

# Chronological survey of the Old Testament

# Central Theme

God redeeming man, establishing **God's kingdom** on earth

- How it all began
  - Perfect creation – Gen 1-2
  - The fall – Gen 3
  - The plan – Gen 3:15
- The story unfolds
  - redemption & reestablishment of God's kingdom
- How it will all end
  - Revelation 21-22

*Throughout we get a glimpse of who God is and His purposes*

# Completion of Gen in Rev

- Garden
- Beginning of sin
- Physical death
- Sentence passed on Satan
- Promise of a coming Saviour and salvation
- City
- Fullness of sin
- Second death
- Sentence executed
- Saviour and Salvation fulfilled

# Contrasts between Gen and Rev

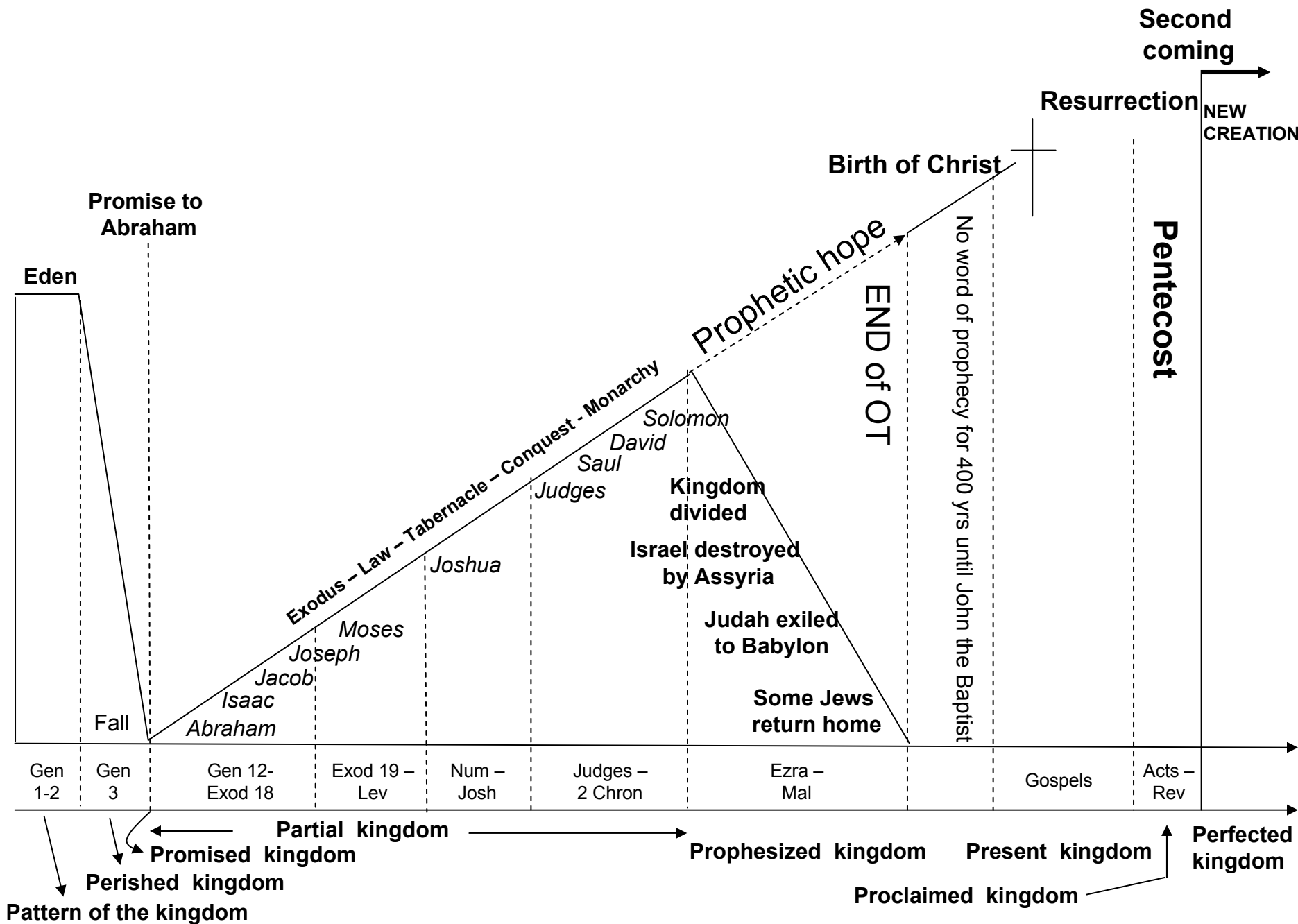
- Paradise closed (3:23)
- Man driven out (3:24)
- Ground cursed (3:17)
- Access to tree of life blocked (3:24)
- Sorrow and death (3:16-19)
- Sin entered a perfect garden (3:6-7)
- Man's dominion broken (3:19)
- Temporary triumph of the serpent (3:13)
- Walk with God interrupted (3:8-10)
- Paradise opened (21:25)
- Nations welcomed (21:24)
- Curse removed (22:3)
- Access to tree of life given (22:14)
- No more sorrow and death (21:4)
- Nothing impure allowed into the holy city (21:24)
- Dominion restored (22:5)
- Ultimate triumph of the Lamb (20:10; 22:3)
- Walk with God resumed (21:3)

# The 4 great truths of the Bible

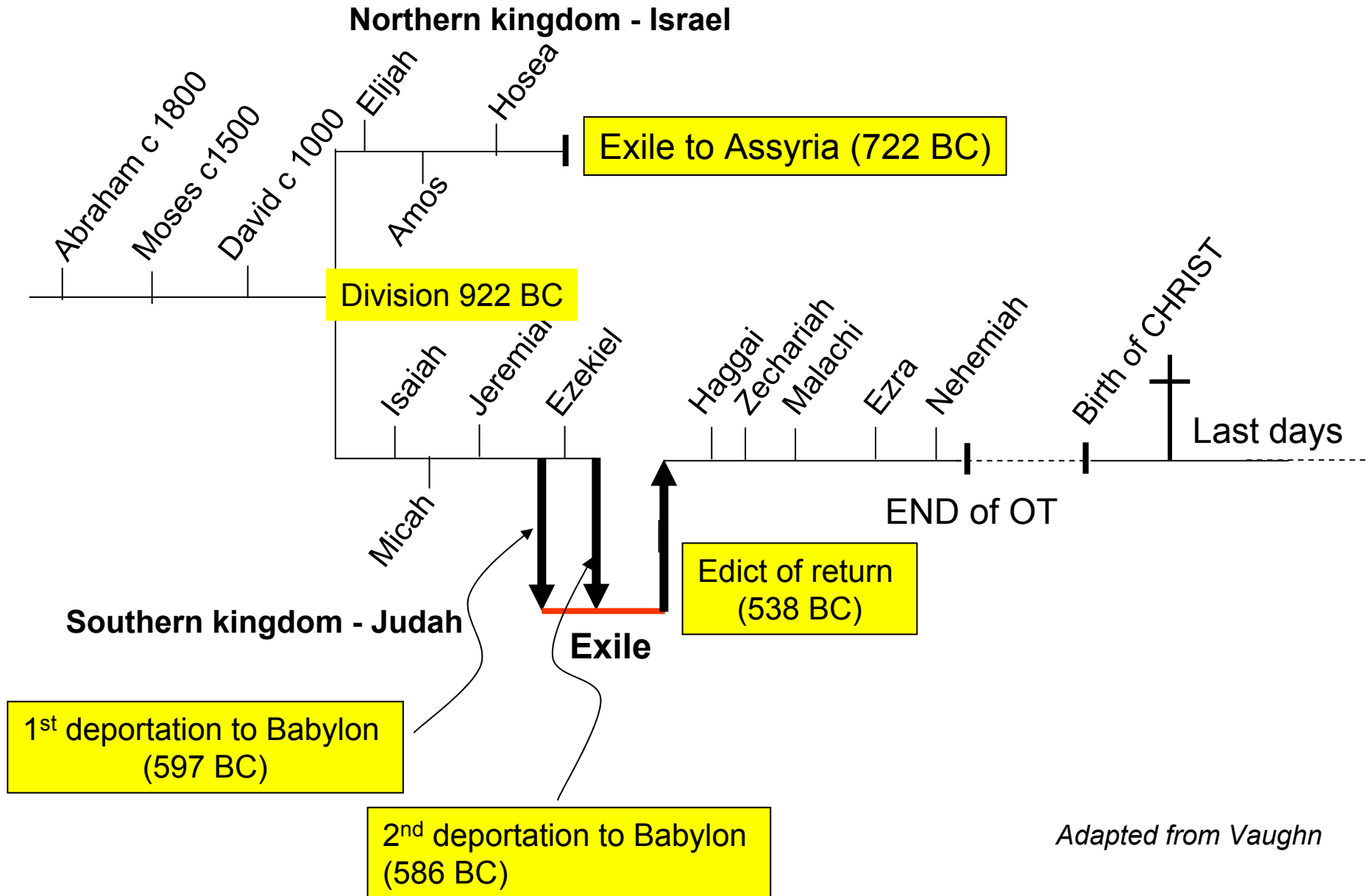
- God created all things by His word of power
- We are all descended from Adam and Eve
- We are all connected to Adam as the head of the human race through whom mankind inherits the sinful nature and the consequences of the fall.

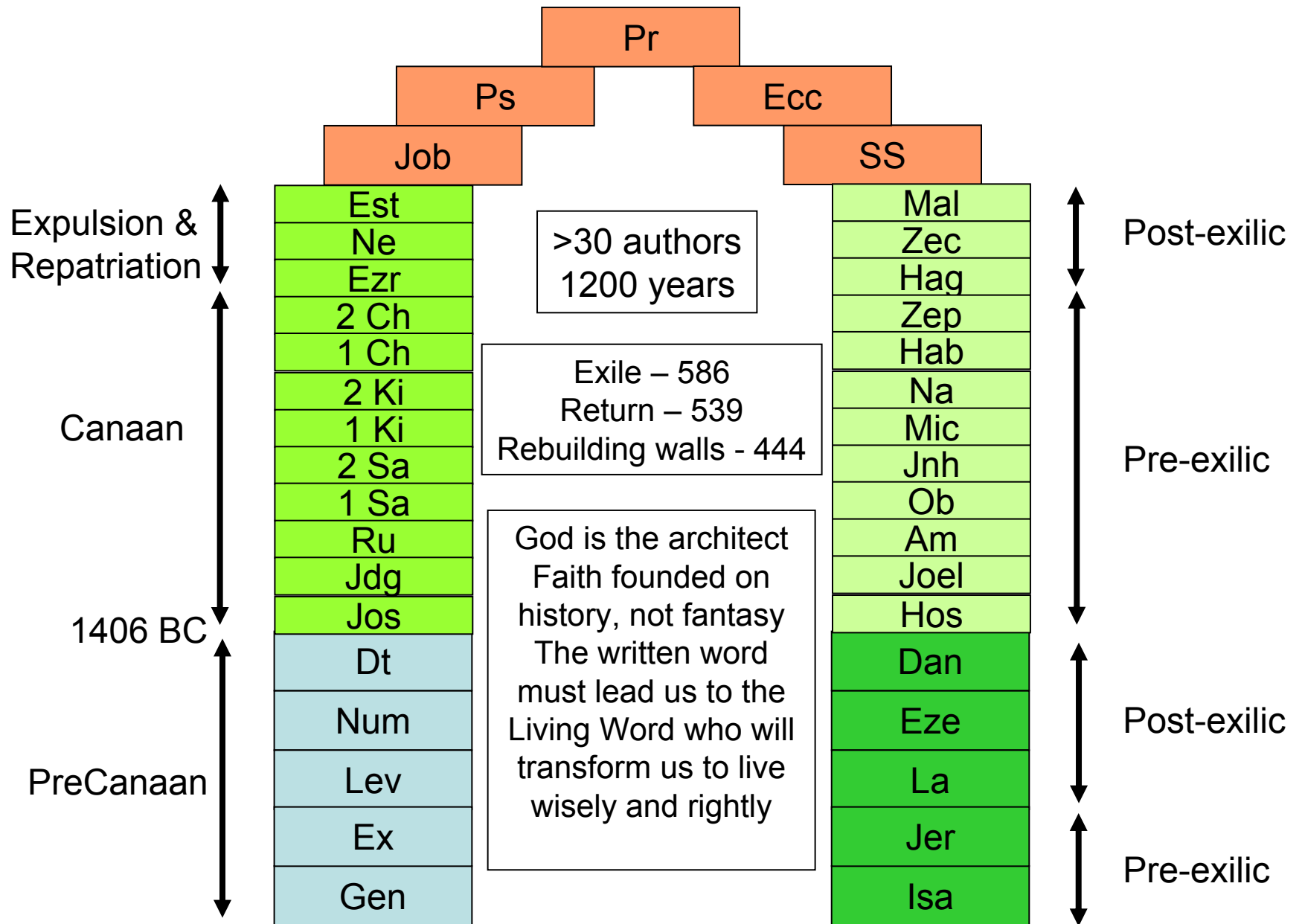
(Rom 5:12)

- The Messiah (second Adam) descended from Adam but without sin should by his suffering and death free us from the consequences of the fall.
  - If we are now connected to the second Adam we will inherit “every spiritual blessing in Christ” Eph 1; Rom 5-6



# Chronological Overview





# The 12 periods of OT history

<b>Antediluvian</b>	Duration unknown.
<b>Postdiluvian</b>	Duration unknown.
<b>Patriarchal</b>	215 years.
<b>Egyptian</b>	430 years.
<b>Wilderness</b>	40 years.

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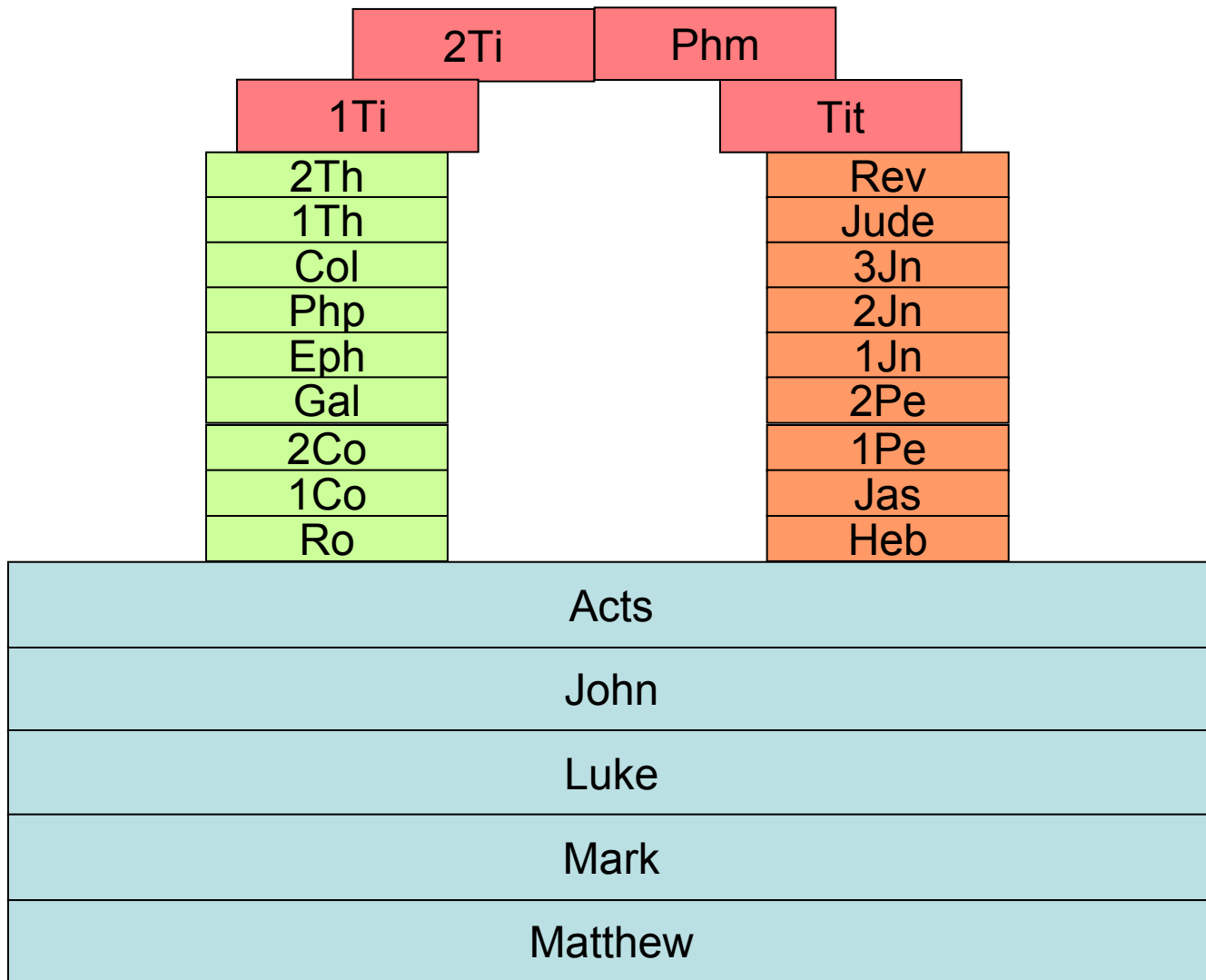
<b>Conquest</b>	40 years (1407–1367 b.c.).
<b>Judges</b>	324 years (1367–1043 b.c.).
<b>United Monarchy</b>	112 years (1043–930 b.c.).
<b>Divided Monarchy</b>	210 years (930–722 b.c.).
<b>Judean</b>	135 years (722–586 b.c.).
<b>Exilic</b>	48 years (586–538 b.c.).
<b>Postexilic</b>	106 years (538–432 b.c.).

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## THE CONTENTS OF THE HISTORICAL BOOKS

<b>PRE-CROWN</b>		<b>CROWN</b>		<b>POST-CROWN</b>	
Joshua Conquest of Canaan	Judges Unrest in Canaan	1-2 Samuel Birth & Expansion of the Kingdom	1-2 Kings Decline & Destruction of the Kingdom	Ezra Return to Canaan	Nehemiah Rebuilding in Canaan
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<b>Settling in Canaan</b>		<b>Ruling over Canaan</b>		<b>Returning to Canaan</b>	

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# OT Canon

- By the time of Christ, all of the OT had been written and accepted by the Jewish community
- Malachi last book completed about 430 BC
- OT in Christ's day same as today's and is without the Apocrypha (14 writings written after Malachi)

# Canonicity of Scripture

- Author is recognized prophet, apostle or someone closely associated with them (Mark, Luke, Hebrews, James and Jude)
- Could not disagree or contradict previous scripture
- General consensus by the early church
- Councils did not VOTE but recognized and validated canonicity of the books

<b>Four Events</b>				<b>Four people</b>			
1:1 -	3:1 -	6:1-	10:1 -	12:1 -	25:19-	27:19-	37:1– 50:26
Creation	Fall	Flood	Babel	Abraham	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
Human race				Hebrew race			
Fertile crescent				Haran -Canaan		Canaan - Egypt	
beginning	2000 years			280 years		80 years	
<b><i>Divine Sovereignty</i></b>							

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