

Book of Zechariah - Introduction

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Before Time Began, **God** had a **Plan** and an Eternal **Purpose** for **Man**.

God has revealed His **Plan** and **Purpose** to us through His **Word**, as revealed to His **Prophets**.

God Planned His Eternal Purpose, all according to His **Will**, *Isa 46:8-11*, “before time began”, *2 Tim 1:9*.

Isaiah 46:8-11 **Read**

8 “Remember this, and **be assured**; Recall it to mind, you transgressors. (**Remember, Recall, be Assured**)

9 “Remember the former things long past, (**Remember the former**)

For **I am God**, and there is no other; (God’s Oneness)

I am God, and there is no one like **Me**, (God’s Uniqueness)

10 Declaring the **end** from the **beginning**, (God’s Declaring Ahead of Time, the end events)

And from ancient times things which have not been done, (Declaring , prophetically, yet undone things)

Saying, ‘**My purpose** will be established, (God’s **Purpose** will be established)

And **I will** accomplish all **My good pleasure**’; (God’s **Will**, will be accomplished)

11 **Calling** a bird of prey from the east, (God **Calls**)

The **man** of **My purpose** from a far country. (God **Calls Men** for His **Purpose**)

Truly I have **spoken**; **truly I will** bring it to pass. (God will **truly** bring to pass, what He has **truly spoken**)

I have planned it, (God **Planned His Purpose**)

surely I will do it. (God **surely** will do His **Purpose**)

God’s Plan > is held as **mystery, secret, or hidden** until “**revelation of the mystery**” in NT

Romans 16:25 “Now to **Him** who is able to establish **you** according to my gospel and the preaching of **Jesus Christ**, according to the **revelation** of the **mystery** kept **secret** since the world began”.

(Kingdom **mystery**, *Luke 8:10*, **Hardening mystery**, *Rom 11:25*, the Rapture **mystery**, *1 Cor 15:51*,

the Church **mystery**, *Rom 16:25-26*, *Eph 3:3, 4, 9, 5:32*, *Col 1:25-27*, **God’s Will mystery**, *Eph 1:9*)

Ephesians 3:9-11 “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages has been **hidden in God** who created all things through **Jesus Christ**;

10 to the intent that **now** the manifold wisdom of **God** might be made known by **the church**

to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

11 according to the **eternal purpose** which **He** accomplished in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**”.

(Some of **God’s Plan** > is held as **mystery** or **hidden in God**, according to **God’s eternal Purpose**) & *Col 1:26*

Titus 1:1-3 **1** Paul, a bond-servant of **God** and an apostle of **Jesus Christ**,

for the faith of those **chosen of God** and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

2 in the hope of eternal life, which **God**, who cannot lie, **promised long ages ago**, (OT)

3 but **at the proper time** **manifested**, even **His** word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of **God** our Savior,

(**God’s Plan** is according His **Promise** and “**at the proper time, manifested** (revealed)” **His** Word.)

2 Timothy 1:9 “**who** has **saved us** and **called us** with a holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to His own purpose and grace**

which was given to us in **Christ Jesus** before time began,”

(**God’s Plan** is according to “**His own Purpose and Grace**”, given “before time began”)

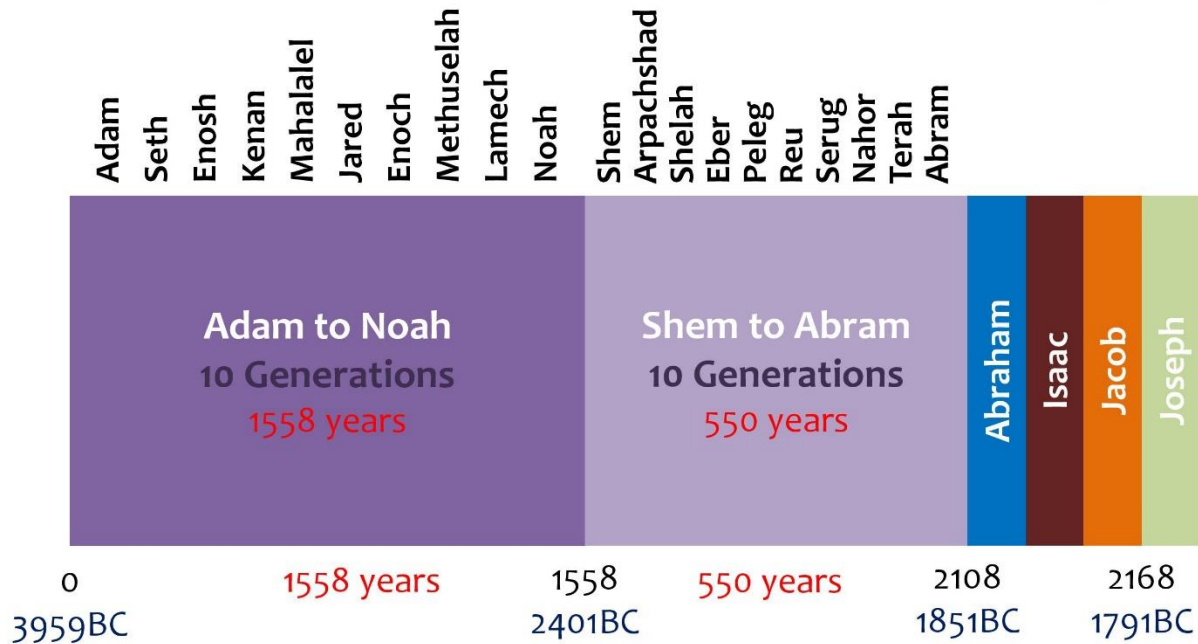
Acts 2:23 “**Him** (**Jesus**), being delivered by the determined **purpose and foreknowledge of God**,

You have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to **death**;”

(**God’s Plan**, for **Jesus** to be put to **death**, is according to **His** determined Purpose and **Foreknowledge**)

Time of Kings of Israel: United and Divided Kingdoms

Time of: Adam to Joseph

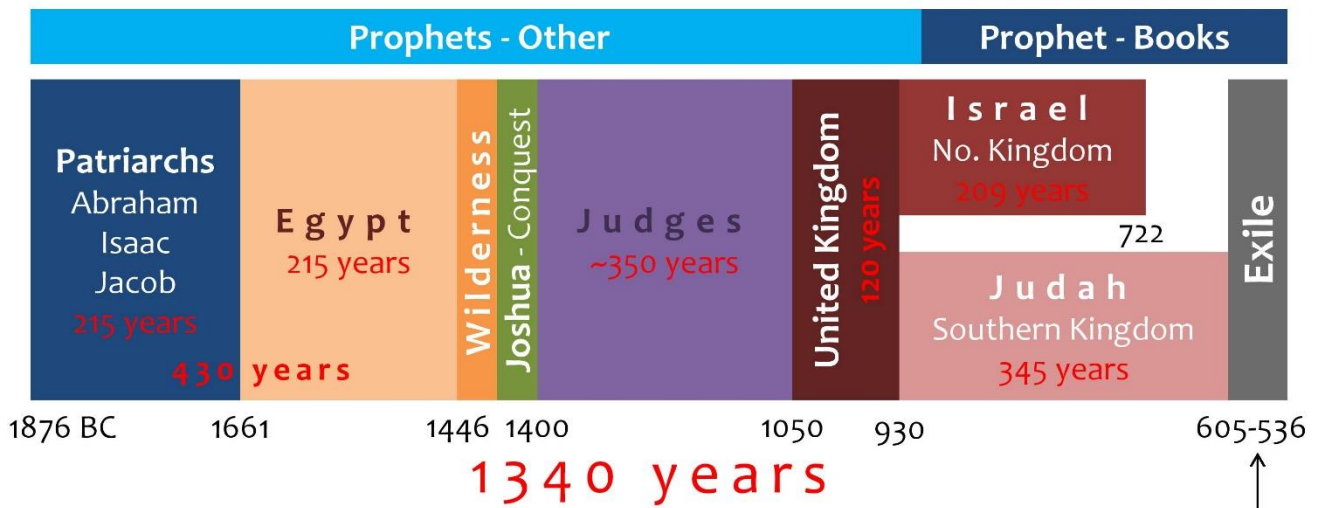


Book of Genesis – 50 Chapters

Israel: Abraham to Exile

Nation of Israel – Abraham to Isaiah, Acts 7: 1-53

“Which one of **the Prophets** did your fathers not persecute?”, Acts 7:52



Sojourning > Land Not Theirs | Israel > in Their Land as Nation | Scattering > to the Nations

Israel's History : Call of Abraham to Scattering to the Nations

- I. **United Kingdom of Israel, 1050BC to 930BC**
 - A. Reign of **Saul**, 1050BC to 1010BC
 - B. Reign of **David**, 1010BC to 970BC
 - C. Reign of **Solomon**, 970BC to 930BC
 - D. **Solomon Dies**, 930BC
- II. **Divided Kingdom of Israel** > Divides, 930BC
 - A. Tribes of **Judah** and **Benjamin** > in **S. Israel**, Capitol City **Jerusalem**
 - B. Other **10 Tribes of Israel** > in **N. Israel**, Capitol City **Samaria**
- III. **Northern Kingdom of Israel**, taken to Exile, by **Assyria**, 722BC
 - A. Prophet **Jeremiah** warns **S. Israel** of Exile, 627BC to 585BC
 - B. **S. Israel, Judah** and **Benjamin**, don't listen to **Jeremiah**
- IV. **Southern Kingdom of Judah**, taken to 70 year Exile, by **Babylon**, 605BC, 597BC, and 586BC
 - A. **Nebuchadnezzar's** 1st siege of **Jerusalem**, **Daniel** taken to **Babylon**, 605BC
 - B. **Nebuchadnezzar's** 2nd siege of **Jerusalem**, 597BC
 - C. **Nebuchadnezzar's** 3rd siege of **Jerusalem** and destruction of **Temple**, 586BC
 - D. Prophet **Daniel**, in Exile, 605BC to 536BC
 1. Prophecies of 4 Future **Gentile Kingdoms**, **Babylon**, **Medo-Persian**, **Greek**, & **Roman**
 - E. Prophet **Ezekiel**, in Exile, 592BC to 570BC
 - F. Fall of **Babylon**, during **Belshazzar's** Feast, to **Darius of Persia**, 539BC

Kings of Israel and Judah



Prophets – Obadiah to Malachi

