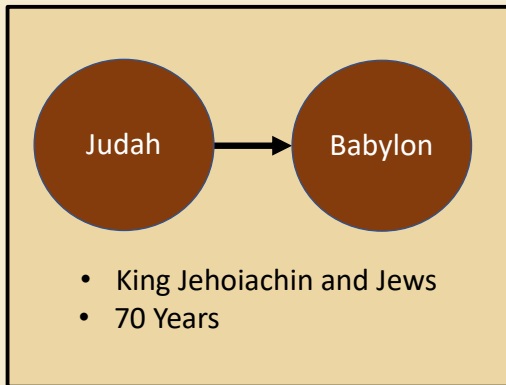
# Historical Parallels

	Noah		Jacob obtains birthright	Departure for Haran	Return to Canaan	Departure for Egypt	
Adam	1600	400	Abr/Isa/Jac	Divided bros	Exile in Haran	Prep/Egypt	Jacob (Joseph)
Foundation for Restoration – Family Level							

	Moses					
Jacob 12 sons 70 family members	Slavery/Egypt	Judges	United Kgdm	Divided Kgdm	Exile/Return	
	400	400	120	400	210	
Period of Restoration – National Level						

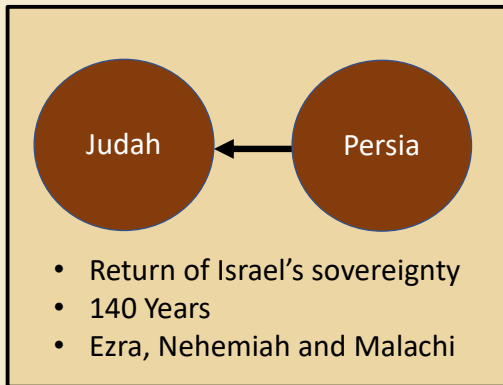
- The 210-year period of Israel's exile and return was the time when the Jewish people were taken as captives in Babylon for 70 years and then gradually returned to their homeland over a period of 140 years.

## Israel's Exile & Return



- When the Israelites fell into faithlessness, God had them suffer hardships as exiles in Babylon.
- Nearly 70 years elapsed from the time King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took into captivity King Jehoiachin and many other Israelites, until Babylon fell.

## Israel's Exile & Return



- After Persia conquered Babylon, and King Cyrus liberated the Israelites, it took another 140 years for the exiles to return to their homeland.
- This return to Israel took place in three waves, including the final group led by the prophet Ezra.
- Nehemiah led the rebuilding of the city walls of Jerusalem.
- Inspired by the prophecy of Malachi, the people began preparations to receive the Messiah.

DP: *The people of the northern kingdom of Israel broke their covenant with God, and as a result, they were taken into captivity by the Assyrians. The people of the southern kingdom of Judah also sinned against God. As a result, they were taken into exile by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. After they spent nearly seventy years as captives, Babylon fell to King Cyrus of Persia, who issued a royal decree liberating them. From that time, the Jewish people began a gradual return to Jerusalem and rebuilt the Temple. Ezra the scribe led the last group of*

*returning Jews to Jerusalem, and Nehemiah rebuilt the city wall. Inspired by the prophecy of Malachi, the people began preparations to receive the Messiah. This period came to an end approximately 210 years after the Jews were first taken into exile in Babylon and about 140 years after their liberation by the Persians. This was the period of Israel's exile and return.*

*This period of approximately 210 years ran from 1309, with the papacy's seventy years of exile in Avignon, through the Great Schism, the conciliar movement and the restoration of papal authority in the Roman church, to the eve of the Protestant Reformation spearheaded by Martin Luther in 1517. Its purpose was to restore through indemnity, in the form of substantial parallels, the 210-year period of Israel's exile and return—from Israel's seventy years of exile in Babylon through the stages of the returning to Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple, until the reform of politics and religion under the leadership of Ezra, Nehemiah and the prophet Malachi.*

Online sources (history):

**Ezra (480–440 BCE)**, also called Ezra the Scribe (*Ezra ha-Sofer*) and Ezra the Priest in the [Book of Ezra](#), was a Jewish scribe and a priest... The Book of Ezra describes how he led a group of Judean exiles living in Babylon to their home city of Jerusalem (Ezra 8.2-14) where he is said to have enforced observance of the Torah. He was described as exhorting the Israelite people to be sure to follow the Torah Law so as not to intermarry with people of particular different religions, a set of commandments described in the Pentateuch. Ezra, known as "Ezra the scribe" in Chazalic literature, is a highly respected figure in Judaism.

- The Book of Malachi was written between 440 and 400 B.C.

The Period of Preparation  
for the Advent of the Messiah

## Historical Parallels

<u>Adam</u>	Noah		Jacob obtains birthright		Departure for Haran	Return to Canaan	Departure for Egypt	<u>Jacob</u> (Joseph)
	1600	400	Abr/Isa/Jac	Divided bros	Exile in Haran	Prep/Egypt	40	
	Foundation for Restoration – Family Level							

<u>Jacob</u> 12 sons 70 family members	Moses				Malachi	
	Slavery/Egypt	Judges	United Kgdm	Divided Kgdm	Exile/Return	Prep/Messiah
	400	400	120	400	210	400
Period of Restoration – National Level						

- The 400-year period of the preparation for the Advent of the Messiah began when the Jewish people returned from exile to their homeland of Israel.
- Based on Malachi's prophecy, they prepared their nation to receive the Messiah.



### Preparation for the Advent of the Messiah

- 400 years from the  
return to Jerusalem  
until Jesus came

- After the Israelites returned to Jerusalem, another 400 years elapsed before Jesus came.
- This was the period of preparation for the Advent of the Messiah.

## Preparation for the Advent of the Messiah

### Israelites

- Rededication to the Mosaic Law and traditions
- Foundation of Faith: Restored

- After the Jewish people returned from exile to their homeland of Israel, they re-established their faith, rebuilt the temple, and rebuilt the city wall.
- They rededicated themselves to following the teachings of the Torah, and reestablishing the traditions given to them by their forefathers.

DP: *After the Jewish people returned from exile to their homeland of Israel, they re-established their faith, rebuilt the city wall and, based on Malachi's prophecy, began as a nation to prepare for the Messiah.*

## Preparation for the Advent of the Messiah

Malachi 2:1-10

### Internal preparation

- Purification of Israel through repentance centered on the prophets
- World religions - Buddha, Socrates, Confucius

- After having returned to their homeland and being led by the prophets to repentance, the Jewish people could make the internal condition of purifying themselves in preparation for the coming of Christ.
- During the period of preparation for the advent of the Messiah, among the world's peoples, God founded religions suited to their regions and cultures by which they could make the necessary internal preparations to receive the Messiah. (Confucius, Buddha, and Socrates)
- Jesus was to come upon this worldwide foundation of preparation and bring together all religions into one worldwide Christ-centered civilization.

**Mal 2:1-10** *"And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings; indeed I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung upon your faces, the dung of your offerings, and I will put you out of my presence. So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may hold, says the LORD of hosts. My covenant with him was a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him, that he might fear; and he feared me, he stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you have not kept my ways but have shown*

*partiality in your instruction.”*

*Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?*

## Preparation for the Advent of the Messiah

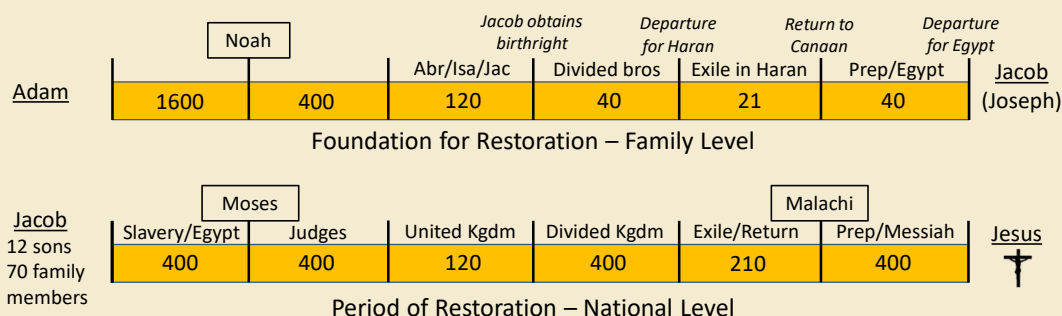
### External preparation

- Roman empire
- Transportation
- Hellenistic civilization

- In Jesus's day, the Roman Empire ruled vast areas, integrated by an advanced and extensive transportation system, and it was the center of a vast Hellenistic civilization.
- Thus, all the necessary preparation had been made for a swift transmission of the teaching of the Messiah to the world.

The Coming of the Messiah,  
His Crucifixion, and Resurrection

## Historical Parallels



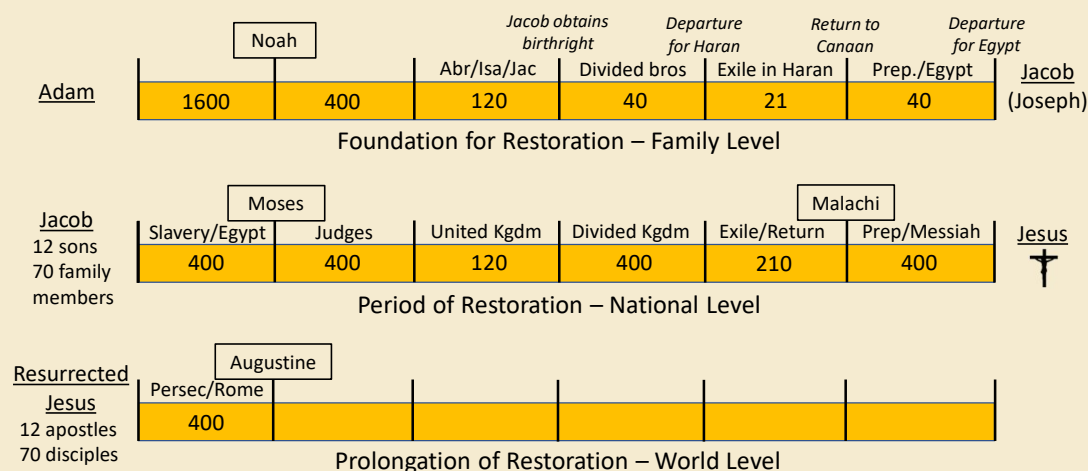
- Finally, after the 2,000 years of God's work to prepare mankind to receive the Messiah on the national level, God sent His son Jesus.
- However, the Israelites failed to recognize and welcome their true King and Savior - the very One they had been waiting for.
- Out of His abundant mercy and love, God allowed Jesus to go the way of the cross, sacrificing His only begotten Son, Who took on the sins of mankind to provide spiritual salvation to anyone who believed.
- Immediately following Christ's resurrection, He began to spiritually guide His followers to prepare the world for His Second Coming and the establishment of the Kingdom on Earth.
- We have to remember that even though the Bible that we are all familiar with ends with the books of the New Testament - the story of Jesus' life and the testimony of his disciples - that God's providence was not completed at that time. The Kingdom of God on Earth, which Jesus asked us all to pray for, was not yet fulfilled. Therefore, the acts of providential history that followed what we read in the New Testament are just as important as what God did in the Old and New Testaments.
- The story of how God has worked in history – "His-story" – continues until God's Will is completed.
- By studying the next 2,000 years of history, we will see how God has continued to work without ceasing to accomplish His Will.

## The Period of Persecution in the Roman Empire

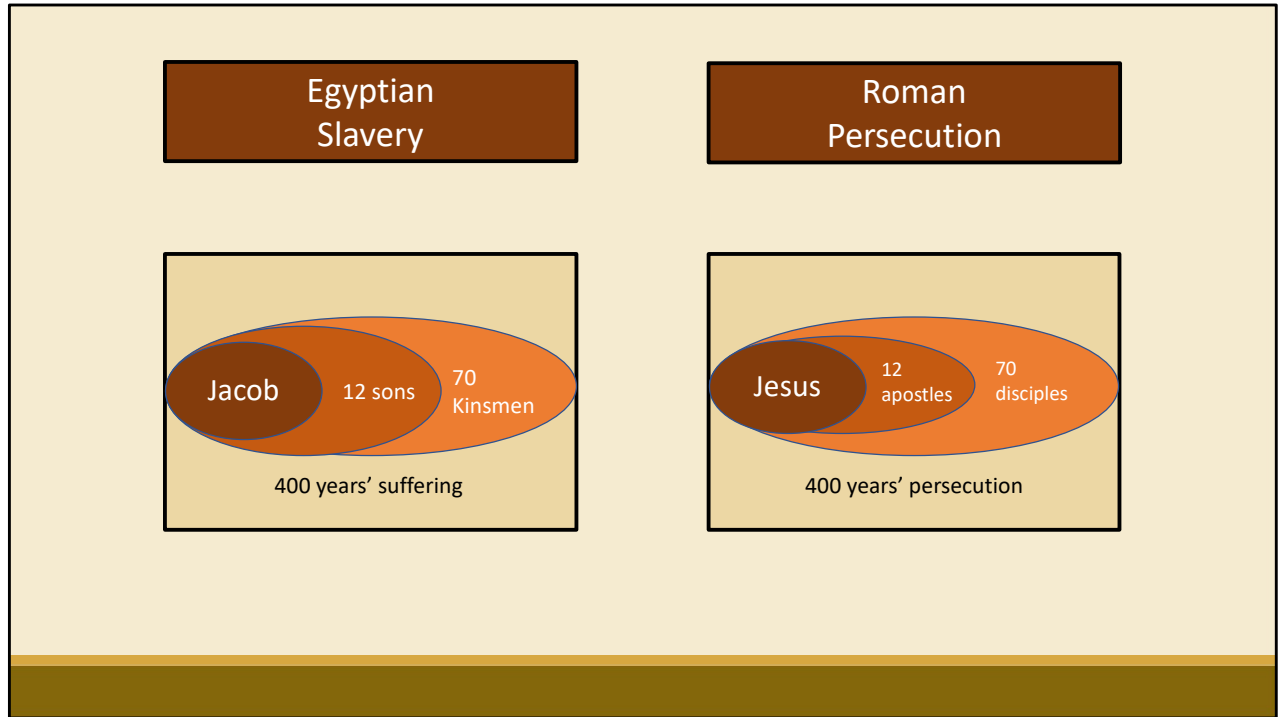
- The first period of the Christian era was the Period of Persecution in the Roman Empire.



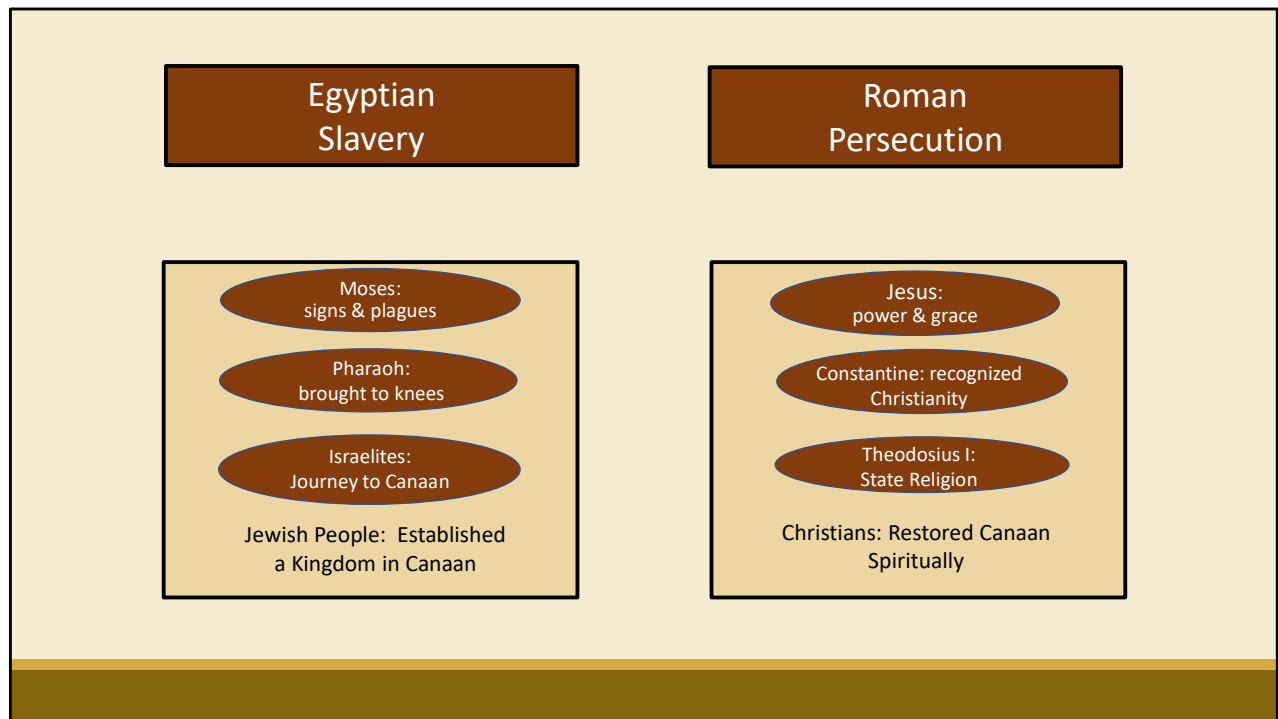
## Historical Parallels



- This 400-year period of persecution in the Roman empire, until Christianity was established as the state religion in 392 AD, was the substantial parallel to the Israelites' 400-year period of slavery in Egypt.
- Its purpose was to restore that earlier period through parallel indemnity conditions.
- By enduring great suffering, Christians were restoring through indemnity the 400 year period of preparation for the Advent of the Messiah, which had been defiled due to the Jewish people's mistake in rejecting Jesus, which resulted in Him going the cross.



- During the period of Roman persecution, Jesus' 12 disciples and 70 apostles were the first of many generations of Christians who suffered severe persecution in the Roman Empire over a period of 400 years.

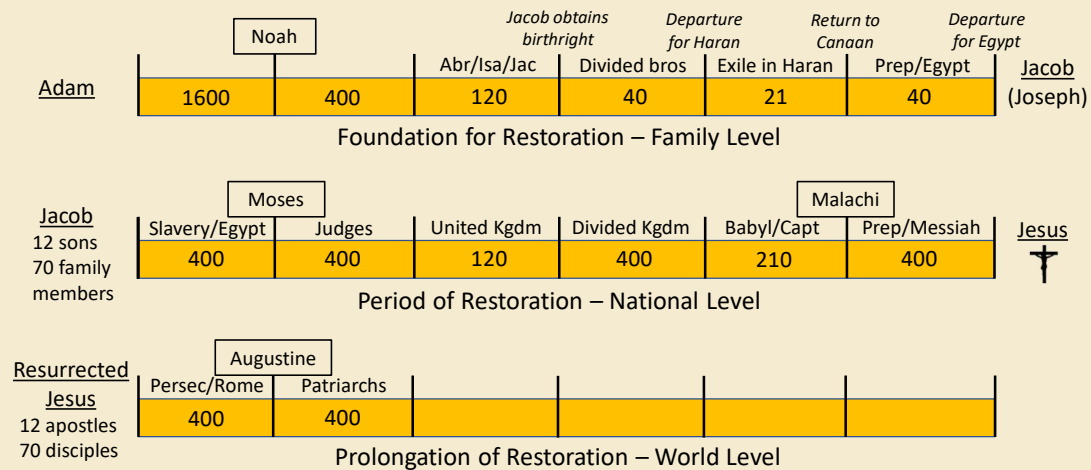


- Toward the end of the period of persecution in the Roman Empire, Jesus increased the numbers of believers by moving their hearts with His power and grace.
- Jesus led Emperor Constantine to recognize Christianity and Theodosius I to establish Christianity as the state religion.
- At the end of this period, Saint Augustine arose as a great spiritual leader who helped to bring Christianity to a pagan Roman Empire.
- Christians thus restored Canaan spiritually inside the Roman Empire, the Satanic world.

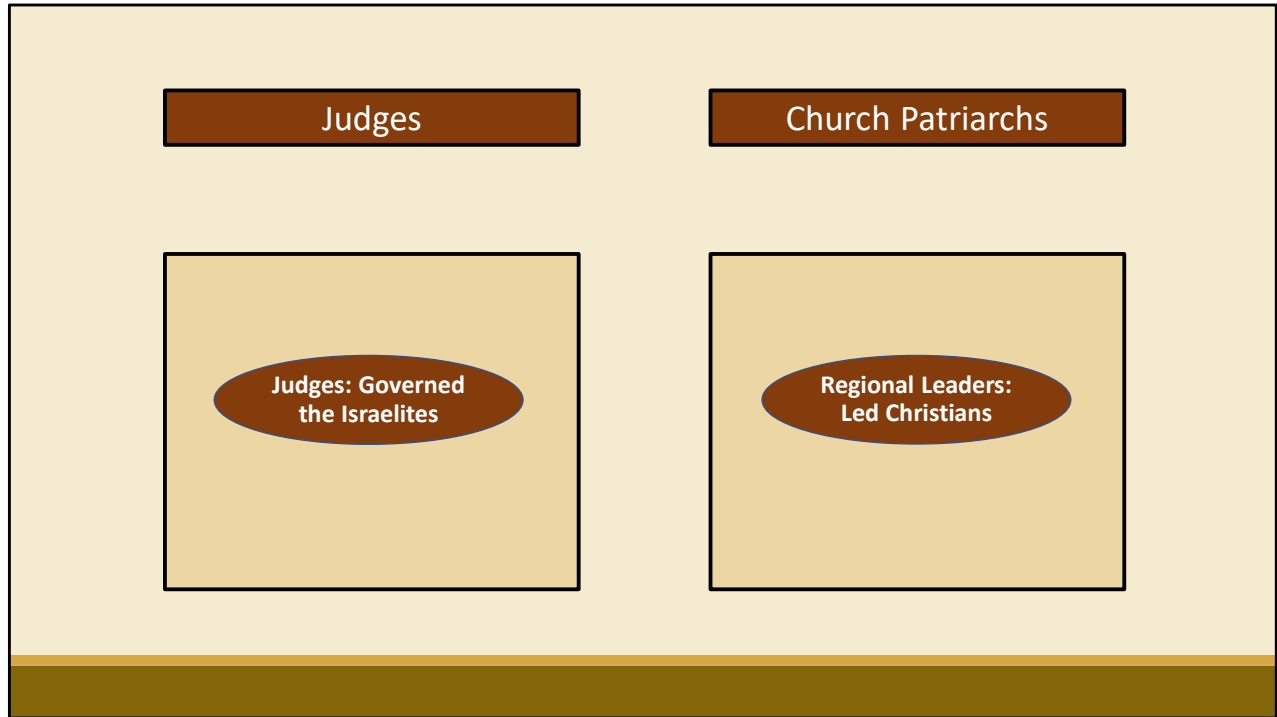
## The Period of the Church Patriarchs

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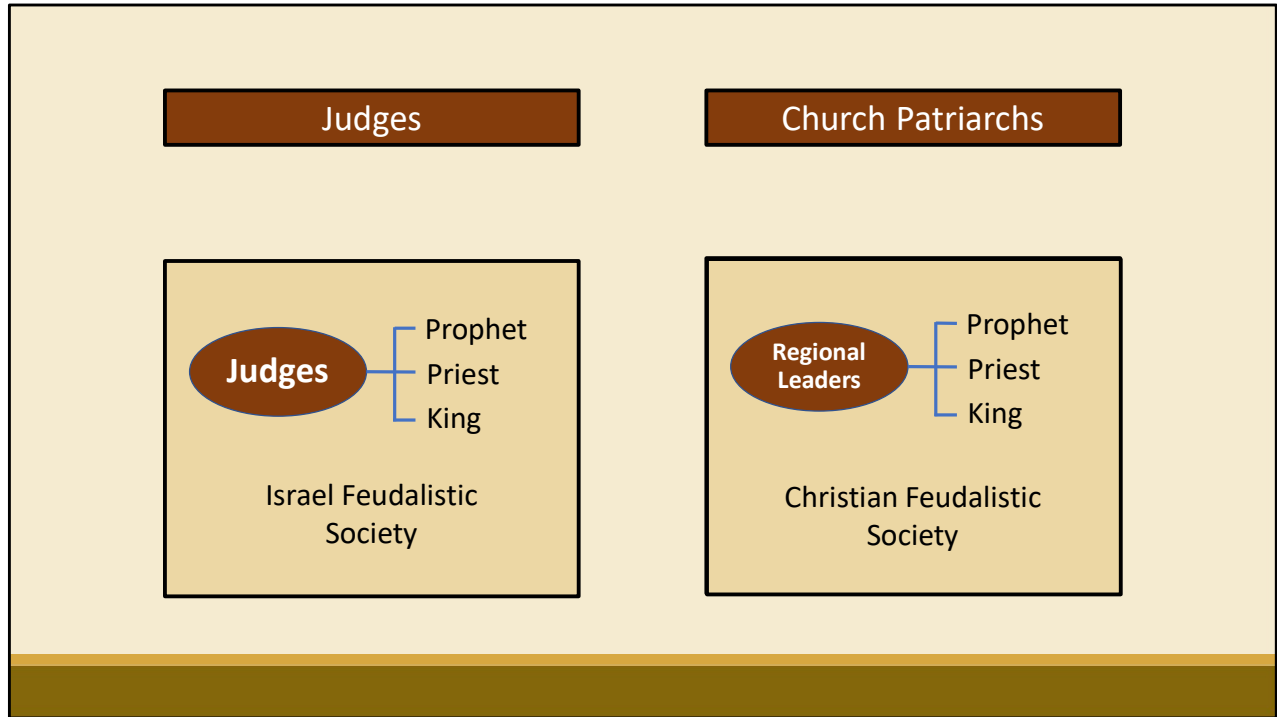
# Historical Parallels



- The 400-year period of the Regional Church Leadership last from the time of St. Augustine until the enthronement of Charlemagne in 800 AD.



- In the New Testament Age, the period of Regional Church Leadership was set up to restore the period of the judges through parallel indemnity conditions.
- In this period, regional church leaders- Patriarchs, Bishops and Abbots – led Christian society.

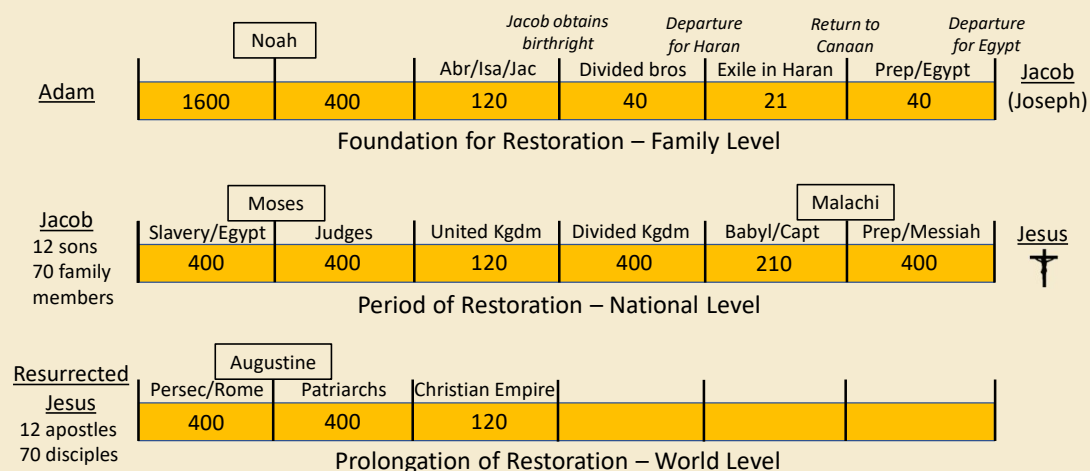


- Like the judges of the Old Testament Age, the Regional Church Leaders had duties similar to those of the Prophet, Priest, and King.
- Christian society in this period was a feudalistic society under these local authorities.

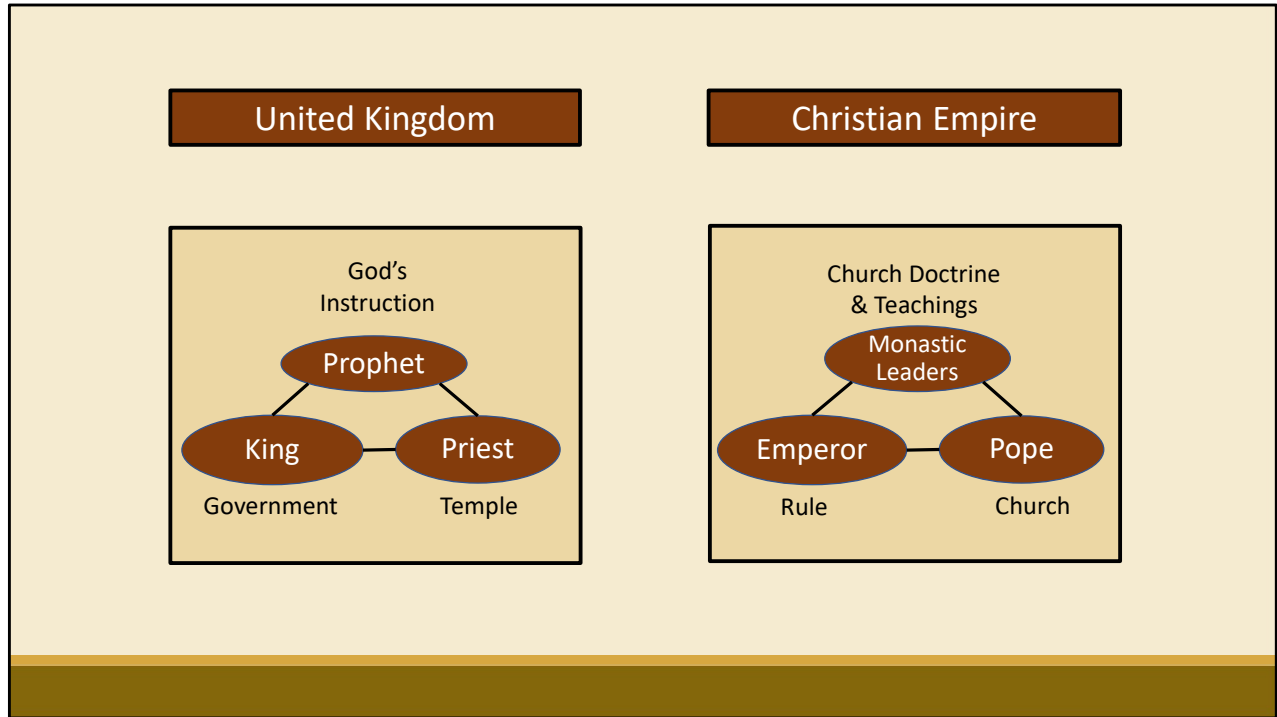
## The Period of the Christian Empire



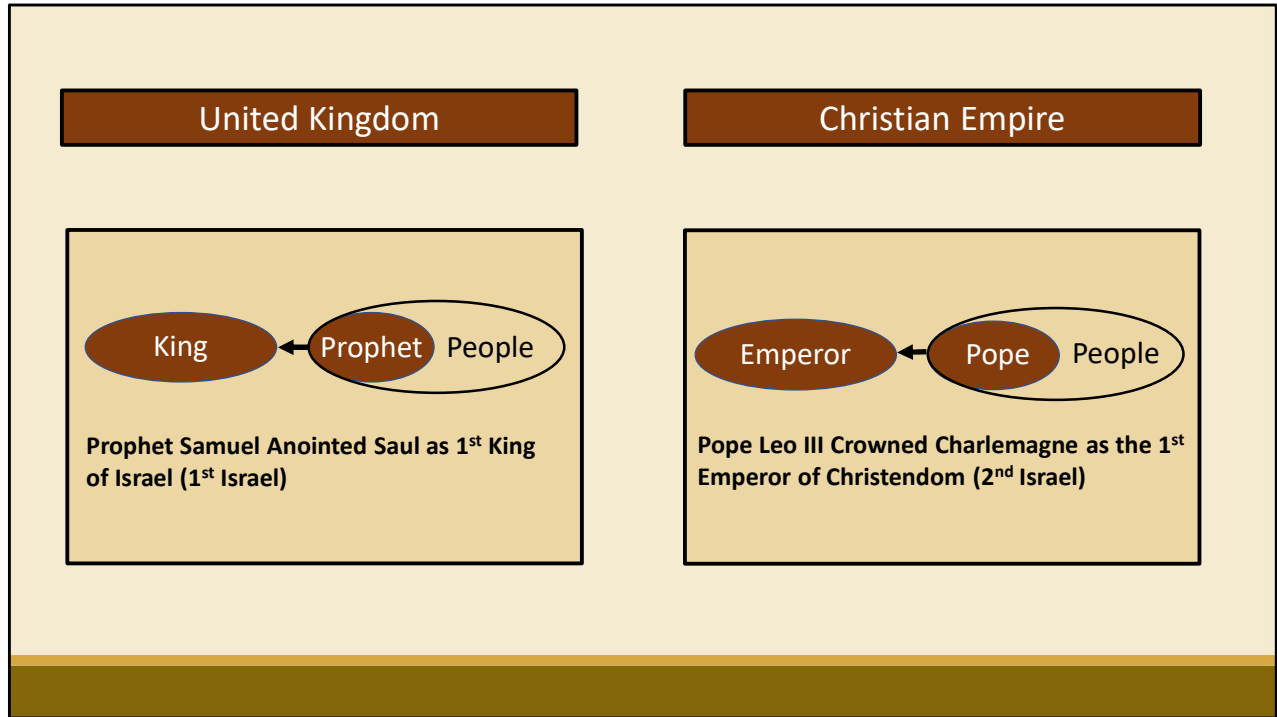
## Historical Parallels



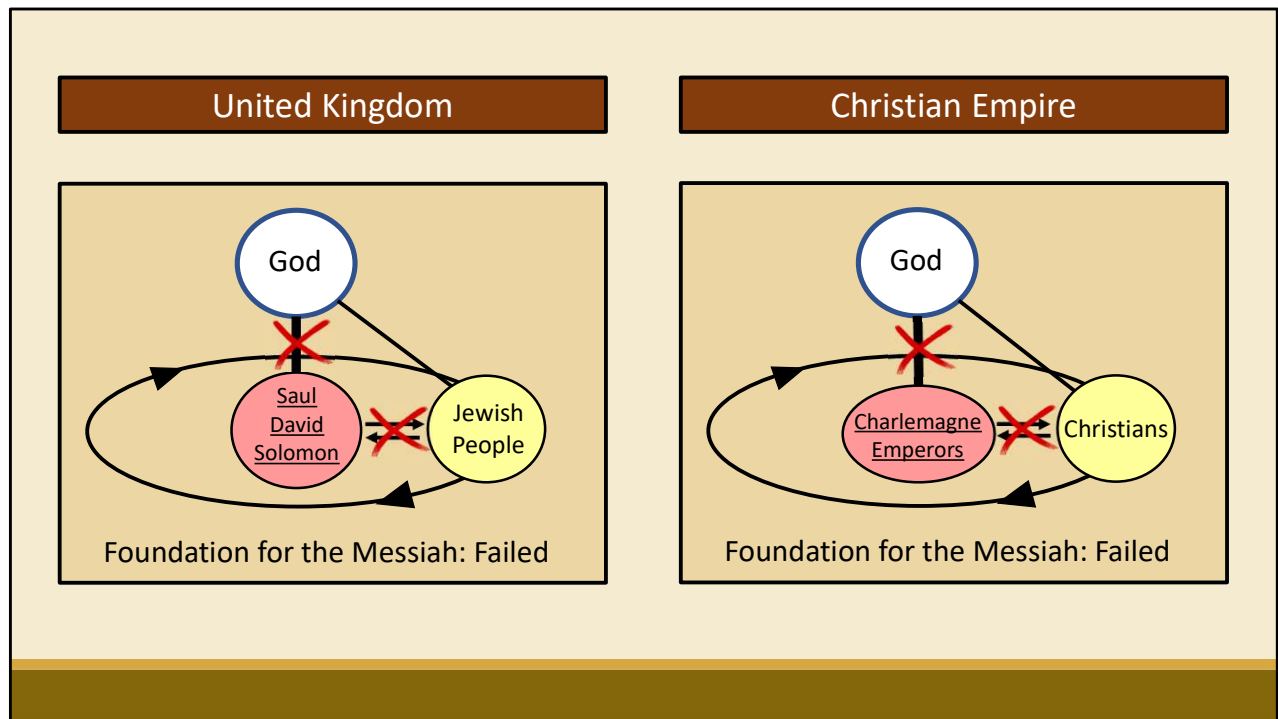
- The 120-year period of the Christian empire, from the crowning of Charlemagne in 800 A.D. until Henry I was elected king of the German lands in 919 AD, was to restore the 120-year period of the United Kingdom of Israel through parallel indemnity conditions.



- In the period of the Christian empire, the missions of the regional church leaders were apportioned to the offices of monastic leaders corresponding to the prophets, the pope corresponding to the high priest, and the emperor, who ruled the people.
- They were responsible to guide the Second Israel (Christianity) to accomplish the goal of the providence of restoration.



- Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne and blessed him as the first emperor of Christendom, the Second Israel, in 800 A.D.



- Charlemagne stood in the position to inherit the 400-year foundation laid during the regional church leadership.
- Had he humbled himself and remained faithful to the Will of God, the Foundation of Faith would have been laid.
- Subsequently, had the Second Israel absolutely believed in and followed Charlemagne, the foundation of substance would have been established, and thereby the foundation for the Messiah would have been established.
- The spiritual kingdom led by the pope and the earthly kingdom led by the emperor were to fully unite upon the existing spiritual foundation for the Messiah. Christ would then have returned upon this solid ground and built his Kingdom.
- God's will was to establish a strong God-centered kingdom under the leadership of Charlemagne, upholding the Christian teachings of the Pope. However, Charlemagne allowed the empire to fragment under a strengthening feudal system.
- Because Charlemagne's actions were not in line with God's Will, he left the position of Abel for the substantial offering (Foundation of Faith).
- Hence, neither the Foundation of Substance nor the foundation for the Second Coming of Christ was established.

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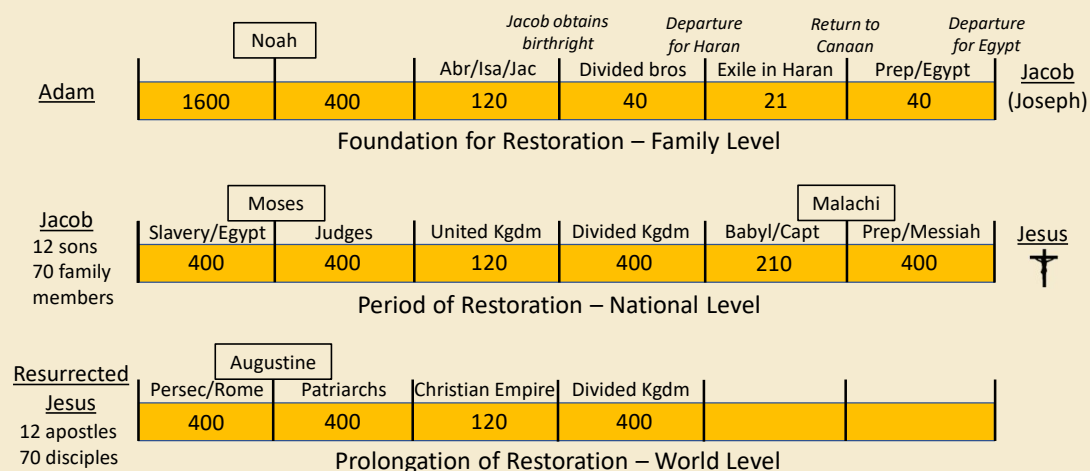
- *Charlemagne stood upon the foundation of the 400-year period of regional church*

*leadership, which restored through indemnity, in the form of substantial parallels, the four-hundred-year period of the judges. Therefore, like King Saul, he stood upon the foundation of a dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan. By faithfully living according to the teachings of Jesus in his work to realize the Christian ideal of the state, he was to establish the foundation of faith.*

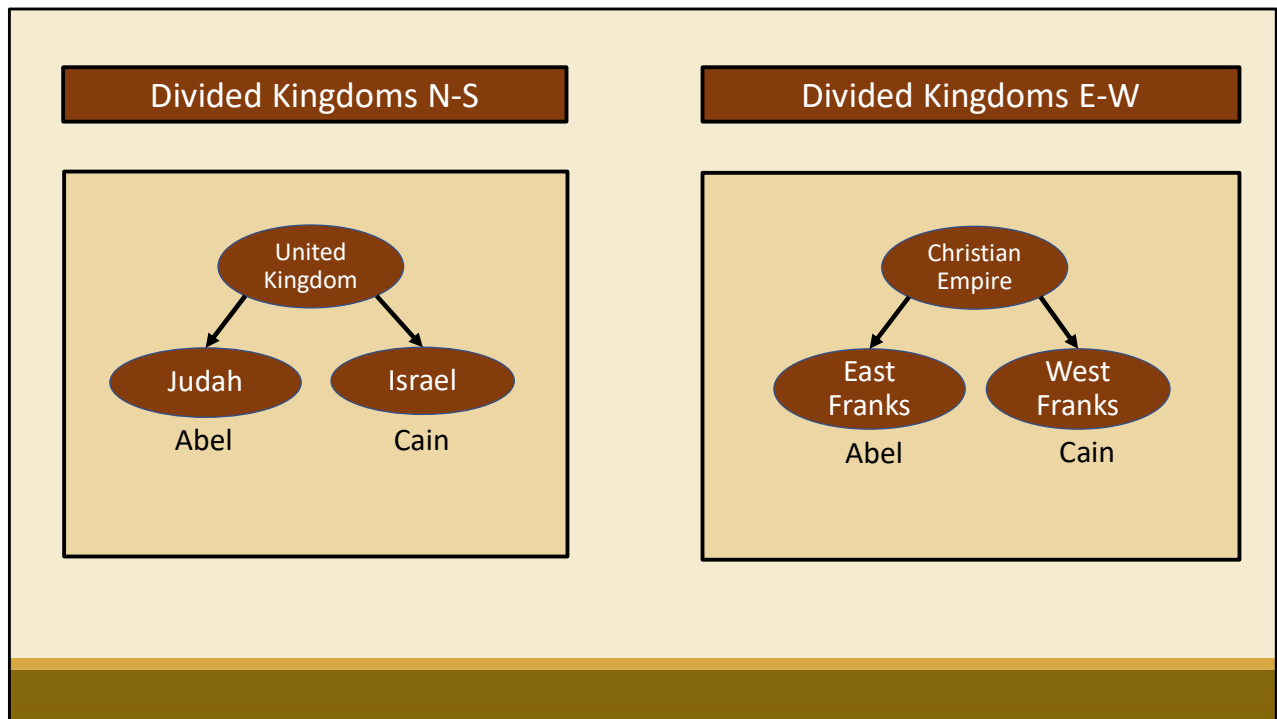
- *Indeed, when Charlemagne was crowned emperor, he was in the position to receive this foundation. Had the Second Israel absolutely believed in and followed Charlemagne, the foundation of substance would have been laid, and thereby the foundation for the Messiah would have been established. In other words, the spiritual kingdom led by the pope and the earthly kingdom led by the emperor were to fully unite upon the existing spiritual foundation for the Messiah. Christ would then have returned upon this solid ground and built his Kingdom.*
- *The Christian empire failed to build a unified kingdom to which the Messiah could come. Charlemagne built his empire when the foundation of early feudal society was ripe for consolidation into a strong monarchy. However, he never fully subjugated the vested powers of the feudal lords. Instead, the feudal system strengthened, with the Holy Roman Emperor reduced to just one of the great feudal lords.*

## The Period of the Divided Kingdoms of East and West

## Historical Parallels

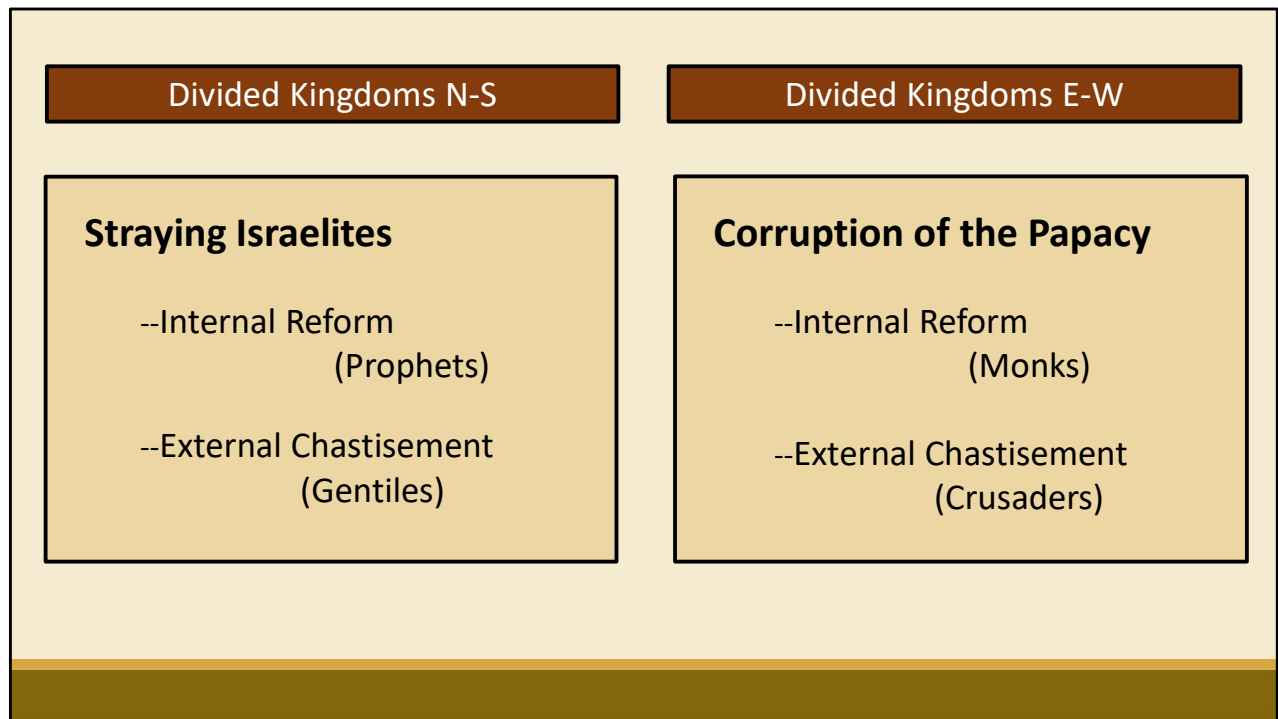


- The 400-year period of the divided kingdoms of east and west began with the division of the Christian empire in 919 and ended in 1309, with the papacy moved to Avignon, in what is now southern France.
- Its purpose was to restore the 400-year period of the divided kingdoms of north and south (Israel and Judah) through parallel indemnity conditions.

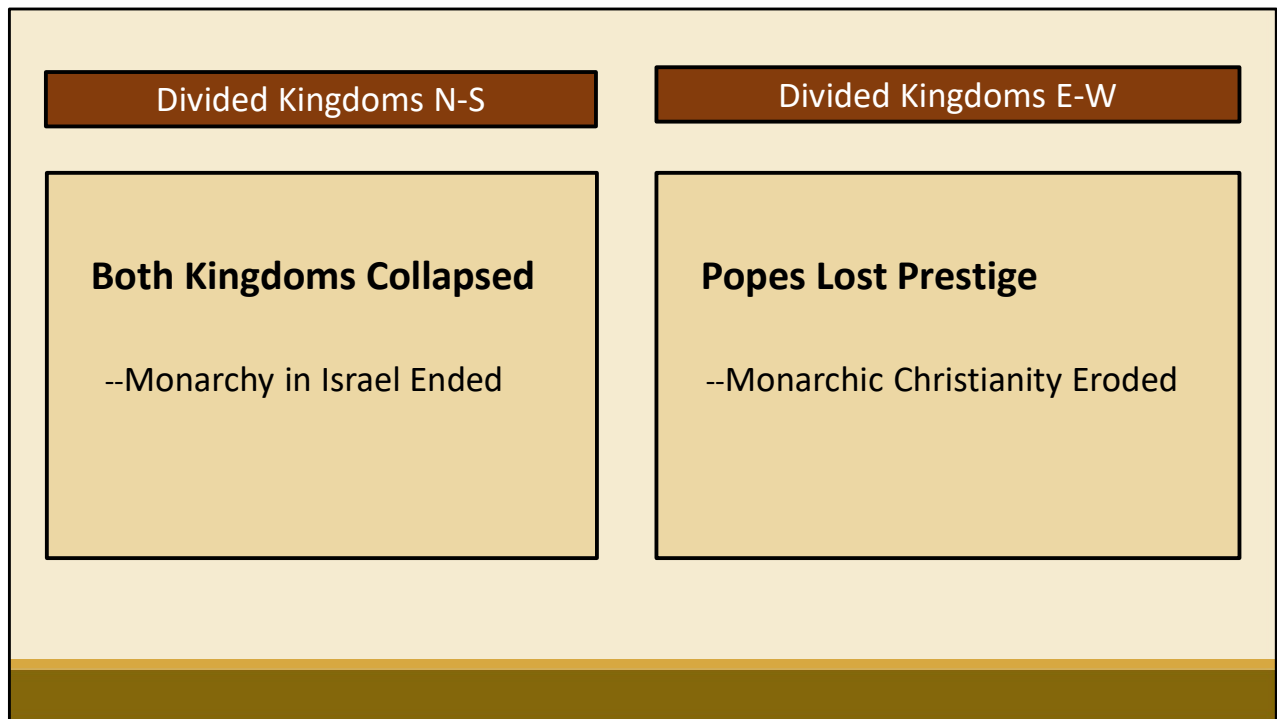


- After bitter and constant conflict among Charlemagne's descendants, the Christian empire also began to divide in the third generation into the East Franks and the West Franks.
- East Franks stood in the Abel position towards the West Franks, who were in the Cain position.





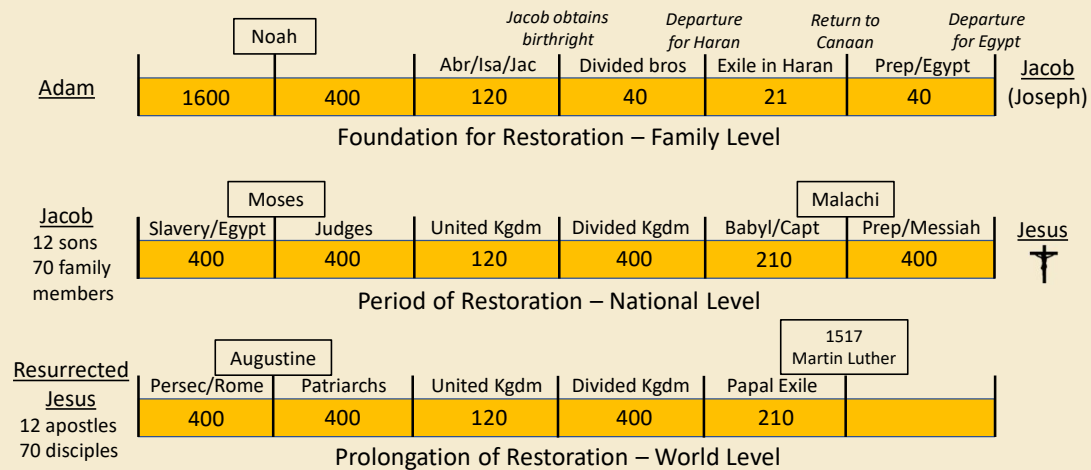
- During the parallel period of the divided kingdoms of east and west, the papacy was corrupt.
- God sent prominent monks to promote internal reform in the Church.
- Since the papacy and the Church did not repent, God chastised them externally by letting their people fight the Muslims through the Crusades.



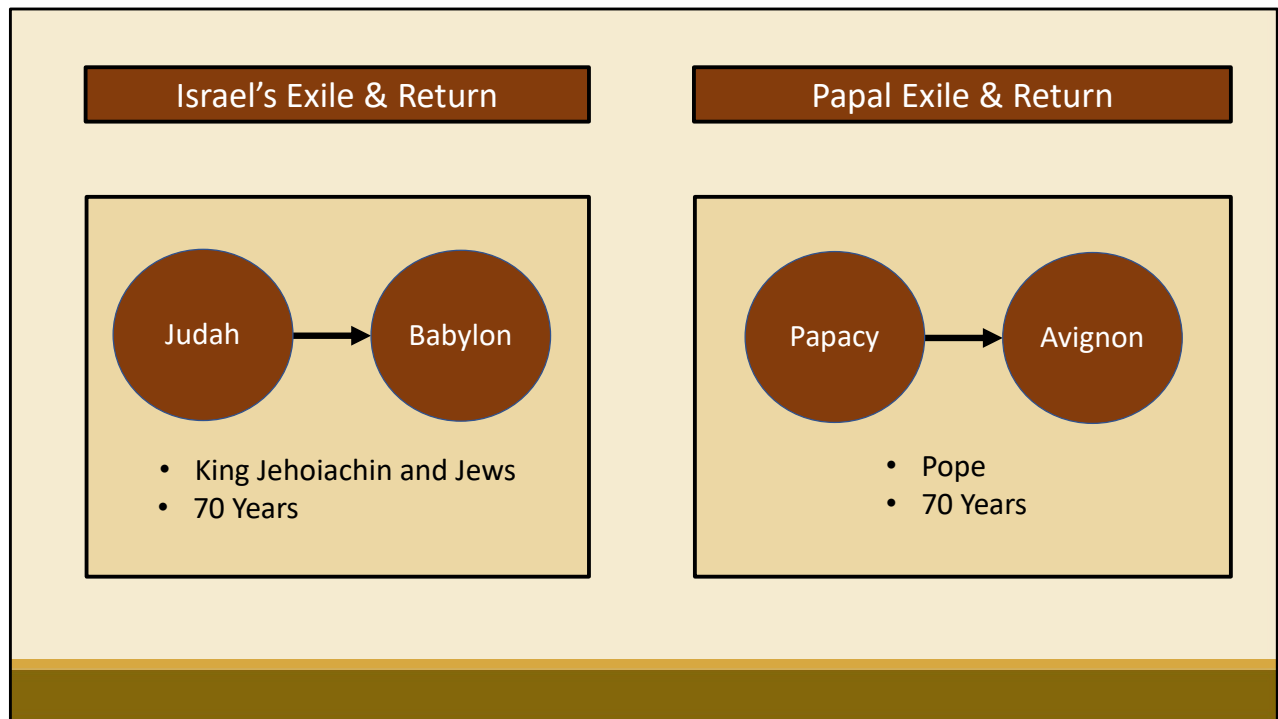
- Likewise, at the close of the period of the divided kingdoms of east and west, the papacy had completely lost its prestige and credibility after the repeated defeats of the Crusades.
- Christianity thus lost its center of spiritual sovereignty.
- Moreover, since the lords and knights were decimated by the Crusades, and the papacy and the feudal lords had spent enormous funds to pursue these unsuccessful wars, they were left impoverished.
- Monarchic Christianity began to erode.

## The Period of the Papal Exile and Return

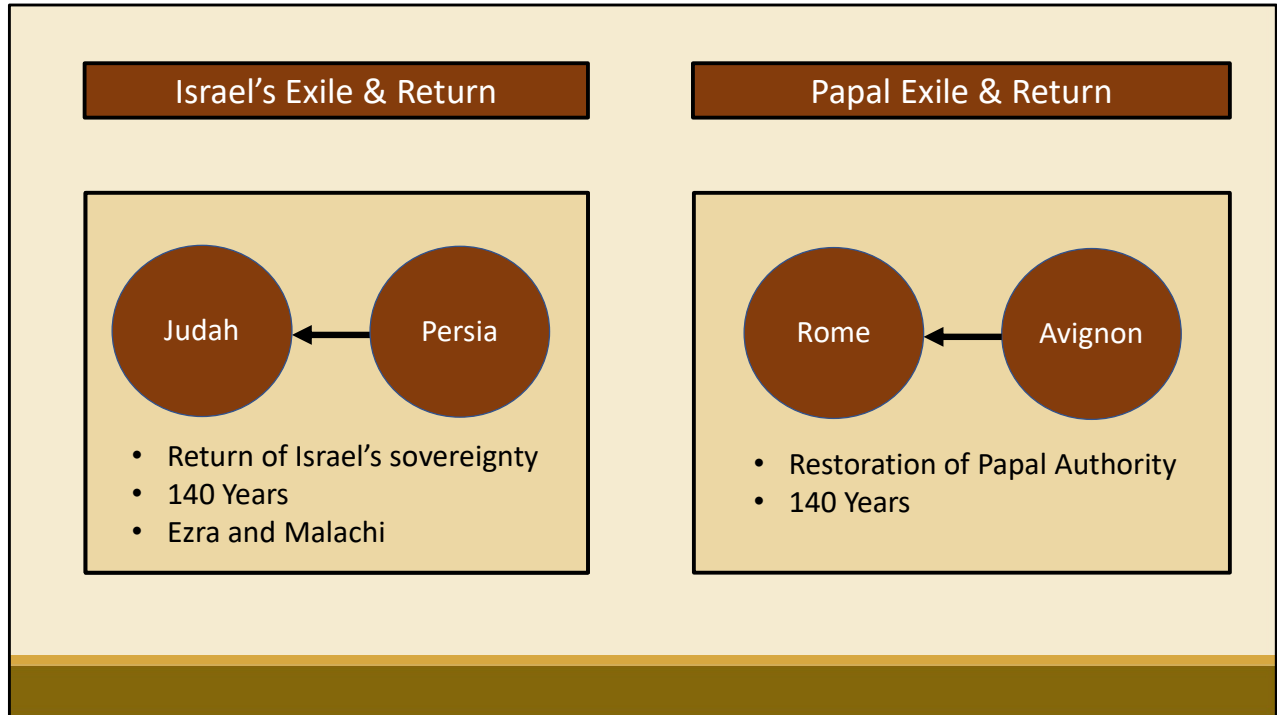
# Historical Parallels



- The 210-year period of Papal exile and return began in 1309 AD, when Pope Clement V was forced to move the papacy from Rome to Avignon and ended with the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
- Its purpose was to restore the 210-year period of Israel's exile and return through parallel indemnity conditions.



- Just as the Jewish people were taken captive in Babylon, God allowed the popes to be taken into exile and suffer captivity in Avignon for 70 years, beginning in 1309.



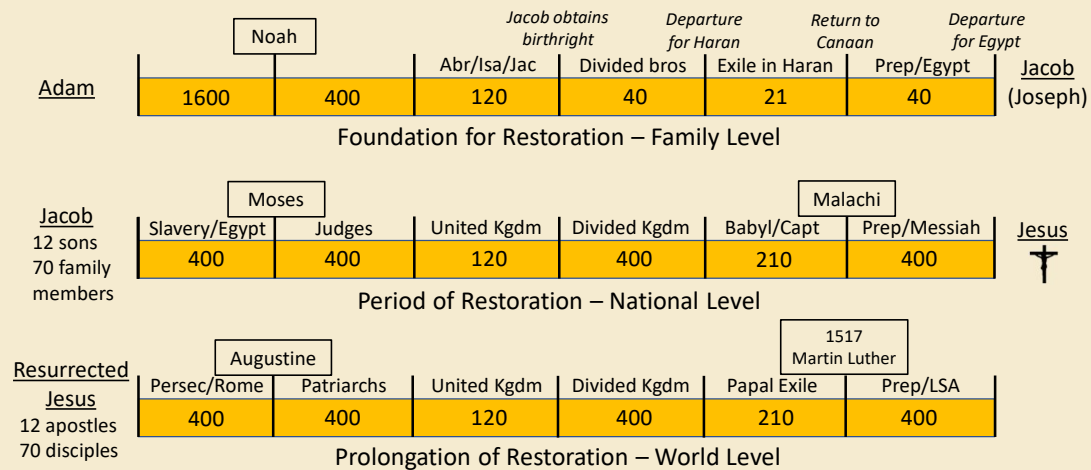
- After the pope returned to Rome, there was a period of approximately 140 years in which the Christian world went through the Great Schism, the conciliar movement and the restoration of papal authority in the Roman church, up to the eve of the Protestant Reformation spearheaded by Martin Luther in 1517.

*Additional info:*

- The Conciliar Movement was a Christian reform movement in the 14th and 15th centuries in the Roman Catholic Church which held that final authority in spiritual matters resided with the Church as a corporation of Christians, embodied by a general church council, not with the Pope.
- The East–West Schism, also called the Great Schism and the Schism of 1054, was the break of communion between what are now the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox churches, which had lasted until the 11th century.

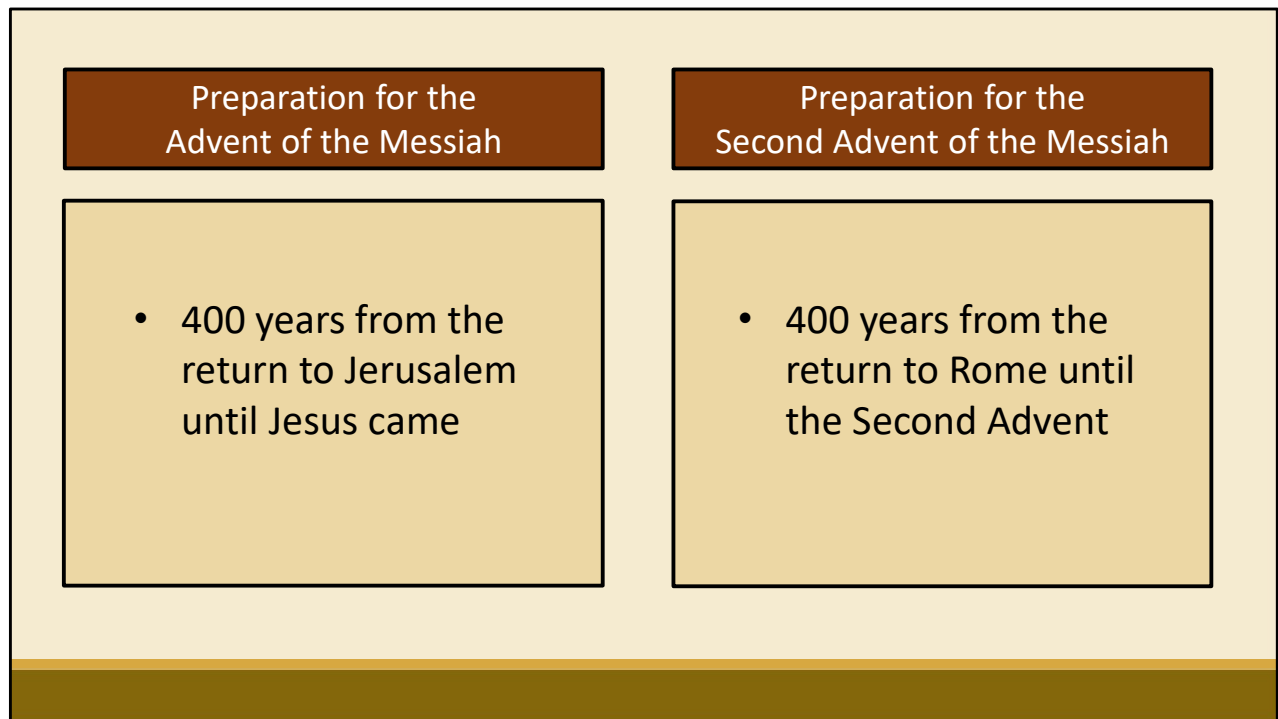
The Period of the Preparation  
for the  
Second Advent of the Messiah

# Historical Parallels

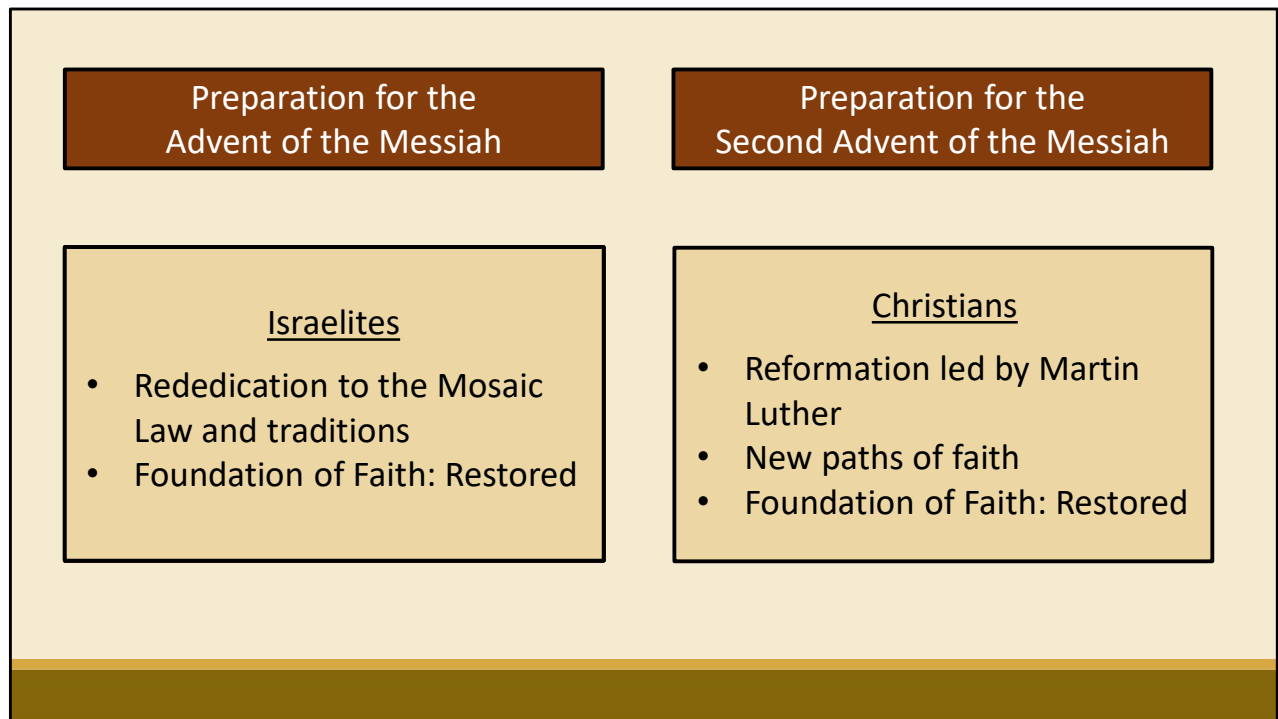


- The 400-year period of preparation of the second advent of the Messiah began in 1517 with Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation and lasted until the eve of the Second Advent of Christ on the earth.
- Its purpose was to restore the 400-year period of preparation for the advent of the Messiah through parallel indemnity conditions.

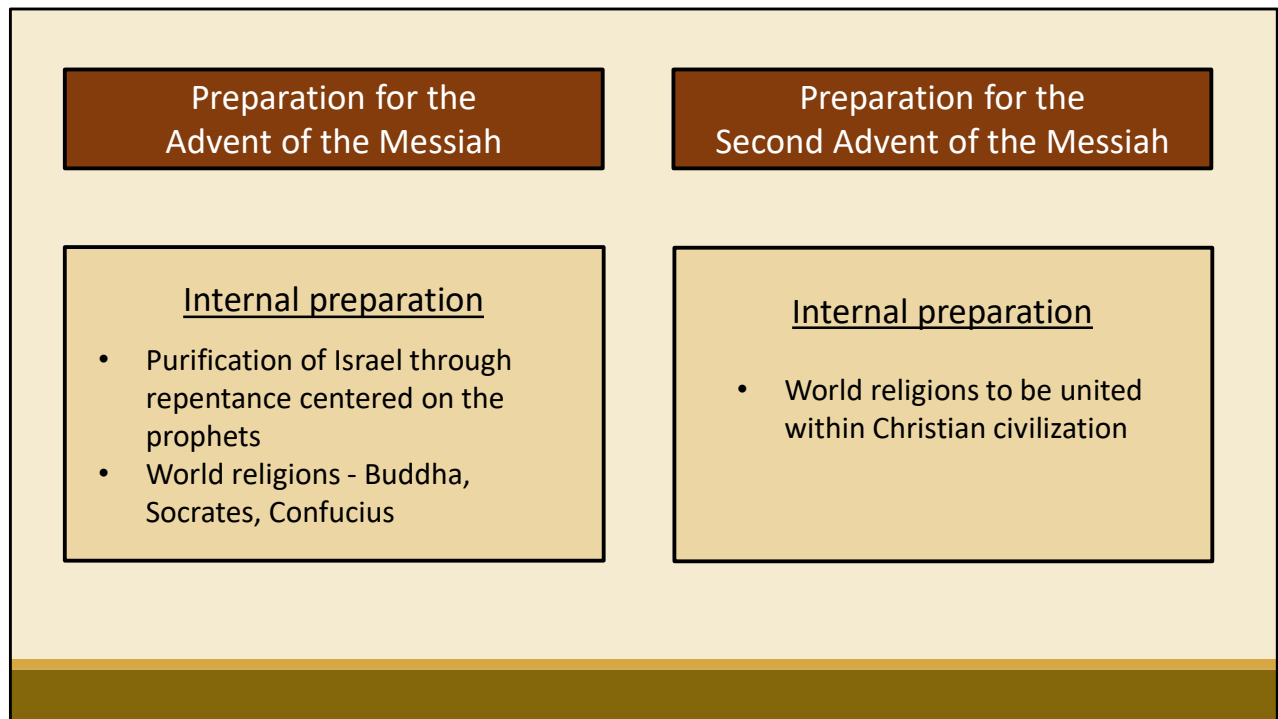




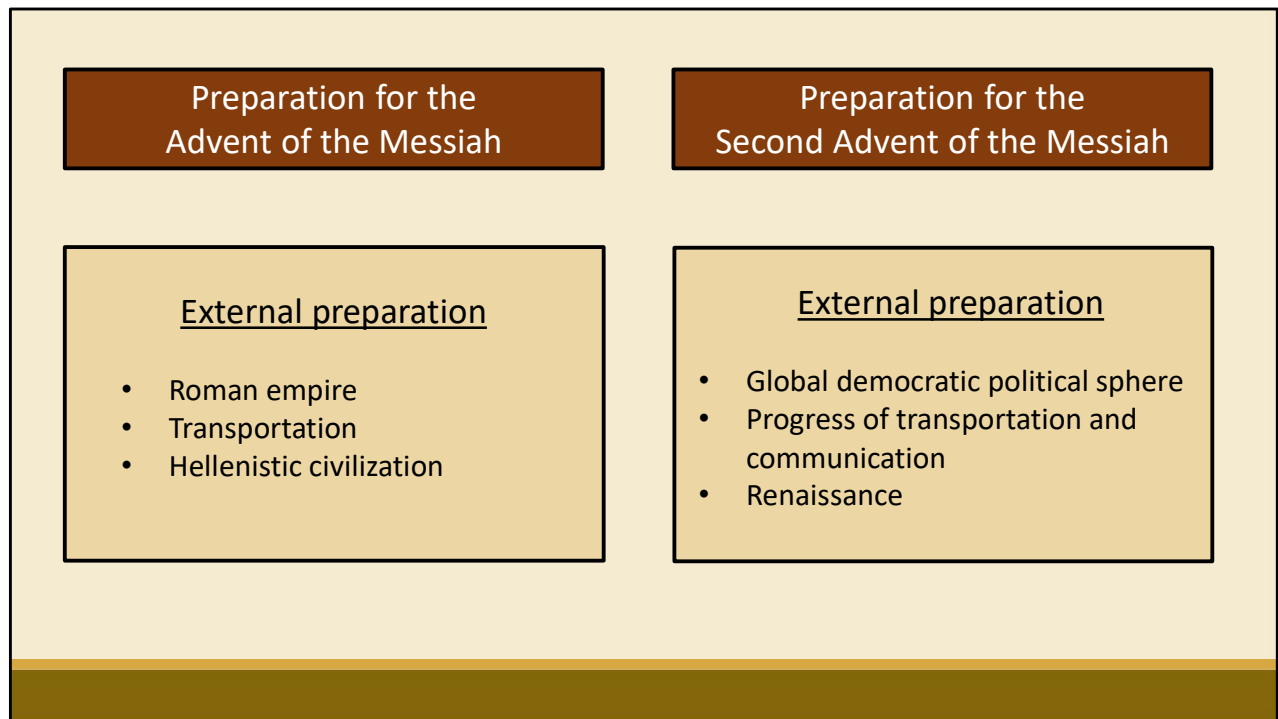
- After the papacy returned to Rome, Christianity was to meet Christ at his Second Advent only after passing through the 400 years of the period of preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah.



- Medieval Christians established the foundation of faith by seeking to reform the Roman church.
- These efforts culminated in the Protestant Reformation led by Martin Luther.
- This movement pierced the spiritual darkness of medieval Europe with the light of the Gospel and pioneered new paths of faith.

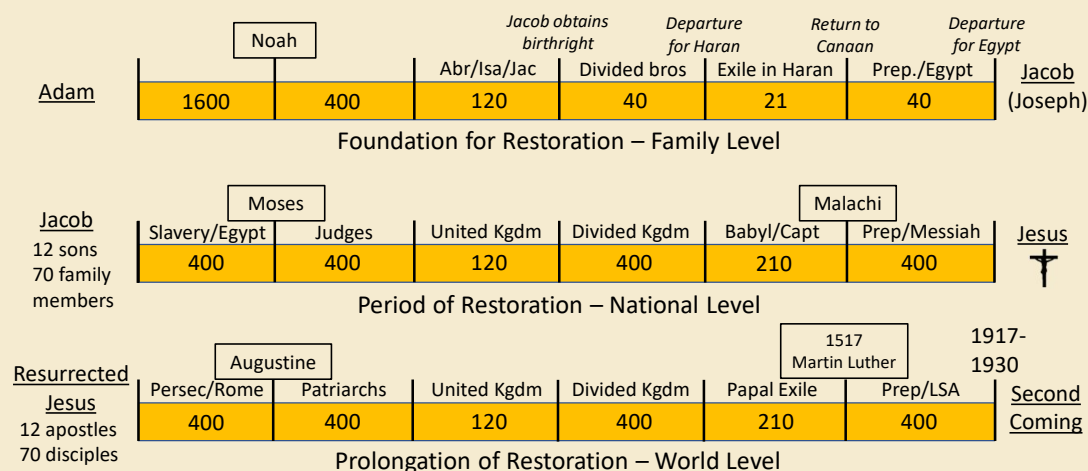


- In the period of preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah, beginning with the Renaissance, progress in virtually every field of human endeavor, including politics, economy, culture and science increased at a rapid rate, creating the global environment conducive to the work of Christ at his Second Coming.



- In the present era of the Second Advent, the democratic political sphere has expanded throughout the world, allowing for the freedom of speech and religion.
- The rapid progress of transportation and communication and the extensive contact among languages and cultures have brought the world much closer together.
- These factors have fully prepared an environment in which the teachings of the returning Christ can be freely and swiftly conveyed to the hearts of all humankind.
- God has prepared everything so that the news of the Second Coming and the truth that is revealed can spread quickly throughout the world.

## Historical Parallels



- By examining the 3 historical parallel periods of indemnity, we can clearly see that God's providence is not an unconnected series of random occurrences, but rather an orderly development of events based on the Principles of Restoration.
- The final Preparation Period for the Second Advent of Christ began around the time of Martin Luther's proclamation in 1517 which launched the Protestant Reformation.
- If we add 400 years to the year 1517, that brings us to the year 1917. If we add up the providential time periods beginning with the 400 years of persecution in Rome, all the way through the Last 400 years of Preparation for the Second Advent, that brings us to the year 1930.
- The conclusion is that the Second Coming of Christ must have come between 1917 and 1930.
- So why hasn't most of the world, including devout Christians, heard about this most important historic and providential event?
- In the final presentation, we will look more deeply into the Second Coming of Christ, so that we may clarify the meaning of Christ's return, and what we, as God's children, should be expecting.

Thank You Very Much!