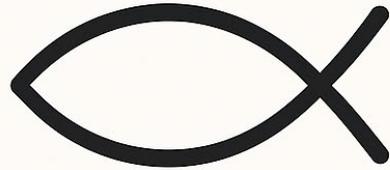
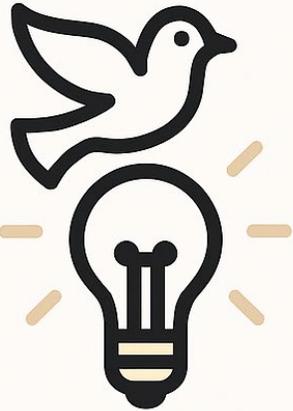
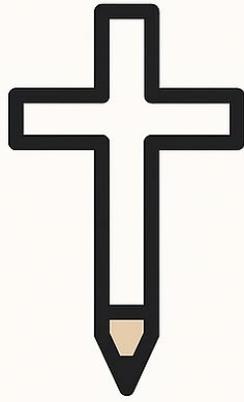




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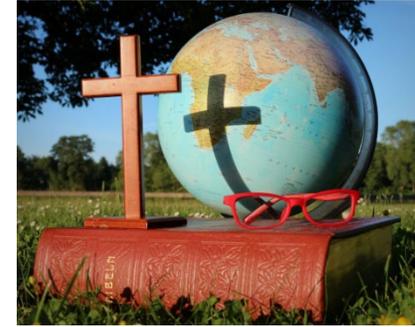
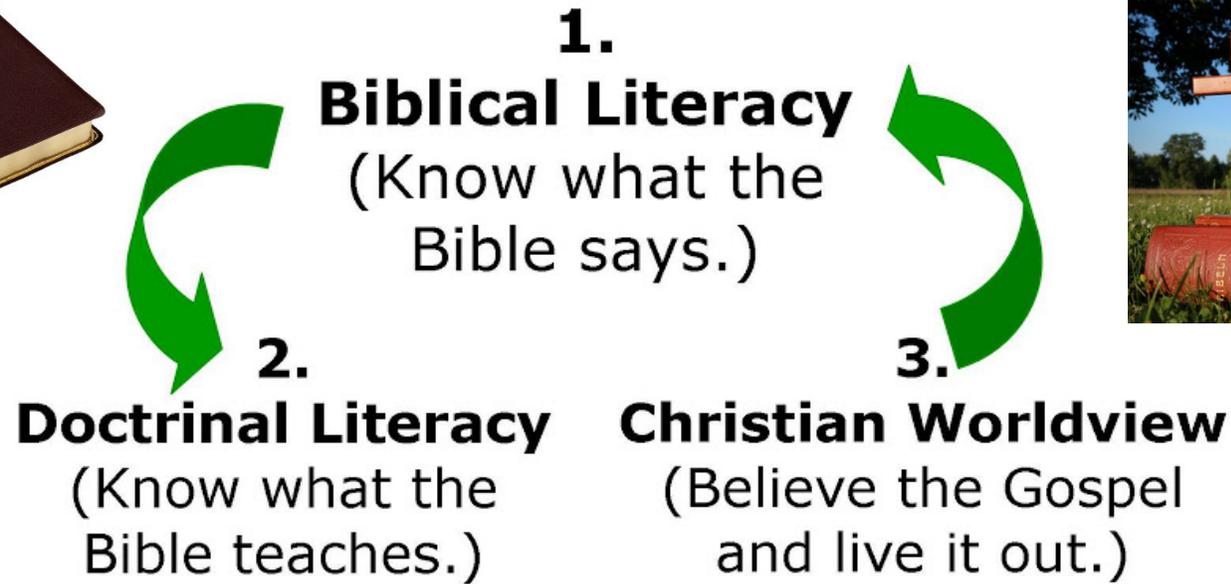
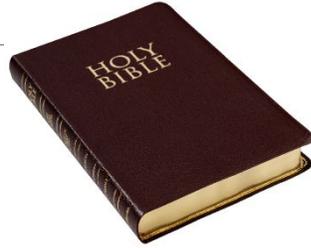


Creative Ways of Teaching



**WHAT ARE
WE
TRYING TO
ACHIEVE?**

The PURPOSE of Christian Education



Mission Statement

“We exist to worship and praise God, lead individuals to Christ, and actively facilitate their ongoing spiritual development, all while embracing our ethnicity with thanksgiving to God.”

Our Motto...

The Church that seeks to glorify God and serving humanity.

Our Goal...

To become one of the most loving churches in all the world.

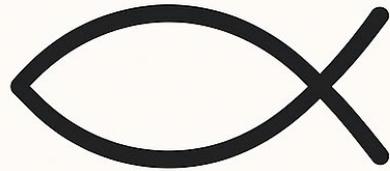
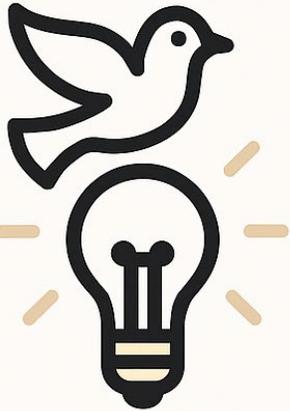
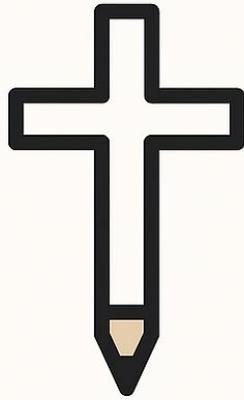


THE SHIFT 2026

We're shifting from activity to formation — from busy calendars to intentional pathways that shape disciples who look more like Jesus.

Discipleship

Sunday School at FMBC is a delight each Sunday. We gather at 8:15 a.m. each week to learn more about Christ and the Word of God as we fellowship with others and are challenged by a deeper understanding of God's Word. Our many teachers love to see your smiling faces, hear your feedback, and enjoy the rich relationships that grow out of these **small, intimate classes**. Sunday School classes for all ages provide the opportunity to study and discuss God's Word. Join other disciples as we learn and grow together through His Word.



Creative Ways of Teaching

Stories



How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

Ten Things That
Happened Last Week

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

1. Four purposes of Teaching Illustrations

- A. Get the **attention** of the audience.
- B. Explain a **Biblical** concept. Create an **“Aha”** Moment.
- C. Stir the **heart**.
- D. To **frame** the message.

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

2. Two Realities We Face

- A. We don't know in **advance** what **illustrations** we will always need.
- B. We can't find the illustration at the **last minute**.

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

Ten Things That
Happened Last Week



...if only we had eyes to see it.



Anything can happen. Anything
happens all the time.

— *Rose Byrne* —

AZ QUOTES

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

3. An Encouraging Truth to Remember

- A. The things you need are around you **every** day.
- B. All the circumstances of life are the **fingerprints** of God.

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

4. A Simple Idea

- A. List every day
- B. Everything
- C. 10
- D. Selective
- E. More

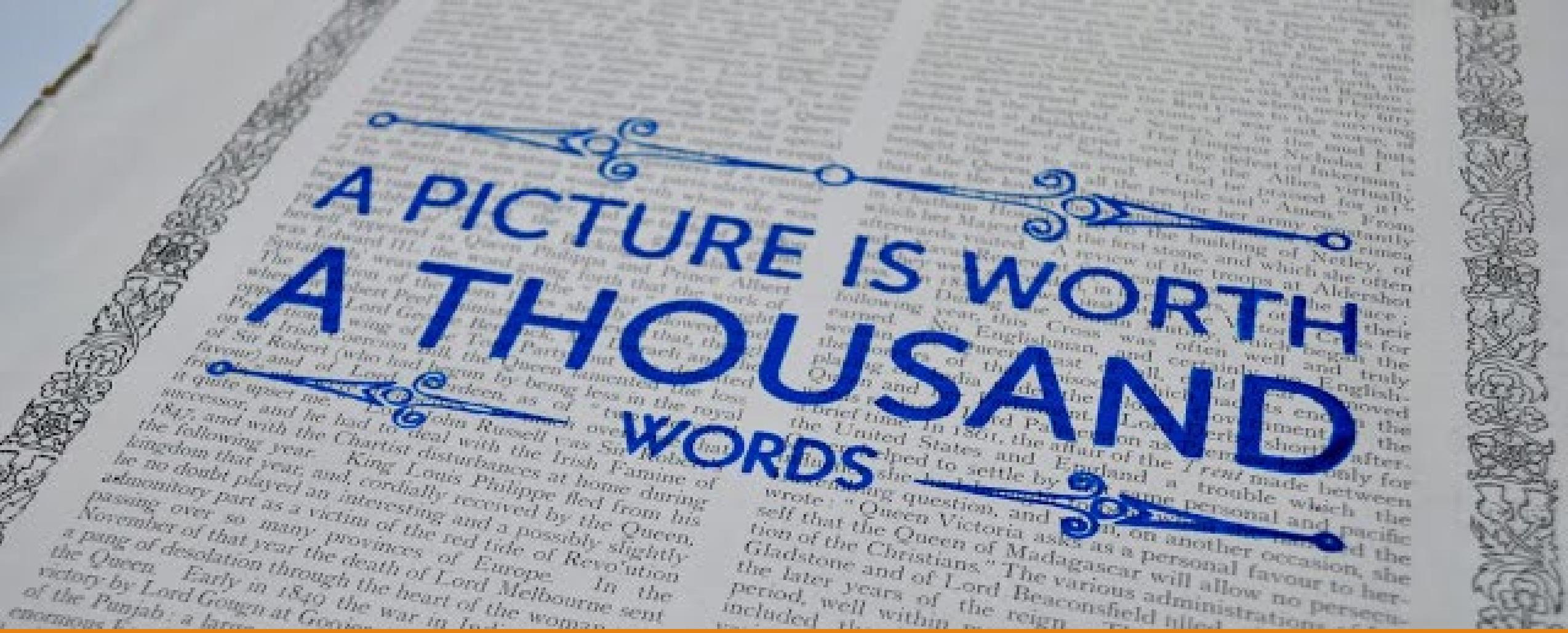
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4. A Simple Idea

- F. Abbreviations
- G. A new List
- H. Nearby
- I. Unused

How to Find **Fresh** Teaching Illustrations

Ten Things That
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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Handouts – Pictures, Charts, Tables



HOLY BIBLE

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ME!

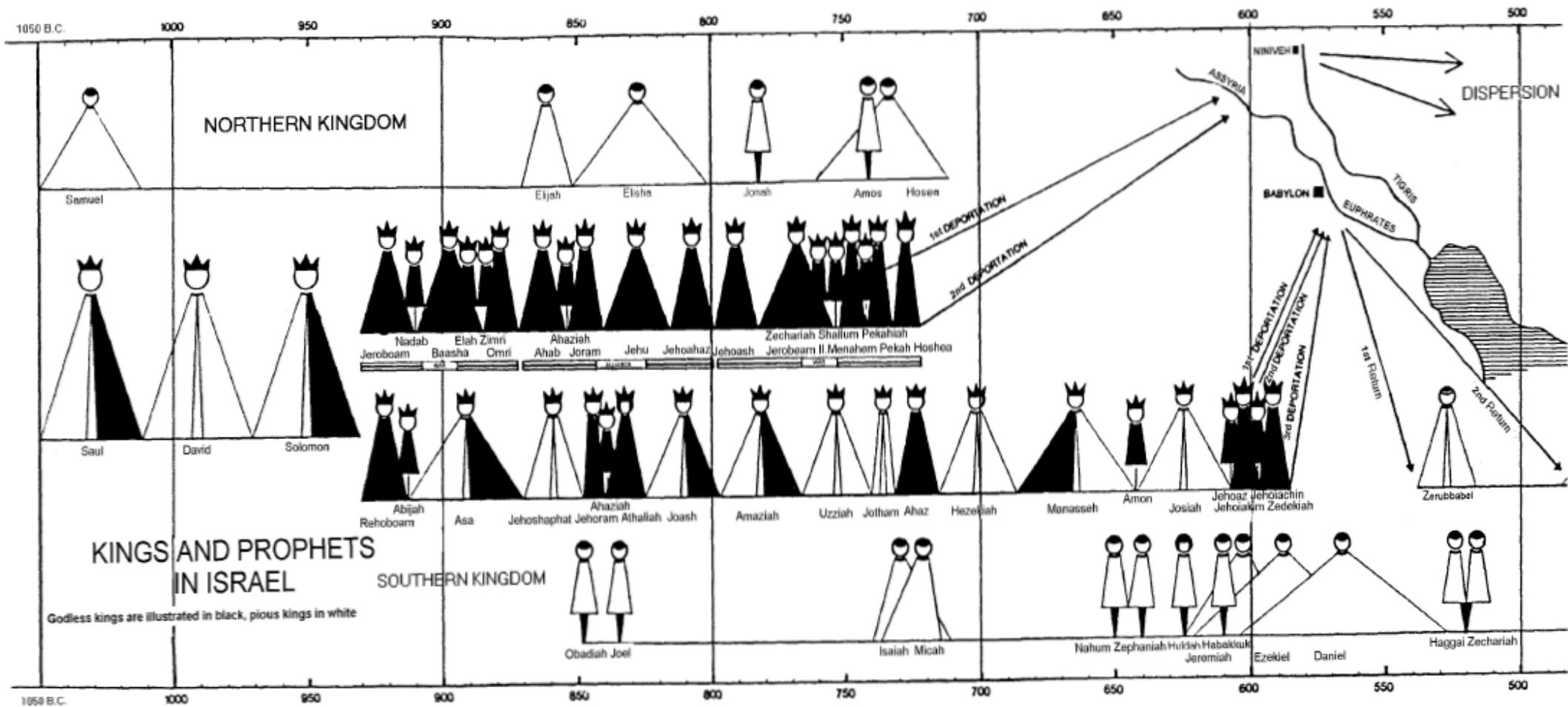
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Verse?

John 14:6 (KJV) - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4:12 (KJV) - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

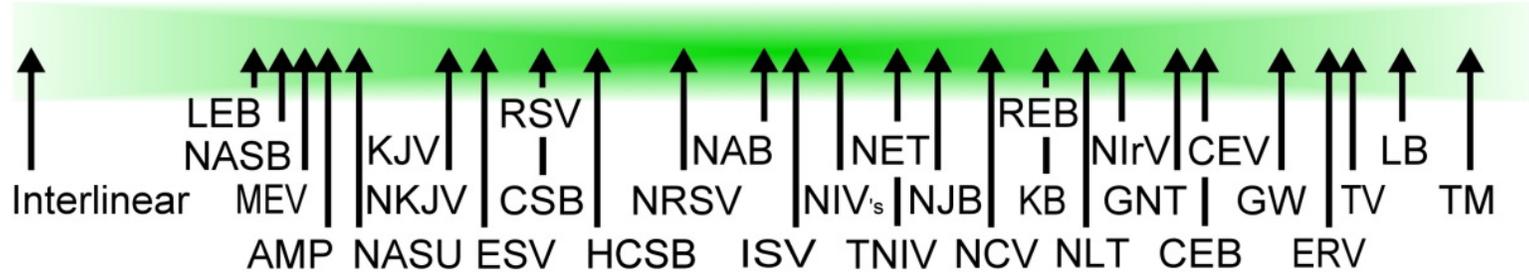


Bible Translations by Grade Level

Translation	Grade Level	Translation	Grade Level
KJV	12 th	NKJV	7 th
RSV	12 th	NLT	6 th
NASB	11 th	GW	5 th
NRSV	11 th	CEV	4 th -7 th
ESV	10 th	Message	4 th -5 th
CEB	7 th -12 th	NCV	3 rd
NIV	7 th -8 th	NIRV	3 rd
HCSB	7 th -8 th	ICB	3 rd

English Bible Translation Comparison

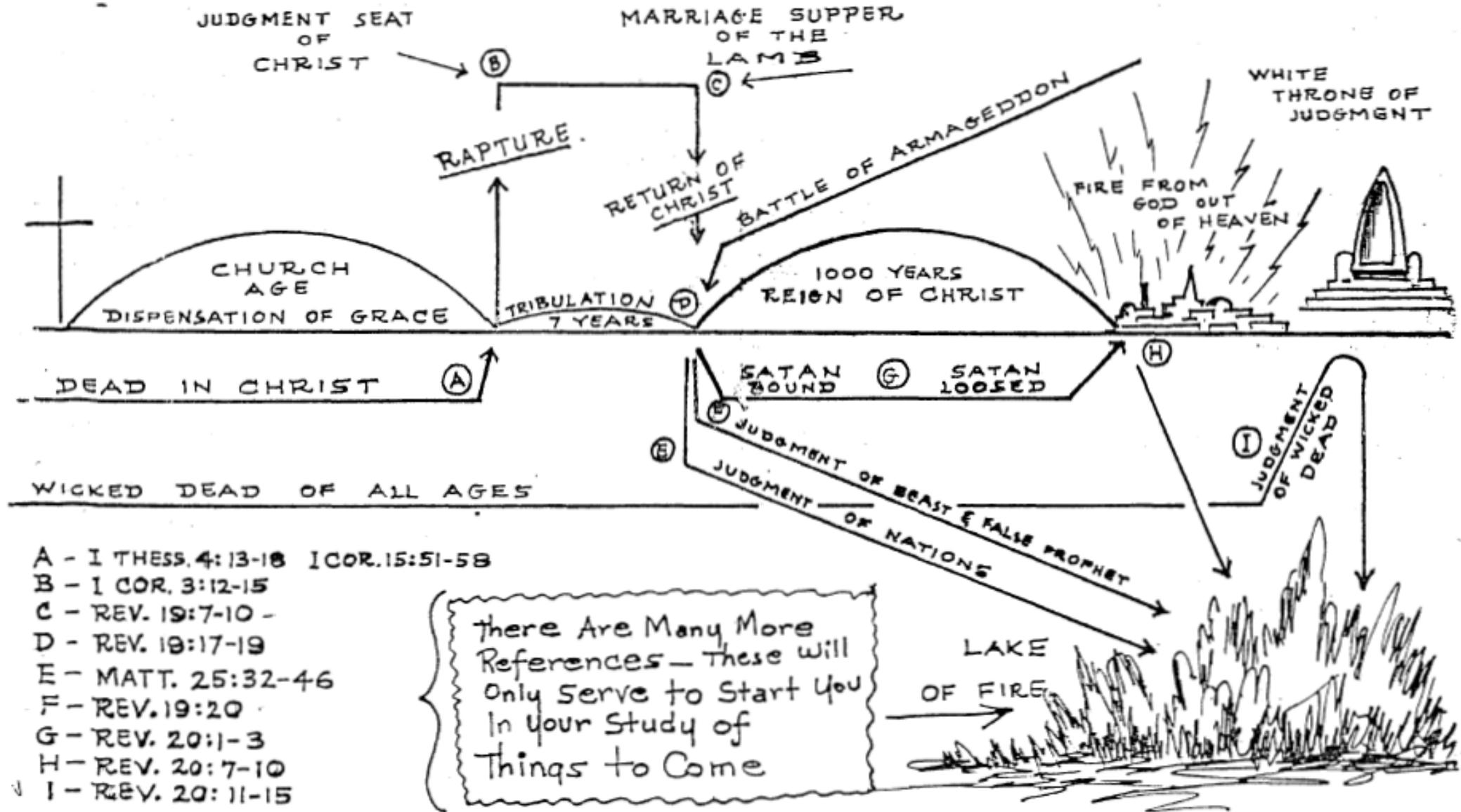
Word for Word → ← Thought for Thought → Paraphrase



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|---|--|
| NASB / NASU - New American Standard (11) | TNIV[^] - Today's NIV (7.5) |
| AMP - Amplified Bible (12) | NJB* - New Jerusalem Bible (7.5) |
| ESV* - English Standard Version (9.5) | NCV[^] - New Century Version (5) |
| ERV[^] - Easy to Read Version (3.5) | REB (NEB)^{^^} - Revised English Bible (7) |
| KJV* - King James Version (13) | NLT[^] - New Living Translation (6.5) |
| NKJV[^] - New King James Version (9) | NirV - New International Reader's (3.5) |
| RSV* - Revised Standard Version (11) | GNT (GNB/TEV)* - Good News Translation (6) |
| HCSB - Holman Christian Standard (8) | CEV^{^^} - Contemporary English (5) |
| NRSV^{^^} - New Revised Standard (10.5) | ISV^{^^} - International Standard Version (8.5) |
| NAB* - New American Bible (7) | LEB - Lexham English Bible (11) |
| NIV - New International Version (8) | GW^{^^^} - God's Word (4.5) |
| NIVI[^] - NIV [UK only, 1996 edition] (8) | LB - Living Bible (8.5) |
| NIV2011^{^^} - NIV Revision (8) | TM - The Message (4.5) |
| CEB^{^^} - Common English Bible (7) | NET^{^^^} - NET Bible (7) |
| MEV[^] - Modern English Version (13) | TV - The Voice (7) |
| CSB^{^^} - Christian Standard Bible (7) | KB*~ - Knox Bible (12.5) |

^{^^} No gender neutral language for God, careful/moderate inclusive language regarding mankind.
[^] Gender neutral language * Apocrypha available or included (#) Approximate overall reading grade level
['] Text based entirely or primarily on the Textus Receptus and the Jacob ben Hayyim edition of the Masoretic Text.
[~] Text based entirely or primarily on the 1592 Sixto-Clementina Latin Vulgate prepared by Pope Clement VIII.







A Discussion on Racist Imagery





Trump Posts
Obamas as
Monkeys,
White House
Blames Staff
Error

Creative Ways of Teaching

- Storytelling – bring Bible narratives to life.
- Object Lessons – use visual illustrations.
- Role Play – act out Bible scenes.
- Case Studies – apply scripture to real-life situations.
- Question-Driven Teaching – encourage discovery.
- Small Groups – promote participation.
- Discussion – ask open-ended questions.



Integrating Technology with Teaching

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- Slides or PowerPoint for visuals
- Bible Apps such as YouVersion
- Short video clips to introduce topics
- QR codes for sharing lesson materials
- Polling tools for class engagement
- AI tools to assist with lesson preparation

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The Ten Commandments



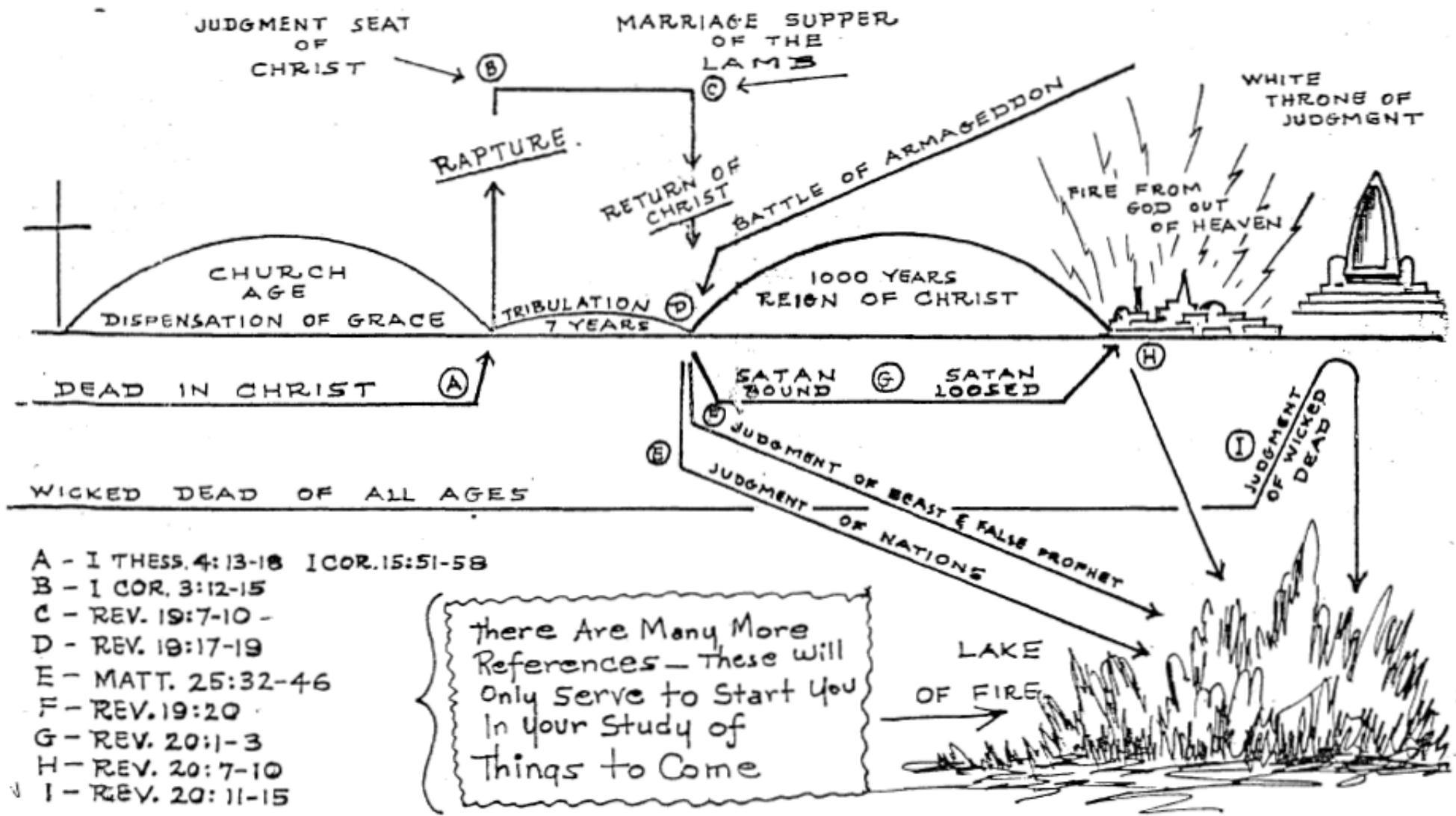
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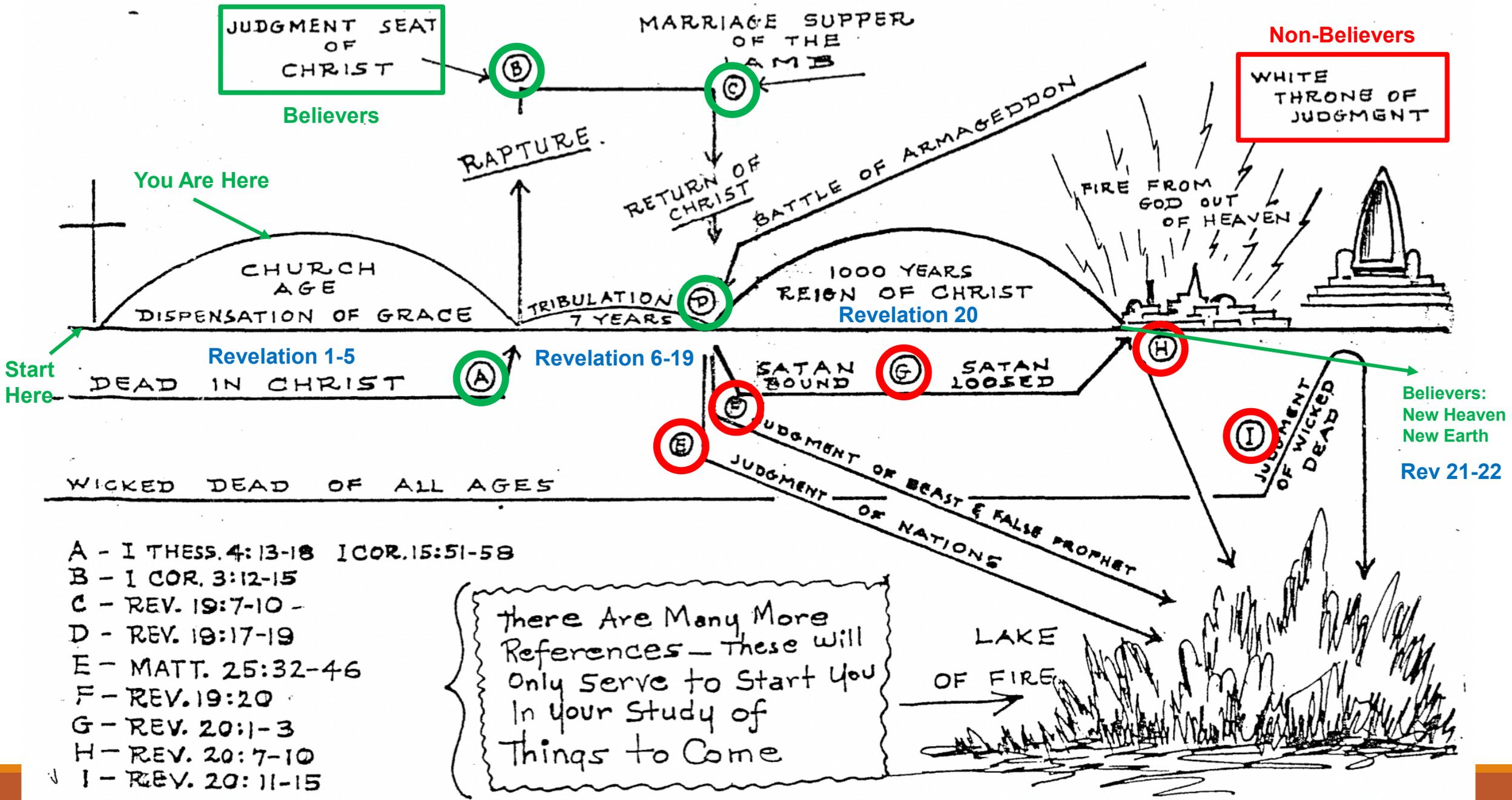


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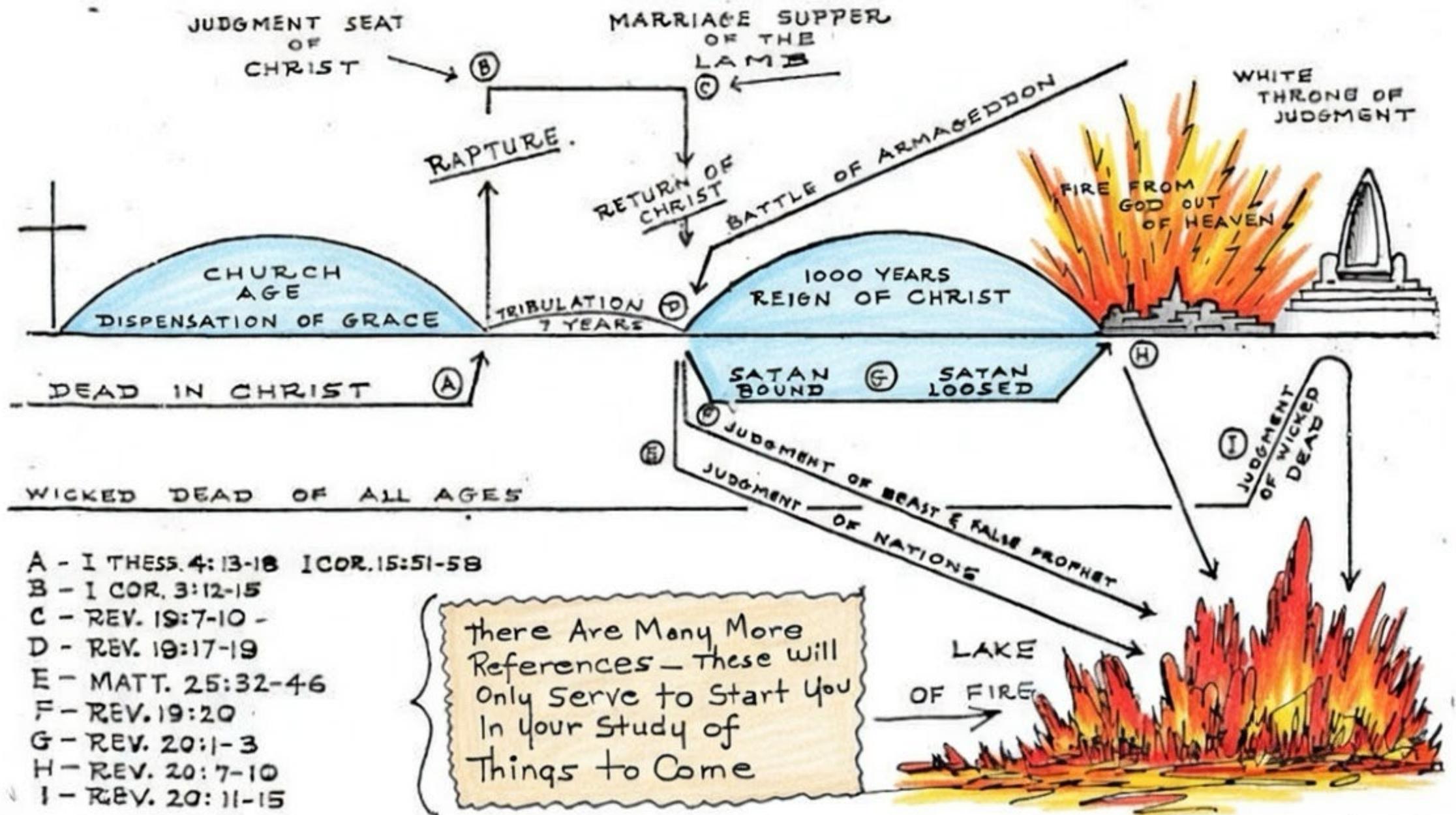






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- B - I COR. 13:12-15
- C - REV. 19:7-10
- D - REV. 19:17-19
- E - MATT. 25:32-46
- F - REV. 19:20
- G - REV. 20:1-3
- H - REV. 20:7-10
- I - REV. 20:11-15

there Are Many More References - These will Only serve to Start You In Your Study of Things to Come



The 10 Commandments of Church AI Use

AI can be a blessing in preaching and teaching, but it must be handled with biblical discernment and pastoral responsibility. Here's a set of 10 Commandments for Protecting a Church When Using AI for Preaching or Teaching.



1. Thou shalt put Christ first, not AI.

- Remember AI is a tool, not the source of truth. Christ and Scripture remain the foundation of every message (John 14:6; 2 Timothy 3:16).
- *In 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- *2 Ti 3:16 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

2. Thou shalt guard sound doctrine.

- Always compare AI-generated content against the Word of God. Never allow technology to twist, dilute, or replace biblical truth (Acts 17:11).
- *Ac 17:11 - Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.*

3. Thou shalt disclose wisely.

- Be honest with your congregation or class about when and how AI assisted you—transparency builds trust (2 Corinthians 8:21).
- *2 Co 8:21 - For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.*

4. Thou shalt not plagiarize.

- Use AI responsibly. Do not pass off AI-generated work as solely your own study or revelation. A pastor must still “labor in the Word” (1 Timothy 5:17).
- *1 Ti 5:17 - The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*



H.B. Charles Jr. 

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I don't need fifteen hours to prepare a sermon. I can prepare a sermon in half an hour. I need fifteen hours to understand the text with clarity. It's hard to get to the point of clarity. You have to be driven to understand it. But, if you step into the pulpit with a substantially clear grasp of the biblical concept, it has a profound effect on how you preach. - John MacArthur Jr.



How to prepare for sermons

Sermon preparati



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5. Thou shalt prioritize prayer over prompts.

- Let AI be a helper, but prayer and the Spirit's leading must always guide sermon preparation and teaching (James 1:5).
- *Jas 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

6. Thou shalt verify every source.

- AI can produce errors, biases, or unbiblical content. Always fact-check against trusted commentaries, resources, and Scripture itself (Proverbs 18:13).
- *Pr 18:13 - To answer before listening— that is folly and shame.*



7. Thou shalt guard the flock's privacy.

- Never input personal or confidential church information into AI systems without safeguarding data (Acts 20:28).
- *Ac 20:28 - Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

8. Thou shalt use AI as a supplement, not a substitute.

- AI can generate outlines, illustrations, or ideas, but the preacher's calling is to rightly divide the Word (2 Timothy 2:15).
- *2 Ti 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

9. Thou shalt respect intellectual property.

- Ensure that AI-assisted content respects copyright, authorship, and integrity of Christian resources (Romans 13:7).
- *Ro 13:7 - Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*



10. Thou shalt test the spirits—even digital ones.

- Just as we discern teachings and doctrines, so must we discern the products of AI. Not every “insight” is holy (1 John 4:1).
- *1 Jn 4:1 - Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

10 Ethical Ways to Use AI in Sunday School



Technology Supporting Biblical Teaching

Purpose of Using AI

AI supports
preparation, not
proclamation

AI assists teachers,
not replaces the
Teacher

Scripture remains
the final authority

10 Ethical Ways to Use AI in Sunday School

1. Research Historical Background
2. Generate Discussion Questions
3. Create Illustrations
4. Produce Visual Teaching Aids
5. Assist with Word Studies

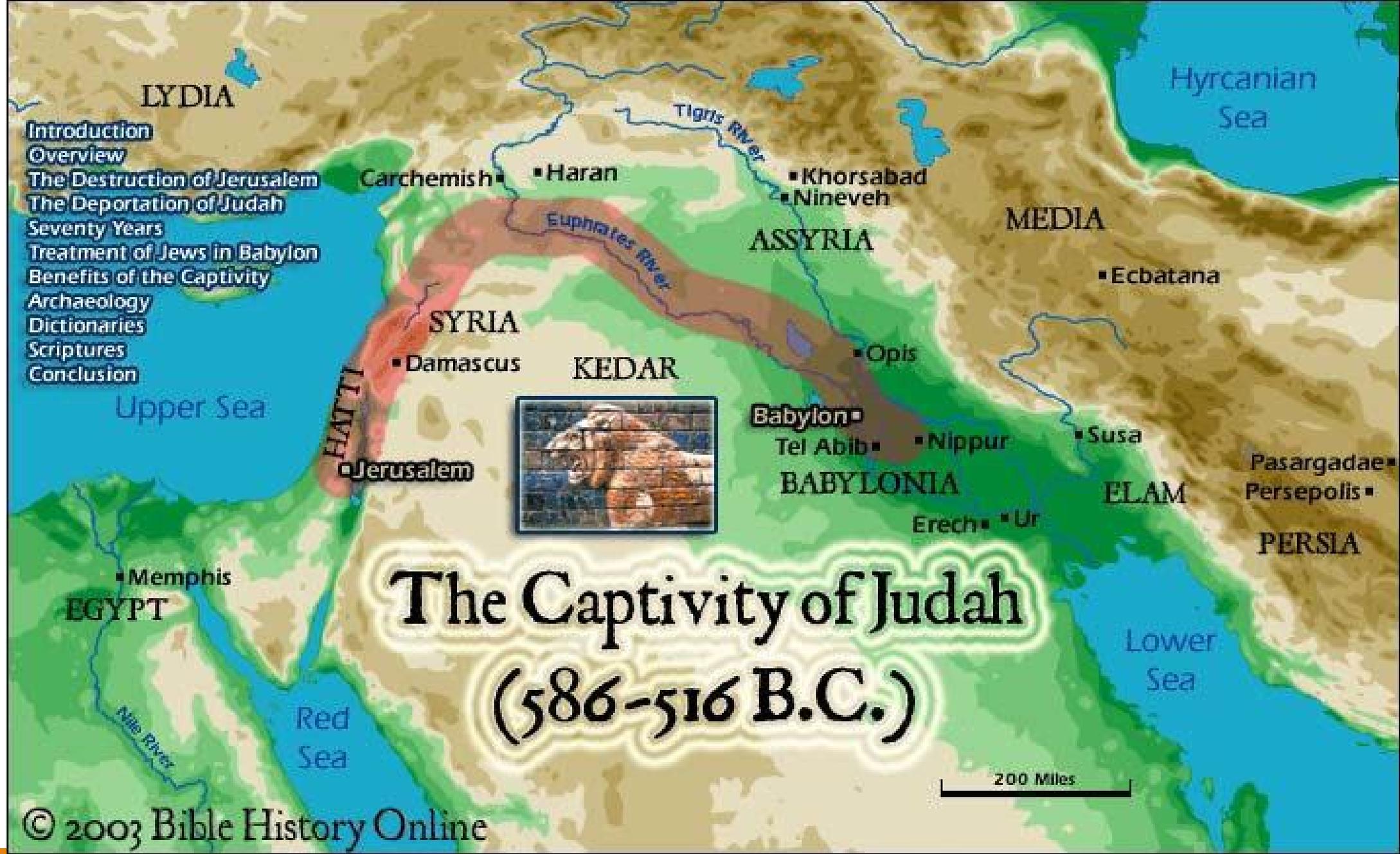
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6. Organize Lesson Structure
7. Create Learning Activities
8. Support Different Learning Styles
9. Integrate Simple Technology
10. Save Preparation Time

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The Captivity of Judah (586-516 B.C.)



Mediterranean Sea

Caspian Sea

Jerusalem

Babylon

Persian Gulf

Straight-line distance:
~640 mi (1,030 km)

Likely travel route:
~850-900 mi (1,400-1,450 km)



