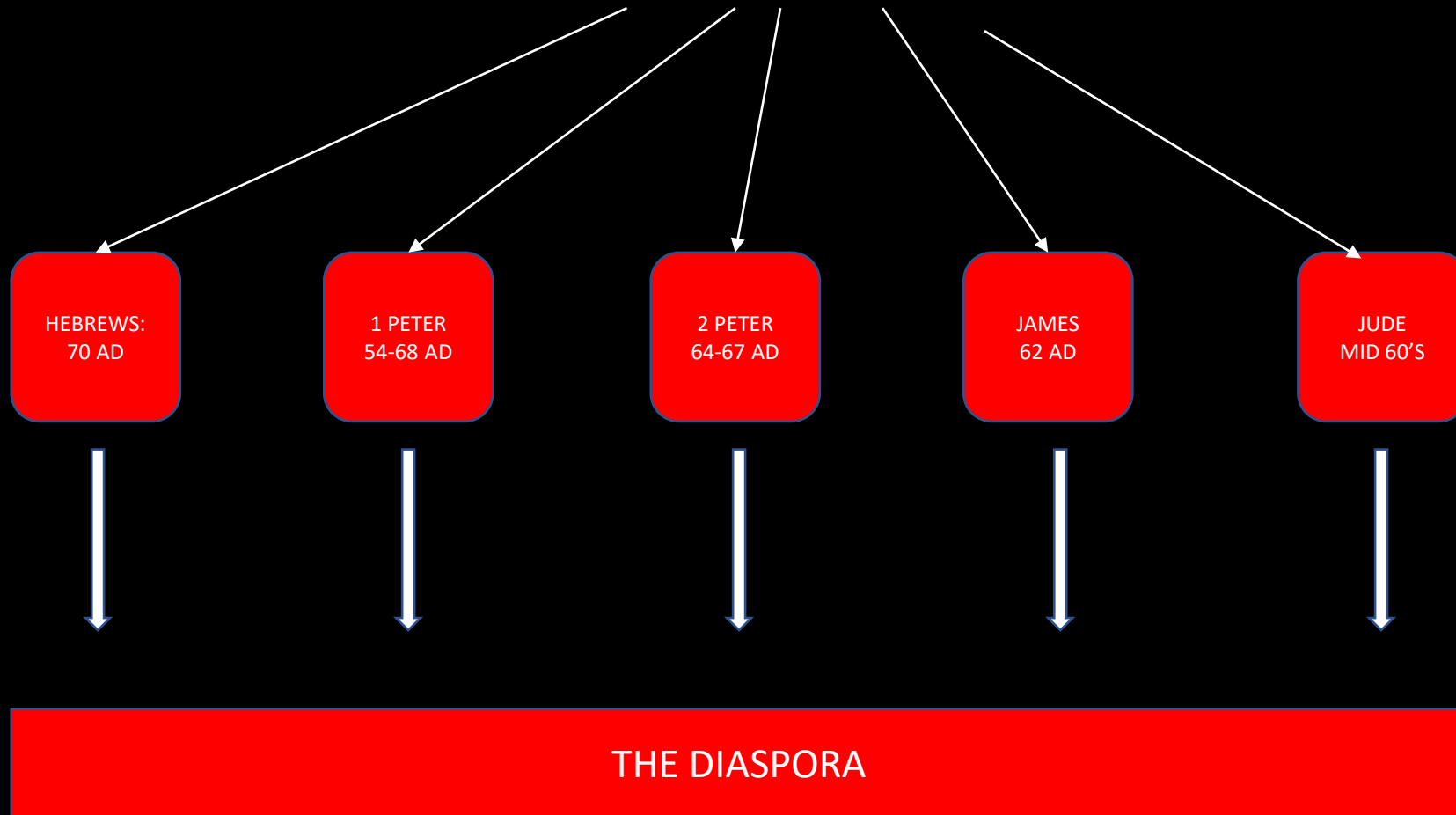


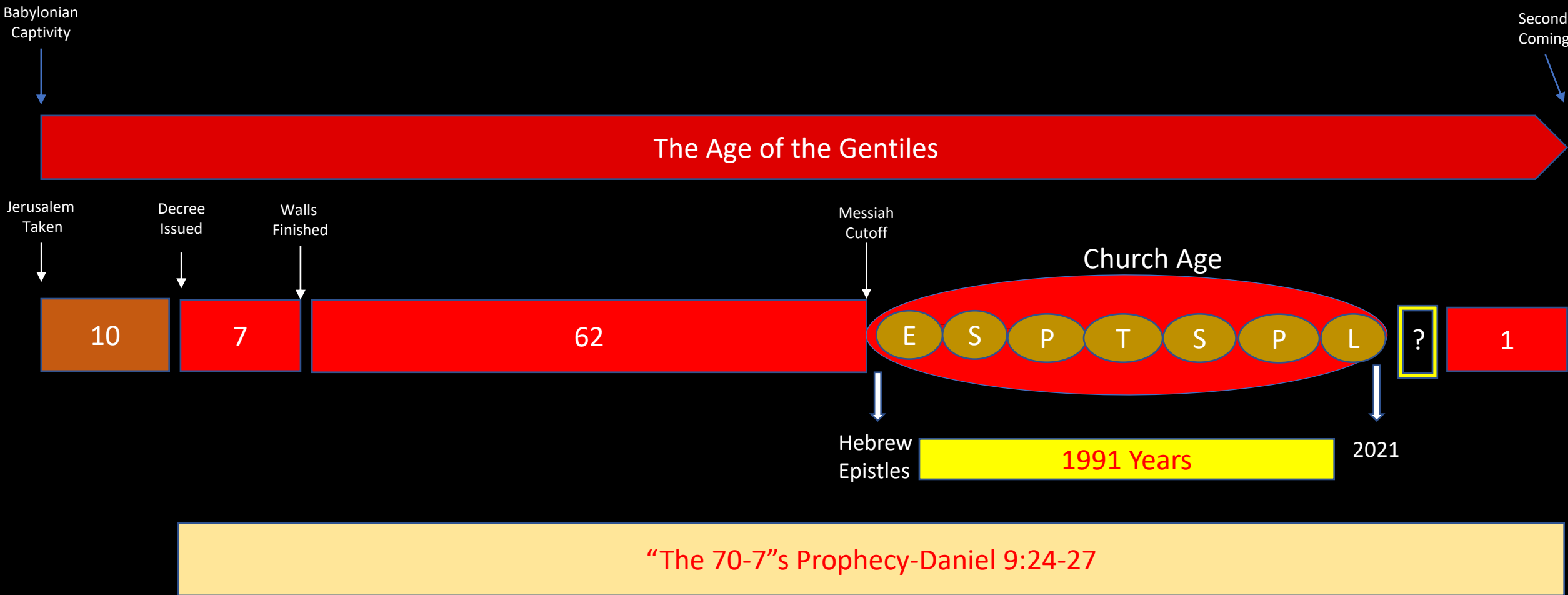
Contending For The Faith In These last days

Jude:Session II

THE JEWISH EPISTLES



Arc Of Time: The Times of Jacob's Troubles



Review

- Jude

- Original Intent to Discourse “Common Salvation”
- He was redirected by the Holy Spirit to change not only the subject matter but his tone as well.
- They had not heeded the prior warning of the Apostles that false teachers would come into the church and begin the slow process of recalibrating the Gospel and the teachings of the Apostles.
- Now he comes to deliver the news in the form of a rebuke that these false teachers had in fact arrived amongst them.
 - They were already being influenced by them unawares!
- He pivots under the direction of the Holy Spirit to take up the fight against them. In order to do this and succeed in the battle, the fight must take place on multiple fronts.
 - You must know how to recognize the enemy. (They don't walk around wearing Black Hats)
 - “The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people.” G.K. Chesterton
 - “I can be on guard against my enemies, but God deliver me from my friends!” Charlotte Bronte
 - You must be very familiar with what they are seeking to re-calibrate
 - The subtle, slow eroding process.

Third Triad

- **ESV Jude 1:4** For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
 - Certain persons have crept in unawares (Un-noticed)
 - He has a specific group in mind
 - **The Manner of these False Teachers**
 - Ungodliness: (Unbelievers)
 - Change grace into license (A freedom to commit sin) Romans 6:1
 - Deny Christ as Master: Their denial of Christ was not a vocal, blatant repudiation but was clearly reflected and demonstrated by the toxic effect they had on holiness.
 - **ESV 2 Peter 2:1** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

Fourth Triad: Their Trajectory

- **ESV Jude 1:5** Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.
 - **Historical Context To Epistle to Hebrews**
 - Under the influence of false teachers they were contemplating a return to Judaism
 - **ESV Hebrews 5:12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food
 - **ESV Hebrews 3:16** For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? **ESV Hebrews 3:17** And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? **ESV Hebrews 3:18** And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? **ESV Hebrews 3:19** So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief. (Heb. 3:19 ESV)
- **ESV Jude 1:6** And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—
 - Genesis 6-----Revelation 9:1-12
- **ESV Jude 1:7** just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.
 - Genesis 14-----Ezekiel 16:48-50-----Genesis 19

Corollaries

- **What Did These Groups Have in Common?**
 - They were all witnesses of a special manifestation of God's Grace
 - They were all recipients of a special measure of God's Grace
 - They all rebelled and crossed a line they should not have crossed.
 - They all took the blessing of God and destroyed themselves with it.
- **Axioms**
 - "When God gives us blessing and grace and prosperity, He gives it to us in order to free us up to serve Him and His agenda, not our own."
 - "When we Take the blessing, grace and prosperity that God gives us to serve our own agenda, then that blessing, grace and prosperity become the very instruments of God's chastisement of us."
 - "God chastises us by loosening His restraint upon us."
 - "Thus begins the process of Apostasy: "Falling away"
 - Stephen Armstrong 'Verse by Verse Ministry International.

Summary: Fifth Triad

- **ESV Jude 1:8** Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones.
- **ESV Jude 1:9** But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."

The Assumption of Moses

- Early in the 1st century, there was a story in the Testament of Moses which was a Jewish writing. Jude's account seems to give allusion to that legend. Because some of the pages of this Testament are missing, the following Jewish writings shed some light on the aforementioned.
- From the Jewish commentaries:
 - "(Deuteronomy Rabbah 11:10) - There was a dispute about an hr. Before Moses died. It was between the angel of death (associated with the Adversary, Satan) and Michael (Satan's opponent)." Michael is the angel considered to be the defender of Israel, in Jewish tradition.
 - (Targum Yonatan) says that Michael was put in authority of watching Moses' tomb. It is thought that the Testament of Moses (not scripture) added that Michael was assigned to bury Moses.
 - (The above commentary and references come from The Jewish New Testament Commentary by David H. Stern).
 - Quoted numerous times in the writings of the early Church Fathers.

Judes Point in Referencing "

- **Back to the Text:**
 - **NKJ Jude 1:9** Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 1:9 NKJ)
 - "Michael, although he is an Archangel, did not rail against Satan because, positionally, Satan is greater than Michael.. Satan is a Cherub (Ezek, 28:11-19) and Michael is an angel; Cherubs are positionally greater than angels. Michael, although he is the archangel-the one who has authority over all other angels, knew his place in the angelic hierarchy; Therefore Michael did not rail against someone greater than himself even though Satan was a fallen creature. Since Satan, even though fallen, was the annointed Cherub, he still had personal dignity that Michael respected."
 - Ariel's Bible Commentary: Dr. Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum
 - <https://www.ariel.org/books/commentary-series-the-messianic-jewish-epistles>

The False Teachers

- **Their Aim**
 - Lead God's people to defile the flesh by encouraging them to sin.
 - Lead God's people to deny God's word and rejecting the Apostles teaching by embracing their skewed teachings.
 - The "Bait and Switch" Tactic addressed in Romans 6:1
 - Leads God's people to be disrespectful and rejection of God's ordained authority structure.
- **Just as the fallen angels sought to corrupt woman's bodies and thus the human gene pool these men aim to corrupt God's people by corrupting the gene pool of God's word.**

The Contrast:

- **Jude 1:10** But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. (Jude 1:10 NKJ)
 - **NLT Jude 1:10** But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction.
 - **YLT Jude 1:10** and these, as many things indeed as they have not known, they speak evil of; and as many things as naturally (as the irrational beasts) they understand, in these they are corrupted; (Jude 1:10 YLT)
- **They are totally devoid of the concept of spiritual realities and a spiritual worldview.**
 - 1 Corinthians 2:14-15
 - Ephesians 2:1-3
 - Thus they speak and act in a trifling way with spiritual entities and realities.
- **They operate entirely on sensorial information.(physical Instinct)**

Woe “Misery, Sorrow, Distress, Wretchedness.” to Them! (Sixth Triad)

- **NKJ Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. (Jude 1:11 NKJ)**
 - **To travel in the footsteps of Cain: Propelled by Jealousy, hatred, envy.**
 - He wanted God to accept his tithe on his terms. (Genesis 4)
 - His vocation became his idol.
 - Adam & Eve sewed fig leaves together as a covering
 - God Killed an animal to provide covering for them
 - Thus it was God who initiated the acceptable means of sacrifice and offering (Blood)
 - Abel brought his tithe and his sacrifice.
 - Cain brought only his tithe but no sacrifice.
 - Gen. 4:7 “If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”
 - “The Threshold Covenant” –Either the LORD or Sin would become his master.
 - **To run the same road as Balaam: To rush headlong-driven by greed for profit!**
 - He was determined to get paid. (Numbers 22-24 & Numbers 31:8,16)
 - Material wealth became his idol.
 - **Took the path of rebellion as that of Korah.**
 - He violated God’s established chain of command.(Numbers 16)

Conclusion: Part 2

- **Keep in Mind:**
 - They slide in subtly
 - They don't wear black hats
 - They skew practice by first skewing doctrine
 - They count and use God's people's ignorance of the Scripture and turn it against them.
- **How Effective In Our Time?**
 - Mainline Denominations
 - Acceptance of perverse sexual practices
 - Experientially Driven Mindset (The multi-media generations pre-loaded to accept and embrace this.)

How Do We Contend?

- Earnestly coming to know what we believe and why we believe it!
 - The Once Delivered Faith: The Holy Scriptures
 - Sovereign Grace Church Statement of Faith (Study Guide)
- For Whom?
 - Ourselves
 - Our Children and Grandchildren (Transition to Eternity)
 - Those we will leave behind (Rapture)
 - Potentially Tribulation Evangelists and Saints!

WILL YOU COMMIT TO THIS TODAY?