



FEASTS OF THE LORD AND PROPHECY

Part 3

7 ANNUAL FEASTS OF THE LORD

MONTH 1

MONTH 3

MONTH 4-6

MONTH 7

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Passover

Lv.23:4-5

Nisan 14

Kill lamb & put
blood on
doorpost



1Co.5:7

**Death of
Christ**

Unleavened Bread

Lv.23:6-8

Nisan 15-21

Purging of all
leaven for an
in-haste and
holy walk



1Co.5:7-8

**Burial of
Christ**

- buried in
Haste
- no decay

Firstfruits (Harvest)

Lv.23:9-14

Always Sunday

Wave offering of
sheaf (promise of
harvest to come)



1Co.15:20-23

**Resurrection
of Christ**

Christ going away so the Comforter
can come (Jn.16:7; Ac.1:9-12)



Weeks or Pentecost

Lv.23:15-22

Always Sunday

Wave offering of
two loaves of
leavened bread



Ac.2; Ep.2:11-22;
1Co.12:13

**Outpouring
of the Holy
Spirit**

3 MONTHS

The Church Age

- This interval of
time represents
the Church Age.
- The Holy Spirit
is 'gathering' or
'harvesting' the
elect.
- The mystery of
the One Body,
Jew and Gentile
(Ep.3:1-12).
- The mystery of
Christ dwelling
believers
(Cl.1:26-27)

The Blowing

Lv.23:23-25

Tishri 1

Trumpets blown:
a sacred assembly
focus on repentance



Ek.36:24

**Regathering
of Israel in
preparation
for
atonement**

Day of Atonement

Lv.23:26-32

Tishri 10

Atonement made
to cleanse the
people



Zc.3:9-10;
Ek.36:25-27

**Messiah
Recognized
by Israel
(Salvation)**

Feast of Tabernacles

Lv.23:33-43

Tishri 15-22

Memorial of
tabernacles in the
wilderness



Zc.14:16-21;
Ek.36:28

**Families of
the earth
come to
Jerusalem
to celebrate**

1446BC — 32AD

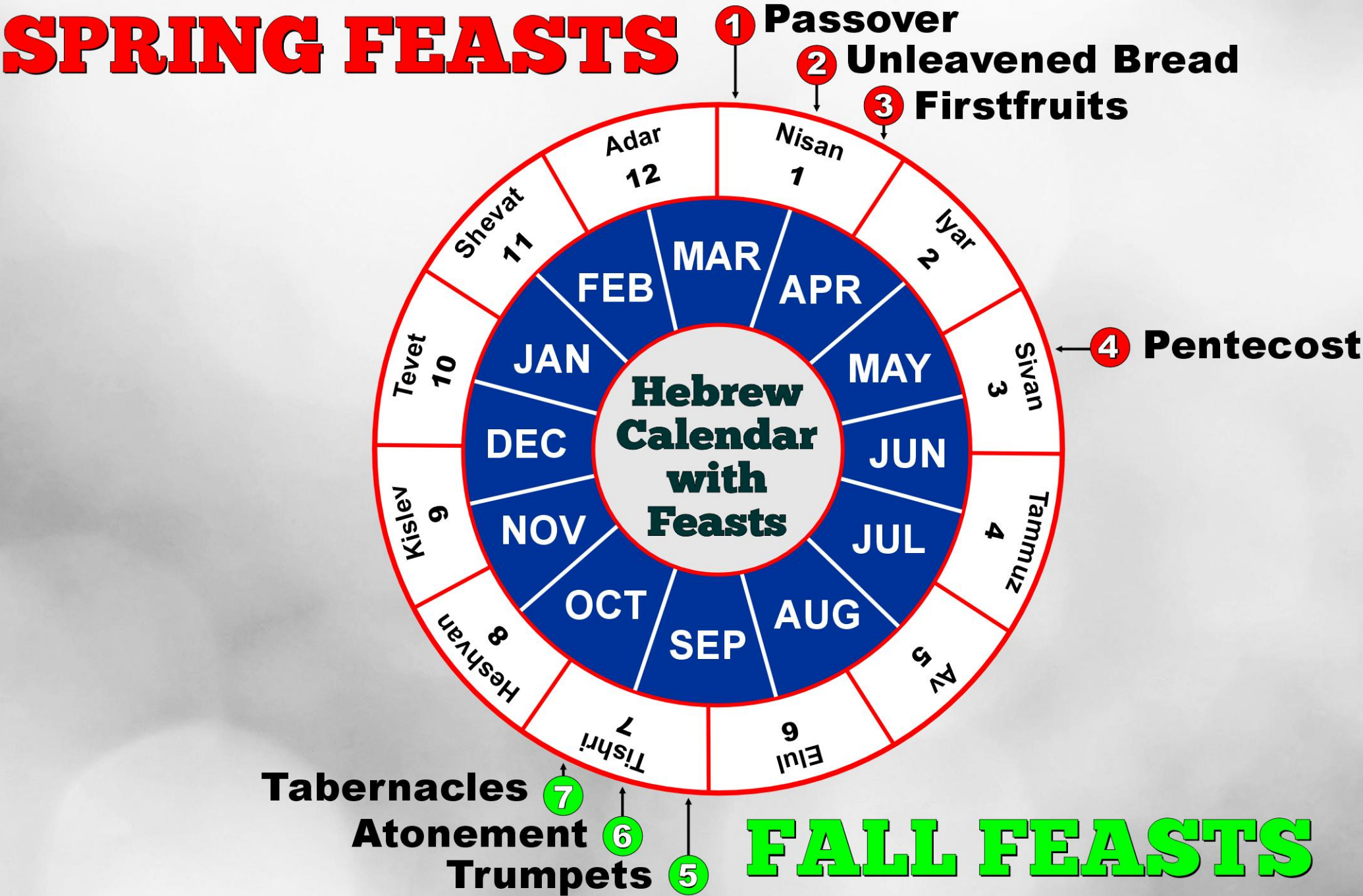
PAST

MESSIAH COMES AS THE SUFFERING SERVANT — PRIESTLY ROLE

The Days of Awe

FUTURE

MESSIAH RETURNS AS THE CONQUERING KING — KINGLY ROLE



FEASTS OF THE LORD INTRODUCTION

- **Think of your calendar and any appointments you might have on it.**



If you make an appointment with a doctor he expects you to keep it.



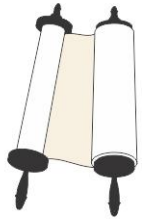
These are the Feasts of the Lord, and He expects Israel to keep them.

- **The feasts of the Lord spanned springtime through the fall and formed Israel's annual food growing lifecycle.**



FEASTS OF THE LORD INTRODUCTION

- **The 7 Feasts of the Lord is outlined in Leviticus 23.**
- **The Lord's Feasts include the weekly Sabbath (Lv.23:3; Cl.2:16-17).**



'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. (Lv.23:3)



¹⁶So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, ¹⁷which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. (Cl.2:16-17)

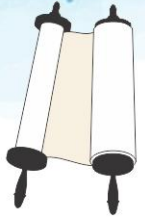


DRESS REHEARSALS

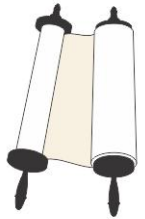
- **Think of a musical theater production. In many dress rehearsals, the cast repeatedly practices their songs, acts, and dances to be fully prepared for their “real performance” in front of a live audience.**
- **God intended His feasts to be like a dress rehearsal, something to be practiced repeatedly but that were never the “real thing.”**
- **They always pointed to the true thing of substance: Jesus.**



PAUL AND THE FEASTS



“but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.” (Ac.18:21)



“For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.” (Ac.20:16).

- In several passages in Acts Paul went to synagogues to preach to the unbelieving Jews. Paul went there to evangelize, NOT set a pattern for believers.**



⁷Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8





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- Some have attempted to use this text as if Paul is commanding the Gentiles to keep the Jewish feast of Passover**
- Paul refers to the feast as a metaphor. The context is dealing with sin (fornication) in the church.**
- Notice that the Corinthians were to be UNLEAVENED.**
- Unleavened was never once applied to the people under the Old Covenant. It was always the bread and cakes which were to be consumed as a holy ceremonial observance unto the Lord.**



THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND

Exodus 25:31-40; 37:17-24

Made from 1 talent of gold (aprox. 75 lbs)

Lampstand is one piece of beaten gold.

6 Branches,
3 on either side
of the central stand

Central stand has
4 flowers and calyxes

Base?
Assumed, but never describes

7 Oil lamps along top

Almond flower (5 petals),
3 per branch except central stand

Almond Cālyx
(sepals forming a “cup” for each flower),
3 per branch except central stand



MENORAH SIGNIFICANCE

- **The seven lamps represent the presence of the Holy Spirit in heaven. [David Guzik]**
- **The seven lamps in the lampstand provided light in the tent (Ex.25:37). [Bible Knowledge Commentary]**
- **As the lampstand provided light for the priestly functions before God, so Christ today is the Light of the world (Jn.8:12), who reveals the way to God (Jn.14:6, 9). [Bible Knowledge Commentary]**
- **The tabernacle craftsmen fashioned it in the form of a stylized plant or tree. It connoted life and fertility. [Dr. Thomas Constable]**



MENORAH SIGNIFICANCE

- Many see the lampstand as a type of Christ, the true Light of the world (Jn.8:12).
- Others see the lampstand as picturing the Holy Spirit, whose mission is to glorify Christ. He illuminates all that speaks of Christ in the holy place.
- Many see the lampstand as typifying Christ in union with believers. The middle shaft is unique because the other six branches come out of it, three branches on each side; yet they are all made of one piece of gold.



MODERN LAMPSTAND

7-Branches vs 9-Branches

There are at least two reasons modern Jews use the 9-branched Menorah over the 7-branched one.

- 1** They say the 7-branched menorah is supposed to be used only in the Temple. The Temple has not existed for nearly 2,000 years.
- 2** To celebrate Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication or Festival of Lights). The 8 branches represent the 8-day miracle. The 9th branch is used to light the other eight branches.

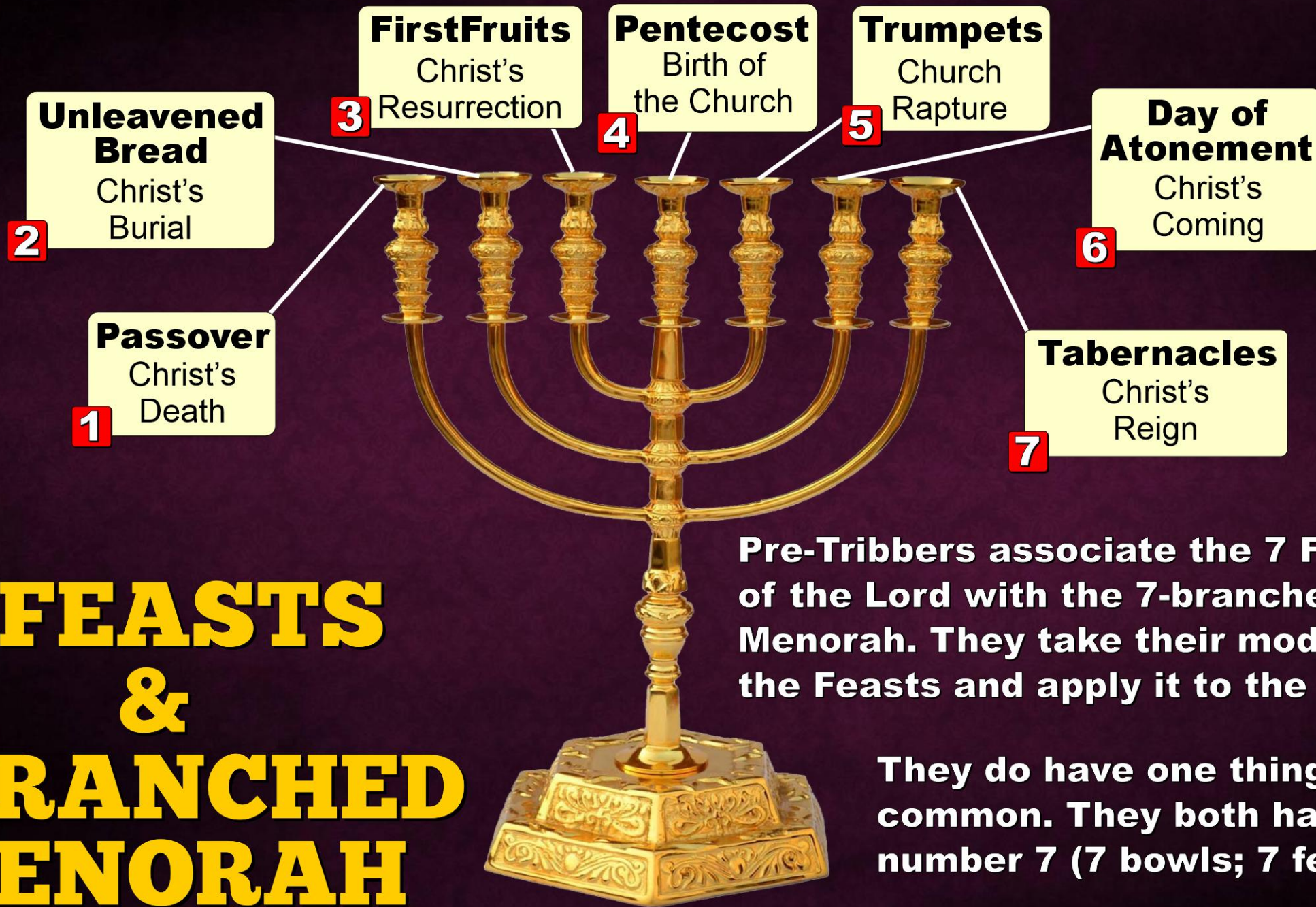


HANUKKAH & PURIM

- **HANUKKAH:** Hanukkah began after the temple menorah oil miraculously stayed lit for eight days during the time of the Maccabean revolt when there was only enough for one day. It is also known as “the Festival of lights.”
- **HANUKKAH:** The Maccabean Revolt was a Jewish rebellion led by the Maccabees against the Seleucid Empire and against Hellenistic influence on Jewish life.
- **PURIM:** Jews believe Mordecai initiated Purim in the book of Esther to celebrate the Jewish people’s victory over Haman.
- **Purim and Hanukkah are not Biblical Feasts.**



7 FEASTS & 7-BRANCHED MENORAH



Pre-Tribbers associate the 7 Feasts of the Lord with the 7-branched Menorah. They take their model of the Feasts and apply it to the Menorah.

They do have one thing in common. They both have the number 7 (7 bowls; 7 feasts).

THE BLOWING OF TRUMPETS

LOGICAL FALLACY



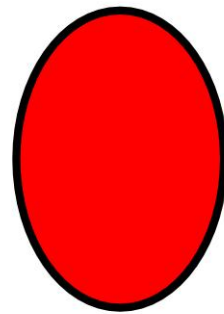
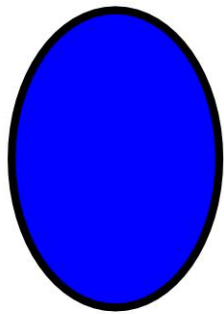
- **Because the Feast of trumpets is about trumpet blasts, many connect it to the rapture and the trumpet of God.**
- **This a word association fallacy (Rv.4:1, “voice like a trumpet speaking with me”).**
- **This is a logical fallacy and an unwarranted associative leap.**
- **Jesus and Paul made no case to say the rapture fulfills the Feast of trumpets.**





THE BLOWING OF TRUMPETS

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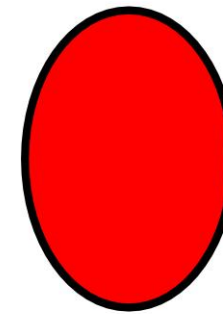
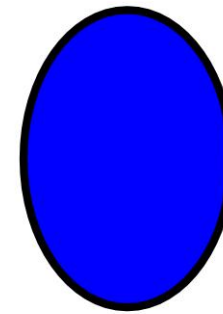


**Has meaning
“A”**

**Has meaning
“A”**

**Because they have the same
meaning in themselves they
SHOULD be associated together.**

Signs before the Day of the Lord (Mt.24:29, sun,
moon, stars at the Coming; Jl.2:31, sun, moon
before the DOTL)



**Has meaning
“A”**

**Has meaning
“B”**

**Because they have different
meanings in themselves they
SHOULD NOT be associated together.**

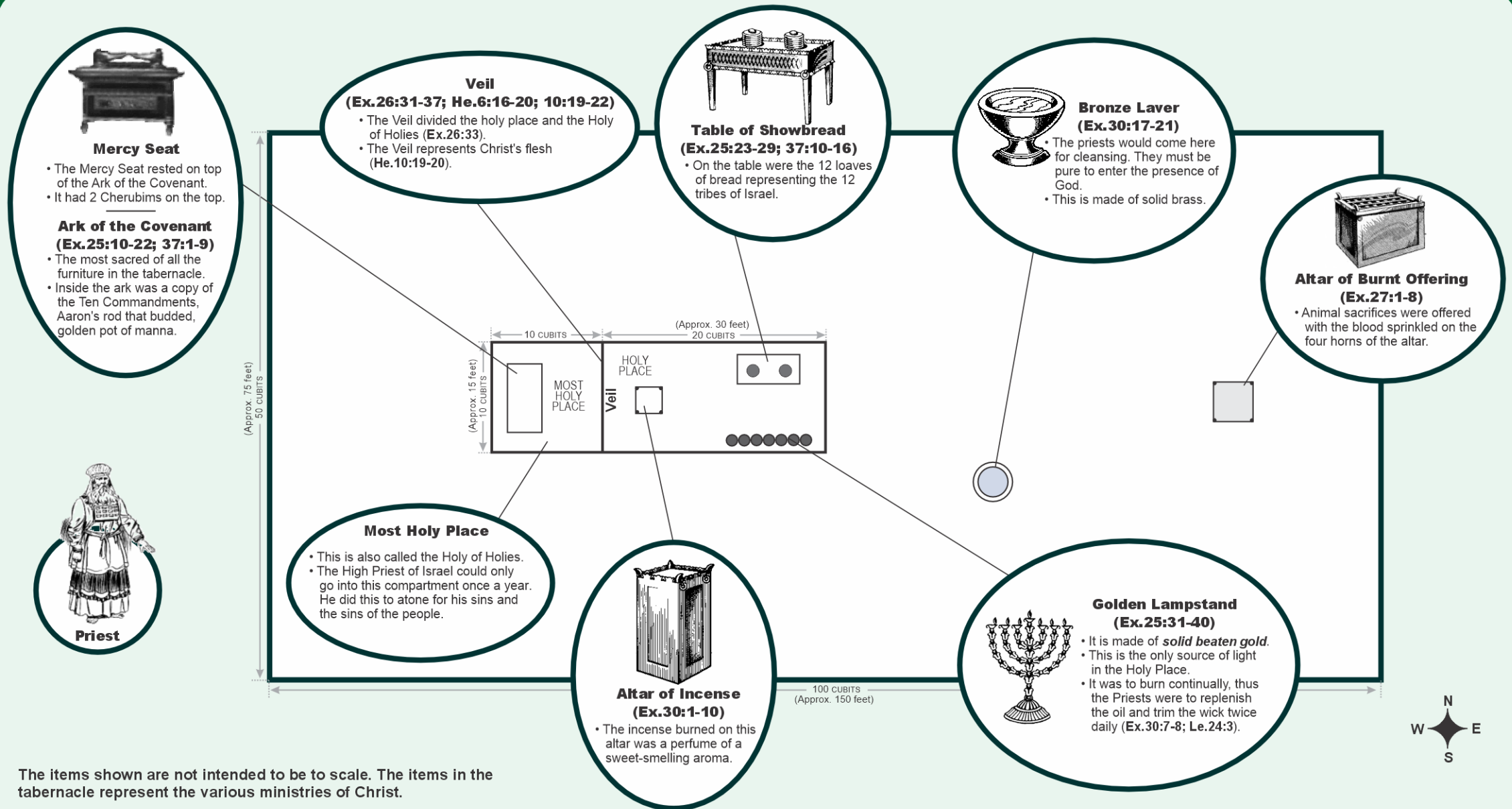
The voice as a trumpet is a call for John to see a
vision (Rv.4:1); The 'Trumpet of God' is a rapture
passage (1Th.4:16)

FEASTS AND THE MENORAH

- **The FEASTS are like visual aids for the Jewish people meant to point them to their Messiah.**
- **The MENORAH is a visual aid for the Jewish people meant to point them to their Messiah.**
- **Each item in the tabernacle, including the Menorah, referred to some aspect of Christ and His work of redemption.**



RELATIVE POSITION OF TABERNACLE FURNITURE

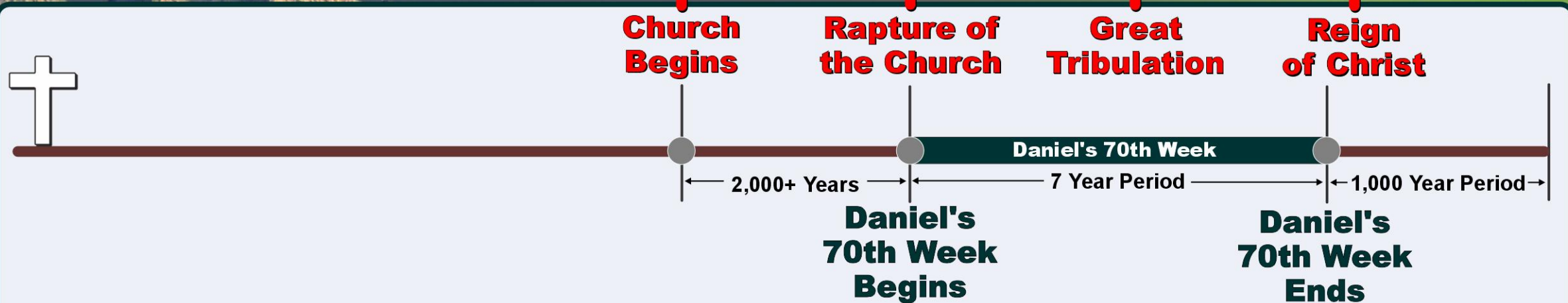


The items shown are not intended to be to scale. The items in the tabernacle represent the various ministries of Christ.

TYPICAL PRE-TRIBULATIONAL VIEW OF THE FEASTS

Feast	Hebrew Calendar			Christ Event
1 Passover	Nisan 14	Month 1	<i>March/April</i>	Crucifixion
2 Unleavened Bread	Nisan 15	Month 1	<i>March/April</i>	Burial
3 First Fruits	Next Sunday	Month 1	<i>March/April</i>	Resurrection
4 Pentecost	Sivan	Month 3	<i>May/June</i>	Descent of the HS
<i>Interval of 3 months</i>	—			<i>The Church Age</i>
5 Trumpets	Tishri 1	Month 7	<i>Sept./Oct.</i>	Rapture of the Church
6 Day of Atonement	Tishri 10	Month 7	<i>Sept./Oct.</i>	Second Coming
7 Tabernacles	Tishri 15	Month 7	<i>Sept./Oct.</i>	Christ Reigns as King

PRE-TRIBULATION MODEL



- This model connects the Feasts of Trumpets and the “catching away” (rapture) of the church together.
- The presence of a “trumpet” (1Co.15:52; 1Th.4:16) is associated with the Feast of Trumpets.

Partial fulfillment of some Feasts in the PAST

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Israel Old Testament

Church Age

Israel Earthly Kingdom

Ultimate fulfillment of all Feasts in the FUTURE

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Israel Old Testament

Church Age

Israel Earthly Kingdom

There is a Pattern sense (shadow) with **MULTIPLE FULFILLMENTS**

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Israel Old Testament

Church Age

Israel Earthly Kingdom

ISRAEL: STAGES OF DISCIPLINE

Leviticus 26:14-39

“If you will not”

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|--------------------|--|
| STAGE
1 | — Physical & Mental Diseases (Lv.26:14-17) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distress from illness, famine, and defeat |
| STAGE
2 | — Drought & Bad Harvest (Lv.26:18-20) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “seven times” principle of intensification |
| STAGE
3 | — Dread of Wild Animals (Lv.26:21-22) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desolation of the land, animals running rampant |
| STAGE
4 | — Desolation by Enemies Bringing Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God will send sword of vengeance (Lv.26:23-26) |
| STAGE
5 | — Deportation From the Land (Lv.26:27-39) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Destruction of cities; horrors of cannibalism• Land will enjoy its Sabbath years |

TIMES OF THE GENTILES PAST

Babylon



609-539BC

Medo-Persia



539-330BC

Greece



330-63BC

Rome



63BC-474AD

605BC

70-Year
Captivity

- Babylonian Captivity
- Israel was in the **5th cycle** of discipline

536BC

- End of **5th cycle** of discipline
- They were allowed back into the land but were still under Persian control
- They were still under the **4th cycle** of discipline

The **4th cycle** of discipline continues through Greece (Syria) and Rome

32AD

- Israel Officially removed as the evangelistic agent of God

70AD...

- The **4th cycle** of discipline becomes the **5th**.
- The Temple is destroyed and the people are physically removed from the land

TIMES OF THE GENTILES FUTURE

...70AD

ISRAEL WILL STILL BE UNDER THE 5TH CYCLE OF DISCIPLINE UNTIL AFTER ARMAGEDDON

ARMAGEDDON

“And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” (Lk.21:24)

- This destruction and dispersion (5th cycle) will last till the Times of the Gentiles ends.



TRIBULATION

DOTL

“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"” (Rv.11:15)

“... You have taken Your great power and reigned” (Rv.11:17)

- This announcement at the 7th Trumpet is the OFFICIAL end of the reign of the beast. Christ rules in the midst of His enemies (Ps.2; 110:1-2)



30-DAY

- Armageddon ends the Times of the Gentiles
- Christ will physically take His kingdom away from the Gentiles.
- Jesus will make His enemies His footstool (victory at Armageddon)
- Jerusalem will still be trampled until the end of the 30 days when Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives (Zc.14).

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45-DAY



“He will sit on the throne of His glory” (Mt.25:31)

- All the nations will be cleansed of unbelievers. Christ will shepherd them with a rod of iron
- There appears to be a difference between the OFFICIAL reign (at the 7th Trumpet) and the actual PHYSICAL reign setting up for the Millennial Kingdom.

FIRST COMING FEASTS OF CHRIST

PASSOVER



Nisan 14

Jesus was crucified on
Passover

UNLEAVENED BREAD



Nisan 15-21

Jesus was in the grave on
the first day of this Feast

FIRSTFRUITS



Always Sunday

(Day following weekly sabbath)

Jesus was resurrected
on this Feast

PENTECOST



Always Sunday

(Day following weekly sabbath)

The Holy Spirit was poured
out on this Feast

FULFILLED LITERALLY ON THE SPECIFIED DATE

SECOND COMING FEASTS OF CHRIST

TRUMPETS



Tishri 1

ATONEMENT



Tishri 10

TABERNACLES



Tishri 15-22

EXPECTATION IS THAT IT WILL OCCUR ON THE SPECIFIED DATE

MEANING & TIMING MUST REMAIN CONSISTENT

Memorials to the Deliverance of the Jews from Egypt

Passover

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Ex.12:5-7 Lv.23:4-5	1Co.5:7

NISAN 14

Unleavened Bread

Clean out old leaven just as you are in fact unleavened

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:6-9	1Co.5:7-8

NISAN 15-21

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Males Assemble

Memorials to the Grain Harvest

First Fruits

Christ has been raised... the first fruits

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:10-14	1Co.15:20

Always Sunday

☸ = Perpetual Statue

Pentecost

- Promise of the Spirit
- Mystery of the Church
- Jews-Gentiles in one body

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:15-23	Ac.2; 1Co.12:13; Ep.2:11-22

Always Sunday

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Males Assemble
☸ = Perpetual Statue

Celebrate Forgiveness of Sins for the Nation

The Blowing

Re-gather of Israel in preparation for final day of atonement

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:23-34 Nu.10:1-10	Je.32:37-41; Ek.36:24

TISHRI 1

Atonement

Israel will rejoice in what Messiah has done for them (Memorial)

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:26-33	Zc.3:9-10; 12:10; 13:1; Ek.36:25-27; Ro.11:25-27

TISHRI 10

☸ = Perpetual Statue

Tabernacles

Families of the earth will come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths

SHADOW	SUBSTANCE
Lv.23:33-43	Zc.14:16-21

TISHRI 15-22

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Males Assemble
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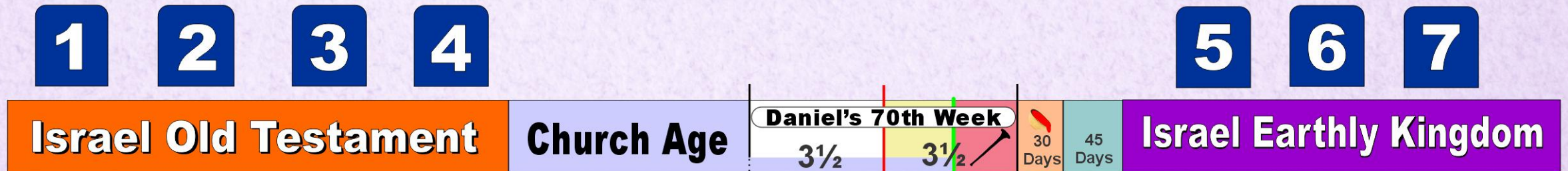
SPRING FEASTS

Fulfilled consecutively in a single season (54 days)

FALL FEASTS

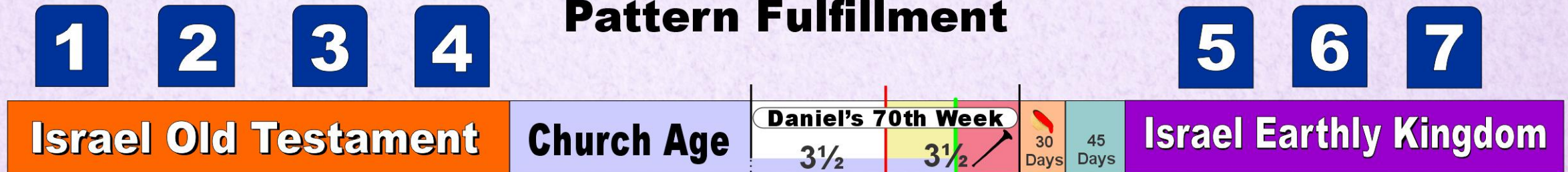
Fulfilled consecutively in a single season (22 days)

The Feasts are split into Spring (first coming) and Fall (second coming) events.

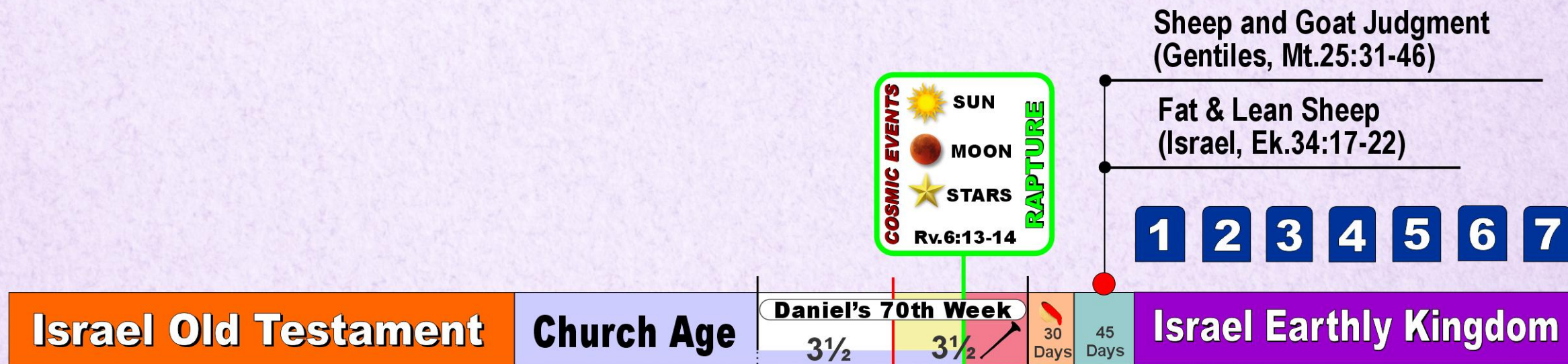


Prophecy is not simply prediction and fulfillment. Prophecy is also a matter of **PATTERN**. That is, prediction and possible multiple application or fulfillments.

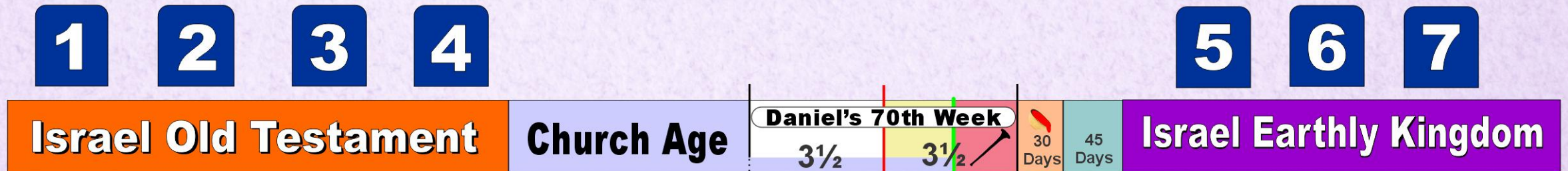
**Simple Fulfillment
and / or
Pattern Fulfillment**



Israel is not saved until a few days before the start of the earthly kingdom. The fat sheep (unbelievers) must be removed from the lean sheep (believers, Ek.34:17-22). At that time, “All Israel shall be saved” (Ro.11:26).



The Feasts are related TO and FOR the nation of Israel

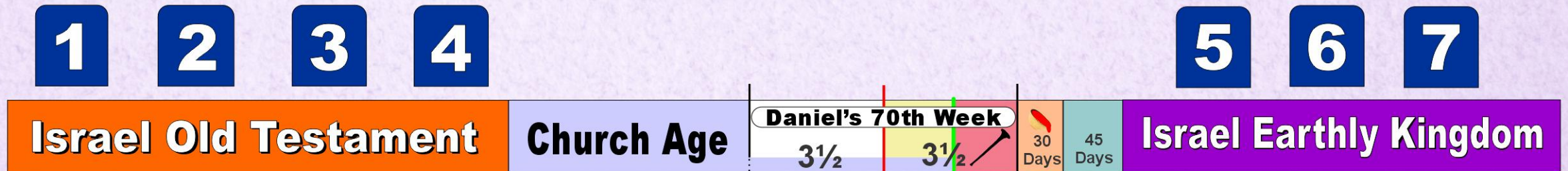


Many attach the rapture with the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets. However, the Feast of Trumpets will have an ongoing year-to-year significance during the Kingdom. During the Millennial Kingdom the significance of the Trumpet Feast will be to remember God regathering Israel back to the land of Promise.

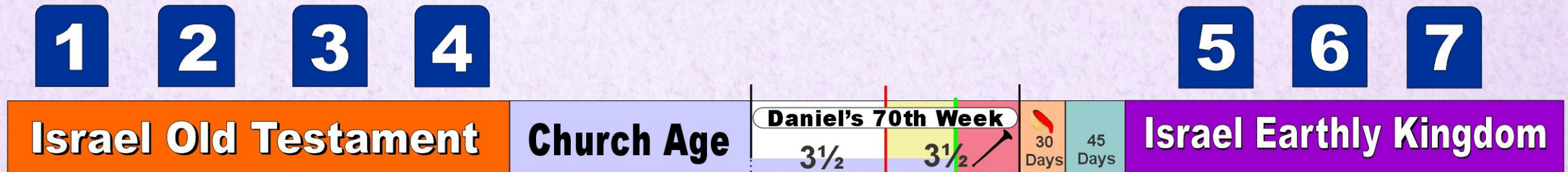
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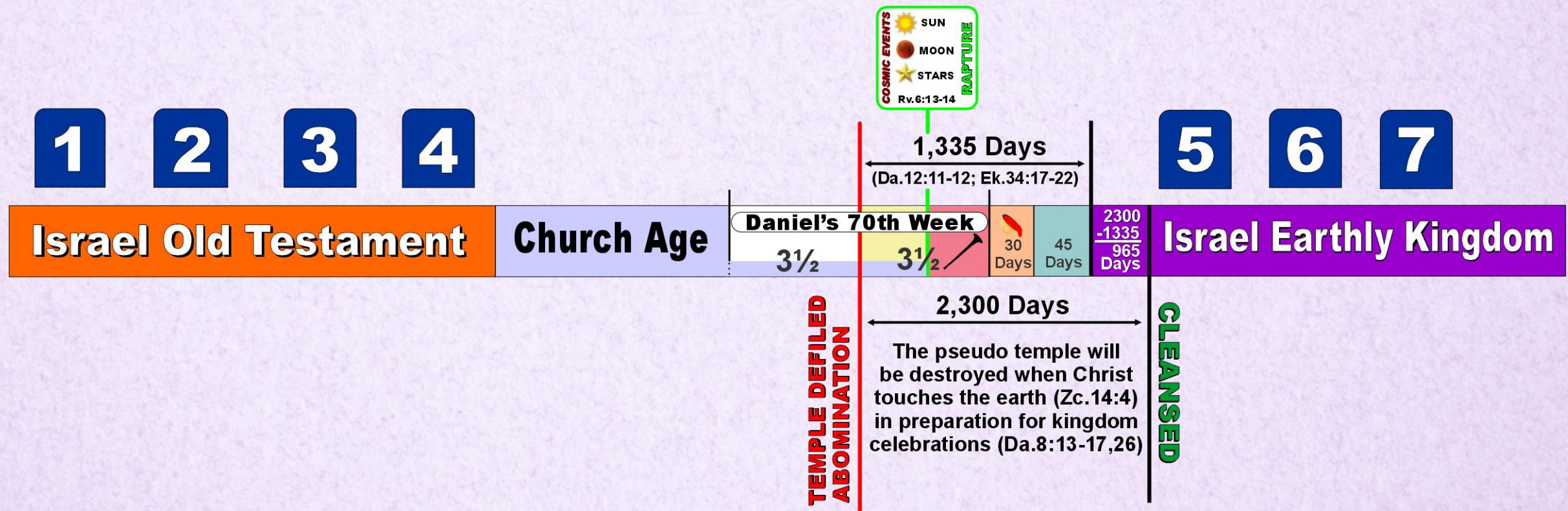
The Second Coming Feasts will be fulfilled literally in Christ's kingdom



There is no significance for the Fall Feasts to occur while Israel is still under divine judgment.



Israel must be a functional **NATION**, dependent on the Lord. This will not occur until the earthly kingdom.



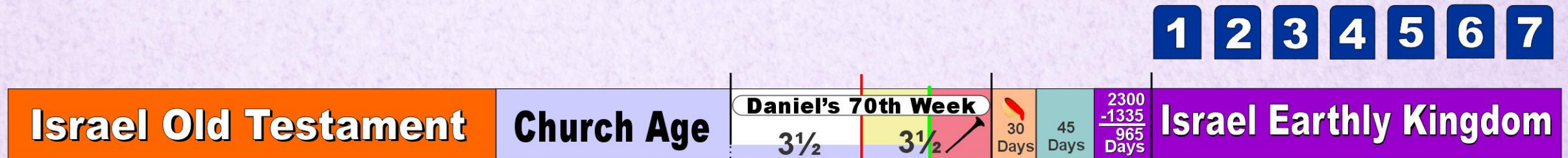
There must be a dedicated and functional **TEMPLE** in Jerusalem. The vision of 2,300 days describes this dedication (Da.8:13-17, 26).

- The Abomination of the **TEMPLE** will be removed 1,290 days after it is setup.
- The new **HOLY PLACE** will be setup 2,300 days after the mid-point of the Week.

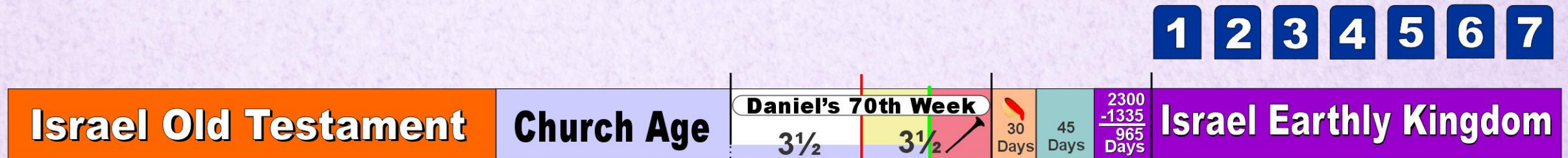
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There must be a functional **PRIESTHOOD**
to perform the rituals



Israel must be able to raise the necessary animals for the **SACRIFICES**. The sacrifices are for Israel only. During the kingdom the Gentile nations will be expected to send representatives to Jerusalem (Zc.14:16).





THE TRUMPET FEAST



- ❖ The feast of trumpets CANNOT be celebrated before the newly built Temple because the celebration requires several burnt offerings.
- ❖ The reason for the celebration of this feast is because God has regathered His people into His land in the kingdom.
- ❖ The entire nation will be believers in Jesus their Messiah (Ro.11:26-27).

FEASTS OF THE LORD AND PROPHECY

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PASSOVER

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UNLEAVENED
BREAD

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FIRSTFRUITS

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PENTECOST

Israel: Old Testament

Spring Feasts

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TRUMPETS

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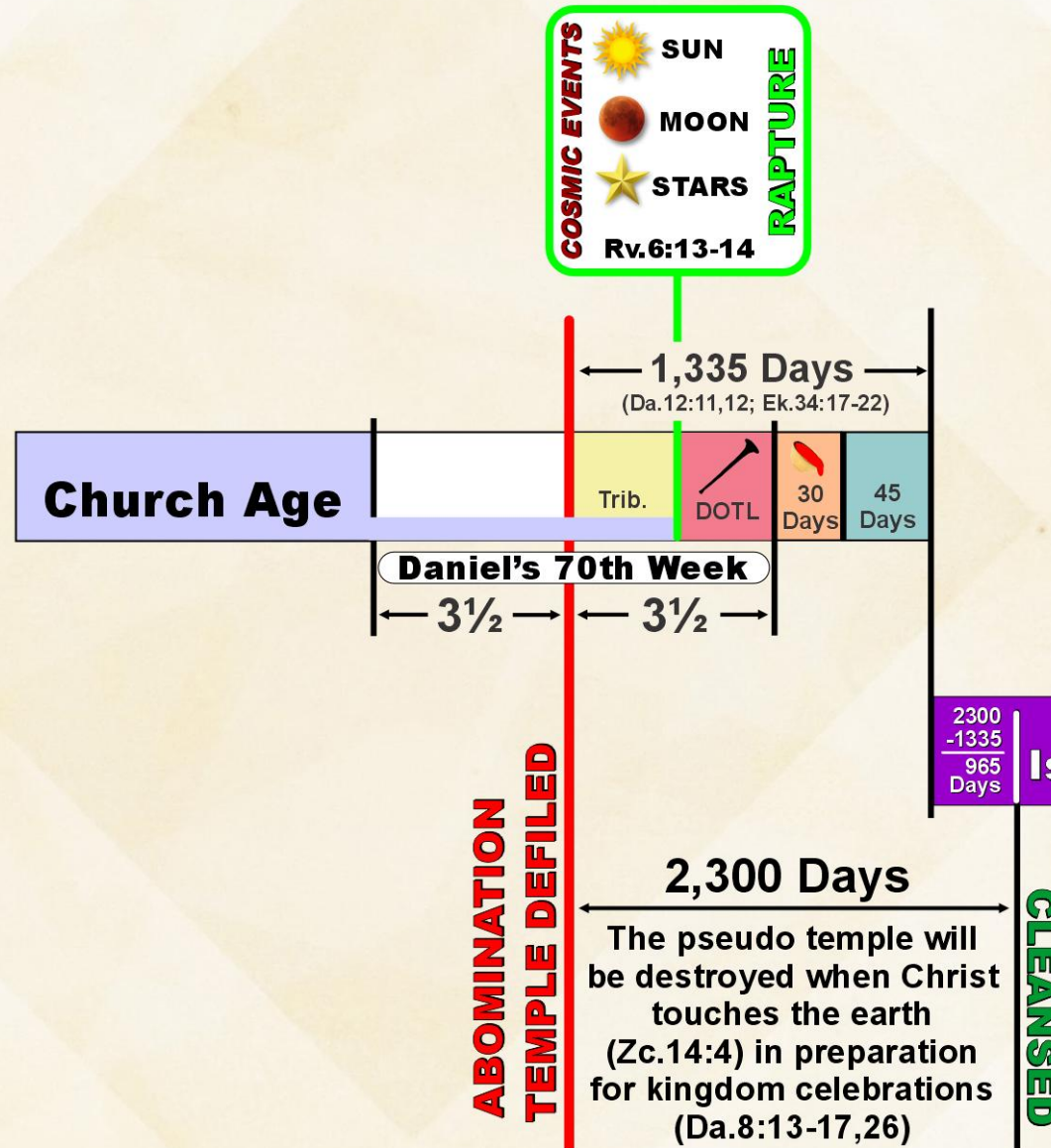
ATONEMENT

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TABERNACLES

Israel: Earthly Kingdom

Fall Feasts



STORY LINE — SUMMARY

1-3. Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits

- Jesus delivers Israel and leads them through their End-Times Exodus (**Is.11:11-16; 27:12-13; Ho.2:14-15; Mi.7:14-15**).
- He fulfills His role as the New Moses (**Du.18:15-18**), and defeats the Final Pharaoh (Antichrist) with a miraculous outpouring of plagues and judgment (**Rv.15-16**).

4. The Feast of Weeks (Shavuot/Pentecost)

- After Jesus comes to the earth He initiates the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit in all of history (**Ek.36:22-27; 37:7-14; Jl.2:28-29; Zc.12:10-14**).
- Israel and the nations are baptized in the Spirit.

5. The Feast of Trumpets

- Just as Israel was called to Mt. Sinai with the sound of a great trumpet blast (i.e. rams horn; **Ex. 19:13, 19**), all the peoples of the earth will be called to appear before the Messiah at Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (**Is.2:2-4; 18:3,7; 27:12-13; 66:18-21; Zc.8:20-23; Ps.68:29-35**). From there He will teach us His ways and enter into judgment with mighty nations.
- Many attach the rapture with the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets. However, the Feast of Trumpets will have an ongoing significance even after the Kingdom is established.

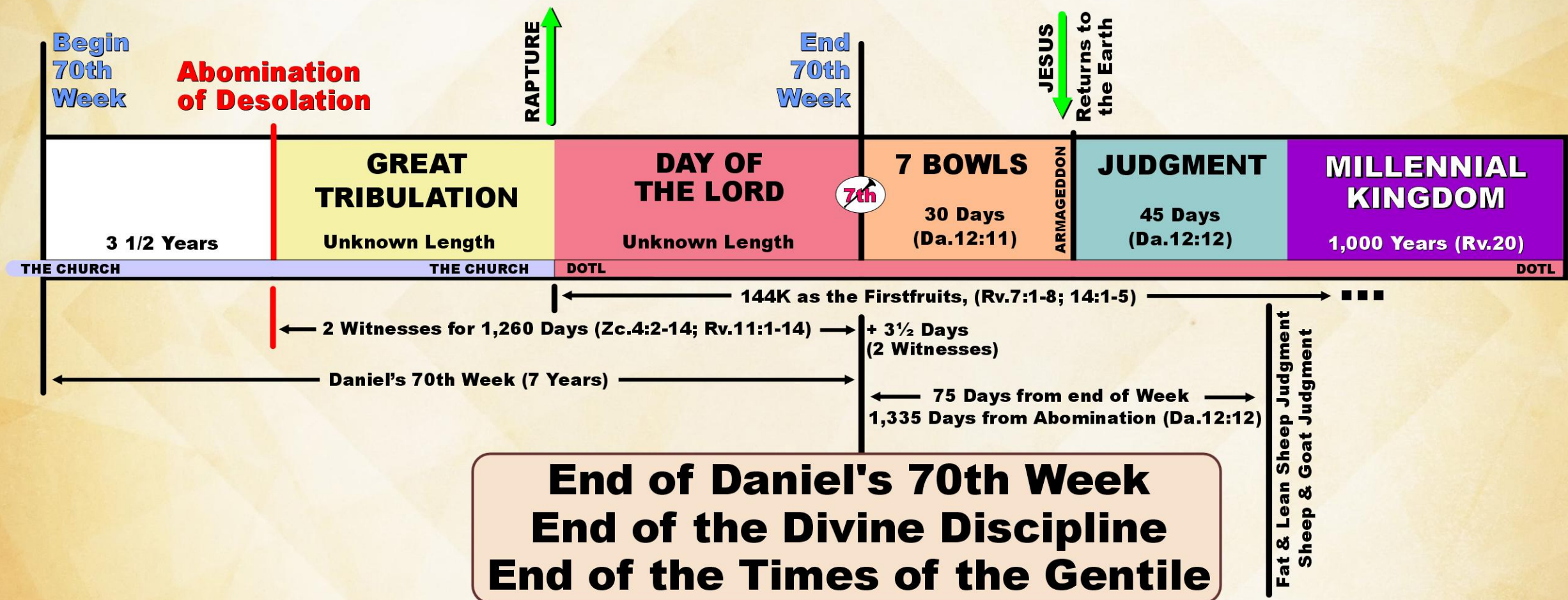
6. The Day of Atonement

- The Messiah purifies both His land and His people (**Du.32:43; Ro.11:26-27**).
- He cleanses the nations of their impurities, and fills the earth with the knowledge of the glory of God (**Hk.2:14; Ek.39:11-16**).

7. The Feast of Tabernacles

- The earth will be blessed with agricultural abundance like the garden of Eden.
- Israel and the nations will celebrate God's presence, provision, victory, and reign at the Temple in Jerusalem with great joy and feasting (**Zc.14:16-19**).

SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S FUTURE



Begins the process resulting in “all Israel will be saved” (Ro.11:26)