

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
IN THESE LAST DAYS
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY
JUDE
AUGUST 2021

ARC OF TIME

THE CHURCH AGE: REVELATION 2-3

EPHESUS

SMYRNA

PERGAMOS

THYATIRA

SARDIS

PHILADELPHIA

LAODICEA

APOSTOLIC CHURCH
30-100 AD

PERSECUTED CHURCH
100-313 AD

ROMAN EMPIRE CHURCH
313-600 AD

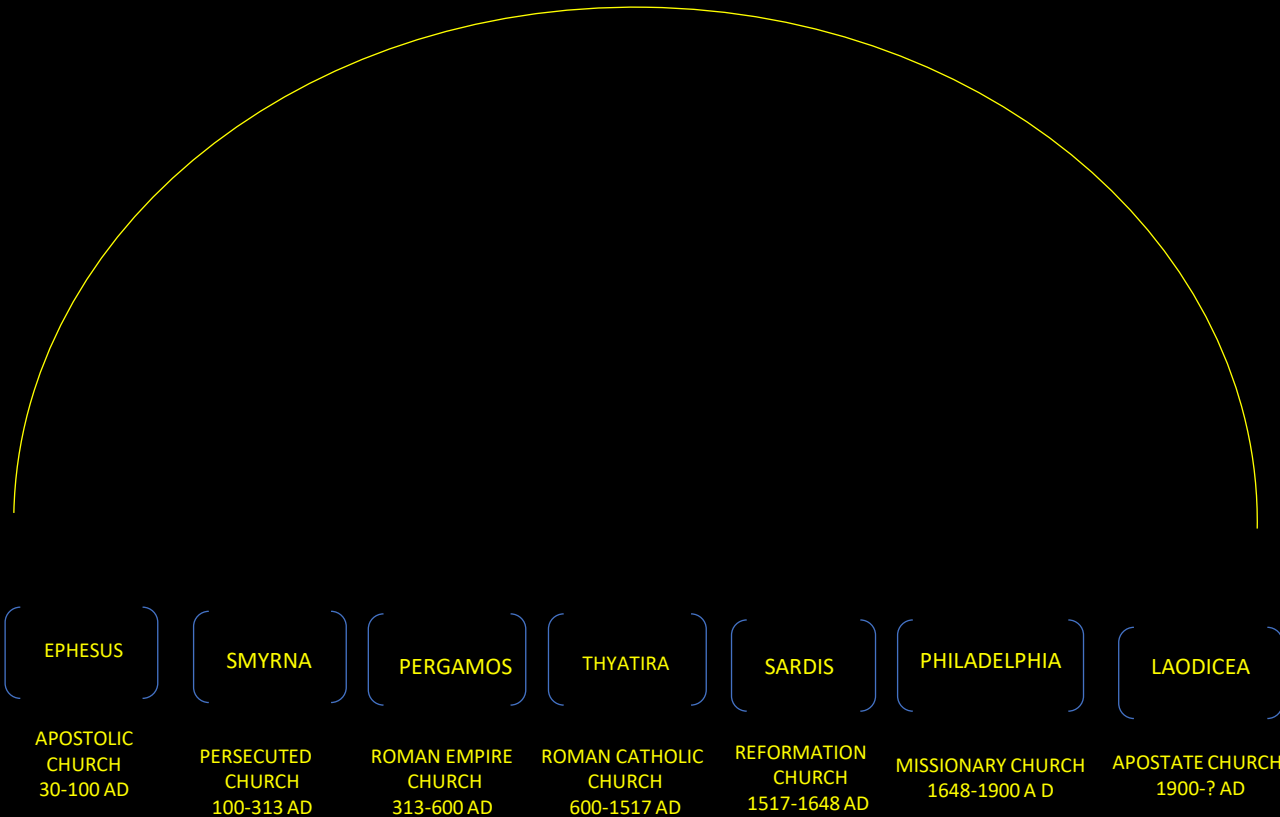
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
600-1517 AD

REFORMATION CHURCH
1517-1648 AD

MISSIONARY CHURCH
1648-1900 A D

APOSTATE CHURCH
1900-? AD

THE CHURCH AGE



Laodicean age

- NKJ **Hebrews 1:2** has in **these last days** spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
- NKJ **2 Timothy 3:1** But know this, that in **the last days** perilous times will come: ² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! (2 Tim. 3:1-5 NKJ)
- NKJ **James 5:1** Come now, *you* rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon *you*! ² Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in **the last days**. (Jas. 5:1-3 NKJ)
- NKJ **James 5:9** Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, **the Judge is standing at the door!** (Jas. 5:9 NKJ)

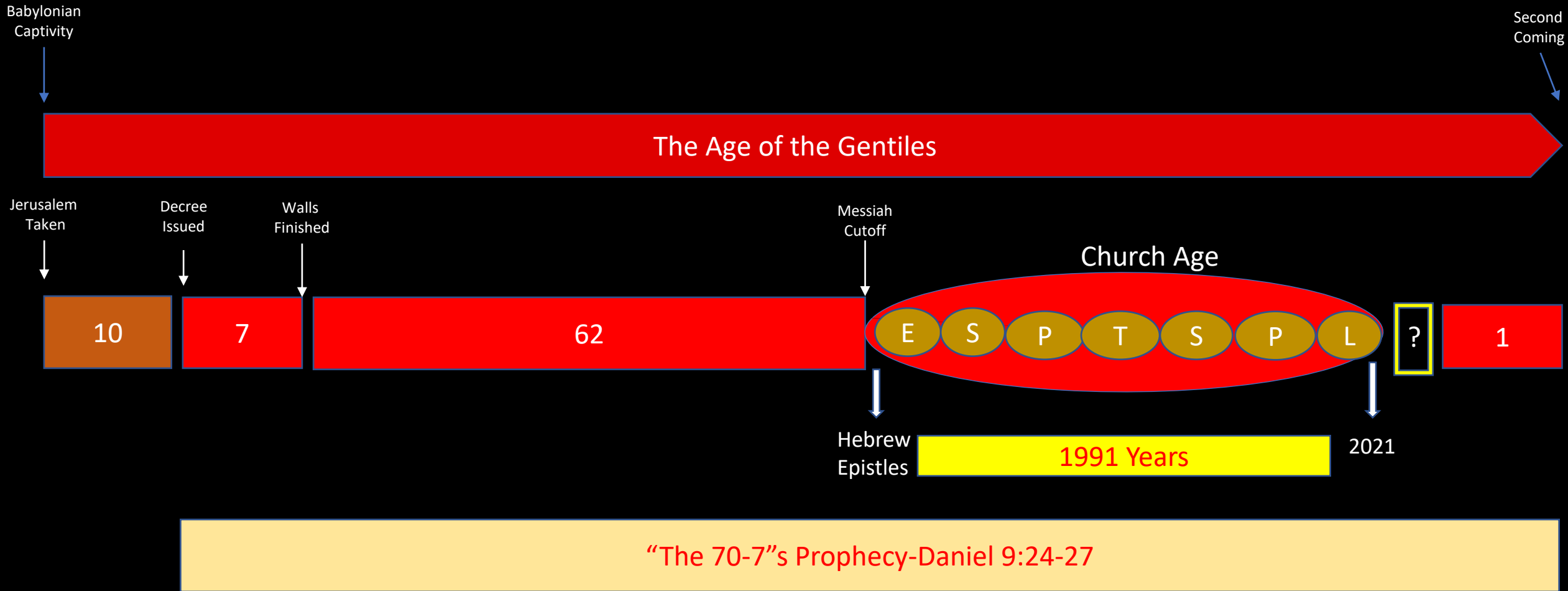
Arc Of Time: The Age of the Gentiles

^{KJV} **Luke 21:24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

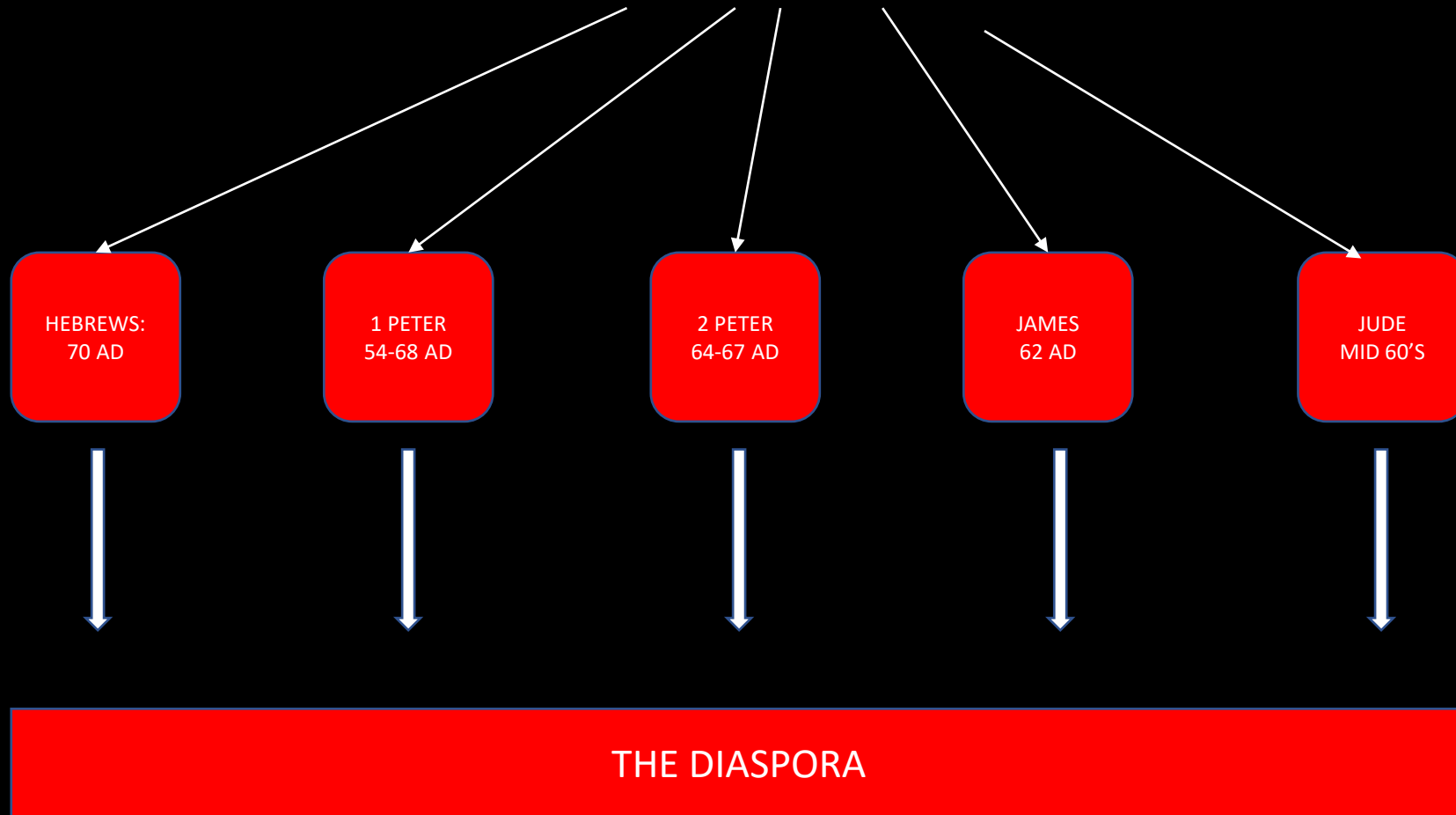


- **Military Conquest**  **Diaspora**  **Jerusalem Under Gentile Control**

Arc Of Time: The Times of Jacob's Troubles



THE JEWISH EPISTLES



THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

- INTRODUCTION
 - TWENTY-FIVE VERSES IN LENGTH
 - THIRTEEN VERSE QUOTES FROM 2 PETER
 - ONLY NEW TESTAMENT WRITING THAT QUOTES FROM APOCRAPHYA
 - “THE ASSUMTION OF MOSES”
 - “THE BOOK OF ENOCH”
 - THE EXTENSIVE USE OF “TRIADS”.
 - (THOUGHTS EXPRESSED IN 3’S- 14 IN TOTAL)

TRIADS 1 & 2

- **NKJ Jude 1:1** Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: ² Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. (Jude 1:1-2 NKJ)

Purpose of the Writing

- ³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. (Jude 1:3 NKJ)

Initial Intent: Common Salvation

- Redirected by the Holy Spirit
- To Contend for the Faith

The Cause

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4-5 NKJ)

- “Certain Men”: A very specific group
 - “Marked Out”: Literally: ‘Beforehand written”
 - Crept in: “To settle in unnoticed”
 - Ungodly Men: Unbelievers-impious, destitute of reverential fear of God.
 - Turn the grace of God: To change and transpose.
 - Lewdness:
 - Unbridled Lust:No restraints on the pursuit of the cravings of the flesh.
 - Shamlessness: No feel no shame before God as they pursue the flesh
 - Insolence:Arrogant,impudent and prideful/

Conclusion: Session 1

- **NKJ 2 Peter 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³ By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. (2 Pet. 2:1-3 NKJ)
- Shall be: Future Tense
- ⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4-5 NKJ)
- Crept In: Past Tense

Conclusion

- They were warned that false teachers were going to come in among them.
 - To slowly distort the truth by degrees
- They had neglected the warning and now the false teachers had come in and settled amongst them.
 - They were beginning to exert a negative influence on the believers by shifting their doctrine and their practice.
- Thus the Holy Spirit re-directs Jude to write to them to “Shape up” and start fighting for the ‘Once delivered Faith”

Why Does This Matter to Us?

- **At Least Three Reasons**
 - **We are making all the same mistakes!**
 - **What “Faith” are we passing to our children, grandchildren and those who follow us**
 - **The Interval between the Rapture of the Church and the next evangelism push in the Tribulation.**
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (The Rapture of every living Believer)**
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 (The Results of every living believer being removed)**
 - **Revelation 7:1-8/Revelation 11 (The 144,000 Jewish Evangelists/ 2 Witnesses)**
 - **The Interval of time between the witness of the Church and the witness of Messianic Jews of Tribulation. ??????????**

Closing Question

- The Sovereign Grace Church Statement of Faith

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From Front to Back?**