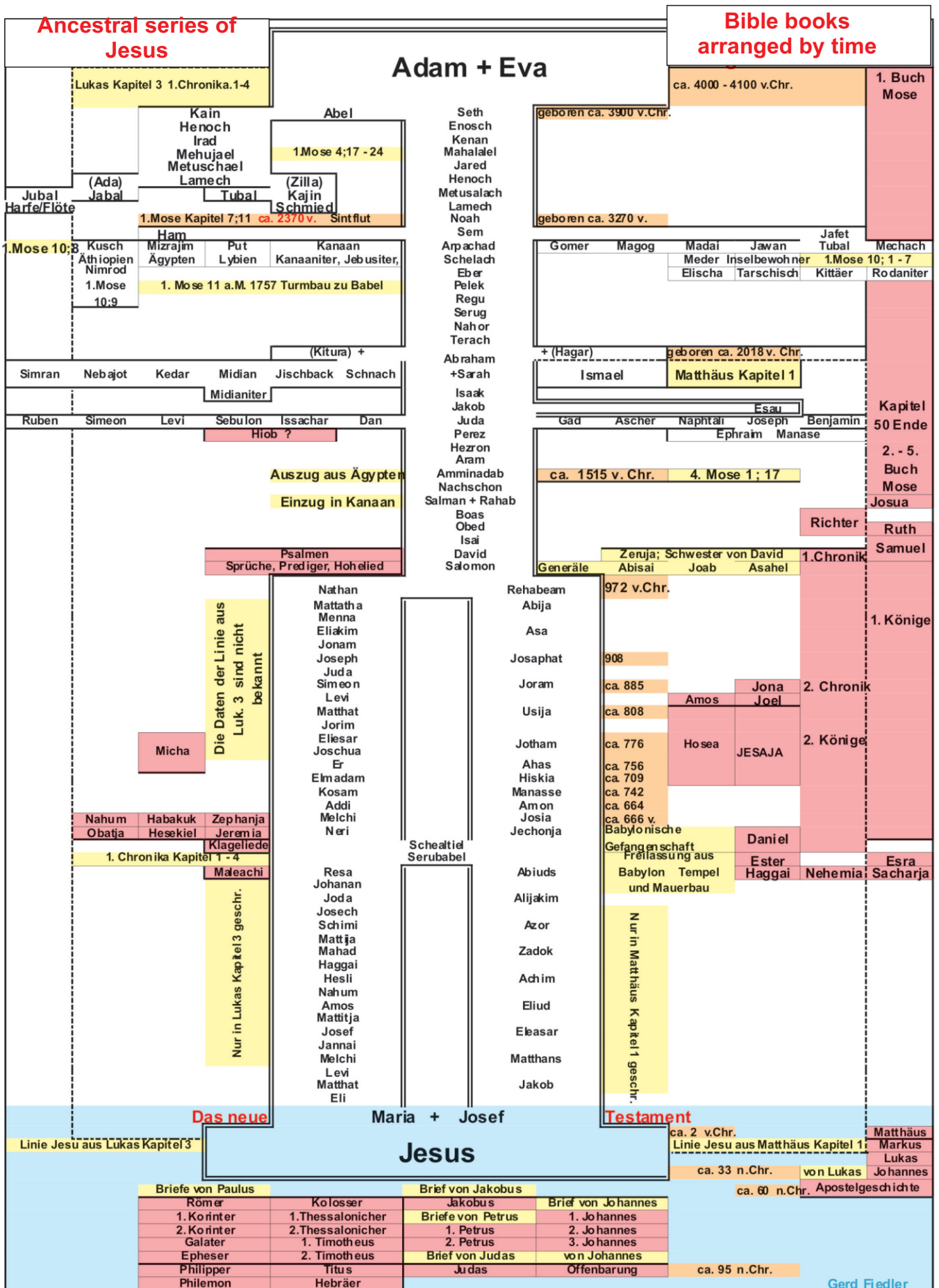




## The divine plan

The Bible at a glance





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Depending on the point of view, we read a document. We pay particular attention to which author has written and whether the readings agree with our experience. So it happens that we skip things that we disagree with or interpret things that are not in the document. Lent information gets lost, but we have to read, hear, and see, because the flood of information is just too big to check everything. We also do that intuitively with the Bible. A believing reader reads the Bible differently than an atheist if He ever reads the Bible. Even believers read the Bible differently. So it makes a difference whether one believes in evolution or a literal creation as the Bible describes it. It is also a difference how we were introduced to the Bible. A Catholic-influenced reader will read out other things, such as a Protestant or a free-church reader. Even in the small groups, there are differences. The one written in the Bible literally understands the one, the other as an example. Certain passages of the Bible are emphasized by the one, the others again stress other passages. So it comes that different readers come to different results. But we would like to presuppose some principles.

*The Bible is the word of God!*

*Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Lord!*

*The Holy Spirit is our helper!*

In the past, Christians have waged war because of these differences. People had to give up their lives because they disagreed with each other as the respective rulers. People were forced to take beliefs from their rulers. Even in the smallest circle up to the family there were and are these differences. As the headline makes clear, God has a plan with people. Satan constantly tries to prevent this plan of God with his lies. So it is not surprising that Satan is trying to twist the Word of God. People who wage war to assert their opinions are clearly in violation of the commandment of love. From Yehudi Menuhin I read a sentence that moved me a lot. It is:

"A disciple is in danger of becoming too dogmatic, and because he lacks the maturing experience of making conclusions, he swallows the pre-chewed catechisms."

This Bible study is not intended as a dogma. The thoughts expressed here are thoughts of a seeker who sets the commandment of love before all knowledge.

Every Christian has to find his personal way with Christ. This study of the Bible should help.

Math. 7,7 Ask, and it will be given to you; Seek and you shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Math. 7,8 For every beggar receives, and the seeker finds, and the knocker will be opened.

In this sense, I wish God's blessing in reading this booklet.

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## Chapter 1

### The creation

#### The father

The church father Augustine is attributed the following sentences:

"I can not tell God how I think of him, but I can not think God as he is."

We can not see God, nor can we somehow perceive God with our 5 senses. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans:

*Rom. 1,20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

The first words of the Bible do not tell us how or when God created the world. Nor is it said how long this period of creation lasted.

But Christians believe that God created heaven and earth. This describes the oldest known apostolic creed, with the following words.

**I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, the creator of heaven and earth .....**

The psalmist writes in awe;

*Psalm 33,9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.*

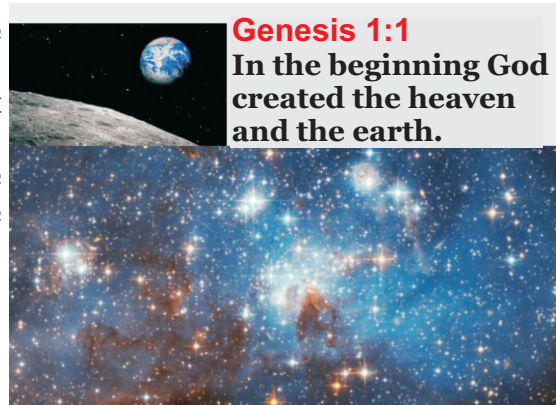
In order to identify the Creator, it is always spoken of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but what is God's name?

When God gave an order to Moses, Moses asked him what his name was, and God answered as follows:

*And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD: יהוה, God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

The name of God is composed of the consonants Jod (י), He (ה), Waw (ו), He (ה) (together or YHWH). This appears about 6000 times in the Old Testament. How these consonants are pronounced. you do not know, because the self-sounds are missing. In German, the name "Jehovah" has long been used (for example, Elberfelder Bibel bis 1984 in German). The self-sounds "e, o, a" have been taken from the word "Eloa" (meaning God) and inserted into the consonants YHWH = JeHoWaH. In modern times one has gone over to Yahweh (new evangelical translation), if one has used the name of God at all.

Since one did not want to use the name of God in another language, the name appears in the Septuagint \* with the word "Kyrios". In the New Testament, which are also called "Greek Scriptures", also the name of God is reproduced with Kyrios.



The Septuagint in Latin for seventy, ancient Greek The translation of the seventy, abbr. LXX is the oldest continuous translation of the Hebrew-Aramaic Bible into the ancient Greek everyday language. The translation was written from about 250 BC In Hellenistic Judaism, mainly in Alexandria. Most books were up to about 100 BC. Translated, the remaining books followed until 100 AD.

The best example is found in Acts. 2, 34-35

*For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,*

The quoted psalm is reproduced in the original as follows.

*Psalm 110,1 A Psalm of David. The LORD JHWH (יהוה), said unto my Lord, (ADON): Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

The name of God is known only in the Hebrew characters and is not translated and used (with the exception of the Jehovah's Witnesses) because it is too sacred to be mis-translated and pronounced. Whenever in the Old Testament "יהוה" is replaced with the word "LORD".

The name of God is important because it stands for the actions and attributes of God. This is expressed in the model prayer that Jesus taught us.

*Math. 6,9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

In the Gospel of John chapter 17, the most intense prayer that we know, Jesus assures that he has made known the name of God.

He prays:

*Joh. 17,6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.*

*Joh. 17,26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.*

At the Jacob's well, Jesus says to the Samaritan woman in relation to on the Creator:

*Joh. 4,24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

### **The son**

*Genesis 1:27 tells us that God was not the Creator alone, for there we read:*

*Genesis 1,26 And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after our likeness:*

This "**us**" is explained in the New Testament when we read:

*Joh. 1,1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

From the Gospel of John verse 14 we can see that it is Jesus Christ, then it says:

*Joh. 1,14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Paul explains Jesus in his letter to the Colossians as follows:

*Kol. 1,15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

In the apostolic creed Christians express this with the words:

**I believe .....**

**And to Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord .....**

So Jesus was before God of all creation as the begotten Son of God and with that he is God. He is not a created being, as are all angels and the man created in the image of God, "like Him" (Gen 1:26). Jesus, the Word is begotten, and with that he is God, just as the Father is God.

When it came to saving humanity from death, he, who is God, was implanted or begotten by the Father into a human being, Mary, through the Holy Spirit. That's why God became man.

We can better understand John's words.

*Joh. 1,1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was*  
This beginning refers to Genesis 1: 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
Jesus was already there as the "Word".

*and the word was God.*

Since he was begotten and not created, he is God as his father.

*Joh. 1,3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

This is evident in Genesis 1:26 And God said, **Let us make** man in our image, like us!

*Joh. 1,14 And the Word was made flesh,*

Through birth, God became the man Jesus. Therefore it can be said of Jesus; completely God and human.

### **The angel**

Obviously other beings were created before the creation of the earth, which we generally call angels. In the Bible, they are referred to as morning stars, sons of God, cherubim or seraph. We can read that in the visions that some prophets had.

***Daniel 7,9*** *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.*

*Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

***Isaiah 6,1*** *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*



***Hiob 38,4*** *Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; 7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

From these verses of the Bible, we may state that, before the material world known to us existed, it already existed spirits that we call angels. It is also evident from the scriptures that there is a great number of angels unknown to us.

Obviously, there must have been a dissatisfaction and, consequently, a turning away from the Creator. We read about it;

***Genesis 6:1*** *And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ....*



*Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*

It was forbidden for angels to mingle with people, for we read in the Epistles of Peter and Judas;

*2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

*Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

In the flood, the children of these intermarriage were killed between angels and humans and the unfaithful angels were put in jail. Not all unfaithful angels are in prison, for many are evil spirits as demons on earth. We read in the Gospels;

*Mat 8:29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.*

Also, demonic angel princes are rulers over empires.



*Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ....*

*Daniel 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.*

This is most evident in Revelation.

*Rev. 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

### The human being



Man came into existence after the earth had been prepared for man. That took six days of creation, 1st day And God said: Let there be light! And it became light.



2nd day There will be a vault in the middle of the waters, and it is a divorce between the waters and the waters!



3rd day It should collect the water below the sky to a place, and it will be the dry visible! + The earth sprouts grass, herb that produces seeds, fruit trees that bear fruit on earth according to their species, in which their seed is!

*Day 4 There shall be lights at the vault of the sky to divide between day and night, and they shall serve as signs and [for the determination of] times and days and years; and they shall serve as lights on the vault of the sky to shine on the earth!*



*Day 5 Let the waters teem with the swarm of living creatures, and birds fly over the earth under the vault of the sky! And God created the great sea-monsters, and all living living creatures that teem the waters, according to their kind, and all the winged birds after their kind.*



*Day 6 The earth brings forth living beings according to their species: cattle and crawling animals and [wild] animals of the earth according to their kind! And it happened like that. And God made the [wild] beasts of the earth according to their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and all the crawling beasts on the ground after their kind.*



At the end of the sixth day, he created man in his own image.



*Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping*

*thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

**In chapter 2 of Genesis, the creation of man is described in detail.**

*Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

*Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*

*1Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

We have now considered all beings that existed after creation.

There God is the creator and his son, only these are GOD. Man created in the image of God, ie God-like. The angels are something about the human being, so we can assume that they were also created "in the image of God", for these are also called "sons of God".

The angels are in God's hierarchy something about man. We know that because Paul writes about Jesus:

Heb 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; .....

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, .....

The Bible deals exclusively with people and their relationship to the Creator. Angel faithfulness or unfaithfulness are only mentioned when describing ways of dealing with people.



## The plan of God

*Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

*Genesis 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.*

There man (Adam) was allowed to give all animals a name. (Genesis 2)

This is confirmed in Psalm 115: 16. where it says, "The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, and the earth hath he given to the children of men."



**The whole earth should become a paradise, inhabited by people who live forever in communion with God.**

In the Bible book Isaiah, God says: *55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

So I'm assuming that in the end, that's exactly what God's plan is. The earth becomes a paradise inhabited by people who love God.

This was to happen under the rule of God, for God reserved the legislative power (Legislative).

*Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

\* Footnote translated german from Google

The Hebrew word for knowledge is called "jadah". The Theological Handwritten Book on the Old Testament (Jenni / Westermann) writes the following: In view of the knowledge originally obtained by God from the divine tree of the knowledge of good and evil, four views are represented above all. Recognition of good and evil in the sense of

- 1.) ethical discrimination. / Good and evil in the moral sense
- 2.) the autonomous life-style based on the freedom of autonomous decision.**
- 3.) Sexual experience (good and evil as pleasurable and painful.)
- 4.) Comprehensive knowledge and practical wisdom through which human culture was initiated.

If we look at the four points, three points are not forbidden by God.

- 1.) Man has ethical discrimination.
- 3.) Man may have intercourse, how else should he be fruitful and multiply?
- 4.) Man has received mind. To use this is not prohibited anywhere in the Bible.

The second point Man did not receive the "freedom of autonomous decisions" even today from God. Man is subordinate to God. God dictates the laws. We can and

In our legal system we have the separation of powers. 1. the legislature (legislative power). 2. the executive (executive) 3. the judiciary (judiciary).

The Creator has left to the people the executive, what is expressed by the words, "make them subject, and reign over the fish of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and all the beasts that are on the earth! ". However, he reserved himself for the legislative and judiciary, which is clearly expressed in the commandment "not to eat the fruit of knowledge".

As we enter the event in our contemplation of the Bible, we will do so from the perspective that God will realize this plan that He has with men.

Paul expresses this in a sermon that we read in Acts.

Apg 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

### **The theme of the Bible is: From Lost Paradise to ist Restoration.**

#### **The evil comes into the world**

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.



Here something fundamental happens, because God is called a liar. While God says, "You will die," the serpent says, "you will not die by any means." Thus, a spirit who made use of this serpent faced God. Jesus said about it;

*Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

This serpent is called by Jesus as "the devil" who started as a liar. The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel write about the devil.

*isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

*Ezekiel 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. 14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.*

With this outspoken untruth, that is with the lie, evil came into the world. There must have been certain laws for the angels that could not be violated. It is written by God that he can not lie.

Only through the transgression of a law can sin come into the world. The law "Thou shalt not lie" was already there with the angels. God does not override his own laws either. Paucus writes to Titus

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

The woman, Eva now had to decide who she believed. She knew what God had said about the Tree of Knowledge. Now, in the statement of the serpent another meaning is conveyed to the tree of knowledge. Eva had to decide.



## Chapter 2

### The history of mankind

#### The separation from God

*Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

What inspired Eve to eat from the fruit and what dialogue with Adam took place, the Bible does not tell us. But this decision had far-reaching consequences for the two as well as for all descendants of Adam and Eve. They are at the mercy of sin through death.

Paul writes about it in the letter to the Romans;

*Roman 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ... 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*



Adam and Eve were dead at the same time, even though Adam was 930 years old. They were dead because they parted from the Creator. Like a leaf, which is separated from tree. It may still be green, but it has died at the moment of separation. So also the whole humanity, it is dead in the eyes of God.

Furthermore, they have given Satan power over himself. The Creator wanted them to rule the earth, but instead they passed that dominion over the earth to Satan the Devil. This becomes clearest when we read Luke, the temptation of Jesus by Satan the devil.

*Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

Because man separated from his creator, he was banished from Paradise. He was denied to take from the tree of life. Although his life force totaled nine hundred and thirty years, he died and his body turned to dust.

Paul writes in his letter to Timothy;

*1.Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

We as humans can only live if we move within the law of God. In terms of the laws of nature, that makes sense to us. Who would jump from a skyscraper without aids and think he will arrive safely down below? Nobody. Who would build a house without paying attention to statics? In the ethical field this is not immediately recognizable because we do not see anything tangible there. The consequences are the same. Through the tree of knowledge God has made visible his right to the legislative power. Any violation of the laws of God means death. Therefore, the warning is consistent: **"You must not eat from it, otherwise you have to die."**

If man trusts God and believes that the context he describes is true, it is natural for man to follow the laws of nature (God's Laws) from the instinct of self-preservation.

In the drama of Genesis 3 it is therefore statement against statement. While God said, "You will die if you eat of it," Satan said, "By no means will you die!" "**Ge 3:5**" ***God knows that on the day you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, recognizing good and evil.***

It was about a fundamental decision, who the person believes. That has not changed to this day. James writes about it;

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.  
Jak 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

The punishment followed immediately. Adam and Eve were banished from Paradise. But already in the judgment (Gen. 3: 13-24), in which the people and also the serpent each got a special judgment, God made a first prophecy, which was to run through the whole Bible.

*1Mo 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

### **The seed becomes recognizable**



The time after separation from God was marked by violence. The first son of Adam and Eve, Cain, killed the second son Abel. So the story of humanity began with a fratricide. Satan is the enemy of man, he wants to destroy humanity.

Not long after the fratricide there was the second attempt to eradicate humanity. We read in Genesis chapter 6, The Infidelity of the Angels. They got children with the women. These children were no longer pure humans, but half angel, half man.

*Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*

Wikipedia writes:

The first evidence of the word "Nephilim" in the Bible is found in the 1 Mos 6: 4 EU: Divine Beings of the male sex (Hebrew בני האלהים *benej ha'elohim* "Divine Sons") coveted human women and these became impregnated by them. The descendants were the giants of the past.

If we imagine that God has allowed that, then, after some time, the pure human beings would have disappeared from the scene, since the demigods, as Greek mythology calls them, were stronger than normal humans. But God did not allow this. We read from verse 11 of the sixth chapter of Genesis

*Genesis 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

To save humanity, God had Noah build an ark to protect the life of land animals from the flood. So Noah, his wife and his three sons and their wives and animals survived the flood that caused God to come upon the earth. Genesis chapter 7





The sign God used to show that there would be no tide is the rainbow. Genesis 9:13

Let us remember the second day of creation;

*Genesis 1:6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.*

Because the earth had a water roof until the Flood, the sun's rays could not shine against a cloud, which is the prerequisite for the rainbow. So at the high tide this water roof collapsed.

God now repeated the invitation which Adam and Eve also received.

*Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

Although God wanted people to spread across the earth, people worked against this will by building a tower in Babel. Through confusion of tongues, people were scattered on the earth (Genesis 11: 1-9).

Nobody, neither man nor Satan, can fight against the will of God.

### Abraham

Approximately Two thousand years after the creation of man, God chooses a man whom he chooses for his work. This is the progenitor of the seed, which will crush the serpent's head. This man of God's chosen husband is Abraham.

At the behest of God, Abraham had to leave Abram, his native Ur in Chaldean and move to Canaan. He already got a promise from God.

*Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*

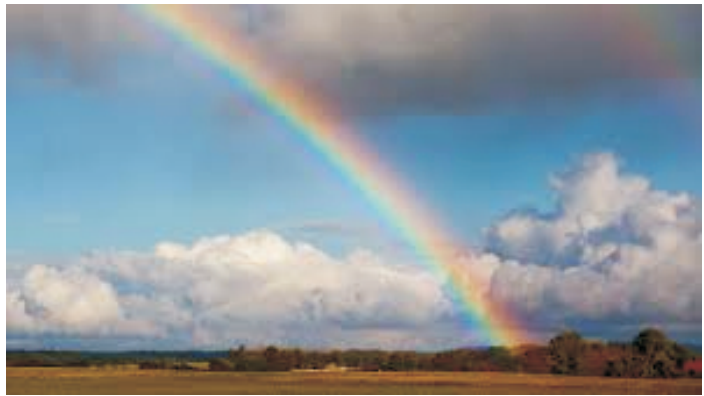
Abram was already 75 years old at the time and had no children. Since his wife Sarai was infertile, she made sure that Abram got a child from his Magt Hagar. At the age of 86, Abram received a son named Ishmael from his maid Hagar. But that should not be the promised seed that God intended. God made a covenant with Abram.

*Genesis 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. ....*

*Genesis 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.*

So Sarah became pregnant at the age of 90 years and gave birth to Isaac. Abraham was already 100 years old. Before Abraham got the final blessing, he was tested by God to the utmost. He was to sacrifice his son Isaac. Isaac was no longer a small child because he carried the wood for the sacrifice. How Abraham felt he was carrying out this assignment is not described in the Bible, but he did without contradiction, as he was commanded. At the last moment, an angel prevented the sacrifice. Abraham had passed the test and received the blessed promise from God.

*Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*





Paul writes about it in the letter to the Hebrews;

*Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.*

This situation of a father sacrificing his son is a role model. The antitype and reality is that God, the Father, sacrificed his son Jesus Christ for humanity.

### **The seed becomes a people**

Not the entire descendants of Abraham should become the promised seed, for Abraham had seven more children after his death with his wife Keturah (Genesis 25: 1 + 2). Paul writes about it in Romans;

*Romans 9:7 ..... Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. .... 9:9 For this is the word of promise,*

The seed, which was to crush the head of the serpent and now went over Abraham, was chosen directly by God. It was not the firstborn who automatically passed on the seed, but the one whom God ordained. So the seed ran over the secondborn Isaac Abraham. Then again about the secondborn son of Isaac, namely Jacob. The Creator is called the god Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jacob got the name of Israel from God. His descendants have since been called Israelites. Jacob, or Israel, as he was now called, gave each of his twelve sons a blessing and a prophecy on his deathbed. To Judah he said:

*Genesis 49:8 Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.*

Here is already pointed to a person, namely, to Jesus Christ, who is the seed of the woman who will crush the serpent Satan's head.



Over time, the Israelites became very numerous. They lived in the land of Egypt, in Gosen and had to do Frondienst for the Egyptians. The Israelites became so numerous that the Egyptians were scared and wanted to kill all the newborn sons of the Israelites. (Exodus Chapter 1) A woman of the tribe of Levi gave birth to a son at that time. Since she wanted to protect him from the Egyptians, she put this son in a basket and put it out in the Nile. The baby was raised by Pharaoh's daughter. It was Moses. Moses murdered an Egyptian and had to flee. He fled into the desert to Midian, married there and kept the sheep. At the age of 80, Moses was commissioned by God to lead the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. Of course, Pharaoh did not want to pull out cheap labor. It took ten plagues. It was not until the Egyptians' first birth was killed that the Pharaoh gave way. The Israelites had to perform a certain act of deduction, pointing to Jesus Christ.

Exodus 12:2 This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

By the blood of the lamb, which was painted on the posts of the doors, the first birth of the house was not killed. Jesus is the lamb. John the Baptist said;

*Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

When the time came for Jesus to be sacrificed to humanity, in the first month of his life, that is the Nisan. Jesus presented himself to the Jews on **the 10th of the month**, on the so-called Palm Sunday.

*Joh 12:12 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

### **On the 14th of Nisan Jesus Christ died on the cross.**

Luk 23:44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. 46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

**Jesus is the Passover lamb.** We are saved by his blood.

After the Egyptians received the tenth plague, the killing of all first-born, the Pharaoh had the Israelites drawn. But soon he regretted this decision and persecuted the Israelites. These were now in a dead end, because before them lay the Red Sea. By a miracle God divided the Red Sea and the Israelites were able to walk dry through the sea. The pharaoh's army pursued the Israelites and plunged into the closing sea.



God encamped the people of Mount Horeb and made a covenant with all the people.

*Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*

Since Israel is the seed of Abraham, they should be a blessing to all nations. This too is a model for the church of Jesus Christ, because Peter writes in his letter to Christians:

*1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

Unfortunately, the Israelites have often broken this covenant. God compared this covenant with a marriage covenant.

*Jeremiah 3:20 Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.*

This too is a role model because Jesus Christ has made a covenant with his successors. His church is his bride. The wedding will take place in heaven.

*Luk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

*Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

Israel received from God about Moses a whole law book. The basis is the Ten Commandments. Again, it is clear that God has reserved the legislative power. He was the king of the people.

Since the people of Israel lacked faith, they had to travel forty years through the desert before they could move into the promised land of Canaan. Joshua was the successor of Moses and conquered the whole country. Now the time of the judges followed. At this time, the Bible book Ruth was also written. It showed that even non-Israelites could belong to the seeds if they confessed themselves to the god Abraham. We read in the book Ruth;

*Ruth 1:16 Rut 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*

Ruth was a Moabite and became a mother of David and thus of Jesus Christ.

The last judge was Samuel. The Israelites desperately wanted a king because all the surrounding nations also had a king. They showed that they were not satisfied with the condition that God was their king. When Samuel was sad because he thought it was against his person, God said to him;

*1Sa 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*

The Israelites got a king. A king in Israel was not allowed to perform priestly acts. The priesthood and kingship were strictly divided. Saul, a man of the Dan tribe, became king. In time, Saul became unfaithful to God, and so God sought a new king from the tribe of Judah during his lifetime from Saul. He instructed Samuel to anoint David to the king. Although David was now anointed king, Saul still reigned. Later, Saul pursued David. To David, God said;

*2Sa 7:16 Dein Haus aber und dein Königtum sollen vor dir Bestand haben für ewig, dein Thron soll feststehen für ewig.* Jesus Christus war ein Nachkomme Davids und wurde Sohn Davids genannt. Er ist es, der sich auf den Thron Davids setzen soll und ein Reich regieren, welches ewiglich besteht.

With David, Israel had its zenith as a kingdom. Salomon, the successor to David's throne, was very wise. He was allowed to build the temple for the God of Israel. In old age, however, he turned away from God. Salomon also treated the people very badly. Solomon's son Rehabeam was to follow the throne. But God had decided to divide the kingdom. So Jeroboam got the promise from the prophet Achijah that he would rule ten tribes of Israel. 1. Kings chapter 11

From now on, there was the two-tier area Judah with the capital Jerusalem and the ten-tribes area Israel with the capital Samaria. In 722 BC, the ten-tribed empire of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians.

The time of the kings was a very changeful time. Very often the Israelites broke the covenant with God, which meant that God allowed the conquest of Israel. It was also the time of the prophets. They proclaimed the coming Messiah, the Savior of the world.



## **Prophecies about Jesus**

### **Virgin birth**

**Prophecy:** *Jes 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

**Fulfillment:** *Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. Luk*

**1:34** *Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

### **place of birth**

**Prophecy:** *Micha 1:5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem?*

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,*

### **infanticide**

**Prophecy:** *Jer 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.*

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.*

### **Escape to Egypt**

**Prophecy:** *Hosea 11:1 Als Israel jung war, gewann ich es lieb, und aus Ägypten habe ich meinen Sohn gerufen.*

**Fulfillment:** *Mathäus 2:14 Er aber stand auf, nahm das Kindlein und seine Mutter des Nachts zu sich und zog hin nach Ägypten.*

### **Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey**

**Prophecy:** *Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*

**Fulfillment:** *John 12:13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. 14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,*

### **The Jews rejected Jesus**

**Prophecy:** *Jes 53:3 Er war verachtet und von den Menschen verlassen, ein Mann der Schmerzen und mit Leiden vertraut, wie einer, vor dem man das Gesicht verbirgt. Er war verachtet, und wir haben ihn nicht geachtet.*

**Fulfillment:** *Joh 1:11 Er kam in das Seine, und die Seinen nahmen ihn nicht an;*

### **The year of his coming**

**Prophecy:** *Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

### **fulfillment:**

In Nehemiah 2, we read that Artaxerxes (Artasasta or Arthahsastha) passed a decree in the twentieth year of his reign that allowed the Jews to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. according to Daniel 9:25, the census of the 70th year begins with the decree. Artaxerxes-Longimanus of Persia ascended in 465 BC Christ the Throne and was the only Artaxerxes who ruled over 20 years and is eligible. So it's about the year 445 BCE. Christ.70 year weeks

= 70 x 7 = 490 years Since the Anointed of the Lord should be exterminated after 69 weeks (from the decree on building the temple - Daniel 9: 25-27), it is not 490, but only 483 years. In antiquity, the lunar year was calculated (360 days = 1 year) 483 years x 360 days = 173880 days. .

We come to the year 38 AD. Calculating the lunar years with the solar years, one comes to the year 31-32, the year when Jesus was baptized, thus the Messiah (Anointed) was.

### **Betrayal by a friend**

**Prophecy:** *Psalm 41,9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*

**Fulfillment:** *Markus 14,18* And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.

### **He was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver**

**Prophecy:** *Zechariah 11,12* And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 26,15...* And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

### **Das Blutgeld wurde zurückgegeben**

**Prophecy:** *Zechariah 11,13* And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 27,5,6* And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

### **His silence during the process**

**Prophecy:** *Isaiah 53,7* *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 26,62* And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

### **His crucifixion along with sinners**

**Prophecy:** *Isaiah 53,12* *Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**Fulfillment:** *Matthew 27,38* Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

### **To drink bile and vinegar**

**Prophecy:** *Psalm 69,21* Psa 69:21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Fulfillment:** *John 19,29* Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

### **His side pierced by a spear**

**Prophecy:** Zechariah 12,10 *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

**Fulfillment:** John 19,34 *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.*

### **Soldiers roll around his dress**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 22,18 *They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.*

**Fulfillment:** Markus 15,24 *And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.*

### **Not a broken bone**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 34,20 *He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*

**Fulfillment:** Johannes 19,33 *But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:*

### **Buried in the grave of a rich man**

**Prophecy:** Isaiah 53,9 *And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, ....*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 27,57-60...*a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.... 27:60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock:*

### **His resurrection from death**

**Prophecy:** Psalm 16,10 Psa 16:10 *For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

**Fulfillment:** Matthew 28,9 *And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.*

### **Prophezeiungen für das Reich Jesu**

#### **Auferweckung der Toten**

**Prophecy:** Hosea 13:14 *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*

**Prophecy:** isaiah 65:17 *For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. :18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. :20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. :21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. :25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*



**Fulfillment:** *Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

*Off 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

**In 597 BC**, the time of the kings ended. The Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple of Solomon. He kidnapped the survivors, so that Jerusalem was completely deserted. Only 70 years later, the Jews were allowed to move back to their country. A king did not get the Jews anymore. Serubbabel was internally anointed king, but officially he was a governor.

## Chapter 3 The restoration

### Jesus the Messiah appears on the scene

At the time of the Idumite (descendant Esau) of Herod the Great, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Herod was king over all Israel by the grace of the Romans, who then held world domination. Herod had adopted the religion of the Israelites and rebuilt the temple in 40 years, which was destroyed in 597 BC by the Babylonians. When Herod heard of the three star-seers that a king was born in his domain, he took the child Jesus, so that Mary and Joseph fled to Egypt with Jesus. After the death of Herod, his empire was divided into four parts by the Romans. Now Mary and Joseph were able to return with Jesus from Egypt and took up residence in Nazareth.



*Mathew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.*

*Mathew 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, 3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? 4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

As the Son of God, who was already with God in his prehuman existence, Jesus was not under the sin that was spread through Adam to all men;

*Letter from Paul to the Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

Jesus Christ is the end of the seed that crushes the serpent's head. He is the seed of Abraham through which all nations are blessed. Jesus, the Son of God, was destined to restore God's humanity, separated from God and separated from God by Adam.

*Psalms 110:4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.*

In contrast to the kings of Israel, who were not allowed to perform priestly services, Jesus was to become both a priest and a king for all mankind.

But before that, Jesus had to go his hardest course, to die as a sacrificial lamb for humanity. Only then could mankind be freed from sin Adam and reconciled with God.

*Römer 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*



*Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*  
*18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*  
*19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

***1Corinthian 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.***

Jesus fulfilled God's plan to give his life for us humans. This is a painful act. The serpent crushes the verses of the woman.

Jesus died on the cross for us. But God made him come alive on the third day. However, not as a human, but in his body, which he had before his incarnation.

*1Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

*1Corinthian 15:40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.*

After his resurrection Jesus remained on earth for 40 days and showed himself to his disciples. After that time he drove up to heaven.

*Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

*Acts 2:35 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*



### **The collection**

At Pentecost, after Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples. Pentecost, like the Passover, had a special meaning.

*Levitikus 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. 17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.*

The symbolism is:

Jesus with his sinless body represents the unleavened bread.

The church is still sinful and is the firstfruits of the leavened bread.

These sins are washed in the blood of the lamb and thus they are also sinless, which is symbolized by white clothes. (Revelation 6:11; 7,9; 7,14)

Rev. 7:14 These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

At first only Israelites were chosen for it. They were the first to receive the invitation and the Holy Spirit.

Peter says in his first sermon:

*Acts 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

As foretold in the parable with the invitation to the wedding feast (Matthew 22: 1-14), the mass of the Israelites did not accept this invitation to govern with Christ, and thus be a blessing to all humanity. As a result, people who were non-Israelites were also invited to this wedding feast. The first was Cornelius. Peter was sent to him, which Peter was not at all right, because Israelites were not allowed to communicate with non-Israelites. But God had changed that, which he clarified with a sign.

*Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,*

*Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

As time went by, it became clear that God chose both Israelites and non-Israelites to bring humanity back to God. Jesus chose a particularly stubborn Israelite, from the tribe of Benjamin, to use him as an apostle to the nations. It was Paul who, until his conversion, persecuted Christians to the utmost. He wrote in his letter to the Galatians;

*Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

**Christians, like Jesus Christ, will receive a spiritual body after their resurrection.**

*1. Corinethian 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

*1. Corinethian 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*



In this condition they will experience an Ascension like Jesus Christ, for the wedding will take place in heaven.

*Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

*Rev. 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*

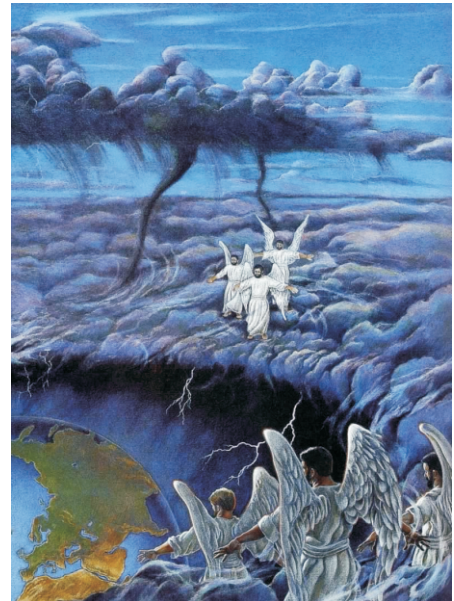
In the vision of John, written down in Revelation, we are dealing with symbols. The church of Jesus, the people he has chosen and who have accepted him become his wife. So we speak today of the bride of Christ.

The gathering of the Bride of Christ is still in full swing today. our mission as Christians is to support this gathering. Jesus said at his Ascension:

*Acts 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and throughout Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.*

In the Revelation of John we are shown a picture showing how long this invitation will go on. We read:

**Revelation 7:1** *And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*



Here it becomes clear that the Israelites were foreseen for this particular privilege, for 12,000 out of every tribe should be. (The tribes in Revelation 7 do not correspond to the tribes of the nation of Israel: Ephraim and Dan are missing, and Joseph and Levi are listed as tribe.)

In chapter 14, John sees these 144,000 standing with Jesus on Mount Zion (the seat of government). Here we are told who these 144,000 are:

*Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.*

**James 1:18** *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of **firstfruits** of his creatures.*

Christians are specially tested in the end times. Revelation 13 shows how Satan installs a statue that nobody can pass.

**Rev. 13:15** *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

## Angels warn against carrying the mark of the beast.

**Rev. 14:9** *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10*

*The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, .....*

*12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

Those who pass these tests receive a spiritual body in the resurrection, like Jesus (1 Cor.15, 44). He is present at the wedding in heaven and may reign 1000 years with Jesus Christ, because we read:

**revelation 20:4** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

Only those who pass the exams get the crown of life.  
(See also Revelation 2 + 3)

### The blessings

**Rev. 21:1** *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

As we have already read, the bride, who now became the wife of Christ, will reign with him for a thousand years. It will be a reign without Satan.

**Rev. 20:1** *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

But over whom will they rule? because there are no people on earth at this time? In chapter 19 of Revelation, Jesus Christ cleanses the earth, for we read:

**Rev. 19:20** *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

**They are people** who are judged by Jesus Christ according to their deeds. It is the second resurrection, a resurrection in the flesh on earth. These will be repaired in the thousand years, just as Adam was before his sin.

**Rev. 20:5** *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

Most interpreters of Revelation see the second resurrection after the 1000 years. That would make no sense. I see the second resurrection before the 1000 years. The thrones with the Christians and the white throne with Jesus Christ are in my opinion one and the same picture. The text of Revelation 20: 5-10 is an inset that gives insight into the 1000 years.



*Rev. 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

In the eyes of God they are still death, as Adam was at the moment of his sin before God's death.

*Genesis 2:17...for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

**In the thousand years, what God has sworn to Abraham is fulfilled.**

**Prophecy:** *Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

**Fulfillment:** *Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending **out of heaven from God**,...*

*Rev. 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

After the thousand years, the state is restored, as he was in Paradise before the sin of Adam. Humans are healed by Jesus Christ. But now they have to pass an exam.

*Rev. 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

This is the moment when the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent. The earth is now cleansed. The plan of God is done. Perfect people now populate the earth. They were checked again by Satan and many passed. Paul writes about this time:

*1. Corin. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

***Rev. 22:20.. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.  
21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.***



