

**A Promised Blessing ...**

**Revelation Bible Study - Week 3**

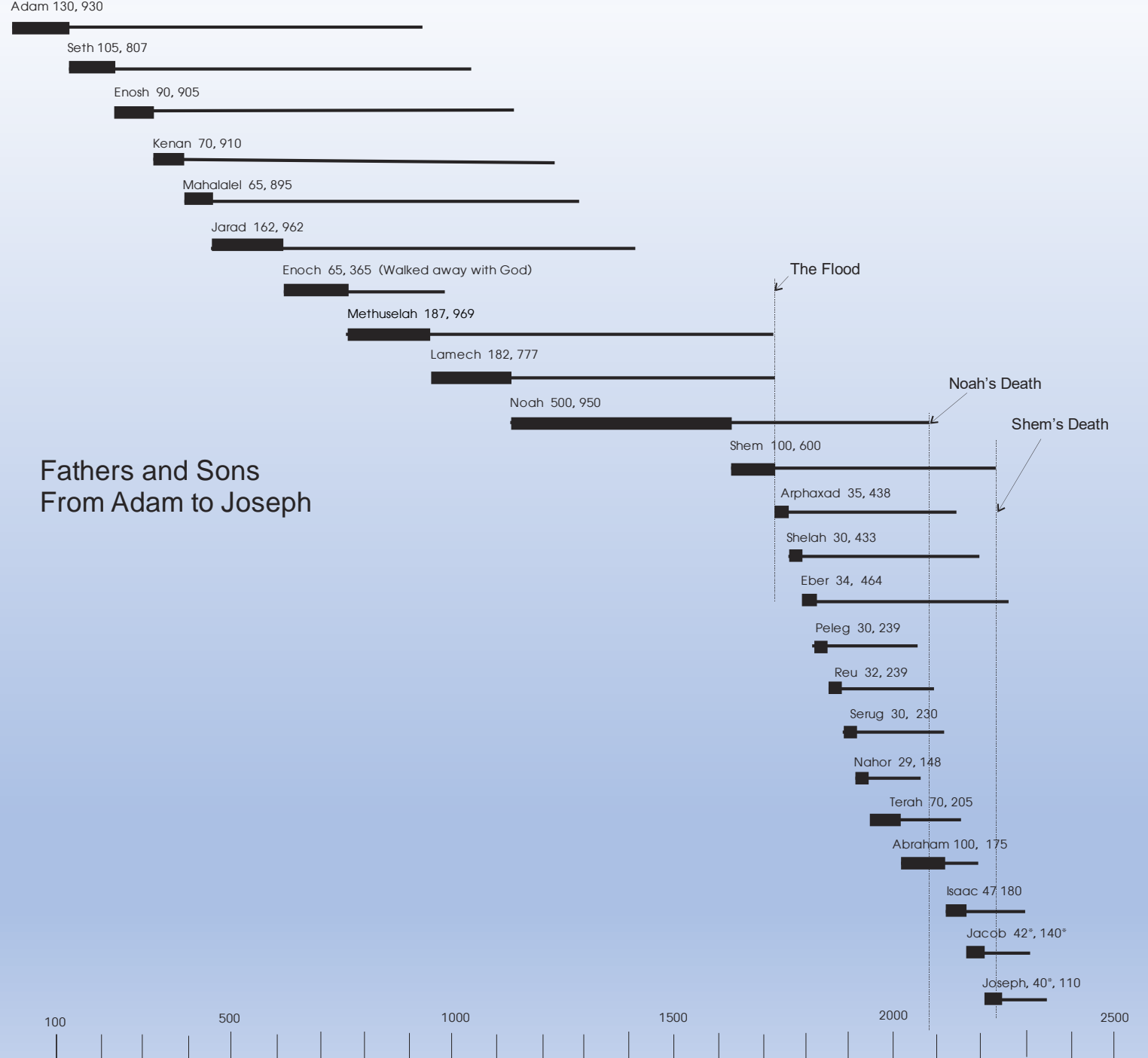
**How to Study Revelation**

**- Echoes of Prophecy**

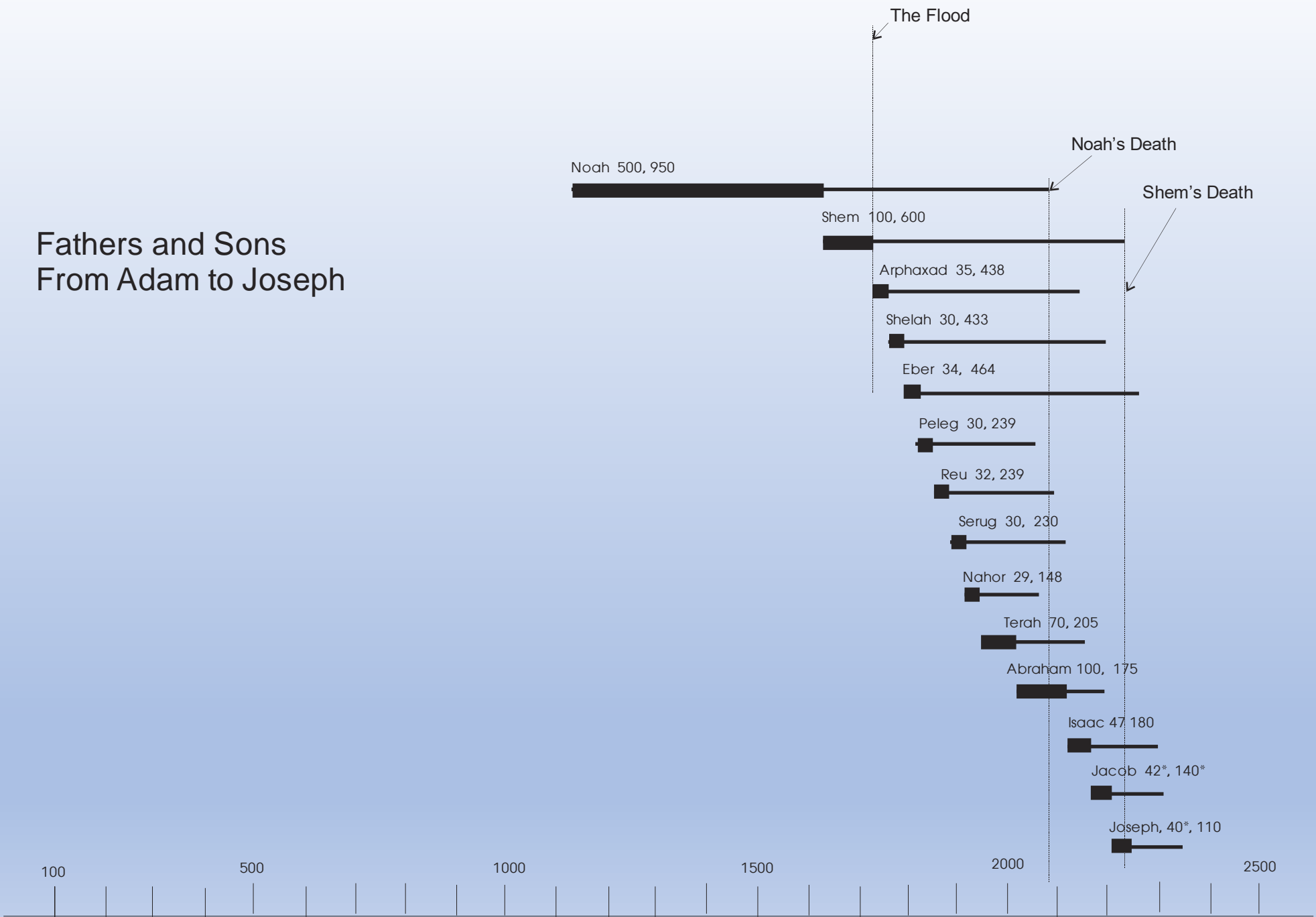
**PHUMC, Thursday, 7:30 PM, September 5th, Room 204**

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- **Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy**
  - Written by Moses (or at his direction) based on first-hand experience and interaction with God.
  - Lost in Babylonian captivity, recovered by Nehemiah and Ezra. Translated from Ancient Hebrew to Aramaic, Temple worship and sacrifice restored.
- **Old Testament Translated to Greek (Septuagint LXX(70))**
  - Translated about 300 BC, shortly after the death of Alexander the Great, at the request of Ptolemy II Philadelphus for the famous Alexandria Library. (BTW: Included Daniel)
  - This was "The Bible" in Jesus' day.
- **Apocrypha & Catholic Bible**
  - Includes "deuterocanonical" books Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees and others. These books are usually not found in the Protestant Bible, but are sometimes included in a separate inter-testamental section called the "Apocrypha".

## The New Testament

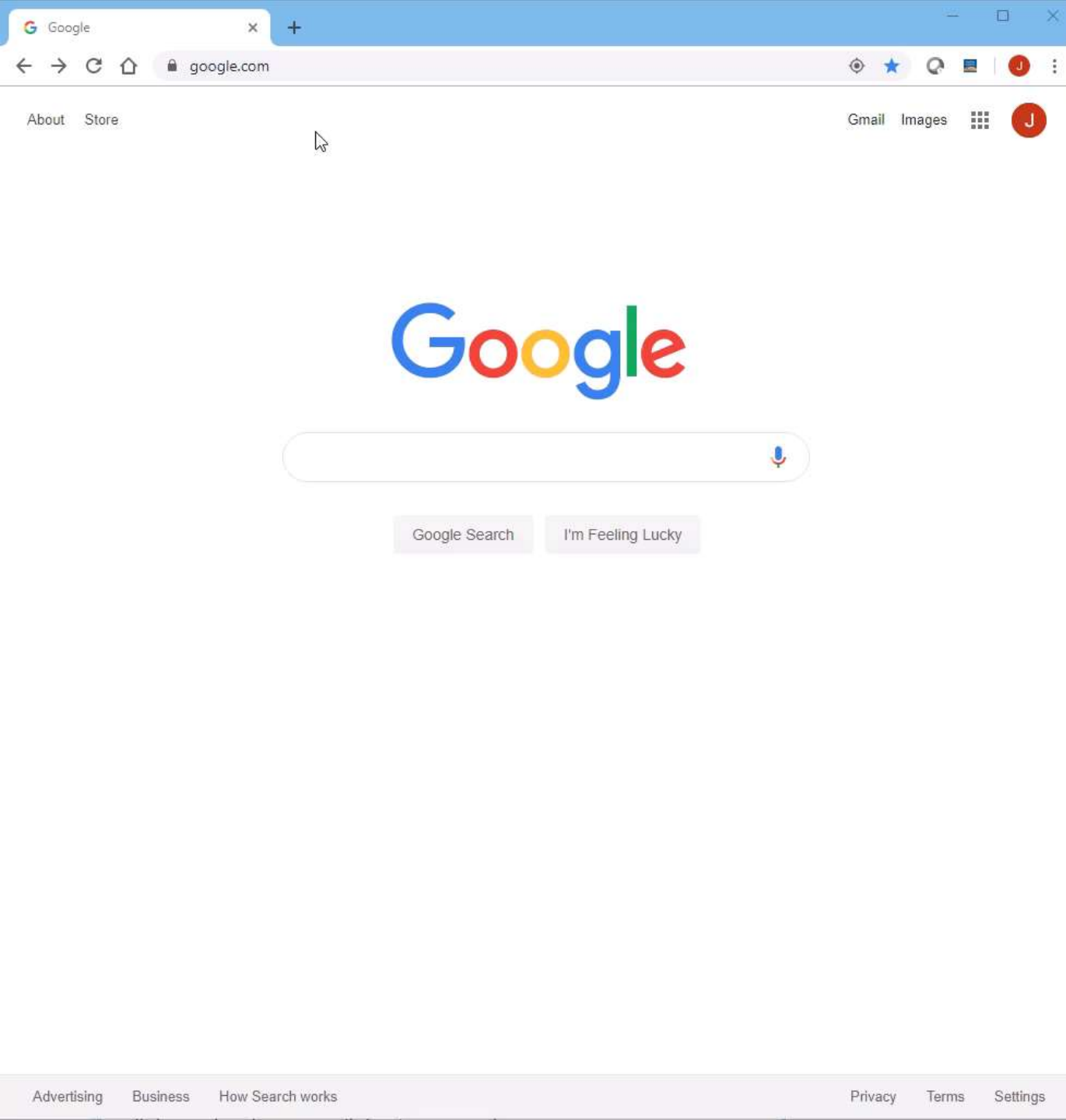
- Can be put into two groups based on their underlying Greek text.
- Critical Text (or Catholic Text) about 45 manuscripts
- Received Text (Protestant Bible) about 5200 manuscripts
  - Translated by William Tyndale who was burned at the stake by Rome in 1536

A death sentence was decreed for anyone who dared to even own a Tyndale Bible—a sentence carried out on many. The English Bible was revised and refined, reaching its zenith in the Authorized King James Bible (KJB).

Today, most versions of the bible have converged on the word of God and differ only in style and grammar.

(With a few exceptions.)

## The Holy Spirit Protects God's Word.



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(1) *the heel*—(a) of men, Gen. 3:15; Psa. 56:7; Job 18:9; Jer. 13:22; Cant. 1:8.—(b) of horses, *the hoof*, Gen. 49:17; Jud. 5:22.

(2) *metaph. the extreme rear of an army*, Josh. 8:13; Gen. 49:19.

(3) plur. עֲקֵבוֹת *prints* (of the heel or foot), Psa. 77:20; 89:52 (compare Cant. 1:8).

(4) verbal adj. of the root No. 3, *a liar in wait*, Ps. 49:6.

So I believe a valid translation *could* be  
**“He will crush your evil deeds and you  
will crush the rear of His army”**





## Abraham Obeys

Genesis 22

<sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

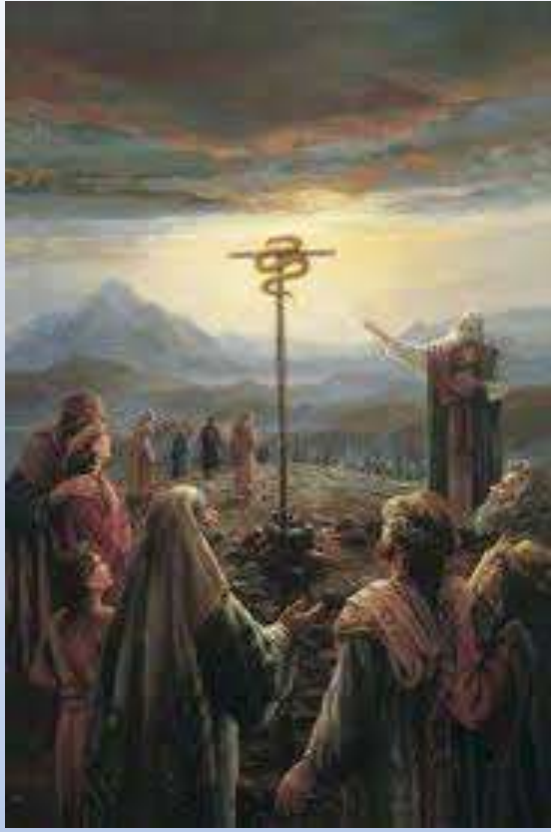
# Illustrative Prophecy

Jesus Obeys  
The Gospels





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## The Snake on A Pole

Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

## Christ on the Cross

John 3:14



And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that who ever believes in Him should <sup>[e]</sup>not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

# Literal Prophecy

## Isaiah 7

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

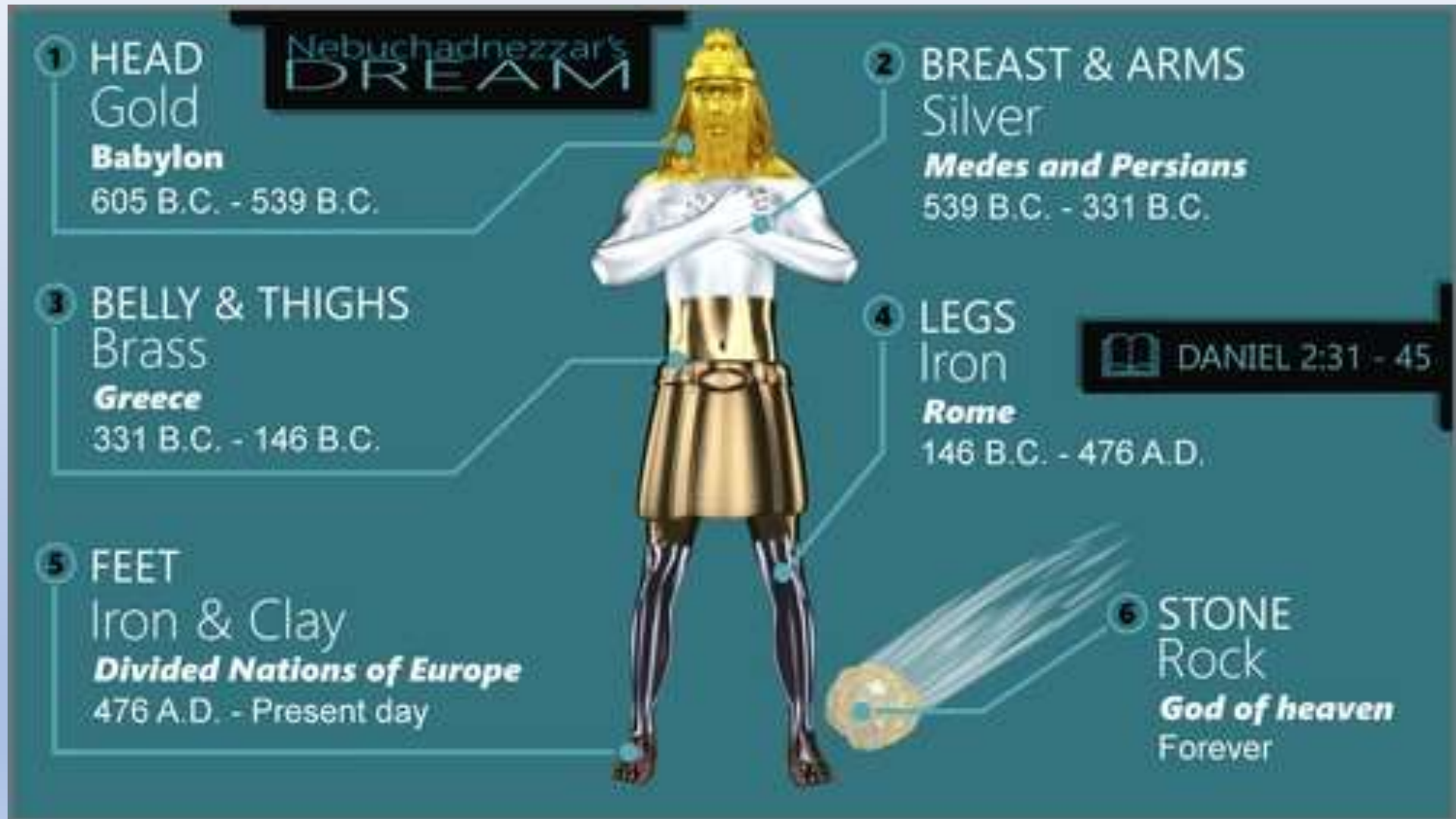
## Isaiah 53

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

# Figurative Prophecy





# Understanding the Prophecy in Revelation

## Grammatical & Literary Structure



### Chiasmus (kī-'az-məs) - Word Brackets

When the going gets tough, the tough get going!

-Joseph P. Kennedy (1888-1969)

Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country.

- JFK Inaugural Address, 1961

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

- Matthew 23:12

But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

- Matthew 19:30

**Revelation is DESIGNED to be heard and taught; NOT just read.**

*-Jerry's opinion*

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who **hear** the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Mark 13:14

So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not - let the **reader** understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.



## The Two Women in Revelation

A The **Woman**, Manchild and the **Dragon** (12:1-6)

B **War in Heaven** (12:7-12)

C **Dragon and the Woman** (12:13-17)

D **The Sea Beast** (13:1-10)

E **The Land Beast** (13:11-18)

**F Lamb with 144,000 on Mt. Zion (14:1-5)**

G **Angel with everlasting gospel** (14:6-7)

H **Angel proclaims fall of Babylon** (14:8)

I **Angel warns about taking Mark of the Beast** (14:9-11)

J **The Patience of the Saints** (14:12-13)

K **The Harvest of one like the Son of Man** (14:14-16)

L **The Angels Harvest of Wrath** (14:17-20)

A' The **Woman rides the Beast** (17:1-7)

B' **War with the Lamb** (17:14)

C' **10 Kings and the Woman** (17:15-18)

D' **Babylon the Great is fallen** (18:1-2)

E' **Nations drunk wine of fornication** (18:3)

**F' Come out of her my people (18:4-8)**

G' **Angel Proclaims** of reaction to Babylon's burning (18:9-20)

H' **Angel proclaims** how Babylon is thrown down (18:21-25)

I' **Final judgement on Babylon** (19:1-5)

J' **Invite to the Marriage of Lamb** (19:6-10)

K' **The Coming of the Lord** (19:11-16)

L' **The Battle of Armageddon** (19:17-21)