

KEY 1: START WITH GOOD RESOURCES**1. Use a good literal translation of the Bible**

STARTING WITH GOOD RESOURCES

BIBLE

STUDY BIBLES
CROSS REFERENCES
MAPS AND CHARTS

TYPES OF BIBLES:

Literal (Word for Word)	Dynamic Equivalent	Paraphrase
New American Standard Bible	New International Version	Living Bible
English Standard Version	Today's NIV	Good News for Modern Man
New Living Translation		The Message
King James Version		

LITERAL  READABILITY



2. GOOD BIBLE DICTIONARY/ENCYCLOPEDIA

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BIBLE DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

There are a wide variety of Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias. The only difference between a Bible Dictionary and a Bible Encyclopedia is the size of the articles.

1. *The New Bible Dictionary* \$32.00
2. *The Illustrated Bible Dictionary* \$75.00
3. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* \$87.00
4. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* \$600.00



3. GOOD BIBLE ATLAS**STARTING WITH GOOD RESOURCES****BIBLE ATLAS**

A Bible Atlas has maps and geographical discussions that help us understand the places mentioned in our Bibles better.

1. Beitzel, *The Moody Atlas of Biblical Lands.*

\$29.00

2. Rasmussen, *NIV Atlas of the Bible.*

\$34.00

3. Aharoni, Avi-Yonah, Rainey, Safrai, *Carta Bible Atlas*

\$48.00
5TH EDITION

**4. GOOD BIBLE COMMENTARIES****STARTING WITH GOOD RESOURCES****BIBLE COMMENTARIES**

A good commentary is written by a specialist on that biblical book and generally the best ones go verse-by-verse to explain the text.

1. HOMILETIC COMMENTARIES:
HELPS YOU PREACH THE TEXT

2. EXEGETICAL COMMENTARIES:
HELPS YOU UNDERSTAND THE TEXT



5. GOOD COMPUTER PROGRAMS

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COMPUTER TOOLS

The computer is an excellent source for Bible research software, some of it is free and some expensive.

Free Ware

1. BLUE LETTER BIBLE
2. CROSSWALK.COM
3. E-SWORD (www.e-sword.net)
4. THE WORD

Paid Software

1. LOGOS
2. ACCORDANCE (MAC)



6. MAKE BOOK SUMMARY

JONAH: THE GOD OF COMPASSION

Date: Mid-8th Century B.C.
(2 Kgs. 14:25)
Author: Uncertain

Purpose: A Historical Parable used to teach about God's Compassion
Key Verse: Jon. 2:9; 4:2, 11 "Salvation is from the LORD"

PARALLEL STRUCTURE	
<p>JONAH 1-2</p> <p>GO TO NINEVEH!</p> <p>I. JONAH'S REBELLION (1:1-3)</p> <p>II. THE STORM AND ITS CAUSE (1:4-17)</p> <p>A. An Attempt to Save the Ship and its Crew (1:4-14)</p> <p>B. Foreigners Feared God and were Delivered (1:15-17)</p> <p>III. A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING (2:12-9)</p> <p>IV. JONAH IS SPARED (2:10)</p> <p>GOD IS GRACIOUS!!</p> <p>KEY SUBJECT: JONAH</p>	<p>JONAH 3-4</p> <p>GO TO NINEVEH! (REPEAT)</p> <p>I. NINEVEH'S REBELLION (3:1-4)</p> <p>II. NINEVEH'S REPENTANCE (3:5-10)</p> <p>A. An Attempt to Save the City and its Inhabitants (3:5-8)</p> <p>B. God Delivered the City (3:9-10)</p> <p>III. JONAH'S ANGER AND THE ILLUSTRATION OF THE PLANT (4:1-8)</p> <p>IV. NINEVEH IS SPARED (4:9-11)</p> <p>JONAH IS NOT GRACIOUS!!</p> <p>KEY SUBJECT: NINEVEH</p>

JONAH (yōnā) means "Dove" in Hebrew
Gath-hepher in the territory of Zebulun (Josh. 19:13)

Historical Context: 2 Kgs. 14:25 during reign of Jeroboam II (793-753 B.C.)
See: Matt. 12:39-40; Luke 11:29-30.

Date: must be before Nineveh was destroyed in 612 B.C. Nineveh was a great city (1:2; 3:2, 3)

NINEVEH

1. TITLE
2. DATE
3. AUTHOR

4. PURPOSE
5. KEY VERSE(S)
6. OUTLINE OF THE BOOK

7. STRUCTURE
8. IMPORTANT CONCEPTS

RUTH: DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE

PURPOSE: To demonstrate a godly person (non-Israelite during the time of the Judges).
KEY VERSE: Ruth 1:16

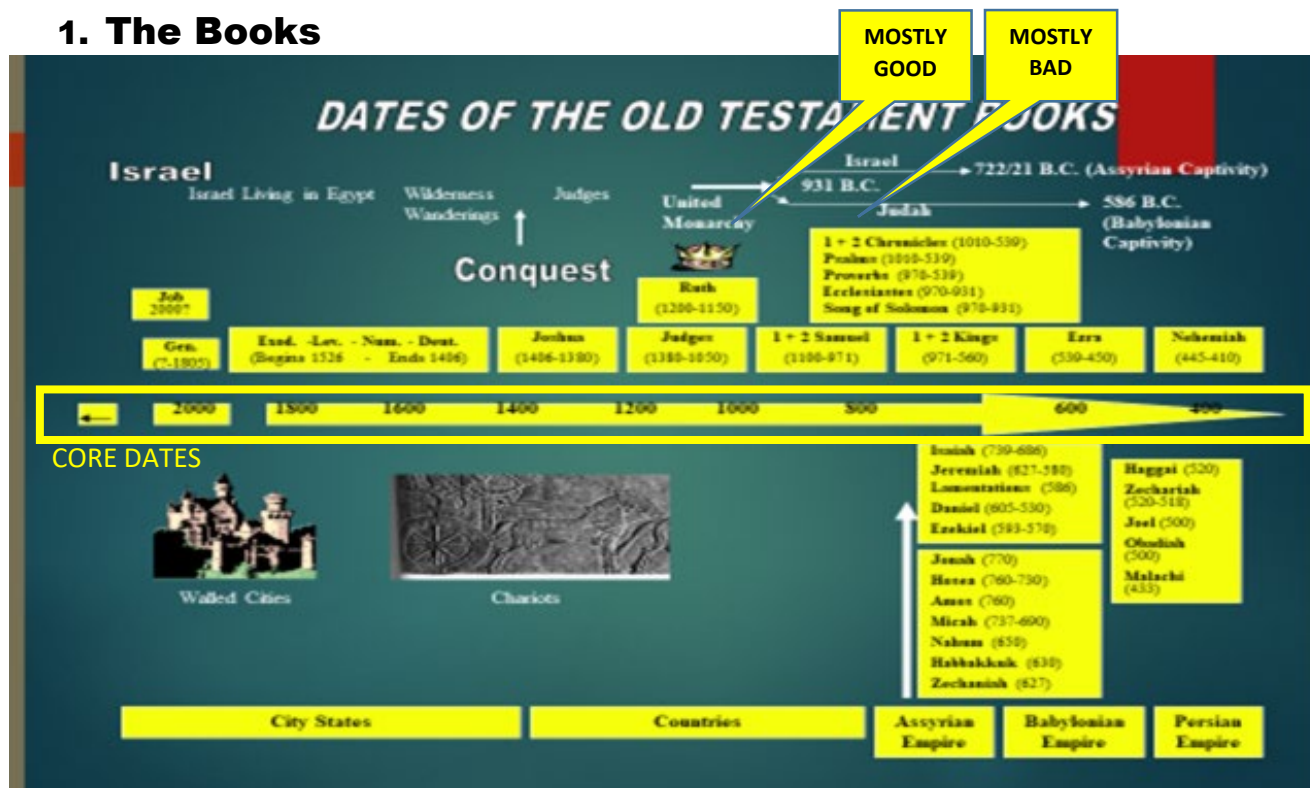
AUTHOR: Unknown
DATE: Early monarchy

I. THE HARDSHIP OF NAOMI'S FAMILY (1:1-5)	NAOMI'S FAMILY
A. A Famine causes Elimelech's Family to go to Moab (1:1-2)	
B. Naomi is Widowed with Two Sons (1:3-4)	
C. Naomi's Sons Die (1:5)	
GOD'S PUNISHMENT?	
II. NAOMI AND RUTH RETURN TO ISRAEL (1:6-22)	RUTH + NAOMI
A. Ruth Remains with Naomi (1:6-18)	
B. They Arrive in Bethlehem (1:19-22)	
RUTH'S HESED	
III. RUTH GLEANS IN BOAZ'S FIELDS (2:1-23)	RUTH + BOAZ
A. Boaz Notices Ruth in His Fields (2:1-7)	
B. Boaz Shows Kindness to Ruth (2:8-17)	
C. Naomi's Approval (2:18-23)	
BOAZ'S HESED	
IV. BOAZ MARRIES RUTH (3:1-4:22)	OBED
A. Naomi's Plan (3:1-13)	
B. Naomi's Plan Worked (3:14-18)	
C. Boaz redeems Ruth (4:1-12)	
KINSMAN REDEEMER	
D. Marriage and the Special Child (4:13-17) E. David's Genealogy (4:18-22)	
GOD'S HESED	

for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. (Rut 1:16)

KEY 2: UNDERSTAND THE HISTORY

1. The Books



EACH PROPHET WAS SEND TO PROCLAIM GOD'S MESSAGE TO A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD—THE BETTER YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS AT THAT TIME THE BETTER YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROPHET IS SAYING AND WHY. THE PROPHET IS GOD'S SPOKESMEN.

2. HISTORY

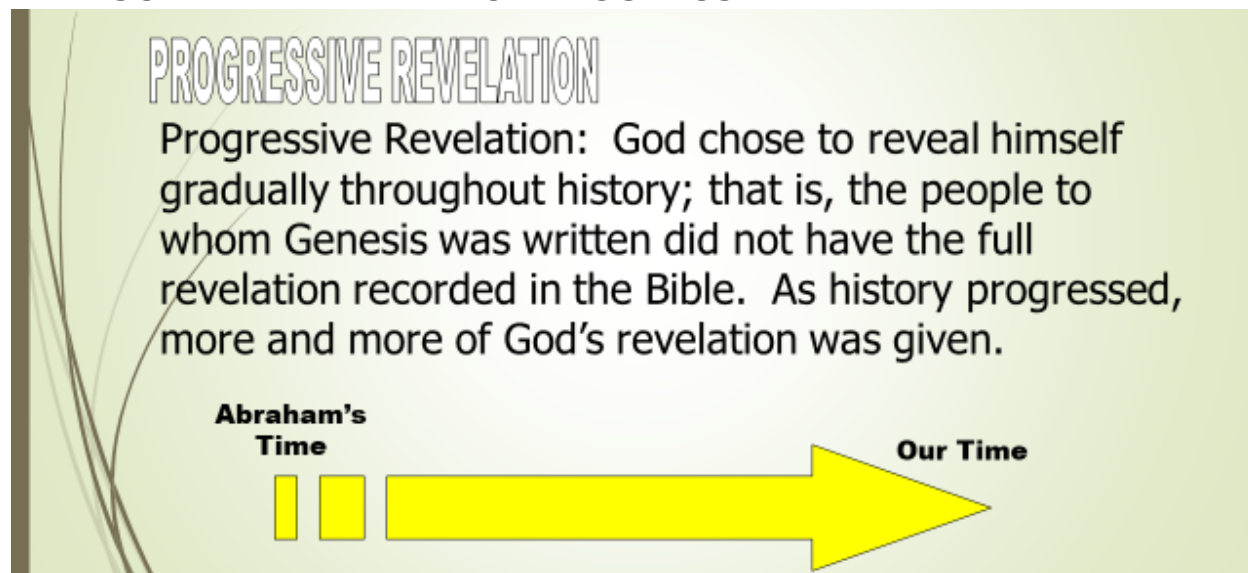
SET DATES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

DATES	EVENTS AND BIBLICAL PASSAGES	EXPLANATION
2166	Abraham was born (100 years old when Isaac was born - (Gen. 21:5))	2066+100= 2166
2066	Isaac was born (he was 60 years old when Jacob was born (Gen. 25:26))	2006 +60 =2066
2006	Jacob was born (he went to Egypt when he was 130 years old (Gen. 47:9))	1876+130 = 2006
1876	Israelites remained in the Land for 430 years (Ex. 12:40) Pharaoh appears to be Khakaure Sesostri III (1878-1843). Hyksos Dynasty (1675-1567) may be the king that rose up that knew not Joseph (Ex. 1:8).	1446+430 = 1876
1446	Exodus from Egypt (1 Kgs. 6:1) Thutmose III (1504-1450) Pharaoh who died so Moses could come back (Ex. 3:1-4:31) Amenhotep II (1450-1425) Pharaoh of the Exodus	966+480 = 1446
1050	Saul's reign (Acts 13:21)	1010+40 = 1050
1010	David's reign (2 Sam. 5:4; 1 Kgs. 2:11; 1 Chron. 29:26-27;	970+40=1010
970	Solomon's reign (1 Kgs. 11:42; 2 Chron. 9:30)	931+40 = 970
966	Solomon started to build the Temple (1 Kgs. 6:1)	970-4=966
931	Division of the Kingdom	Assumption

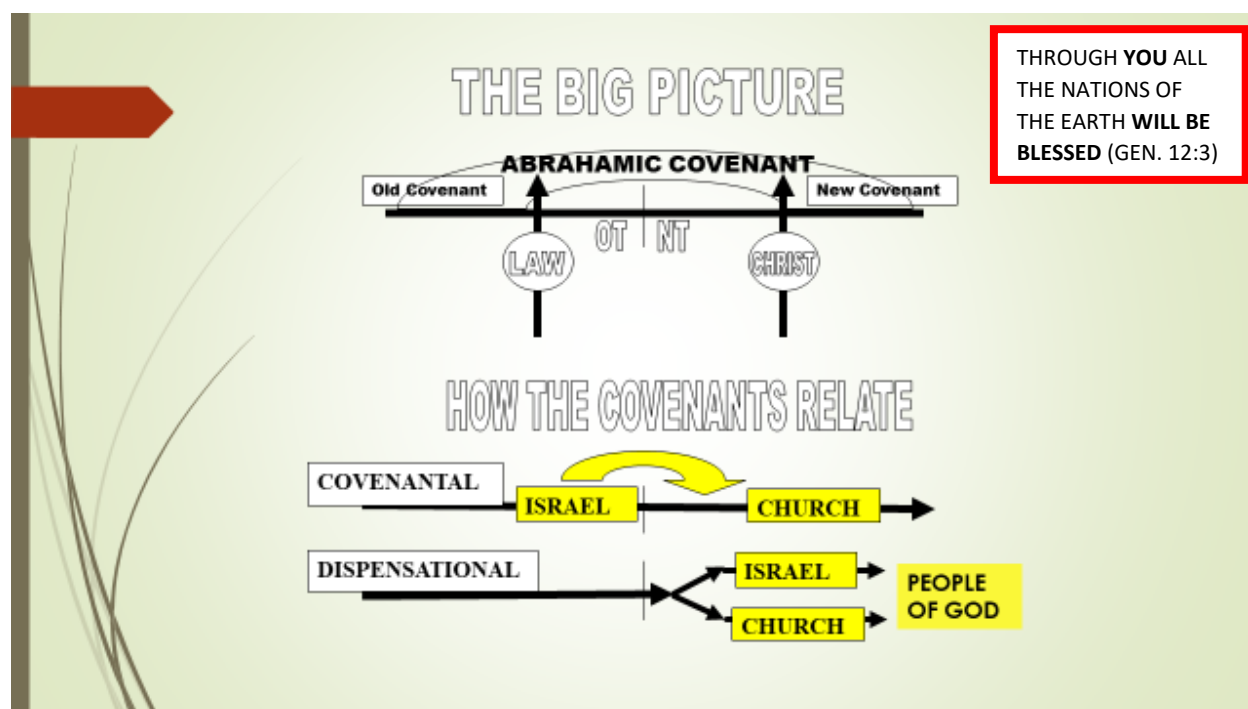
734-732	Syro-Ephraimite War (Isa. 7; 2 Kgs. 16:5-12; 2 Chron. 28:5-15)	ASSYRIAN AND BABYLONIAN RECORDS
722	Samaria Fell to Assyria (2 Kgs. 17:6)	
701	Jerusalem Saved by God (2 Kgs. 18-19; 2 Chron. 32; Isa. 37)	
612	Nineveh Fell to Babylon	
605	1st Deportation (2 Kgs. 24:1-5; 2 Chron. 36:6-8)	
597	2nd Deportation (2 Kgs. 24:10-16; 2 Chron. 36:10)	Cyrus' Decree
586	3rd Deportation (2 Kgs. 24:20-25:21; 2 Chron. 36:13-21)	
539	Jews Return from Babylon (2 Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1-3)	Darius' Reign
520	Restart to Work on Temple (Ezra 5; Haggai, Zechariah)	King Artaxerxes
516	Temple Rebuilt (Ezra 6)	
458	Ezra Returns to Jerusalem (Ezra 7-10)	King Artaxerxes
445	Nehemiah rebuilds Walls (Neh.)	Chronicles, Malachi
400	Final book of OT written	

KEY 3: UNDERSTAND PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

1. GOD REVEALED THE OT PROGRESSIVELY

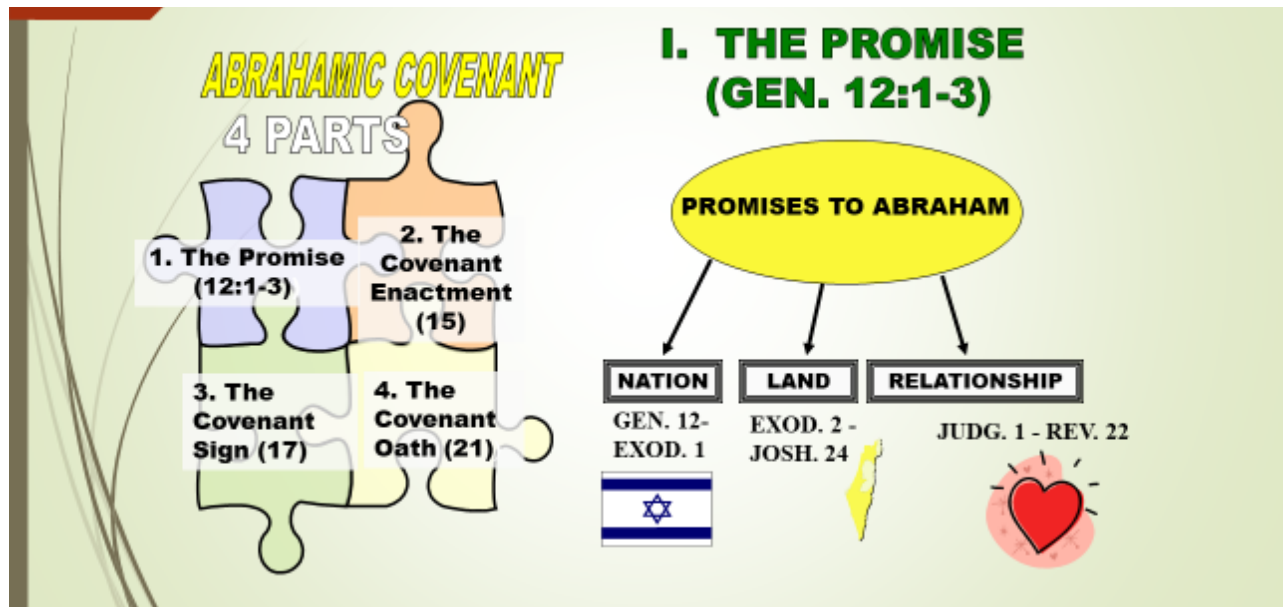


2. OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE



HOW WERE YOU INCORPORATED INTO THE BLESSINGS OF THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT?

SALVATION IN THE BIBLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME: IT IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH (THE DIFFERENCE IS WHAT THAT FAITH WAS IN). GEN. 15:6



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT TOOK OVER 25 YEARS TO COMPLETE (GEN. 12:4-21:5 + HOW EVER OLD ISAAC IS IN GEN. 22.

THE COVENANTS:

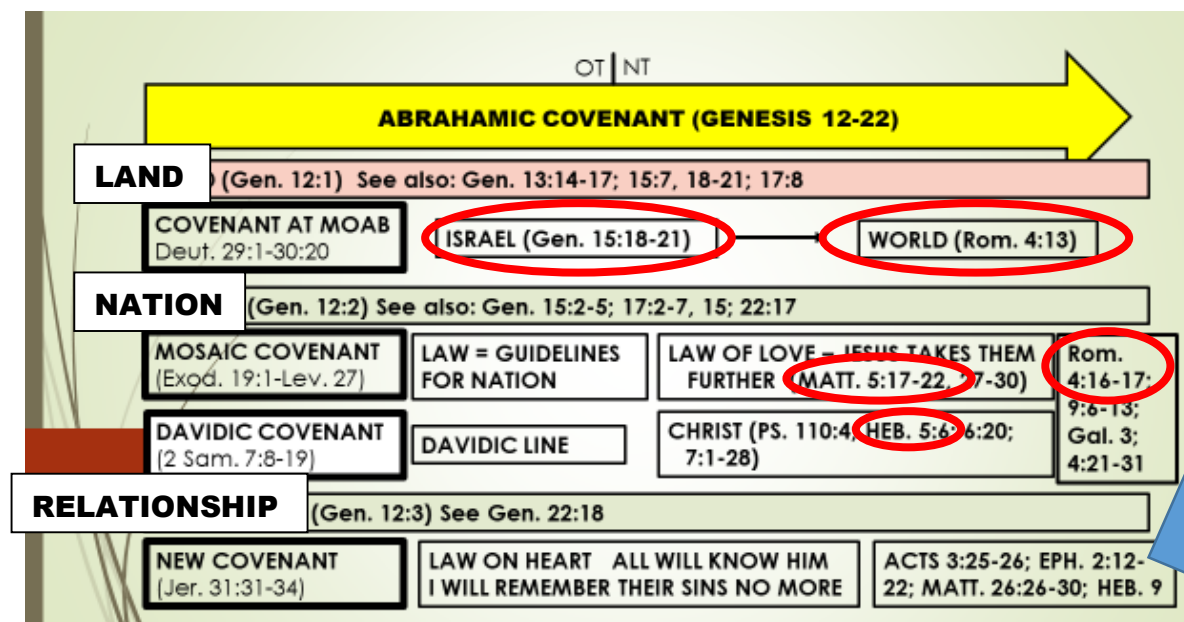
GENESIS 12:1-3

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

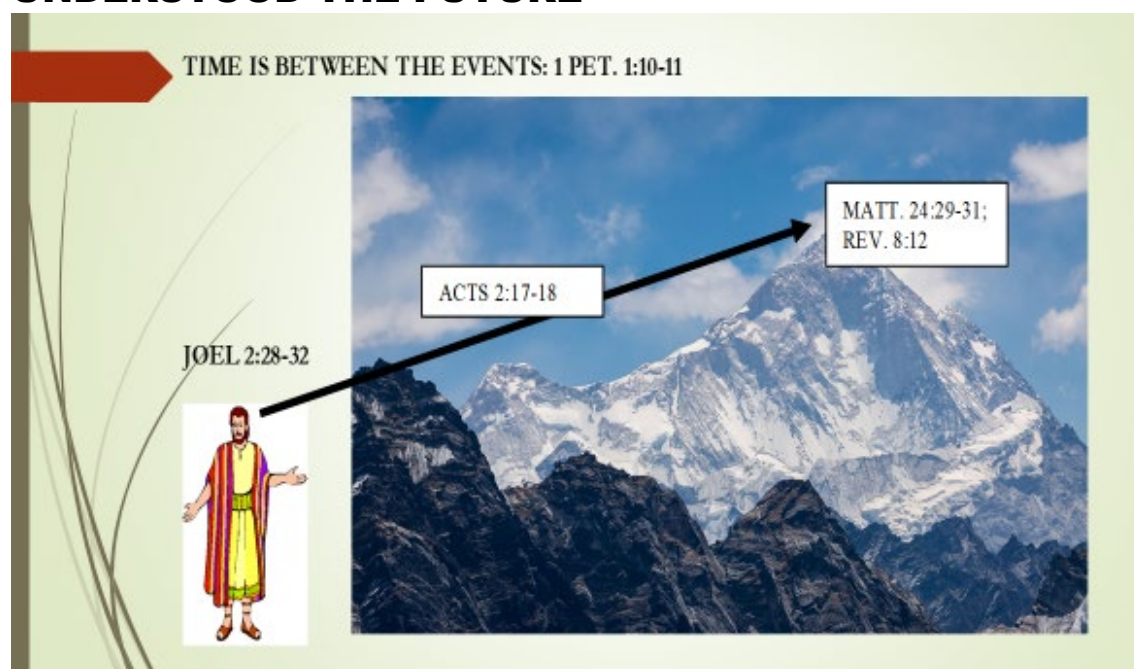
PARTS OF THE COVENANT

- The Covenant Promise (12:1-3)
- The Covenant Enactment (15)
- The Covenant Sign (17)
- The Covenant Oath (22)

LAND	NATION	RELATIONSHIP
Gen. 13:14-17 Gen. 15:7, 18-21; 17:8	Gen. 15:2-5 Gen. 17:2-7, 15; 22:17	Gen. 22:18
LAND (12:1)	NATION (12:2)	RELATIONSHIP (12:3)
Covenant at Moab Deut. 29:1 - 30:20	Mosaic Covenant Exod. 19:1 - Lev. 27 Davidic Covenant 2 Sam. 7:8-19	New Covenant Jer. 31:31-34
Land Promise Reiterated or Advanced Gen. 13:14-15; 15:16, 18-21; 17:8; 22:17; 26:3-4; 28:4; 35:12; 48:4; Isa. 11:10-16; Amos 9:14-15; Jer. 23:6-8; 33:16; Mic. 5:4	Nation Promise Reiterated or Advanced Gen. 13:16; 15:5-6; 17:2, 4-7, 16, 19; 26:4; 28:3; 35:11-12; 48:4; Pss. 89:19-37; Isa. 9:1-7; 11:1-9; 41:8-11; 51:2; 55:3-5; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:17-22; Ezek. 37:24-28; Hos. 1:10; Amos 9:11-12; Mic. 5:2-4; Zech. 3:8; 6:12-13	Relationship Promise Reiterated or Advanced Gen. 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; Isa. 42:1-9; 49:1-7; 52:13-53:12
N.T.: Rom. 4:13	Rom. 4; 9:6-13; Gal. 3; 4:21-31; Acts 3:25-26	Acts 3:25-26; Eph. 2:12-22; Matt. 26:26-30; Heb. 9



KEY 4: UNDERSTAND HOW THE PROPHETS UNDERSTOOD THE FUTURE



JOEL 2:28-32 ²⁸ "And it will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. ²⁹ "And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. ³⁰ "And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire, and columns of smoke. ³¹ "The sun will be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ³² "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; (NASb)

1 Peter 1:10-11 ¹⁰ As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful search and inquiry, ¹¹ seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. (NASB)