

Genesis 12–50

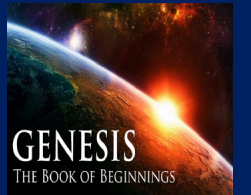
Israel's Birth & Preservation



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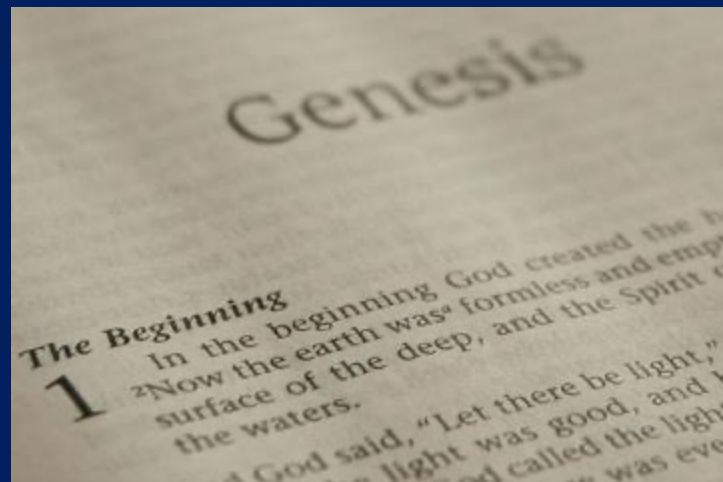
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GENESIS STRUCTURE

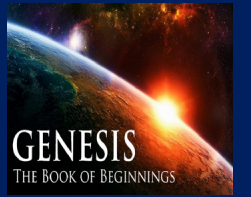


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II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



GENESIS STRUCTURE



- I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)
 - A. Creation (1-2)
 - B. Fall (3-5)
 - C. Flood (6-9)
 - D. National dispersion (10-11)

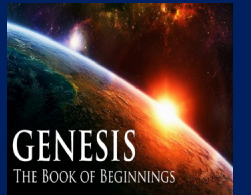


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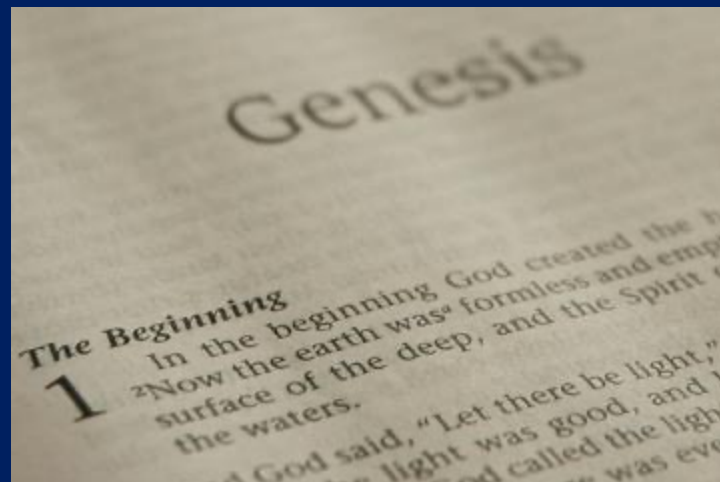
“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



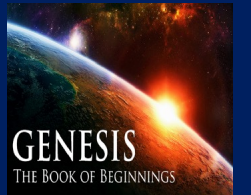
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C. Jacob (27–36)

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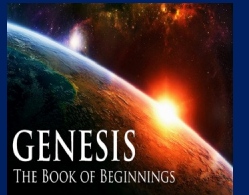


Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



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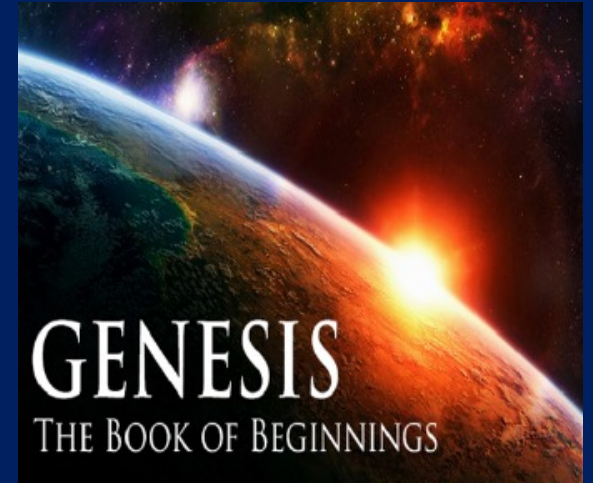
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Genesis 12–17

Abram's Early Journeys

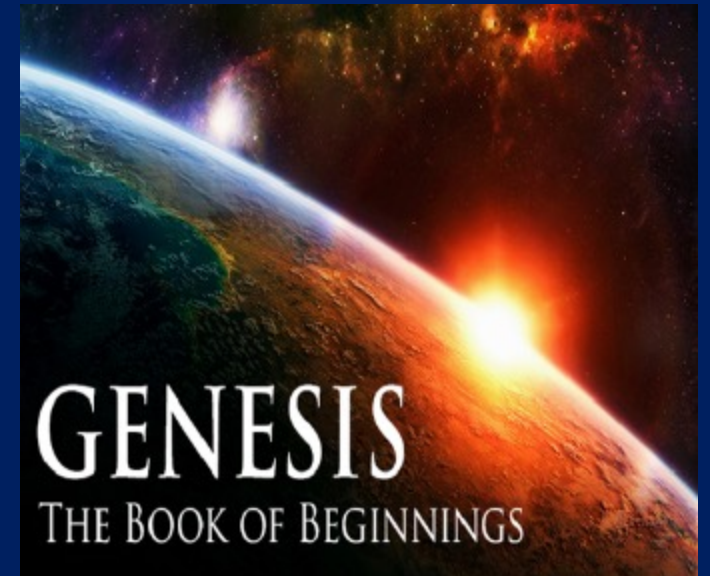
- I. Unconditional promises (Gen. 12:1-3)
- II. From Haran to Canaan (Gen. 12:4-5)
- III. In Canaan (Gen. 12:6-9)
- IV. In Egypt (Gen. 12:10-20)
- V. Abram and Lot Separate (Gen. 13:1-13)
- VI. Reaffirmation of Abram's promises (Gen. 13:14-18)
- VII. Abram Rescues Lot (14:1-24)
- VIII. Abrahamic Covenant (15:1-21)
- IX. Hagar & Ishmael (16:1-16)
- X. Circumcision (Gen. 17:1-27)



Genesis 17:1–27

Circumcision

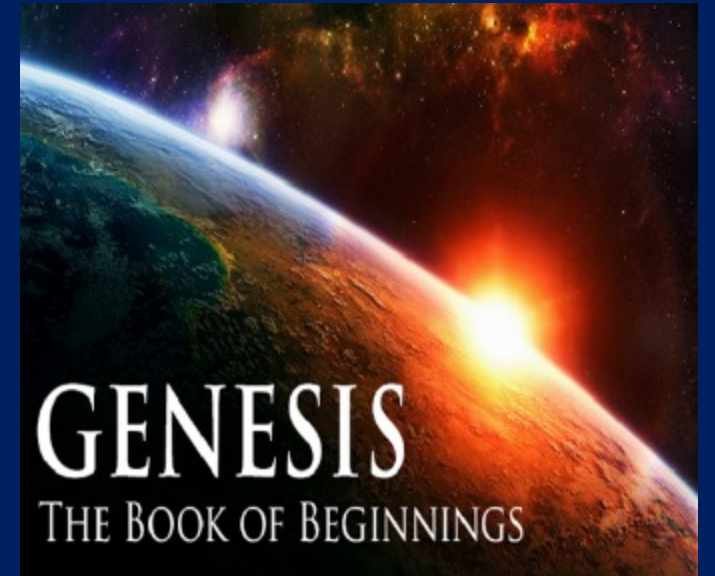
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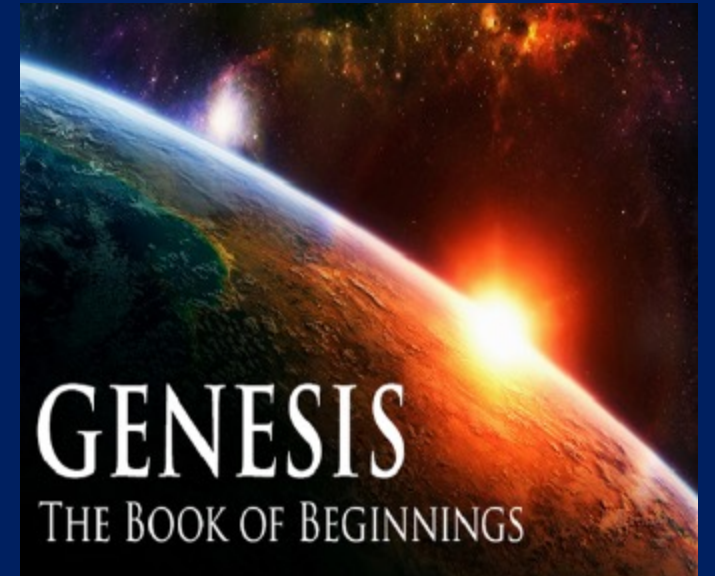
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A. Covenant Restated

Genesis 17:1-8

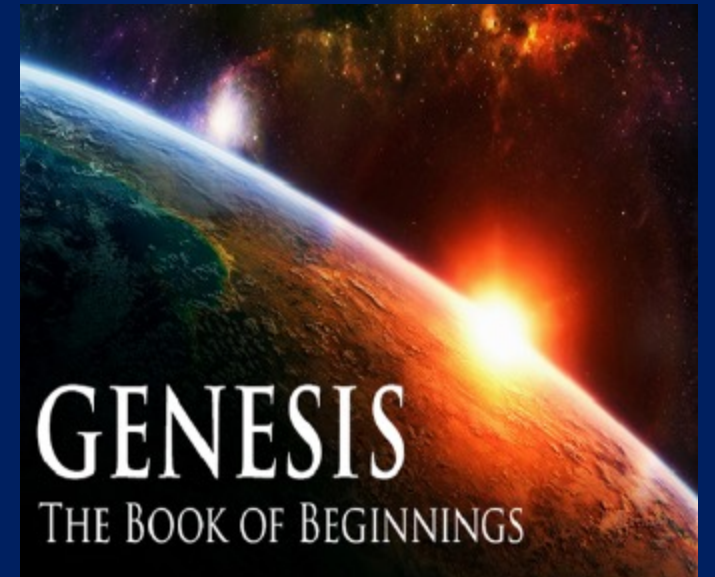
1. Timing (1a)
2. Divine disclosure (1b-2)
3. Abram's response (3a)
4. Amplification of promises (3b-8)



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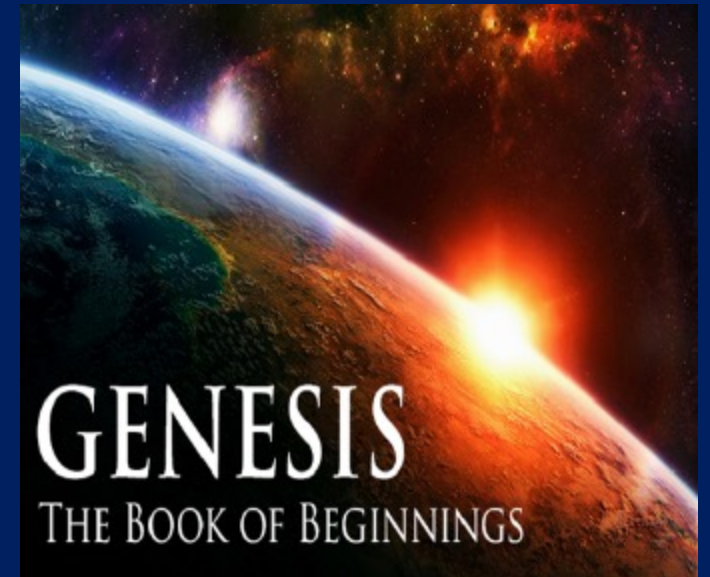
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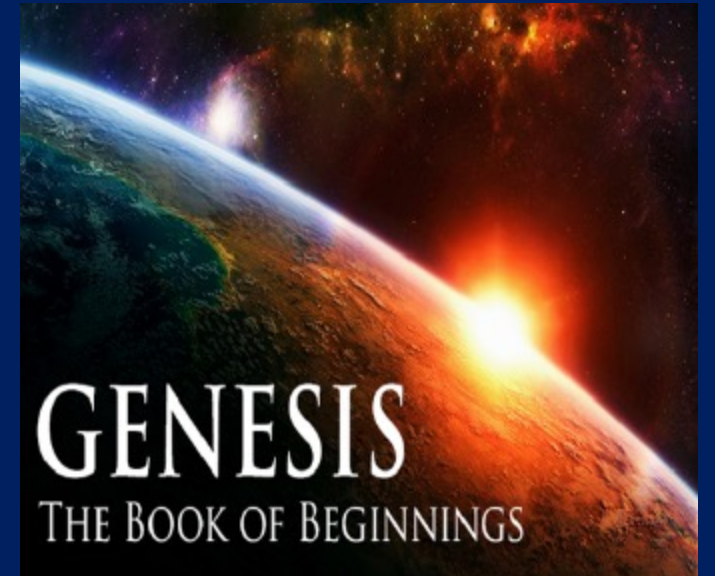
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Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, **brethren**, by **the mercies** of God, to **present your bodies** a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable **to God**, which is your spiritual service of worship.”



Romans Outline

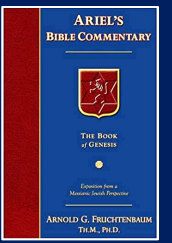
- I. Salutation (1:1-17)
- II. Sin (1:18–3:20)
- III. Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- IV. Sanctification (6–8)
- V. Sovereignty (9–11)
- VI. Service (12:1–15:13)
- VII. Summation (15:14–16:27)





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“It is the same principle in salvation. Salvation is by grace through faith, not based on works. Once saved, believers retain salvation unconditionally; but in response to God’s love for them, believers are expected to keep His commandments. However, whether believers keep them or do not keep them, their salvation is secure.”

John 10:27-29

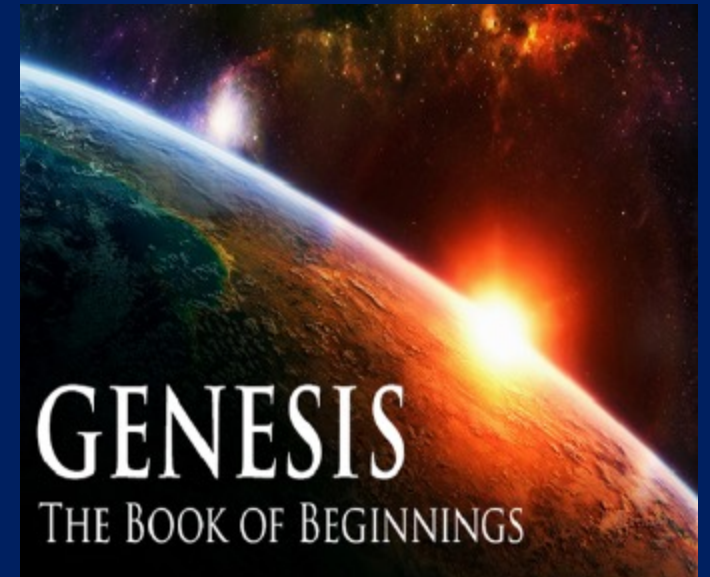
“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish **[ou mē; aiōnia]**; and **no one will snatch them** out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and **no one is able to snatch them** out of the Father’s hand.”

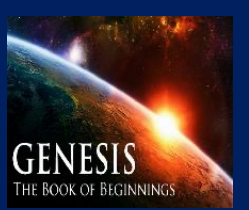


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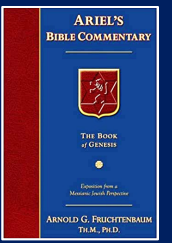
Covenant Signs

- Noahic Covenant: Rainbow (Gen 9)
- Abrahamic Covenant: Circumcision (Gen 17)
- Mosaic Covenant: Sabbath (Exod 20; Lev 25: Jer 25:11; 29:10; 2 Chron 36:21)
- New Covenant: Communion (Luke 22)



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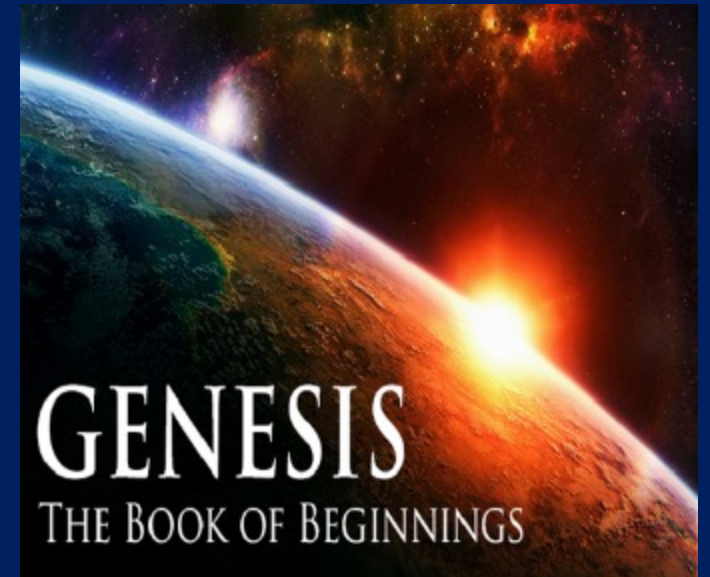


“Circumcision did not begin with Abraham; it was practiced by other societies before Abraham such as the Egyptians (Jer. 9:25–26). After Abraham, it was also practiced by Arabs, Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites (Jer. 9:25–26). It was not practiced by Mesopotamians, Arameans, or Philistines (Judg. 15:18; I Sam. 17:26, 17:36). Mesopotamia and Aramea were where Abraham came from.”

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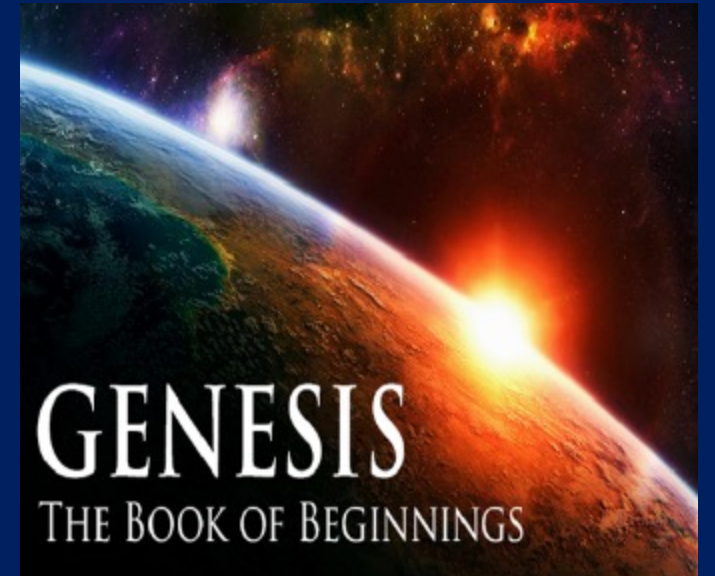
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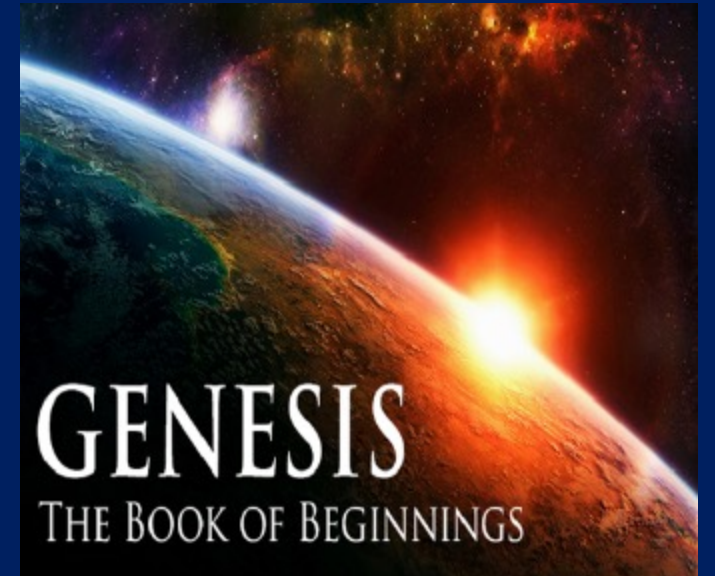
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A Medical Perspective

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“Designating the eighth day after birth as the day of circumcision is one of the most amazing specifications in the Bible, from a medical standpoint. Why the eighth day?...Circumcision on the third day could result in a devastating hemorrhage. The intestinal bacteria finally start their task of manufacturing vitamin K, and the prothrombin subsequently begins to climb. On day eight, it overshoots to 110 percent of normal, leveling off to 100 percent on day nine and remaining there for the rest of a person's healthy life. Therefore, the eighth day was the safest of all days for circumcision to be performed.”

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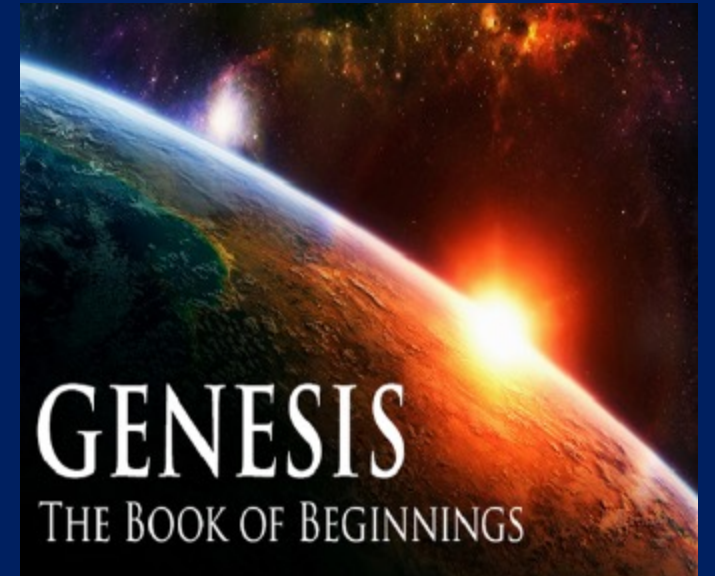
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“On that one day, a person's clotting factor is at 110 percent, the highest ever, and that is the day God prescribed for the surgical process of circumcision. Today vitamin K...is routinely administered to newborns shortly after their delivery, and this eliminates the clotting problem. However, before the days of vitamin K injections, a 1953 pediatrics textbook recommended that the best day to circumcise a newborn was the eighth day of life.”

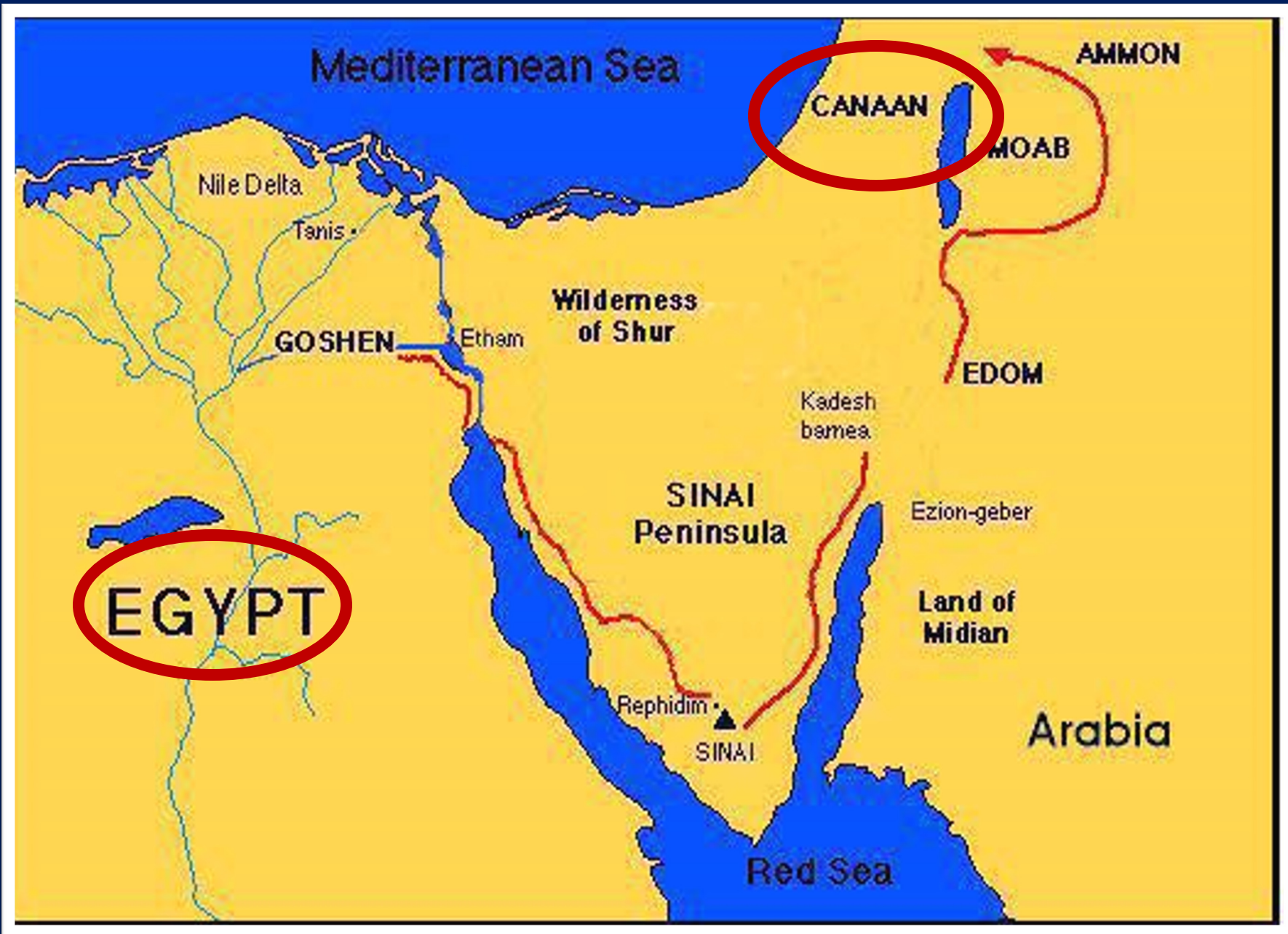
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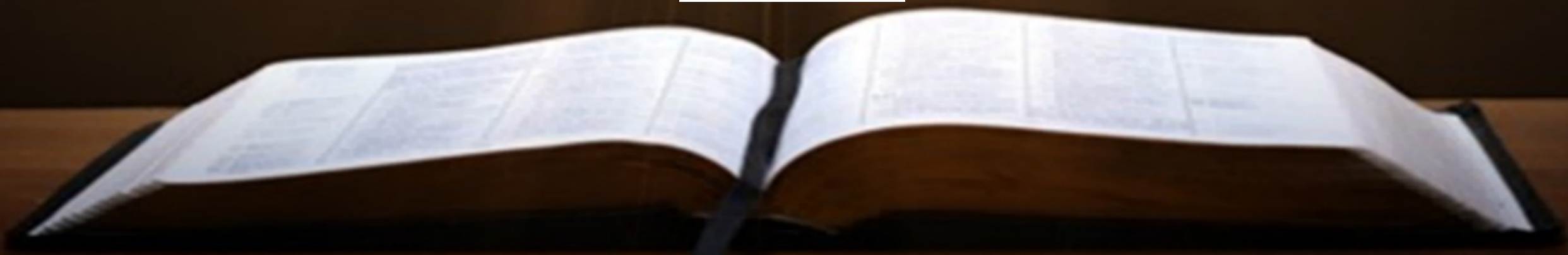
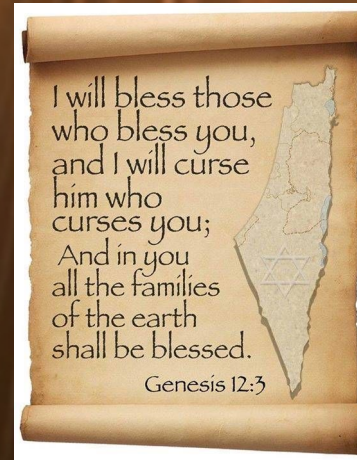






Genesis 12:3

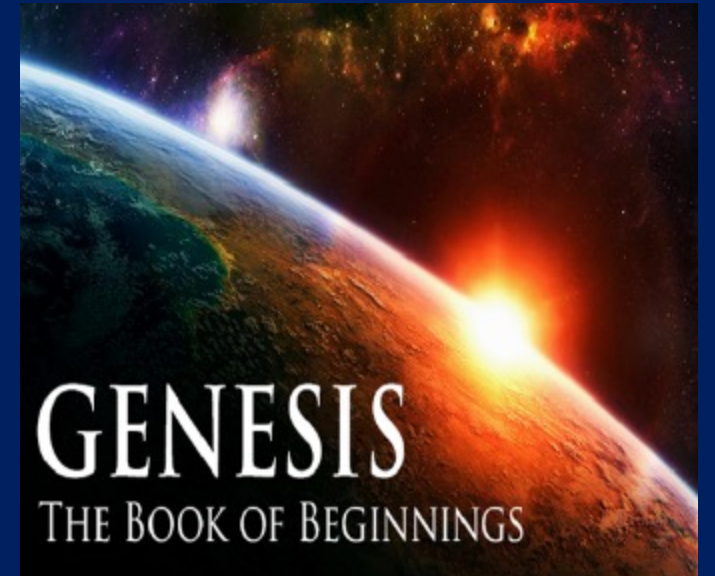
“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



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Evidence of Abrahamic Covenant's Unconditional Nature

- ANE covenant ratification ceremony (Gen 15)
- Lack of stated conditions for Israel's obedience (Gen 15)
- **Covenant's eternality (Gen 17:7, 13, 19; Ps. 90:2)**
- Covenant's immutability (Heb 6:13-18; Mal. 3:6)
- Trans-generational reaffirmation despite perpetual national disobedience (Jer 31:35-37)

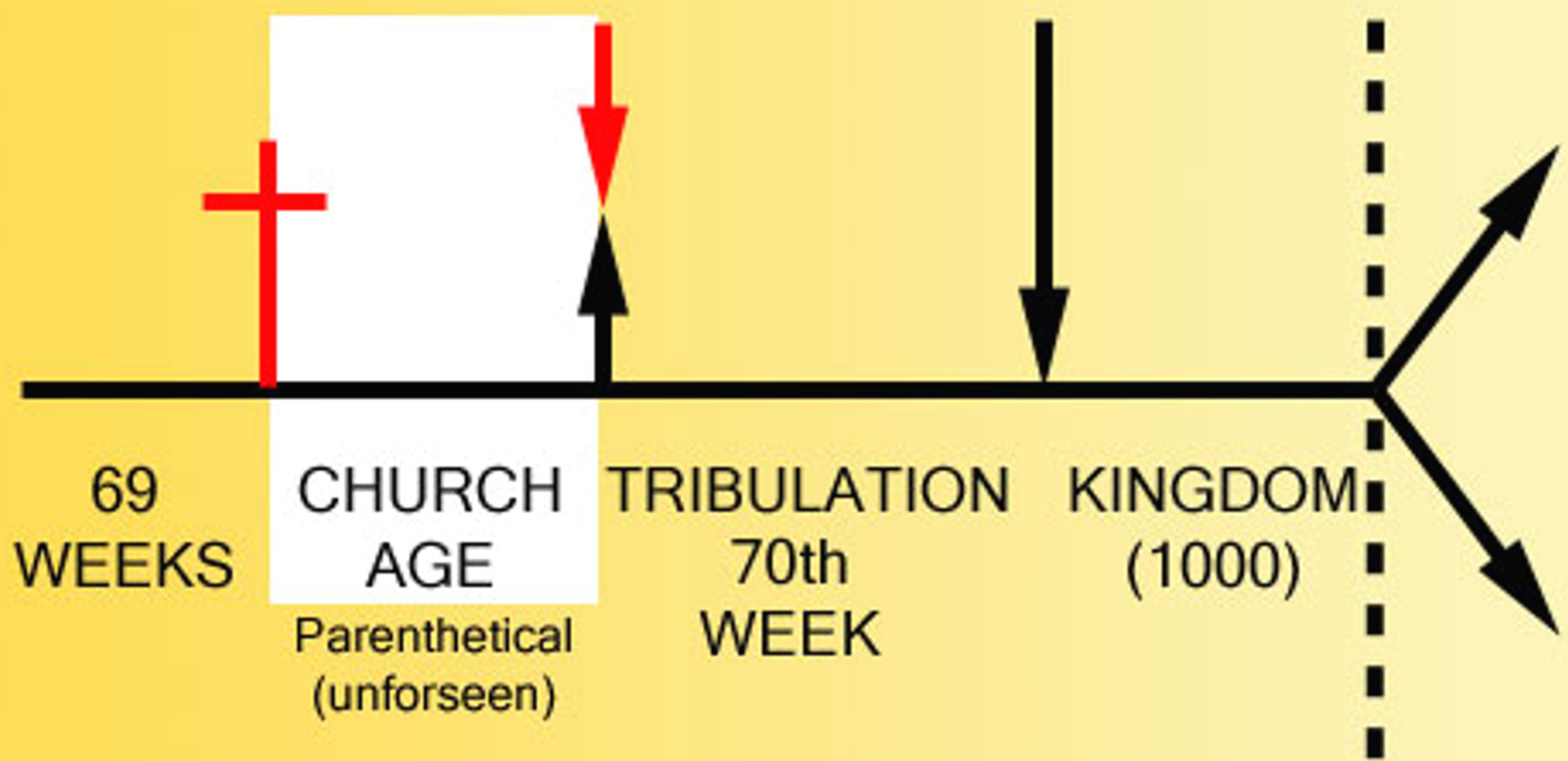
GAP BETWEEN 483rd AND 484th YEAR

- A. Prophecy runs successively for 483 years
- B. Gap between 483rd and 484th year

69 weeks
483 years

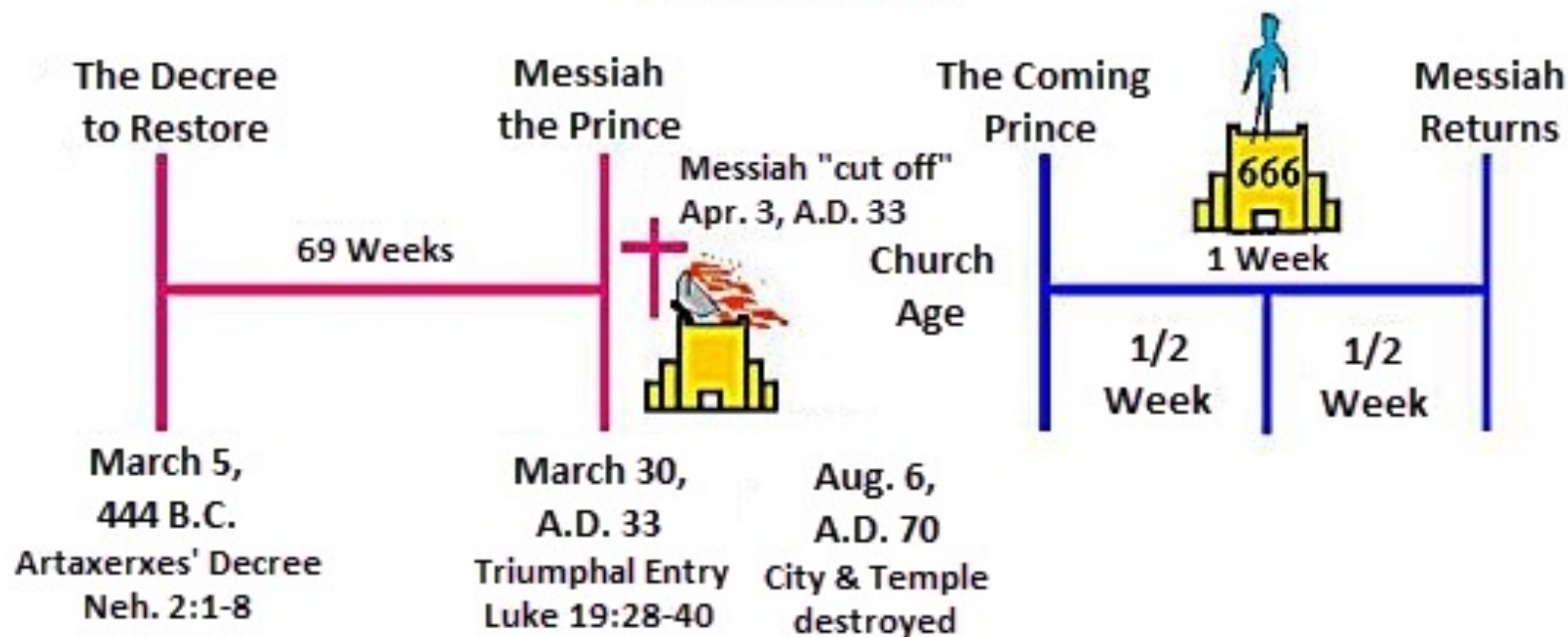
(GAP)

70th week
7 years



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

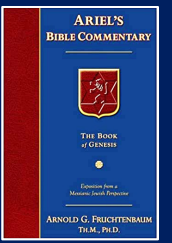
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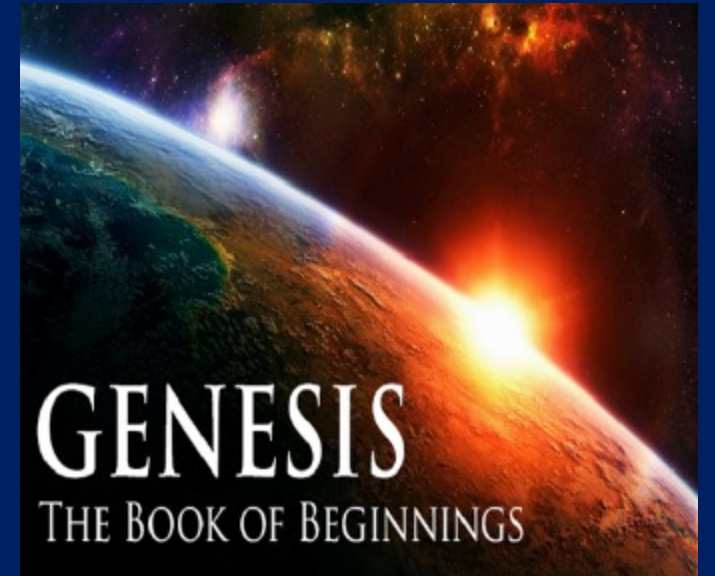


“Circumcision is as everlasting or as long as the Abrahamic Covenant itself. Therefore, while today there is no basis for circumcision under the Law of Moses, there is a requirement of circumcision under the Abrahamic Covenant. It is still mandatory for Jews, which therefore includes Jewish believers in Jesus...In addition, indeed, the New Testament does not rule out circumcision for Jews; only circumcision for Gentiles is ruled out under the Mosaic Law (insofar as for religious reasons, although circumcision for health reasons is a separate issue).”

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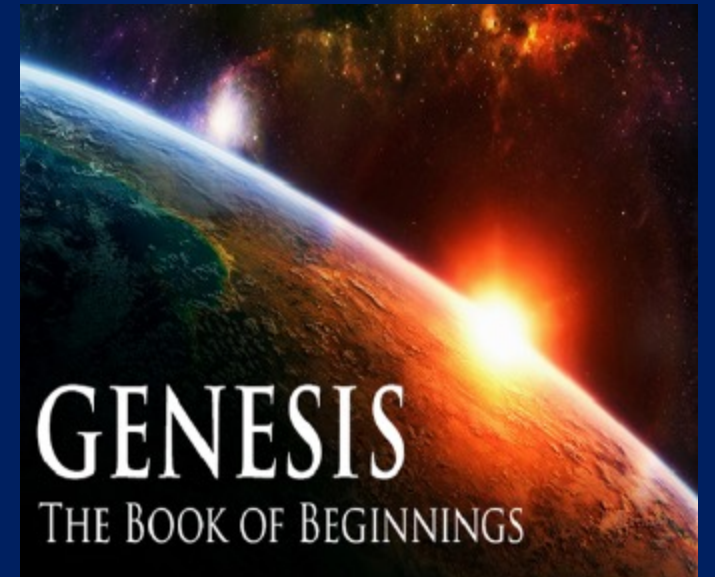
“This expression undoubtedly involves a wordplay on cut. He that is not himself cut (i.e., circumcised) will be cut off (i.e., ostracized). Here is the choice: be cut or be cut off..”

Conclusion

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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)