

**Don't Stick With Tradition -
Stick With The Word!
Romans 4: 9-12**

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Sin

Salvation

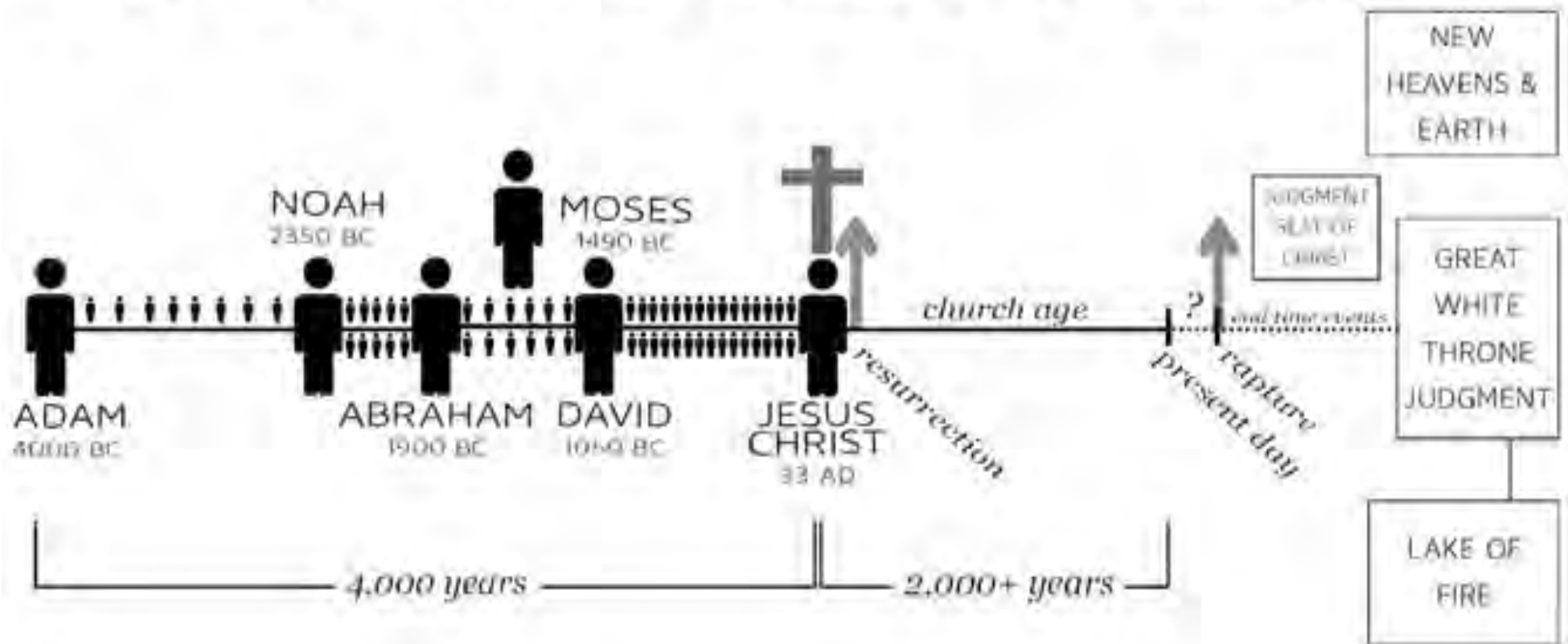
**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

THE BIBLE'S BIG PICTURE TIMELINE



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

The Decree
to Restore

Messiah
the Prince

The Coming
Prince

Messiah
Returns

69 Weeks

Messiah Apr. 3,
"cut off" A.D. 33

Church
Age



1 Week

1/2
Week

1/2
Week

March 5,
444 B.C.

Artaxerxes' Decree
Neh. 2:1-8

March 30,
A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry
Luke 19:28-40



City &
Temple
destroyed

Aug. 6,
A.D. 70

Verse 9 - 10

The Issue: Circumcision tradition vs Faith

Circumcision is a picture of cutting away sin from a Jewish man's life

The Bible speaks of circumcision of the heart

Romans 2: 29

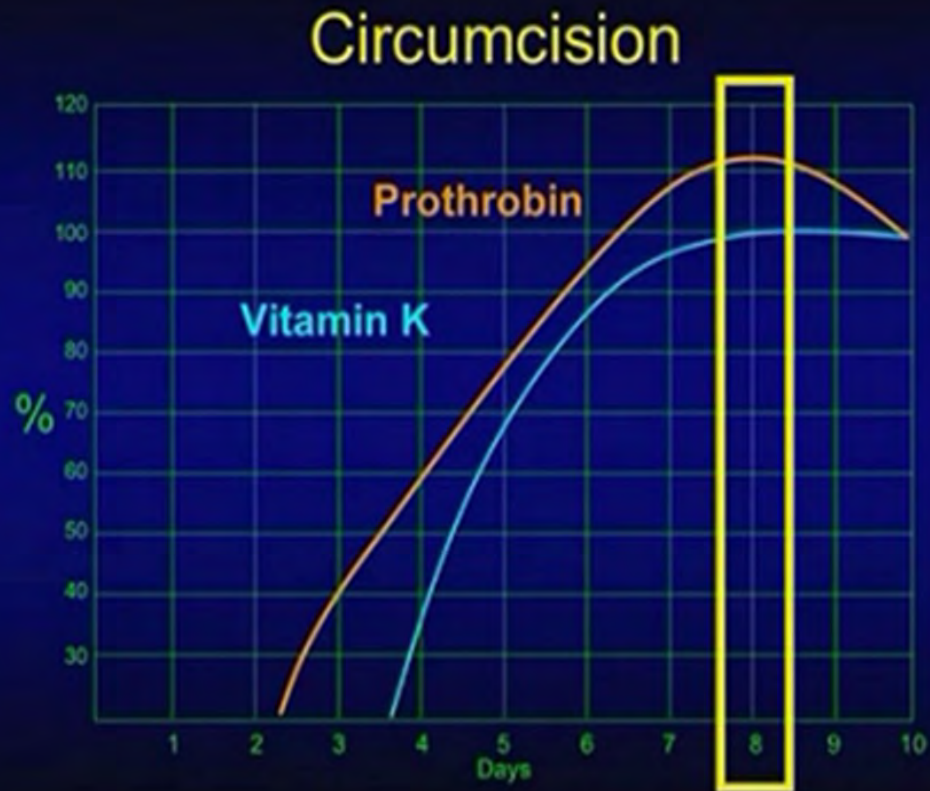
Jeremiah spoke of this 2600 years ago – Jeremiah 4: 4

Circumcision history: The Jews were not the first



There is scientific evidence for why circumcision must be on the eighth day

Clotting factors peak on the eighth day



The early Church had to deal with an attack from Pharisee believers - *you must be circumcised!*

A decision was made; this decision saved the early Church from becoming a Jewish sect

Salvation is by believing God, not by circumcision, not tradition, but by faith!

For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.
Acts 15:28-29 NKJV

Verse 11 - 12

Circumcision is a sign and a seal

Circumcision was a sign of the covenant made between God and Abraham (*Israel*)

An outward sign that a child was dedicated to "YHWH"

What is our outward sign today?

BAPTISM

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward change

I am identifying with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection

As circumcision was a command of God, baptism is also a command of God – Matthew 28: 19 is a command!

Baptism represents rebirth in Christ, not the cause of rebirth in Christ, *which is by faith alone!*

Old Testament Jews were under the Old Covenant;
circumcision on the 8th day did not demonstrate one's
devotion to YHWH (*too young*)

**The New Covenant, *when one is saved*, they become part
of God's family**

**Baptism is a sign of the New Covenant between God and
mankind through Messiah**

**Only those who belong to God, are devoted to God,
demonstrating loyalty to God, should be baptized!**

Abraham was declared righteous by faith when
uncircumcised – Genesis 15

It was 24 years later that Abraham was commanded to
circumcise – Genesis 17

Abraham, like you, was saved by faith, believing God!

The Jews were not saved by their **TRADITION!**

We are not saved by our **TRADITION!**

All are saved the same way –

by faith alone in CHRIST alone!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

We are seeing, today, more Churches teaching the Church has replaced Israel

God does not have a future plan for Israel, this has become their TRADITION!

This has resulted in massive antisemitism, which is spreading rapidly

Why is Replacement Theology wrong?

GOD IS A PROMISE KEEPER!

The Abrahamic Covenant, a promise from God, includes a land, seed, and blessing promise

Jewish land promise
will be fulfilled in
the Millennial Reign
of Messiah



Seed promise, from Abraham's seed, would come the Jewish nation

Blessing promise from Abraham's seed, would come Messiah, the Savior of the world

How does the Church benefit from the New Covenant?

By being grafted into Israel

Romans 11: 17

Ephesians 2: 12-13

“The Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body, and partakers (not take over) of His promise in Christ through the gospel.” Ephesians 3: 6

The Church does not take over or replace Israel, but are partakers with Israel in the covenants

The New Covenant was instituted by Messiah's blood sacrifice – Matthew 26: 27-28

Every communion service we remember what Jesus has done for us

He redeemed us, we remember the price He paid for us, *He died in my place!*

I remember His broken body, His shed blood

I also remember I am betrothed to Jesus, wed to Him, awaiting the final phase of the marriage ceremony, the marriage supper

What this means to me:

- I am to be faithful
- I will entertain no suitors, no rivals
- I will stay fully devoted to my Bridegroom until He comes for me

The marriage is for the Bride (*Church*) exclusively!

Church, realize, you are forever special to Jesus!

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