

Student Notes

New Testament Survey



The life of Jesus and the Early Church

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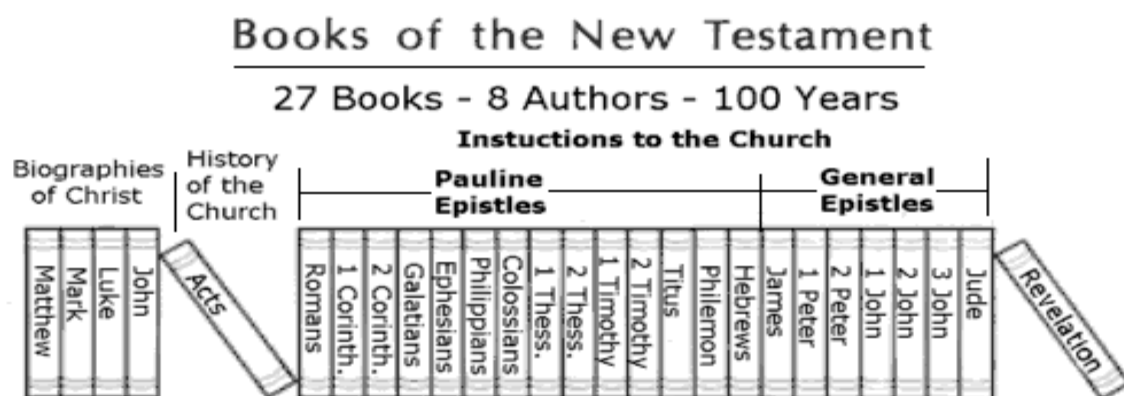
LESSON 1: Introduction to the New Testament

400 Years of
silence between
the Old and New
Testaments

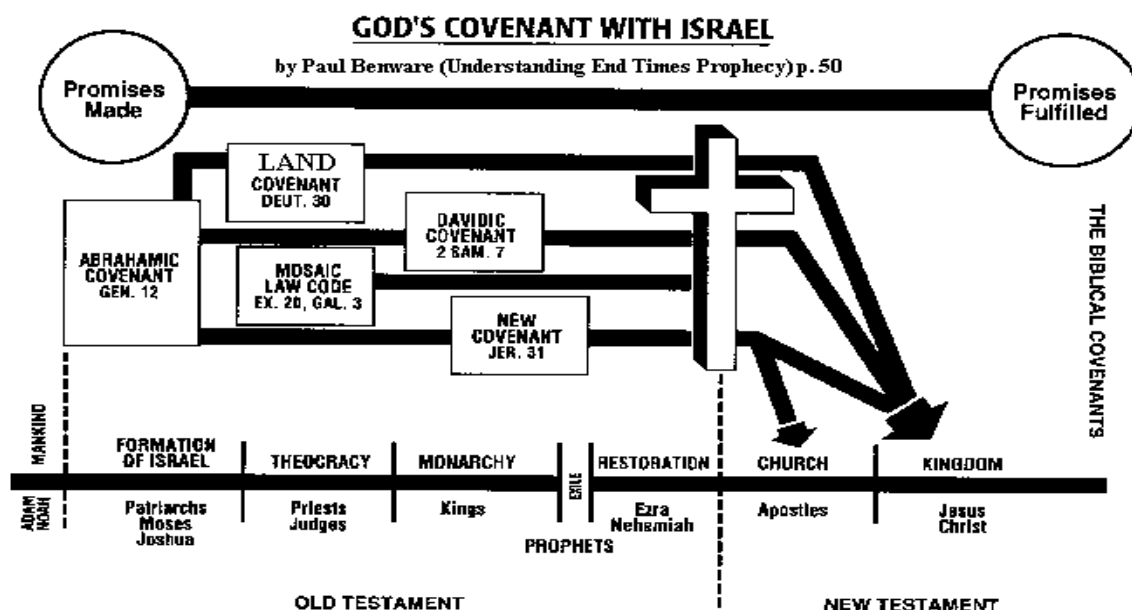
Introduction to the New Testament

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."
"...Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" **Matthew 5:17,18**

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" **2 Timothy 3:16**

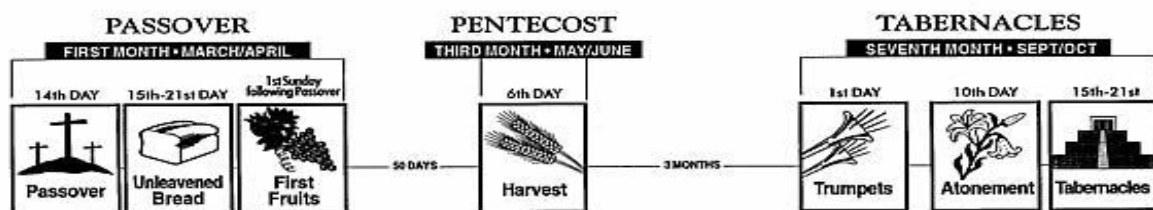


a. Relationship with Old Testament....





The Christian Meaning Of The Jewish Feasts



FEAST	CHRISTIAN EVENT	KEY CONCEPT
Passover	Crucifixion of Jesus	Justification
Unleavened Bread	Burial of Jesus	Sanctification
First Fruits	Resurrection of Jesus	Glorification
Harvest	Descent of Holy Spirit	Power
Interval of 3 Months	Current Age of the Church	Church Kingdom
Trumpets	Gathering of the Church (?)	Rapture
Day of Atonement	Second Coming of Jesus (?)	Jewish Remnant
Tabernacles	Inauguration of the Millennium	Earthly Kingdom

The NEW TESTAMENT is concealed in the OLD TESTAMENT.

The OLD TESTAMENT is revealed in the NEW TESTAMENT.

The term 'New' is used NOT in the sense of REPLACING the OLD but in the sense of being FRESH and FULFILLING the OLD.

See Matthew 5:17-18; Romans 10:4

We are not to be UNDER the Law (Romans 2:12; 1 Corinthians 9:20; Galatians 4:21) nor ABOVE it (James 4:11) but IN the Law of the Spirit of Life (Romans 8:2) – This is by FAITH (Romans 3:31).

Comparisons of the Old & New Testaments

Old Testament	New Testament
39 Books	27 Books
Written over a span of 1,000 years	Written over a span of 50 years
Job – Earliest Book written in the OT (about trials)	James – Earliest Book written in NT (about trials)
Written primarily in Hebrew	Written in common Greek
Begins God's revelation	Completes God's revelation
Predicts Christ as Messiah	Presents Christ as Messiah
Focuses on the Old Covenant	Focuses on the New Covenant
The Holy Spirit came upon people	The Holy Spirit indwells believers
The mystery concealed in the Old	The mystery revealed in the New
In the beginning God... (Genesis 1:1)	In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1)
End with a curse (Malachi 4:6)	End with His grace (Revelation 22:21)
Blessings to all nations of the Abrahamic Covenant repeated five times in Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14.	Great Commission repeated five times in Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8.

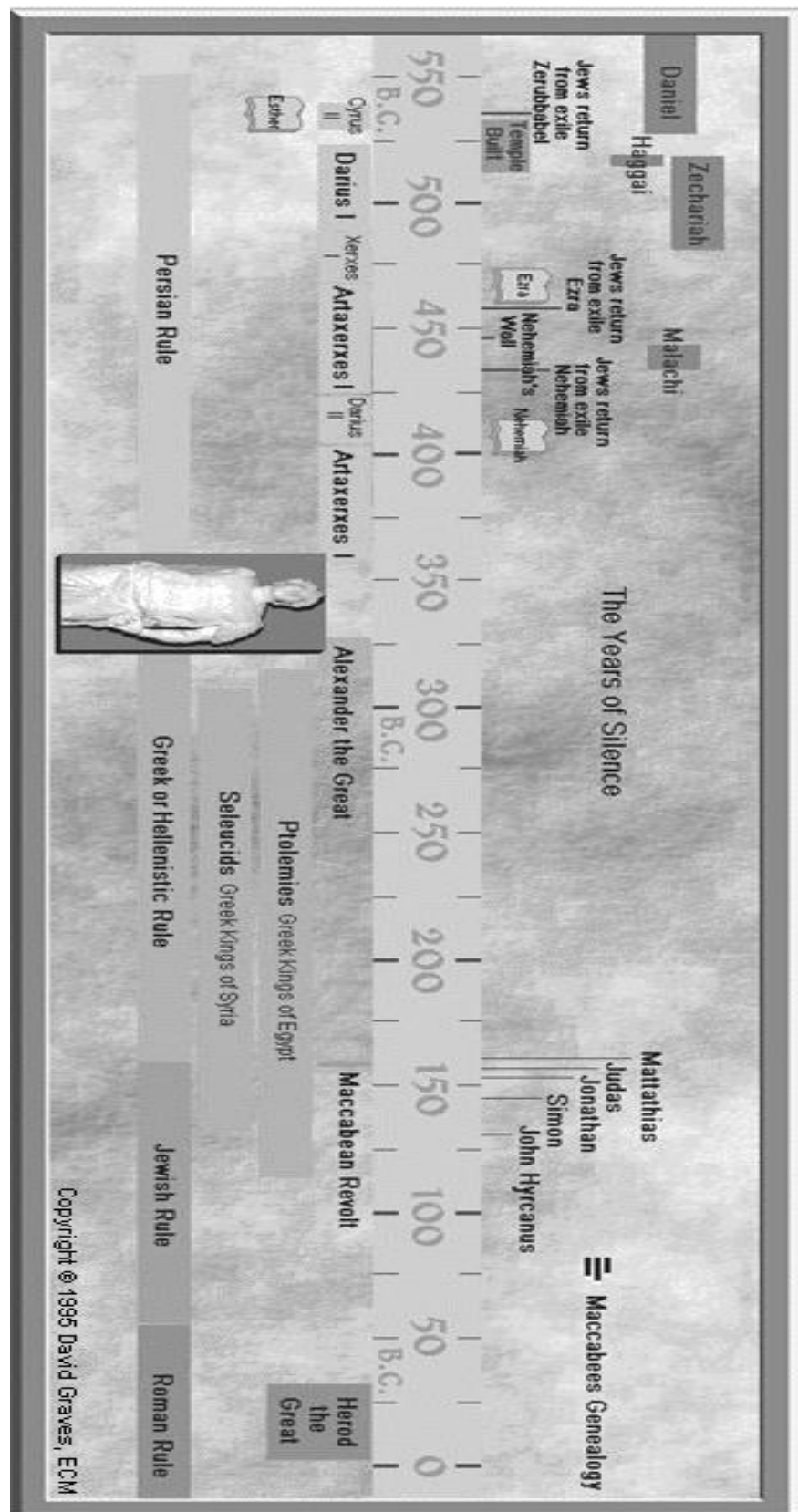
b. Divine Preparation for the New Testament

"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

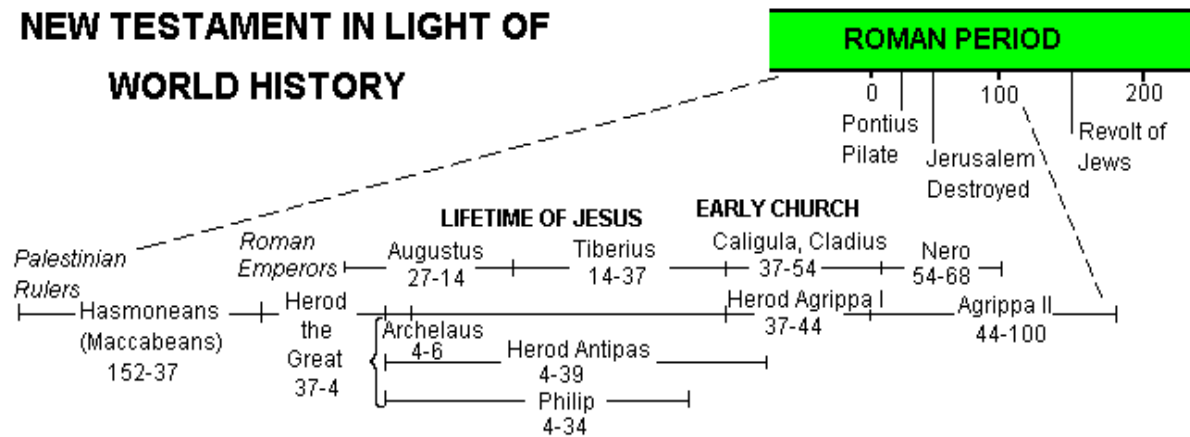
Galatians 4:4-5 (NKJV)

400 B.C.		+ 400 Silent Years	A.D.
LEADERS, PREACHERS	<i>Ezra Nehemiah Malachi</i>		<i>John the Baptist Jesus</i>
WORLD RULING POWER	<i>Persia (east)</i>		<i>Rome (west)</i>
RELIGIOUS GROUPS	<i>no major groups</i>		<i>Scribes, Pharisees Sadducees, Herodians Sanhedrin</i>
VERNACULAR	<i>Hebrew</i>		<i>Aramaic and Greek</i>
PLACE OF WORSHIP	<i>Temple</i>		<i>Temple and synagogues</i>

1. Preparation Through the Jewish Nation
2. Preparation Through the Greek Language
3. Preparation Through the Romans

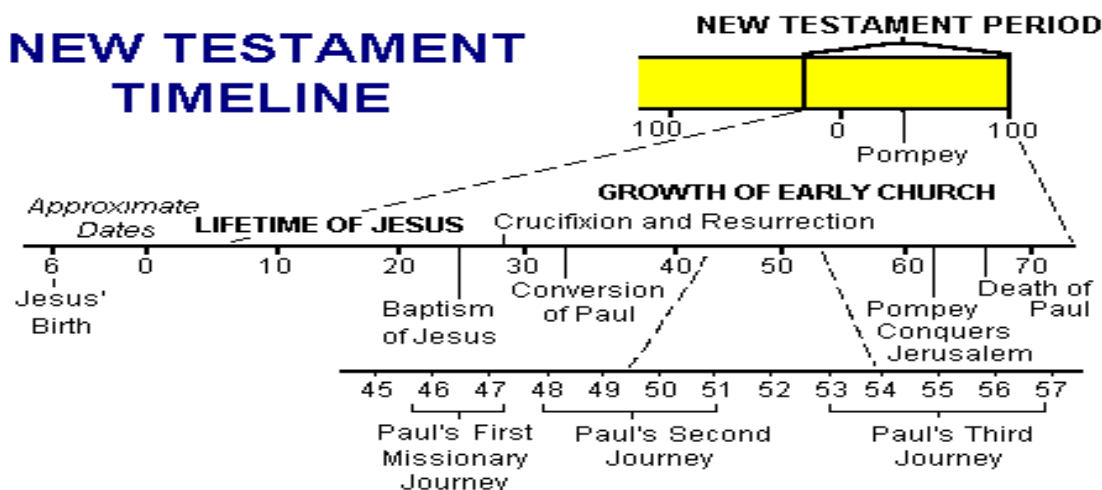


NEW TESTAMENT IN LIGHT OF WORLD HISTORY



c. Overview of Events in N.T...

NEW TESTAMENT TIMELINE



d. An Overview as to Focus		
Historical	The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John <i>Telling the story of the coming of the SAVIOUR & His person and work.</i>	Manifestation: <i>Jesus qualifies as the Jewish MESSIAH (Jn 7:42; Matt 9:27)</i> <i>The KINGDOM of God has come (Lk 17:21)</i>
	Acts The Acts of the HOLY SPIRIT through the apostles	Propagation: <i>Proclaiming the MESSAGE of the Saviour who has come to the ends of the earth</i> <i>HISTORICAL unfolding of Kingdom to all people (Acts 1:8; Gen 12:1-3)</i>
Epistolary	Epistles: LETTERS to churches and individuals. Romans through Jude <i>Details all about Kingdom LIVING.</i>	Explanation: <i>Developing the full significance of the person and WORK of Christ and how this should affect the WALK of the Christian in the world (to Jews & Gentiles) –</i>
Prophetical	Revelation The APOCALYPSE of the Lord Jesus Christ	Consummation: <i>Anticipating the end time events and the RETURN of the Lord, His end time reign, and the ETERNAL state.</i> <i>The Kingdom in its completeness.</i>

e. New Testament as Scripture

Authorship and authority

Jesus' pre-AUTHENTICATION of apostolic writing- John 14:26; 16:13

Apostles' awareness of the INSPIRATION of their own writing - 1 Cor.14:37,28

Apostles' awareness of the inspiration of OTHER apostles' writing - 2 Peter 3:16

Early attestation by "CHURCH FATHERS" (the 'canon')

New Testament Books						
History	Letters					Prophecy
Matthew Mark Luke John Acts	Paul's				General	Revelation
	Early during missionary journeys	Later after arrest at Jerusalem			James	
					Hebrews	
	Galatians	First imprisonment	Release	Second imprisonment	Jude	
	1 Thess. 2 Thess.	Colossians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	1 Peter 2 Peter	
	1 Cor. 2 Cor.	Ephesians			1 John 2 John 3 John	
	Romans	Philemon				
		Philippians				

