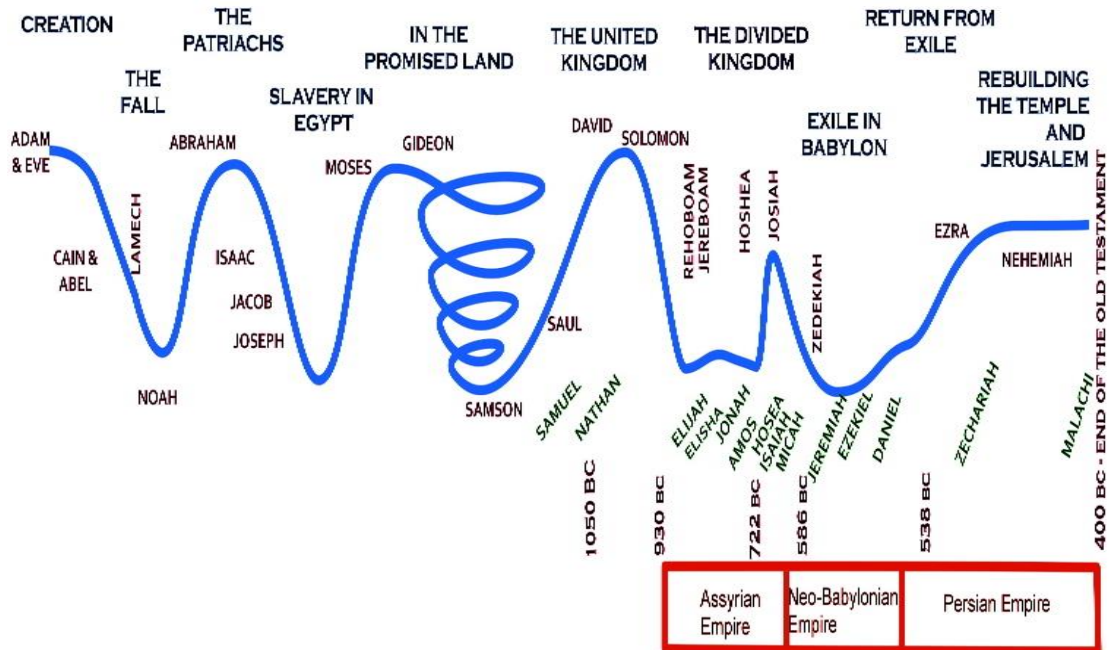


Life Church Hand out
Old Testament Survey Sermonette
Sunday, July 31, 2016

Gates of light and life.. Presidential Version

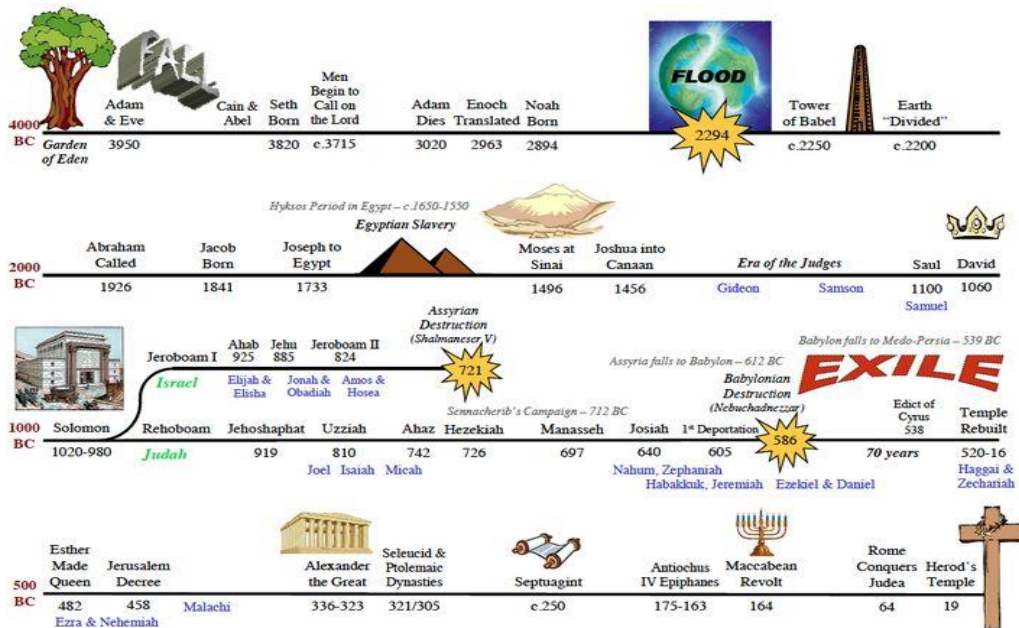
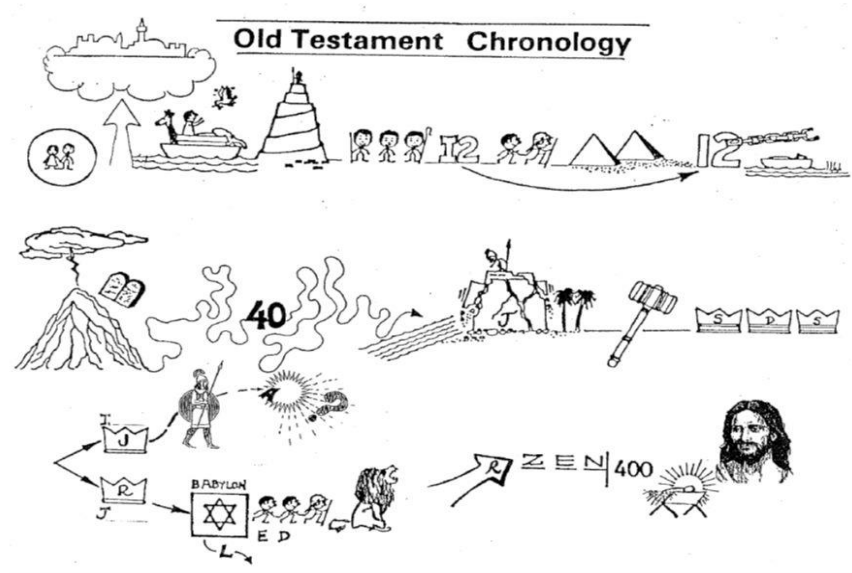
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 - Remember we are not just a president of your own the overcoming sin club, but also a member... had to take most games off my phone...
 - Take care of your gates, and remember light shining out overcomes (what I have seen in students these days..) Again with all the ups and downs of their leaders...

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GATES OF LIGHT AND LIFE

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016

THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. What are the 7 F's (The Bricks of What we building as a Church): Follow the Message (God's Agenda) , Family Up, Feature the Story, Face Your Problems, Farm Your Land, Find Your Purpose, Fulfill Your Mission.
2. What are the Basics of the Faith (The mortar that Holds the Bricks together): Knowledge and application of the Bible, Knowledge of the Trinity Including the Spirit, Prayer, Worship, etc.
3. What is **God's Message- Agenda...** Demonstrate What it looks like when God is King.
4. **What is Love...(How we Family Up..)** Love is Being Determined to Benefit (care) for others even at our own expense.
5. What are FIGS- Fear, Inadequacy, Guilt and Shame... Things that impact **safety in our Family (up),** and **how we face our Problems.**
6. 7 Parts of the Bible: **Featuring the Story** | Creation, 2 Rebellion, Exile, 3 Israel, Rebellion, Exile, 4 Messiah, 5 Resurrection, 6 Church, 7 Eternity

OT Bible Literacy Pretest

Take home:

No notes, no help, This is not graded, but these will be collected and honest answers are appreciated.

- 1 . How many books are in the Bible ?
2. Who was Abraham?
3. What books did Moses write?
4. Which person is David most famous for defeating?
5. What is a prophet?
6. Where is Canaan (describe briefly and don't look up)?
7. Name 3 of the tribes of Israel:
8. Where was Jesus Born (what city/town)?
9. What is a Covenant?
10. Which prophet was swallowed by a big fish?
11. What was the significance of Noah cursing his grandson?
12. What was in the Ark of the covenant?
13. How many of each animal did Moses take on the Ark?
14. What did Elijah and Enoch die of?
15. What is a Tabernacle?



THE MORTAR OF THE BIBLE

*** KNOWLEDGE (ACCESSIBLE /RETAINED INFORMATION)**

*** UNDERSTANDING (PROPER INTERPRETATION OF KNOWLEDGE)**

*** WISDOM (PROPER APPLICATION & PRIORITIZATION OF UNDERSTANDING)**

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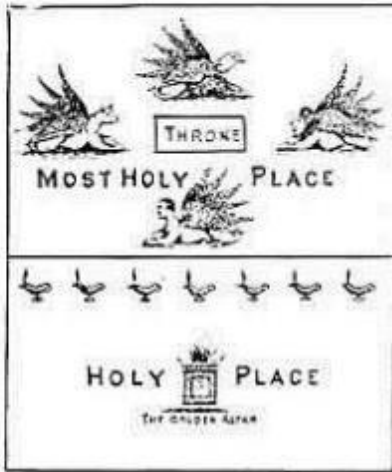
- The Story of Creation, Man, Israel/ Jews- Law.
- Written in 39 Books-
- Law, History, Poetry/Wisdom, Prophecy
- 1 Creation, 2 Rebellion, Exile, 3 Israel, Rebellion, Exile, 4 Messiah
- Major Theme- Laws show need for Sacrifice & The Temple
- Simplified- Man made in God's image, Given a choice of Will- Fails, God's plan to fix man comes through Faith choices of a chosen people. Choices impacted by sin, consequences and promises occur.

New Testament

- The Story of Jesus and the Early Church, Fulfillment of the Law
- Written in 27 Books-
- Gospels, History (ACTS), Letters, Prophecy/End times (Revelation)
- 4 Messiah, 5 Resurrection, 6 Church, 7 Eternity
- Major Theme- Sacrifice made so we can be portable Temples.
- Simplified- Good news via promise of a Messiah God fixes the hearts of those who choose Him via His Son's Choice of Sacrifice.

OT AND THE TEMPLE

THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE

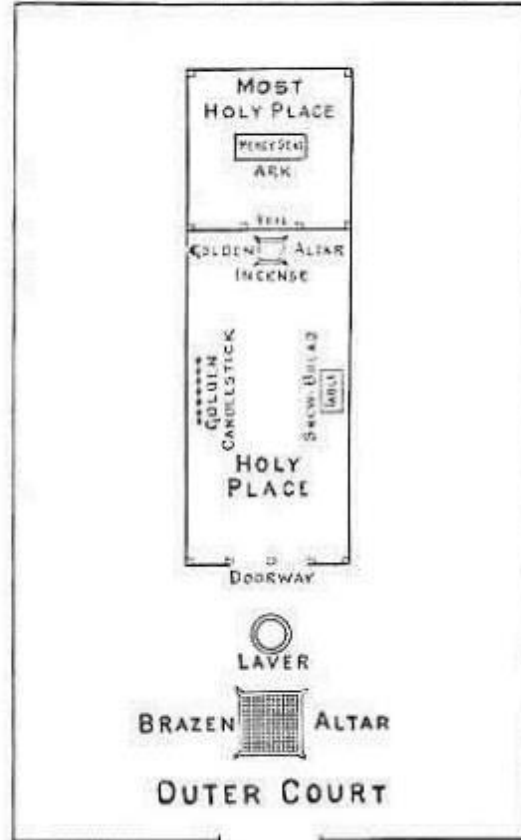


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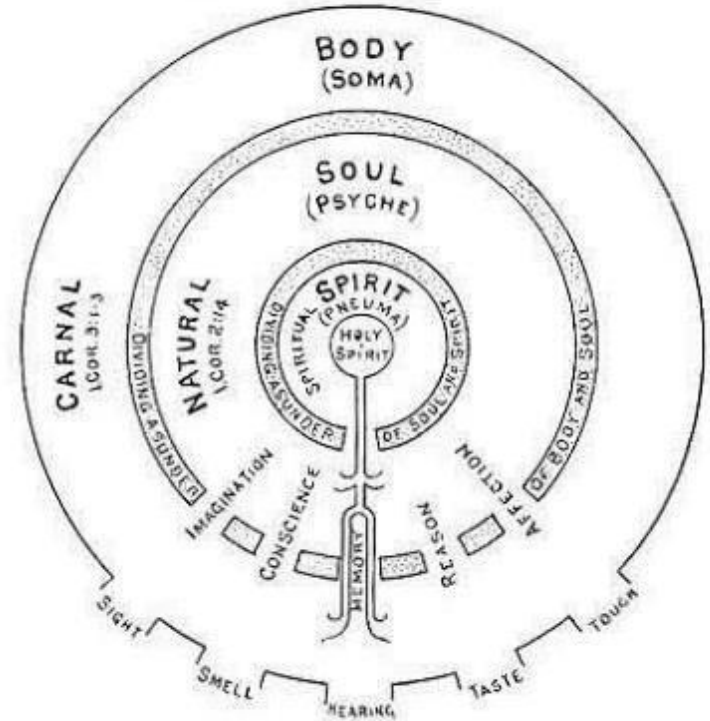


THE THREE TABERNACLES

THE EARTHLY TABERNACLE



THE TABERNACLE OF MAN



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WHAT DOES THE TEMPLE TEACH US?



THE TEMPLE GIVES INSIGHT TO NATURE OF GOD AND HEAVEN

ALL Holy...Triune-

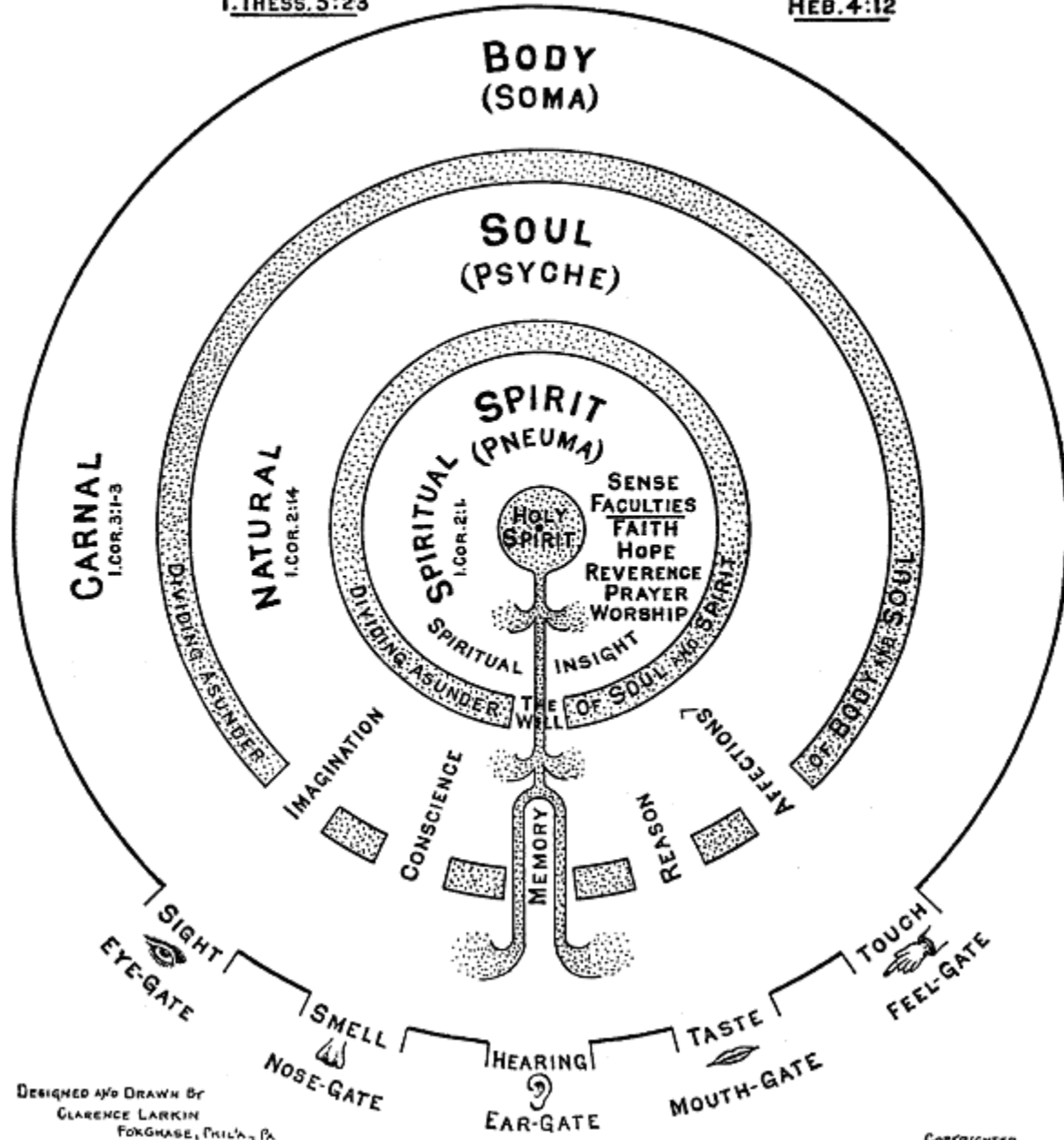
- 1. Father (Ancient of Days)- A Spirit, able to sit on a Throne, seen by Moses- except His Face, presence judges sin.**
- 2. Holy Spirit- Knows His Mind- Soul and has God's Power and Essence, and**
- 3. the Son- a Physical being like Man who can connect with man in the physical- We could behold his Face!**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN IMAGE BEARER OF GOD?

THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN

1. THESS. 5:23

HEB. 4:12



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The Will- Where we make our Choices: We have been given opportunities to choose...fixed points in time where we have to make decisions... We will have future decisions as well but those choices impact our trajectory in God... How do we become Children of God- by our Choice... He stands at the door and knocks... We have to open the door daily... in every moment. The more we choose him, the more we His light shines through. The world is fighting for our attention... We get to choose what we focus on, but to do that requires quiet space to hear from God... and to prioritize His will over ours.

Ephesians 5:15-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the Lord's will is.**

Romans 8:19-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, **not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it,** in hope ²¹ that^[a] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

THE TEMPLE GIVES CLARITY ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS IMAGE BEARERS

1. Triune- Body(our gates to our Soul), Soul (Our gates to the Spirit), & Spirit (Relates to God, released by choices made in faith, choices that play themselves out in our actions)
2. Have a Free will to make Choices-The Gate to the Spirit, widened by Faith choices and actions.
3. Have Gates into our soul and Spirit that we must protect, and enable to let the Light of the Spirit out to become bubbles of Grace enabled by being Temples.

THE TEMPLE GIVES CLARITY ABOUT OUR SERVICE

- 1.To Serve the Temple
- 2.Guard our gates
- 3.Evangelize- by helping others to make Faith Choices regarding the Good news.



**A SIMPLE CHOICE REALLY YOU
GET BUSY LIVING OR YOU GET
BUSY DYING.**



REVERSING THE FLOW OF THE FLESH GATES

- 1. Romans 7- The Problem (NASB) Getting busy dying
- **21** I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. **22** For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, **23** but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?**25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

FILL UP WITH ME

- **What is the Cure: Setting our Mind/Soul on the Spirit**
- Romans 8: (NASB) The Cure- Getting busy Living: Setting our mind on the things of the spirit.
- **3** For what the Law could not do, [t]weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, **4** so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,



- Having to say no to a family member who wants to give bootleg videos. What are you Judging us?
- Having to tell you friend that their flirting is wrong.... Especially if they are a Christian at your church.
- No Ma, Please don't give the grandkids a TV.
- Asking to change the TV station because You don't want to be tempted. Awe man, are you some kind of goody goody?
- From the movies.. The villain in the Matrix movie said, I know this steak is not real, but it tastes so good.

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THE IMPACT OF THE PRISON OF THE WORLD ON OUR FLESH

- From Shawshank... "these walls are funny, first you hate 'em, then you get used to 'em, Enough time passes, you get so you depend on them. That's institutionalization.
- Andy Dufresne never got used to the walls around him, but longed for freedom- (in our case being with God), that is why the walls never became part of him...What are those walls you face? What keeps you grounded?
- Evangelism... Not just telling people about freedom, but living free. Andy recruited Red by his vision to be free even in prison. Follow me and **I will make you** fishers of men...(He will make us, and do the heavy lifting if we let Him.)
- Paul Harvey- Too many Christians are no longer fishers of men (People who live from the inside out) , but keepers of the aquarium.. People who live from the outside in..

WHAT IS THE STATE OF YOUR WORLD?

- According to Trump.. We live in a decaying country... According to Obama, we live in a great country... Who is right? You decide... no matter what happens in the election, you can live free in a cruel world.
- Trump is right in some regards... things are decaying... No good thing dwells in our flesh, and we must not love the things of this world, but we can do nothing to make them great again, only allow God's light and kingdom to shine His light on them.
- Beware of Addiction fleshy addictions... Take on Spiritual one's... Hunger and thirst after Him..

What addictions do you have? Electronics in many ways are changing us rather than the other way around. Smart phones produce Pavlovian responses... games, Facebook, Pinterest boards, porn, bullying...

What Spiritual addictions do you not have? We understand the Spiritual through the physical... Are we obsessed with God? Hungry for Him. Andy was busy and obsessed with digging out of his prison, and remaining free... How are we digging?

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