

STAGES ALONG THE WAY

- The role that Jesus plays in Redemption History is crucial to understand
- Redemption is more complex than what is found only in the Gospels
- A framework is needed to understand something so cosmic in its enormity as Redemption History

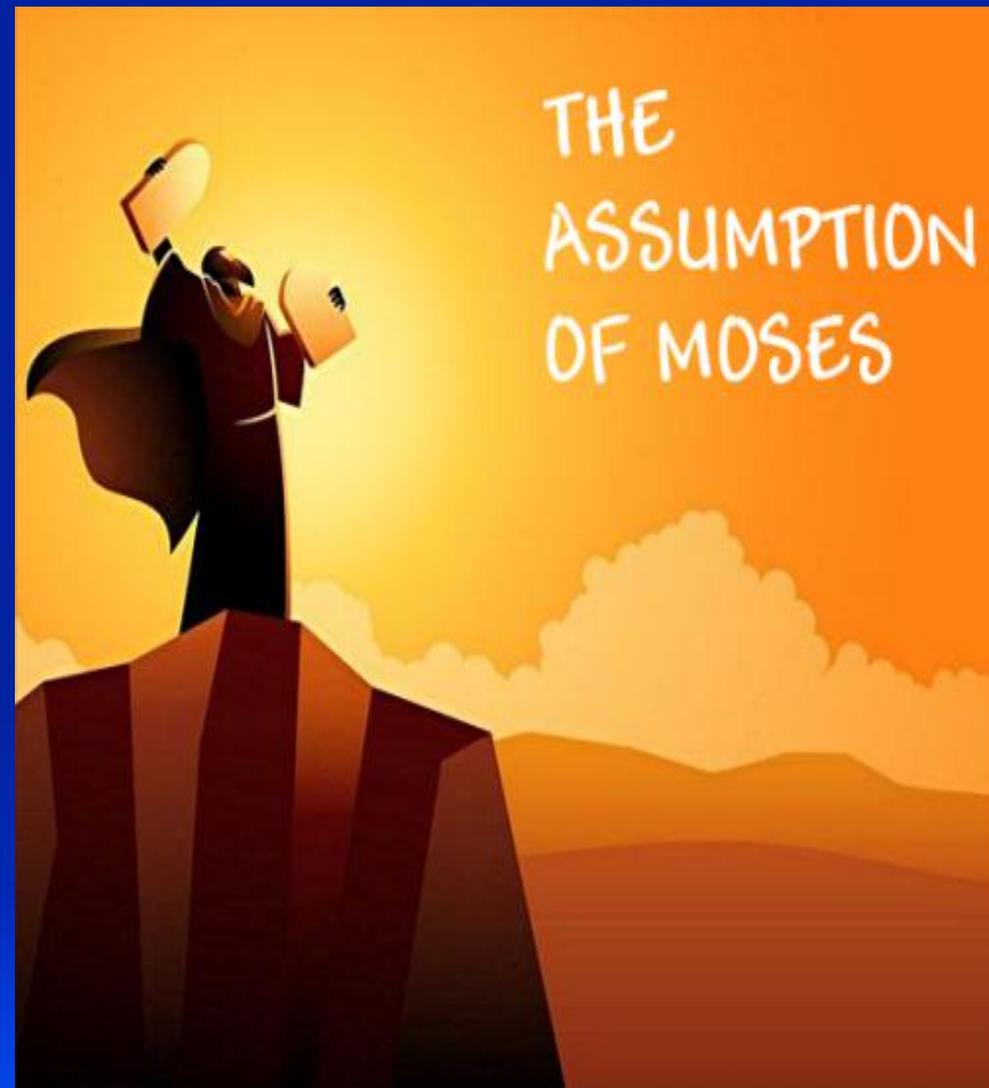




*THE SON OF
MAN
AND THE
ANCIENT OF DAYS,
DANIEL 7:13-14*

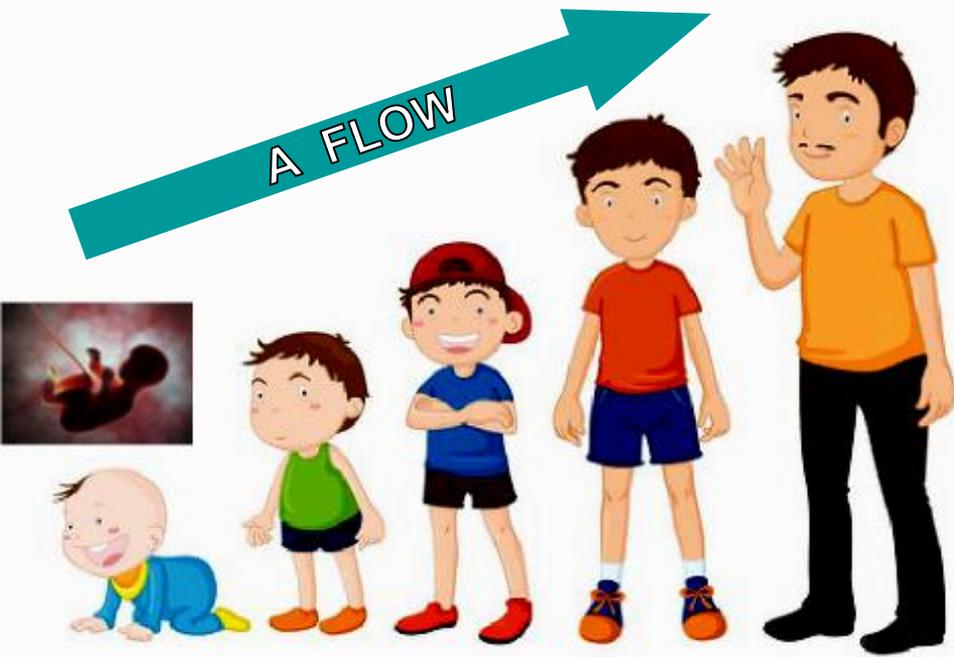
- Christ's firm conviction is that He is the Son of Man
- His understanding is in the context of Daniel chapter 7
- Daniel's vision included monstrous animals that represented 4 earthly kingdoms (empires)
- After those 4 kingdoms came and went, the Son of Man would come to set up, and rule over, God's Kingdom...
The Kingdom of Heaven

- Eschatology = study of End Times matters
- We all wish for a precise biblical flow-chart of End Times events
- 1st century Jews thought that the End was at hand
- The Book of Revelation is helpful to understand timing and sequence of End Times events
- But it was Yeshua who added the most, and His timeline had similarities to then current beliefs



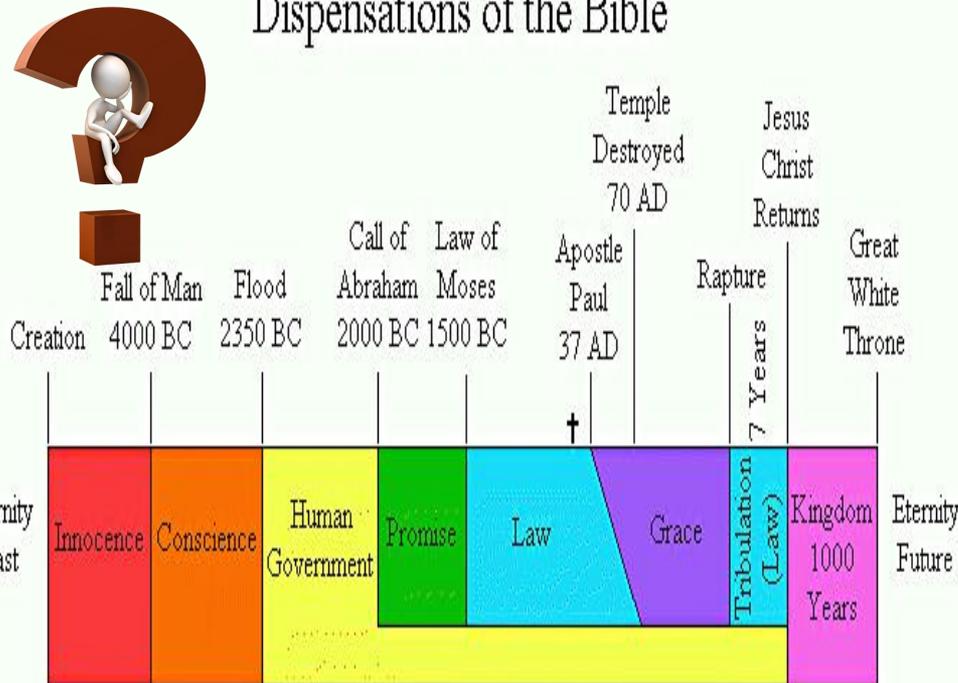
FLOW-CHART OF REDEMPTION HISTORY





- A flow; not independent generations as with start and stop points
- With Dispensations what came before vanishes and becomes alien
- So... Only 1 Covenant at a time can operate
- Each new Covenant abolishes the previous
- **WRONG!** Each stage is dependent upon the previous, with the memory and substance of it retained

Dispensations of the Bible



**CREATION
TO FALL**

The NEED for Redemption is created

**FALL TO
NOAH**

**Wickedness increased, so God purged
the earth except for 8 people**

**NOAH TO
ABRAHAM**

**God made a Covenant with Abraham that
created a special people group to serve Him**

**ABRAHAM
TO MOSES**

**The special group became the 12 tribes, and
they went to Egypt where they became slaves**

**MOSES TO
JOHN**

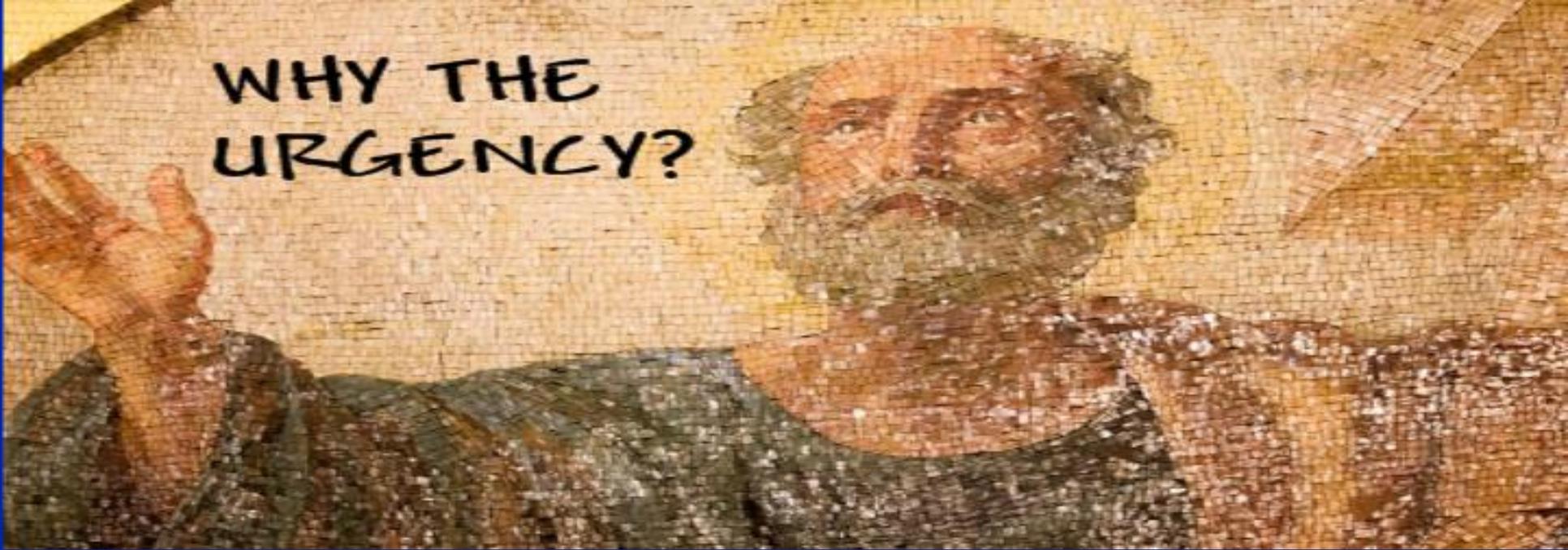
**FIRST REDEMPTION The Law is given
to Moses, Israel rescued from Egypt,
John inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven**

**JOHN TO
M. KINGDOM**

**SECOND REDEMPTION Jesus proclaims the
Kingdom of Heaven, and forgiveness of sins**

**RE-
CREATION**

**New Universe created. Evil destroyed.
All is eternal. REDEMPTION COMPLETED**



WHY THE
URGENCY?

- The **VISIBLE** proof of the arrival of the Kingdom of Heaven was Yeshua driving out demons
- Yeshua coming in the 1st century represented some, but not all, of what the Son of Man would do
- Few of His followers grasped this, thought they were living in the End Times, and so were willing to pay any cost to spread the Gospel of forgiveness of sins



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WHAT JOHN THE BAPTIST BELIEVED

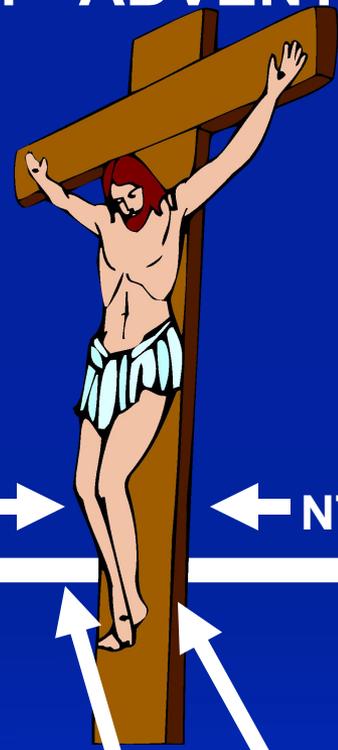
- 1) Living in a present age of wickedness
- 2) Son of Man comes and the Great Judgment happens simultaneously
- 3) After that, the End of the World

WHAT YESHUA TAUGHT

- 1) Righteous living beside the wicked in the present age
- 2) Upon John, Son of Man appeared, along with the Kingdom of Heaven and forgiveness of sins
- 3) Later in the future, the Son of Man would come again
- 4) Then a new heavens and earth

1st ADVENT

2nd ADVENT



← OT TIMES →

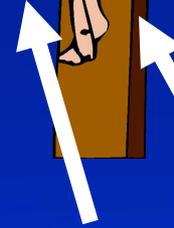
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END
TIMES

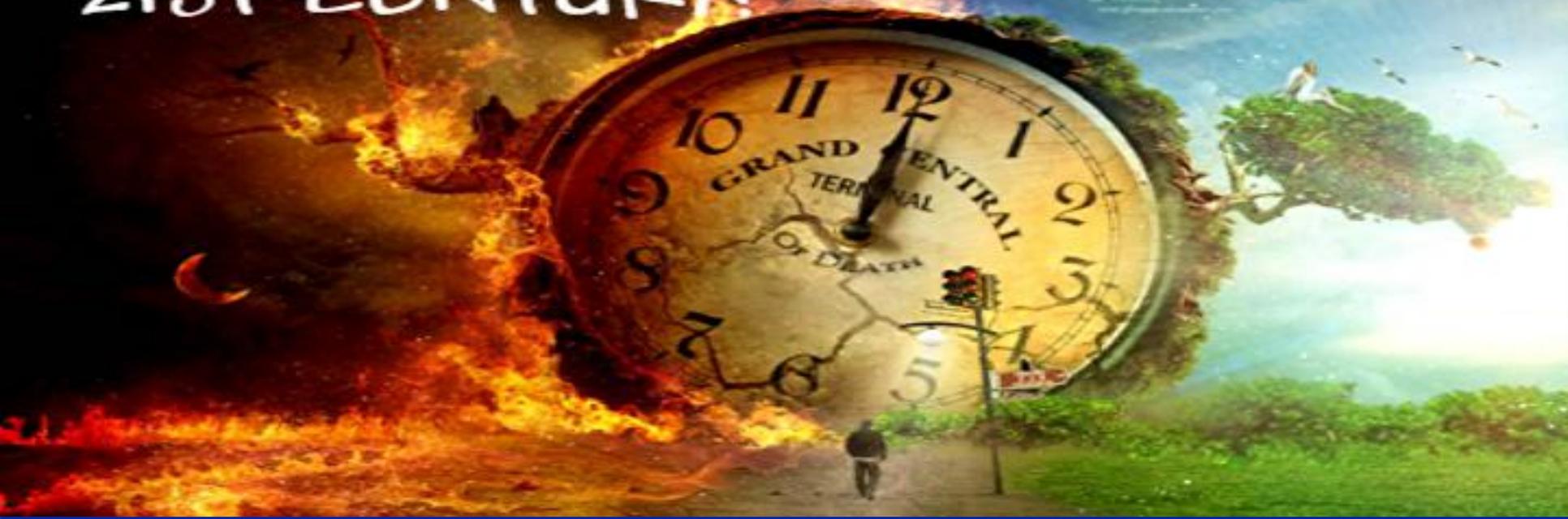
CREATION

DANIEL IN
BABYLON

CHRIST'S
BIRTH



WHERE DO WE STAND IN THE 21ST CENTURY?



- John the Baptist ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven, but would not be part of it Matthew 11:11
- We are somewhere in the 6th stage (of my flow-chart)
- Since it's been 2000 years since John, we are likely very far along in that stage
- The next stage begins with the return of the Son of Man as the Great Judge and King of the Kingdom of Heaven