

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“CORRUPTION IN THE PRIESTHOOD”

PART II

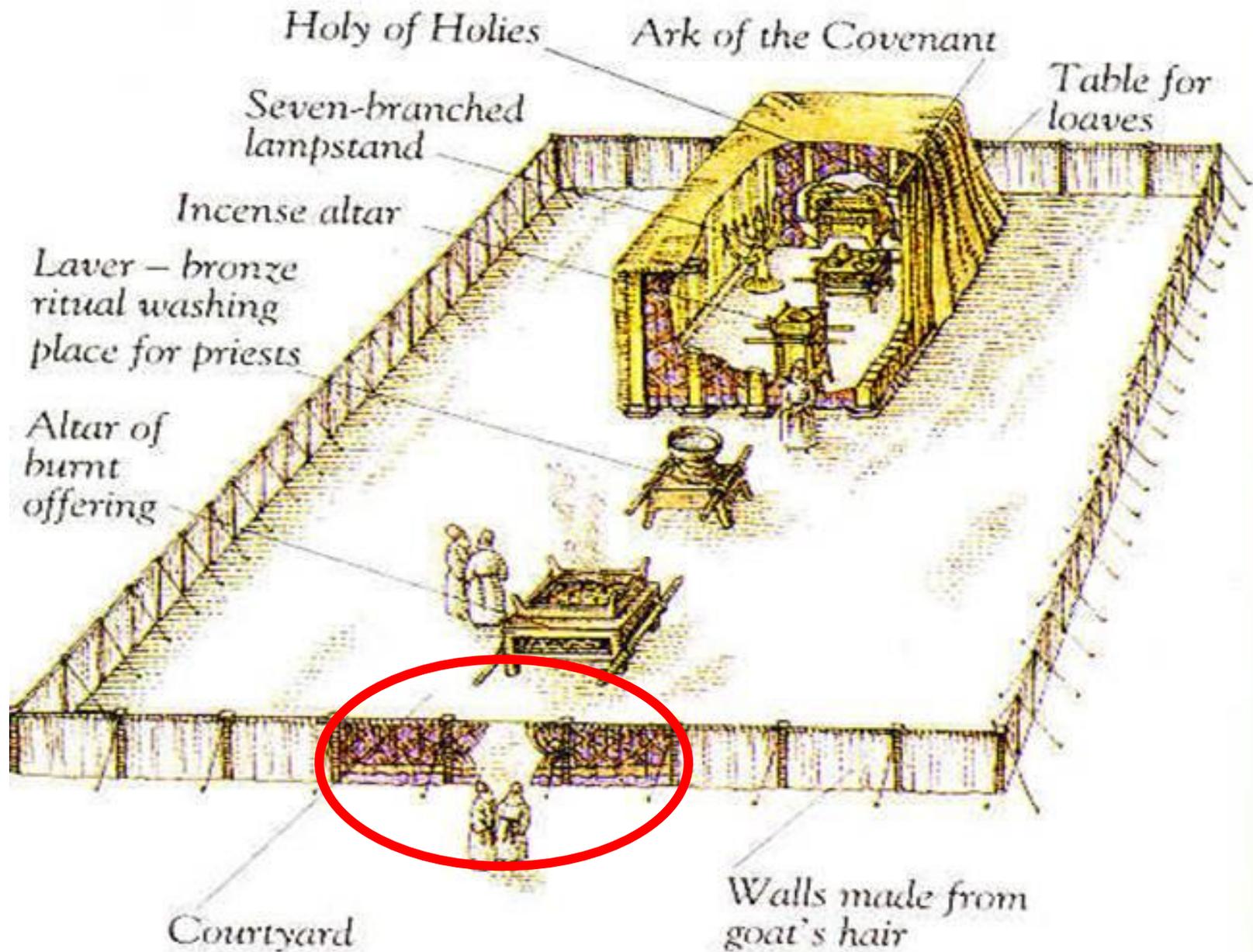
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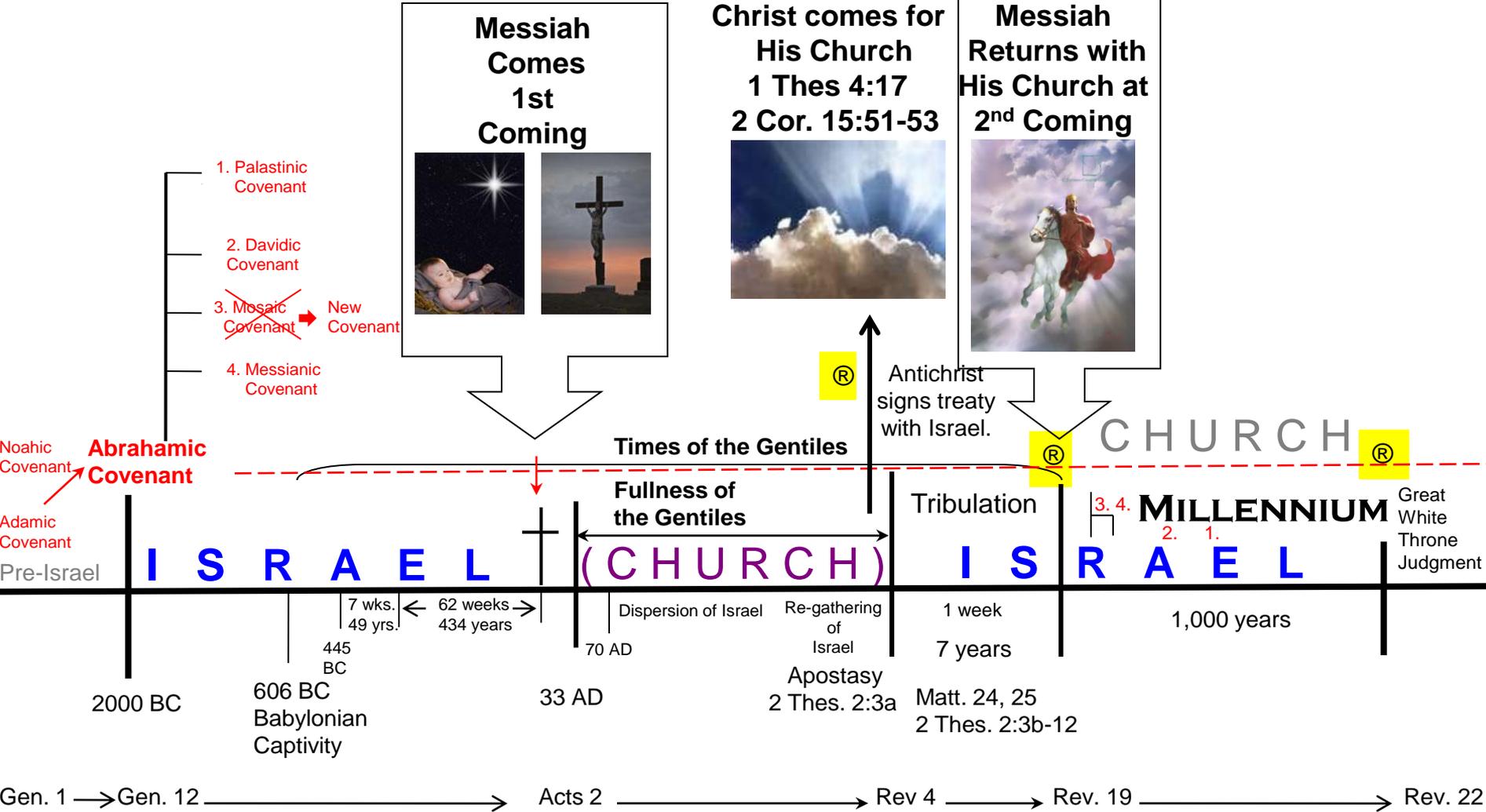
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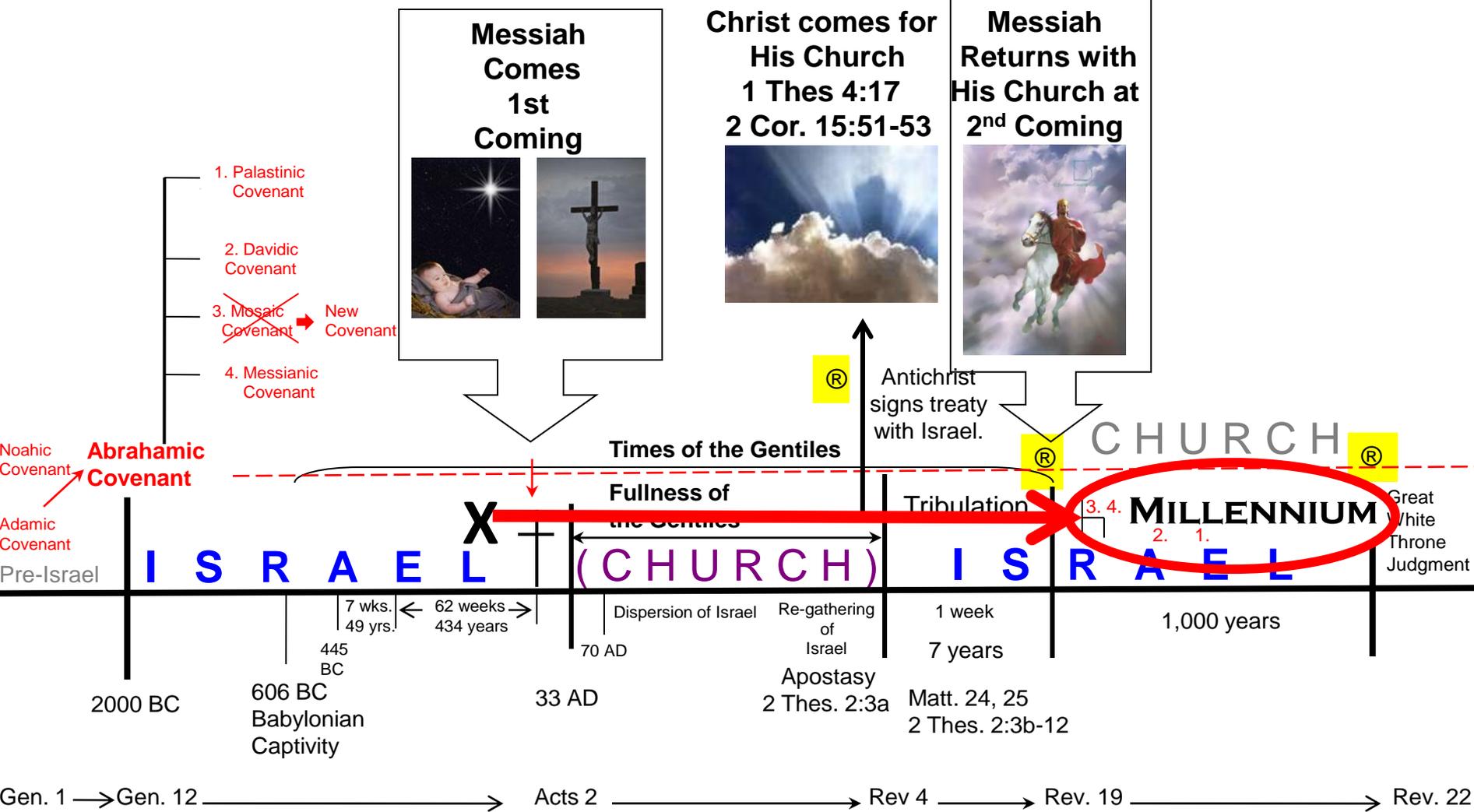
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3. The Peace Offering

Peace Offerings (Leviticus 3; 7:11-34)

This sacrifice was similar to that for the burnt offering, except that here only the fatty portions were burnt on the altar. The animal's blood was collected and poured around the edges of the altar. Then the fatty portions (fat and entrails) were burnt on the altar, and the meat was shared by the worshiper and his family. Since God also shared in the sacrifice, it was thought of as a friendship meal with God too, and therefore was also referred to as the 'fellowship offering'. This sacrifice expressed the worshiper's desire to give thanks or praise to God. The peace offerings involved any animal without defect from herd or flock - usually oxen, sheep or goats. Along with the animal sacrifice, both unleavened cakes and leavened bread were offered. The use of leavened bread in an offering was unusual, since leaven represents something that is false, impure, sinful. Here it signifies the offering of sinners to God so that they can also make peace with God (Romans 15:16).

Pre-figured Christ: This was also an offering of a sweet savour to God. **The blood, the fat and the kidneys of the offering were put upon the altar as "the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord" (Lev. 3:11). This was God's part. Then the breast was given to Aaron and his sons and the right shoulder to the offering priest. This was man's part.** Thus God and man both fed on the same offering which speaks of communion and fellowship and typifies the communion which the believer in Christ enjoys with God on the ground of the work of Christ at the cross and His blood shed there for our sins. **We are at peace with God through the work of the Christ on the cross and can feed upon Christ in fellowship with the Father.** Luke's Gospel and Psalm 85 especially present this theme.

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What's at the core of the Priest's behavior?

1. An absolute lack of respect and honor for the Word of God.
 - Seminaries
 - The sin of approbation lust.
2. A failure to understand the character of God, especially His holiness, His power, and His sovereignty. God is not great to these Priests!
3. No fear.
4. God has become boring.
5. Anything goes in worship./Don't sweat the details.

Lev 9:22-24

22 Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

23 Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

24 Then fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

10:1-3

1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.

2 And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the Lord spoke, saying,

'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy,
And before all the people I will be honored.'"

So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

Worship

1. Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Breaking of Bread (Communion)
4. Prayer
5. Music – instruments, choir, singing
6. Financial giving
7. Serving
8. ???

Application:

1. Worship should express the greatness of God.
2. Worship that fails to express God in His sovereignty and greatness will inevitably and ultimately end in idolatry.
3. Pastors must realize that all that is done in worship, both large parts and small details, will impact people greatly in how they approach God and how they live their lives.
4. Pastors need to watch carefully what they allow “through the gates”.
5. Pastors have the responsibility of constantly guarding the identity of their church.
6. Pastors must not be driven by relevance, the spirit of the age, techniques, technology, marketing, etc.
7. Because God is not trivial, therefore nothing in the worship of Him should be trivialized.