B7D Facilitator's Guide

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1. Rhema, Kairos, Shabbat Shalom

Slides #1-12

In this study, we want to examine:

- How God has an urgent word for us today so that we understand the times and know what to do; and
- How this message from God is apparent in the Bible when we consider it through the perspective of the 7 Days of Creation.

What do we mean God has an urgent "word" for "us" "today"?

- Rhema (vs Logos).
- Kairos (vs Chronos).
- Collective message for God's people; example of *Issachar* (1 Chron 12:32).

Why is this message from God linked to the Creation Account?

- God's concept of Time Spiritual realm (eternity/no time everything is perfect, complete, at rest or *Shalom*) vs Earthly realm (ruled by *Chronos* time always moving and restless).
- How can we, who live in time, understand God's eternal will? By viewing eternity as a cycle with no beginning and end, and in rest.
- This is why God gave us cycles ending in the Sabbath (*Shabbat*) rest, beginning with the weekly Sabbatical cycle of the Creation Account (<u>Gen 2:1-3</u>), annual High Sabbatical cycle of the Feasts of God, Sabbatical year cycle, and Jubilee/Sabbatical of Sabbatical year cycle. Through these cycles, God speaks to us (*Rhema*) from eternity at His appointed times (*Kairos*).
- **Shabbat Shalom** God's (first) message in the Creation Account, that there is a future **Shabbat** when the world will enter into God's **Shalom**.

2. Jesus Christ, Millennium, Overview

Slides #13-22

What else does the Creation Account tell us? Framework to see:

- History as God's story (His-story) in action when He will act in the World in His *Kairos*.
- Bible as God's story in revelation when He will speak (*Rhema*) from His Word in His *Kairos*.
- **Jesus Christ** existed before Creation (<u>Jn 1:1, 3; Col 1:16</u>), came 2000 years ago, will return soon to usher in *Shabbat Shalom* (<u>Eph 1:9-10</u>).

7 Days of Creation refers to **7 millennia of world history**, as determined by the chronology of people and events in the Bible.

- Biblical verses suggesting this (Ps 90:4, 2 Pet 3:8).
- Best explains Christ's Millennial rule.
- Creationism vs Evolutionism.

Overview (see Slide 21)

Summary (see Slide 22)

Note on interpretive approach:

Peshat - "plain" (simple) **literal** or direct meaning of the text

Remez - "hints" (deep) symbolic or allegorical meaning

Derash - "inquire" (seek) **comparative** meaning or by way of patterns and similar recurrences

Sod - "secret" (mystery) **revelatory** meaning given through divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit

When we apply this approach here, the 7 Days of Creation:

Describes God's original work of Creation (Literal)

Points to the 7 millennia of world history (Symbolic)

Seeks the meaning/significance of the patterns of 7s seen in the Sabbath, High Sabbath, Sabbatical and Jubilee cycles (Comparative)

Ultimately uncovers the mystery regarding the signs of the times and Jesus' soon return in our generation (Revelatory)

3. Fall, Flood, Ark

Slides #24-36

Day 1 (<u>Gen 1:1-5</u>):

- Light God created light. Jesus is the True Light (Ref; see parallel between Gen 1:1-5 and Jn 1:1-5). Light cannot co-exist with darkness (2 Cor 6:14; 1 Jn 1:5).
- Darkness foreshadows the Fall of Man (Gen 3). Because of sin, our starting point like Creation is darkness (Rom 3:23). Like darkness, we flee/hide from God/Light (Gen 3:8). Like Cain, restless wanderers (Gen 4:12). Jewish day reminder (evening/morning).
- Reflection Who am I? Start in darkness but end in light (2 Cor 4:6; 1 Thes 5:5, 1 Pet 2:9)! Where are you (Gen 3:9)?

Day 2 (<u>Gen 1:6-8</u>):

- Waters foreshadows the **Great Flood judgment** (Gen 6-7). Wages of sin (Rom 6:23).
- How could the Flood happen? World was initially covered with water (Gen 1:2), water was separated on Day 2 and dry ground emerged on Day 3. 270 accounts worldwide.
- 2 observations (1) 1656 years passed, only 8 out of 3-7 billion survived, Adam was still alive up to the time of Noah's father, most would have heard firsthand from Adam about God; (2) Cain the first "son of man" vs Jesus the true Son of Man to fulfill Gen 3:15.
- God, in His mercy, waited and warned through Enoch (<u>Gen 5:21-24; Jude 1:14-15</u>)
 and Methuselah (meaning "his death shall bring"), and ultimately provided a way
 out.
- Vault separating waters foreshadows Noah's Ark and ultimately Jesus our Spiritual Ark (1 Pet 3:20-22). Noah (meaning "comfort/rest") himself points to Jesus.
- God's plan of salvation revealed in the names of the 10 generations from Adam to Noah:



Reflection - Keeping the faith/As it was in the days of Noah (2 Tim 4:7, Mt 24:37-39).
 Long time in coming (Enoch spoke a thousand years before the Flood).

4. Patriarchs, Exodus, Summary (Days 1-3)

Slides #37-47

Day 3 (<u>Gen 1:9-13</u>):

- Dry ground foreshadows (literally) the post-Flood world (Gen 8-11) but as mankind continued to drown (symbolically) in the "sea" of sin, God brought forth the "dry ground" of His salvation plan beginning with the call of Abram/Abraham and the Patriarchs (Gen 12-50), followed by the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt through the (literal) dry ground of the Red Sea (Ex 1-15) to birth the nation Israel that would bring forth the Messiah.
- Lessons from the Patriarchs (Ref; read section on Joseph in Slide 41) by faith (Abraham), we are adopted as children of promise (Isaac). Let us learn to wait on God (Jacob) to act in His time (Joseph), and so understand the times and know what we should do.
- Reflection "I AM"/My Father's name (Ref). Revelation of God's name meaning and purpose. True discipleship stems from a personal relationship with God motivated by love and obedience.

Summary (Days 1-3) - see Slide 46:

- Day 1 Fall of Man, resulting in sin and death. Adam died in AM 930 (First Millennium), and none lived beyond a thousand years ("a day"), thus fulfilling Gen 2:17.
- Day 2 Great Flood occurred in AM 1656 (Second Millennium), Noah died in AM 2006 marking the end of Day 2.
- Day 3 Abram was born in AM 2008 marking the start of Day 3. Exodus happened in AM 2513 (Third Millennium).

KIV:

- Tower of Babel/Babylon/Kingdom of Man (Gen 10:8-10; 11:1-9).
- Circumcision (Gen 17:12-13; Deu 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; Rom 2:25-29).
- Melchizedek (Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:4; Heb 7).
- Time of Jacob's trouble (Jer 30:3-11; Mic 5:1-4; Mt 24:8; Rev 12).
- Fullness of the Gentiles (Gen 48:5, 19; Rom 11:25-26).
- Glimpses of Jesus 12 tribes point to Jesus (see below), Messiah ben Joseph (Lamb of God) vs Messiah ben Judah/David (Lion of Judah).

Behold a son [Reuben] is born to us, for God heard [Simeon] us and became attached to [Levi] us. Praise the Lord [Judah]! He has vindicated [Dan] my struggle [Naphtali] and brought good fortune [Gad], happiness [Asher], reward [Issachar] and honour [Zebulun]. He added [Joseph] to us a son of righteousness [Benjamin] - (Gen 29:31-30:24, 35:18)

5. Israel the Lesser Light - (1) Law, (2) Tabernacle

Slides #49-55

Day 4 (Gen 1:14-19):

- Specific lights to (1) separate, (2) mark, (3) give light.
- Greater Light (Sun) foreshadows Jesus (<u>Lk 1:78</u>).
- Lesser Light (Moon) foreshadows Israel/Church (<u>Isa 49:3-6; Mt 5:14-16</u>) reflecting God's glory. Setting apart the new moon/adoption of the lunar calendar/Jewish day begins at sunset-moonrise/the new year starts with redemption (see <u>Ex 12:1-2</u>).

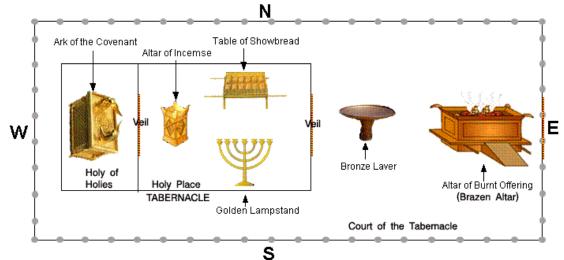
How is Israel to be God's lesser light? Israel to be God's kingdom of priests and holy nation $(\underline{\text{Ex 19:6}})$ drawing all mankind to worship God at His appointed place (Jerusalem).

Law (Ex 16-24):

- Mosaic Law (Ten Commandments) national constitution binding Israel to God (<u>Ex 19:5</u>).
- True purpose Israel (by its failure to live up to the Law) reveals man's sinfulness and points to our need for Jesus, who alone fulfills the Law (Ref).

Tabernacle (Ex 25-40):

- Temple (together with priesthood & sacrifices) knowing Israel's inability to fulfill the Law, a means for the nation to be forgiven and cleansed in order to serve as God's kingdom of priests drawing mankind to Him. Israel was to be God's lesser light not by its own righteousness (in being able to keep the Law), but by reflecting God's love, grace, mercy and forgiveness to the world.
- Reveals God's desire to be reconciled with us and to dwell with us (Ex 25:8).
- Ultimately points to Jesus (*Emmanuel*), who tore the curtain of sin separating us from God's presence (Mt 1:23, 27:50-51; Heb 10:19-20).
- Pattern of the Tabernacle shadow of the real Tabernacle in heaven, reflecting Jesus as the Way, Truth and Life (<u>Heb 8:1-5, 9:11,24; Jn 14:6</u>; read section on Tabernacle in <u>Slide 55</u>).



6. (3) Priesthood, (4) Sacrifices, (5) Sacred Times

Slides #56-62

Priesthood & Sacrifices (Leviticus):

- Aaronite High Priesthood, Levitical Priesthood & animal sacrifices imperfect & insufficient, pointing to Jesus as our perfect High Priest (Order of Melchizedek) and all-sufficient sacrifice (Lamb of God) (Heb 5-10; Heb 5:7-10, 7:11, 23-27, 9:11-12, 10:1-4, 11-14).
- Reflection Do this in remembrance of Me (<u>1 Cor 11:23-26</u>). Holy Communion is not just a remembrance of Jesus' death as our Passover Lamb; it is dowry and bride price (sealed by the Holy Spirit <u>2 Cor 1:21-22</u>, <u>5:5</u>; <u>Eph 1:13-14</u>, <u>4:30</u>) for the New Covenant (new Marriage Contract) until He comes since the old contract, violated by our spiritual adultery and hence deserving divorce and death (<u>Lev 20:10</u>; <u>Deu 24:1-4</u>), was nonetheless annulled by the Groom's death. 2 miracles at 2 weddings (beginning and end of Jesus' ministry) water to wine, wine to blood. 2 weddings, 1 funeral and 1 marriage in Heaven.

Sacred Times (Ex 23:10-17; Lev 23, 25:1-13):

- Sabbath (Creation Account), High Sabbath, Sabbatical & Jubilee (Sabbatical of Sabbaticals) years - Israel was to observe and so draw the world's attention to these appointed times whereby God would bring about His plan of redemption in His Kairos through the coming and return of Jesus.
- Refer to <u>Slide 62</u>.
 - Sabbath (Creation Account) 7 millennia of world history centred on the coming (Day 4) and return (Day 7) of Jesus. Today - end of Day 6. Rule of the Antichrist.
 - High Sabbath (7 Feasts) 7 Kairos events during this 7 millennia. Spring Feasts fulfilled. Today, end of the Summer Interval/Church Age/Age of Grace/Year of the Lord's Favour (<u>Isa 61:1-2a; Lk 4:18-19</u>) before the Fall Feasts marking Christ's return.
 - Sabbatical & Jubilee years rest and freedom. Historically, Israel got its rest after 70 sabbatical cycles during the Babylonian exile (<u>Lev 26:34-35; 2 Chron</u> <u>36:20-21</u>). Prophetic of the future Millennial rest and freedom (<u>Rev 20:1-10</u>) after 70 Jubilees?
 - Are we in the 70th jubilee cycle? [AM2553 (entry into Promised Land) + <u>14</u> <u>years</u> (settlement before start of count) + 3381 years (69 jubilees x 49 years) = 5948 (today is 5981, or 33 years into the 70th Jubilee)]. See also articles on <u>Start of Jubilee</u> and <u>2021 as Sabbatical Year</u>.

7. (6) History of Israel/Church & Signs of the Times

Slides #63-75

History of Israel/Church (Numbers - Esther; 2+12 historical books):

- What is the relationship between Israel and the Church?
 - Israel an "example" (tupos) for the Church (1 Cor 10:1-11) technically, a pattern in conformity to which something must be made; ethically, a warning; doctrinally/biblically, a person/thing prefiguring/foretelling a future person/thing as it relates to Jesus. In other words, Israel prefigures the Church which was a mystery (Eph 3:6, 10) until then and Israel's history is prophetic of what will befall the Church.
 - This is not surprising, since the Church does not replace Israel but is ingrafted into it for a season and purpose (Rom 11:11-32) and share the same pattern/DNA. Both are the same Kingdom of God/Royal Priesthood/Holy Nation (Ex 19:6; 1 Pet 2:9) but revealed in different ways at different times (Kairos) to lead to Jesus Israel (historically) through whom Christ would come and (eschatologically) for whom He will return; the Church (prophetically) in whom the Body of Christ will reach its full maturity ("fullness of Gentiles") before Jesus returns.
- We see this common pattern in the histories of Israel/Church (see Slide 71):

Warfare & Wilderness Worship & Witness (Numbers - Deuteronomy)	Moses/Israel (40 days/years - Ex 24:18, 32:1; Num 32:13) vs Jesus/Church (40 jubilees) Rebellious vs believing 3000 (Ex 32:28; Acts 2:41)
God as King (Joshua)	Joshua generation vs Apostolic generation (Faithfulness/first-hand witnesses - <u>Jos 24:31</u>)
No king (Judges - Ruth)	Judges vs early Church Fathers (No central political/scriptural authority - <u>Judg 17:6 etc</u>)
Human king (1 Sam 8) (1 Samuel - 2 Chronicles)	United kingdom vs Christian Roman Empire/Catholic Papacy Divided kingdom (Israel/Judah) vs Great Schism/Divisions
Discipline & Exile (2 King 17, 25; 2 Chron 36)	Assyrian/Babylonian exiles vs "Babylonian Captivity of the Church" (vs end-time Babylonian exile of the Church)
Restoration & Return (Ezra - Esther)	Post-exilic return vs Protestant Reformation (vs post-holocaust restoration of Israel since 1948)

Signs of the Times (see <u>Slide 73</u>):

- Are we the last generation spoken of by Jesus (Mt 24:32-34; Lk 21:29-32)?
- Sign of Jonah (Mt 12:38-42, 16:1-4, Jon 3) 40 days vs 40 years (one generation).
- Reflection For such a time as this (<u>Est 4:14-16</u>). Like Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, we are called at this pivotal time to **repair** the foundations and **rebuild** the walls of our faith so as to **rescue** God's people when the coming apostasy and persecution hit.

8. (7) Prophets & Prophetic Narrative (Rhema)

Slides #77-87

Prophets (Isaiah - Malachi; 17 prophetic books):

- God not only appointed Israel as His Lesser Light to indirectly point to Jesus; He spoke plainly to Israel and the world by sending His prophets to proclaim His *Rhema* in His *Kairos*, prophesying about Jesus.
- 4 "major" and 12 "minor" prophets over 400 years (see <u>Slide 78</u> or <u>Detailed Study</u>).

Prophetic Narrative (Rhema):

- What is this narrative (Rhema)?
 - ➤ Message of the OT Prophets (see Slide 83 notes and Slide 85 notes):

God's discipline and exile of His people, often using their enemies (<u>1 Pet 4:17</u>).

God's sovereignty over and eventual judgment of His enemies.

Day of the Lord (an awe-full or awful day, when God's discipline/judgment climax). Even as God's judgment unfolds, there is comfort, hope and restoration.

Central to the above, prophecy of the coming Messiah and His Kingdom Rule.

- ➤ In God's *Kairos*, His Word (*Logos*) became flesh in **Jesus** thus fulfilling His *Rhema* spoken through the OT Prophets (<u>Jn 1:14; Mt 5:17</u>).
- Since then, the Apostles/Church was commissioned by Jesus (Great Commission) to proclaim the *Rhema* of the **Gospel** (Good News of Jesus as Saviour and Lord/King in the hearts/spirits of men through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit) in His *Kairos* (Church Age) (Ref).
- Now, in this *Kairos* moment (as the Church Age draws to an end with the fullness of the Gentiles), we are called to proclaim God's *Rhema* that **Jesus the Messiah and His Kingdom will soon return**.
- Understanding this narrative:
 - ➤ This message is not new (hidden in/hinted at Dan 12:9-10; 1 Cor 13:12).
 - > Yet it is new (a "mystery" now made known in God's Kairos Ref).
 - ➤ It is the culmination of a common prophetic narrative (partial/multiple fulfilments applicable to both Israel/Church the ingrafted branch).
- Reflection Gift of prophecy (1 Cor 14:1-4). The Greek word (Propheteuo) more accurately means to "speak forth by divine inspiration" in other words, to forth-tell (proclaim) rather than fore-tell (predict). We are called not only to repair, rebuild and rescue, but to also release God's Rhema in His Kairos. Purpose is not to predict but to "strengthen, encourage, comfort ... edify."

9. Jesus the Greater Light - Man, Mission, Message (*Rhema*), Summary (Day 4) Slides #88-101

Jesus (Matthew - John):

- Man Jesus is ... see <u>Slide 89</u>.
- Mission The 4 Gospels (and 4 faces of the Cherubim Eze 1:10, 10:14; Rev 4:7) reveal to us that God Himself came as a Man in Jesus to be Servant and King (Mystery of the Gospel; Messiah ben Joseph vs Messiah ben Judah) and Saviour of Jews and Gentiles (Mystery of the Church; Ephraim ben Joseph?):
 - Suffering Servant/Son of God (Mark/Roman Gentiles/Ox).
 - Saviour of the World/Son of Man (Luke/Greek Gentiles/Man).
 - Promised Messiah & King/Son of David (Matthew/Jews/Lion).
 - o Divine "I AM"/God Himself (John/All/Eagle).
- Message (Rhema) Beginning with Mk 1:14-15, the "time" (Kairos) had come for the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (not just our personal salvation) to be established:
 - The "un-whole" message The incomplete (vs full) Rhema of the simplistic/simplified Gospel. Cut off from its Jewish roots, the Bible becomes purely devotional (timeless/eternal), losing its prophetic (Kairos) dimension in God's kingdom plan for Israel (of which the Church is a part).
 - The unwelcomed message Jesus' message was rejected by the Jews of His day due to their misplaced expectations, values, allegiance, and focus in light of the promised restoration of Israel on the Day of the Lord (Ref).
 - The unworldly message (<u>Jn 18:36</u>) As most would not accept His message,
 Jesus spoke in parables about the (upside-down) attributes of the Messianic
 Kingdom (see <u>Slide 98</u>), which is contrary to our worldly wisdom and ways.
 - The "un-we" message We are to seek first His Kingdom, being receptive in thought, repentant in deed and reborn in the spirit (see <u>Slide 100</u>).
- Reflection Gospel of Jesus Christ (<u>Jn 21:25</u>). We see/hear/read more about God/His Word than we see God Himself, hear His *Rhema* and read His Word.
 - Not unexpected even as the Holy Spirit brings forth New Life characteristic of Day 5, this is overtaken by the opposing spirit of the Antichrist of Day 6 that we are in today (Jesus warned us of this in His parables). Still, the Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways to accomplish God's Will (Jn 3:8; Isa 55:11).
 - Back to basics simplicity (not simplistic) of the Gospel as taught by the Apostles; knowing the God of the Word (Word made flesh) - having a living relationship with Him and being led/taught directly by His Spirit (<u>1 Jn 2:27</u>).

Summary (Day 4) - see Slide 92:

- Israel could finally serve as God's Lesser Light (leading us to Jesus the Greater Light) with the completion of Solomon's Temple in AM 3000, marking the start of Day 4.
- Jesus capped the end of Day 4 with His crucifixion and resurrection in AM 3992.

10. New Life in the Spirit & Body of Christ, Acts & Rhema of the Holy Spirit

Slides #103-117

Day 5 (Gen 1:20-23):

- New life in the water and air/sky Speaks of the new life available to us through the giving of the Holy Spirit, which is usually described in terms of these 2 elements (as water/wine/oil/wind/breathe/fire/dove).
- Holy Spirit (Ref) in Hebrew, Ruakh (breath/wind/spirit) Hakodesh (holy); in Greek, Pneuma (breath/wind/spirit). The very Breath or Spirit of God. Agency through which God works in creation/history, Jesus (Ref; contrast with Israel Ref), and now us.

New Life in the Spirit of Christ:

- Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Ref) salvation/justification, at point of conversion.
- Infilling of the Holy Spirit (Ref; see also Ref) sanctification, as we grow in our walk.

New Life in the Body of Christ:

 Baptism by the Holy Spirit into the Church (Ref) - (glorification?) to bring the Body into full maturity (with the fullness of Gentiles). Cannot separate Spirit and Body, regardless of the Church's imperfections/outright rebellion.

Acts of the Holy Spirit (Acts):

- How Holy Spirit grew the early Church in spite of our circumstances (persecution) and weaknesses/failings (see notes in Slide 108):
 - Jerusalem Jewish Christianity/persecution.
 - Antioch mission to the Gentiles/Jerusalem Council.
 - o Rome fall of Jerusalem/times of the Gentiles.
 - Babylon (Rome) end of the Apostolic Age/tribulation & apostasy.

Rhema of the Holy Spirit (Romans - Jude; 21 epistles):

- Prophetic, Messianic and now the Apostolic message (see Slide 110) of:
 - Faith in Christ (stand) the Gospel is simple, sufficient, supreme.
 - Hope through the Holy Spirit (walk) (<u>1 Cor 1:17-18; Col 1:25-27</u>) baptism and infilling, paradox of faith (hyper/cheap grace) vs works (Judaizers etc) (<u>Jam 2:26; Phi 2:12; Rom 7:21-25</u>).
 - Love for the Body (act/do) a new commandment (<u>Jn 13:34-35</u>), bond of love uniting all believers.
- Reflection Walking in the Spirit (<u>Gal 5:25; 2 Pet 1:3-7</u>). Strive against our flesh, saturate our mind with God's Word, rest our spirit in His Spirit. 100% God 100% man. Refined through trials/persecutions.
- Reflection Love and unity.
 - State of the (dis)union 40 denominations, 40K independent churches.
 - Charismatic controversy need for both Spirit and Word.
 - Israel and the Church need to gather the harvest of Gentiles back into the storehouse of Israel before the trampling of the Church by the Antichrist.

11. Rule of the Antichrist, Living in the Last Days, Tribulation Week

Slides #119-128

Day 6 (Gen 1:24-31):

- Rule of man following the Fall, very bad with the Satan-inspired kingdom of man; Tower of Babel, followed by Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the end-time Roman-Babylonian Empire/Babylon the Prostitute (seen in Nebuchadnezzar's vision).
- Spirit of the Antichrist (Ref) working in the kingdoms of man and God to oppose the Spirit of Christ (Holy Spirit), culminating in the Rule of the Antichrist joining the State and Church (see Slides 122-123).

Living in the Last Days (Rev 1-7) - see Slide 125:

- Last days literally Days 5 & 6 combined, before Jesus returns to mark start of Day 7.
- Understanding the times/signs three key observations during this period:
 - a. Beginning of birth pains <u>deception</u>, war, famine, natural calamities/plagues (Seals #1-4; Ref). Cry wolf numbed/no urgency.
 - b. Fullness of the persecuted (Seal #5; Ref).
 - c. Fullness of the Gentiles/all Israel saved marking the end of the Church Age and beginning of the 7-year Tribulation Week (Daniel's 70th week) (Ref).
- Church rapture or rupture (see notes in <u>Slide 126</u>)?

Tribulation Week (Rev 8-18) - see Slide 128:

- Understanding the times/signs four key events during this period:
 - a. Start of Tribulation/Time of Jacob's Trouble on Feast of Trumpets Antichrist confirms a covenant of peace to mark a new beginning for Israel/world, but wars remain (Ref).
 - b. Mid-Tribulation/Start of the Great Tribulation (Passover of Year 4) Antichrist breaks covenant, sets up abomination of desolation. Two Witnesses (Ref).
 - c. Fullness of the Gospel not to evangelise (for the fullness of Gentiles already in) but as testimony of man's wickedness and righteousness of God's coming judgment (Ref).
 - d. Cosmic signs/outpouring of God's wrath heralding the Day of the Lord (Seals #6-7, Trumpets #1-7, Bowls #1-7; Ref).
- 3 conditions ("fullness") before Christ's coming on the Day of the Lord:
 - a. Fullness of the persecuted.
 - b. Fullness of the Gentiles.
 - c. Fullness of the Gospel.

12. Day of the Lord, Millennium, Summary (Days 5-7), At Any Moment, *Kairos* Now *Slides #129-141*

Day 7 (Gen 2:1-3) - Day (Day of the Lord) but also 1,000 years (Millennium):

• Begins at sundown (Day of the Lord) - gloom and doom, end of the world as we know it, climax of discipline and judgment. But also the dawn of a new day (Millennium).

Day of the Lord

- Nations gather against Jerusalem, Antichrist kills the Two Witnesses while the world rejoices, Israel finally acknowledges and cries out in desperation for her Messiah.
- Two Witnesses come back to life and ascend to heaven, earthquake splits Mount of Olives and raises Jerusalem, great cosmic signs, world hides from God's wrath (Ref).
- At "midnight" (of Day 7) on **Feast of Trumpets** Seventh/Last Trumpet, Son of Man comes in the clouds and gathers the elect (Ref).
- Feast of Trumpets vs **Day of Atonement** when Christ returns to judge the earth two sides of the same discipline/comfort vs judgment coin (Wedding Supper of the Lamb vs Great Supper of God Rev 19)?

Millennium

- Earthly Shabbat Shalom, union of God and man, true peace and rest.
- Feast of Tabernacles worship at the Millennial Temple in God's presence (Ref).
- Fulfilment of OT promises concerning Israel and King David's greatest desire (Ref).
- Two groups redeemed and glorified vs survivors (Ref).

Summary (Days 5-7) - see <u>Slide 134</u>:

- Day 5 New Life in the Spirit and Body of Christ (Church) beginning with Antioch in AM 4002. Israel would disappear soon after with the fall of Jerusalem in AM 4029.
- Day 6 Satan-inspired Rule/Kingdom of Man beginning with Great Schism and rise of Papacy in AM 5013, to culminate in rule of Antichrist. With Israel reborn in AM 5907, stage set for coming tribulation as we near end of Day 6 (2021 = AM 5981).
- Day 7 Final Tribulation Week of God's discipline and judgment climaxing in Christ's return to fulfill the final Fall Feasts of God on the Day of the Lord/Millennium.

At Any Moment, Kairos Now

- "Eighth Day" Sabbath (after Feast of Tabernacles):
 - End of Time/Creation as God invites us to tabernacle with Him for another Sabbath (Eternity) in the New Heaven/Earth (<u>Lev 23:36; Rev 21-22</u>).
 - End of Torah reading cycle (Simchat Torah) or proclaiming God's Rhema in His Kairos - now, every moment is Rhema and Kairos in God's eternal presence.
 - But can also happen at any moment question of imminence in death and ignorance/unbelief. God's Rhema for the Kairos Now/"Today" (Heb 4:7).

Conclusion (see <u>Slides 140-141</u>) - 3 key takeaways, call of the Issachar B7D Fellowship.