

From the start of this series, we have tried make the point that **the Bible can (and must) be understood!**

We've tried to provide some keys to help us learn, and to assist others in learning



How to Understand the Bible

Part 5

Keys to Understanding the Bible



Let's quickly review the keys previously covered:

1. Get the **“Big Picture”** (last page first)
2. The Bible was written **“4 us not 2 us”**
3. Remember that **“Context is Critical”**
4. It does contain **“Figures & Symbols”** but it is not all *figurative* and/or *symbolic*
5. It has **“Many Writers, One Author”** and
6. We have to **“Cut Straight”** to get it

All of which brings us to our next key....

Keys to Understanding the Bible



#7- *Plot the Plot*

- By this we mean “Plot” (as a verb meaning *to mark something on a chart*) “the Plot” (as a noun meaning *the storyline*).
- The idea is that if we get the *significant events* of the *storyline* in sequential order, we can understand the Bible!
- So, let’s see if we can do just that....

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Key #7- *Plotting the Plot*

The Patriarchal Period



1. The Beginning- Creation, Gen.1-2

2. Fall of Man & Seed Promise, Gen.3

4. Three Promises to Abram: *Land, Nation, Seed*, Gen.12:1-3

6. Twelve Sons of Jacob, Gen.22-36

8. Jacob's (Israel's) Family to Egypt, Gen.46-50

5. Three Patriarchs: *Abraham, Isaac, Jacob*, Gen.21-28

3. Destruction of the Flood, Gen.6-9

7. Joseph to & in Egypt, Gen.37-45

9. Israel's Enslavement in Egypt, Ex.1-2

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The End of the Patriarchal and Beginning of the Mosaical Period

9. Israel's Enslavement (cont.), Ex.1-2

10. Deliverance: Moses & The Plagues, Ex.3-12

12. Wandering in the Wilderness, Num.

14. Conquest of Canaan, Josh.

16. United Kingdom, 1Sam.-2Chron.*

13. Second Giving of the Law, Deut.

17. Divided Kingdom, 1Sam.-2Chron.*

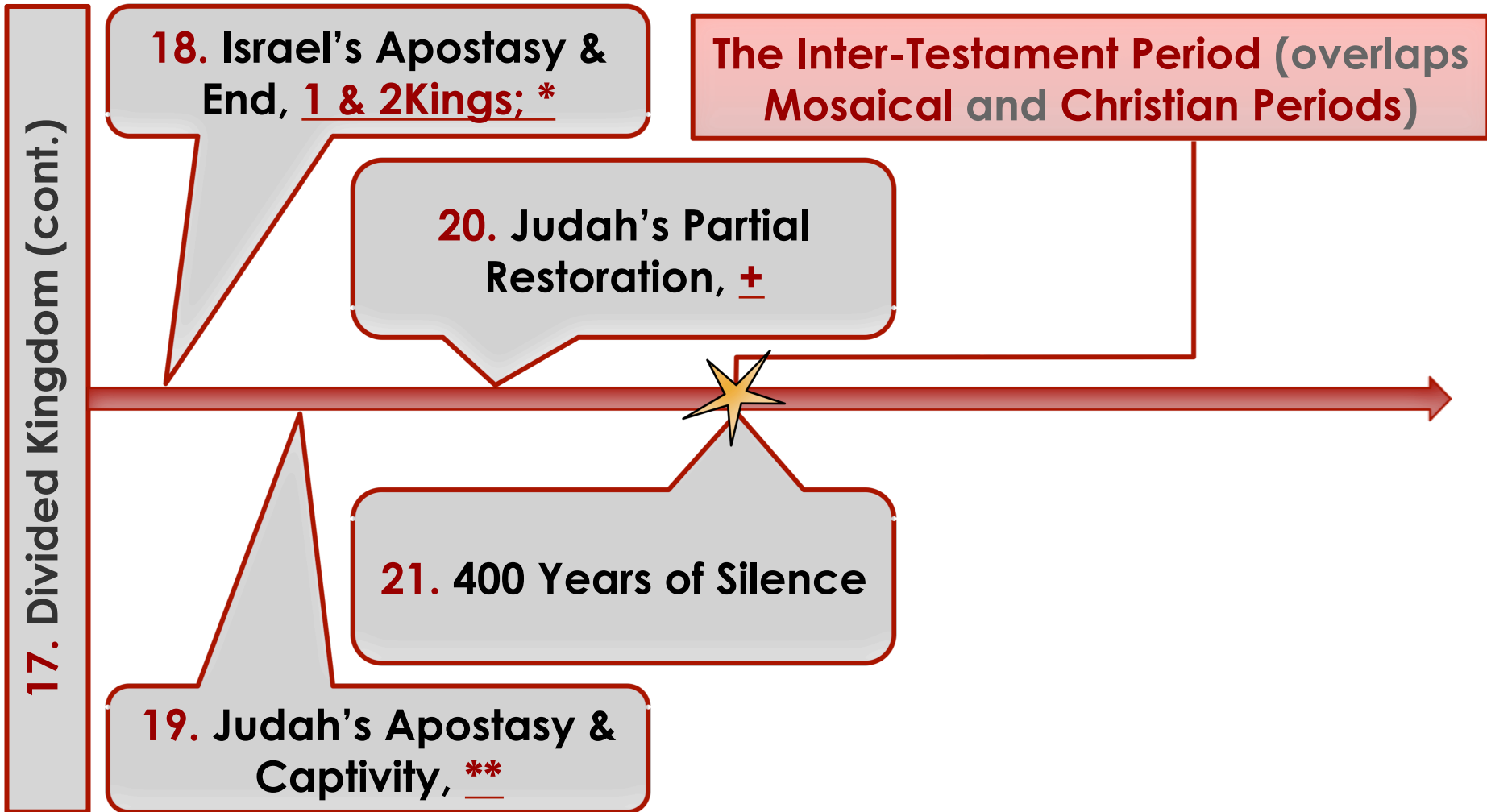
11. Giving the Law at Mt. Sinai, Ex.19-40; Lev.

15. Living in the Land, Judges; Ruth

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The Mosaical Period (continued)

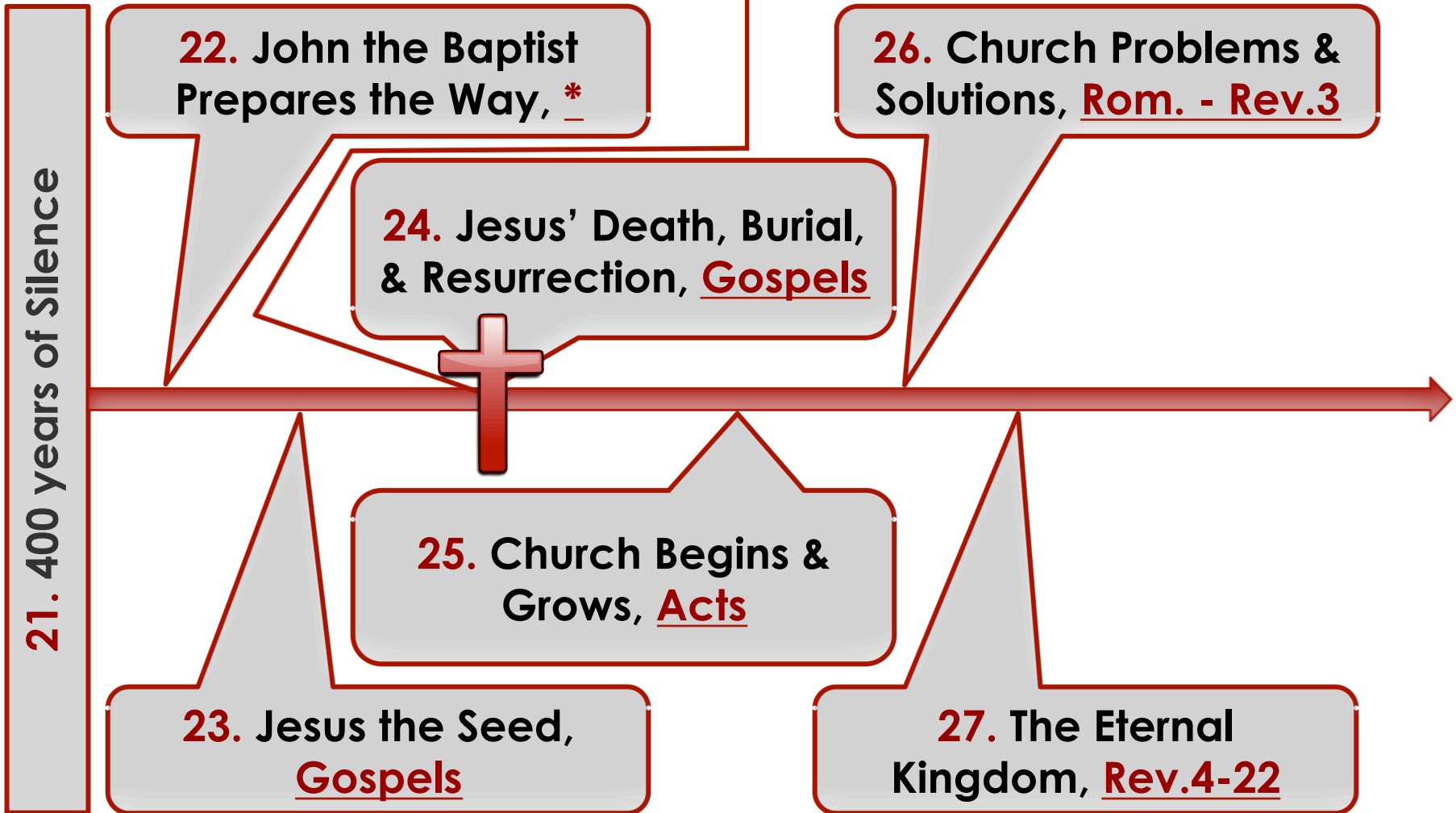


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Key #7- *Plotting the Plot*



The End of the **Mosaical** and Beginning of the **Christian Period**



Keys to Understanding the Bible



#7- *Plot the Plot*

- When we *Plot the Plot* of the Bible, a discernable *storyline* emerges from the *individual stories* to form a cohesive and comprehensive account, and...
- The “**Big Picture**” becomes clear; and,
- The “**last page**” of **salvation for all mankind through Jesus Christ** makes sense!
- Now, three questions:
 1. Do you *know* (understand) the story of the Bible?
 2. Will the Bible story *save* you by your obedience to Jesus Christ? And,
 3. Can/will you *tell* the story of the Bible?

