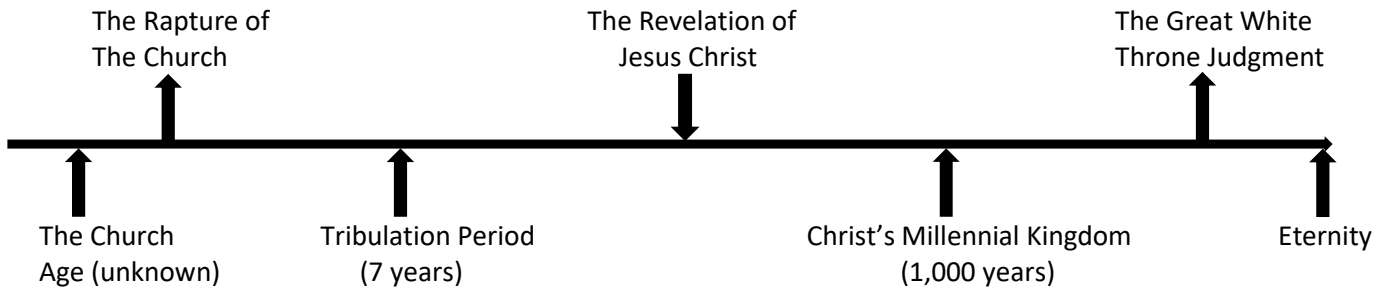


THE TRIO OF TRIPLETS

1. Three main events of Bible prophecy
2. Three strands of the human family
3. Three main books of Bible prophecy

THREE MAIN EVENTS OF BIBLE PROPHECY



These three main events are separated by **the seven-year tribulation period** and **the earthly one thousand-year Millennial Kingdom of Christ**.

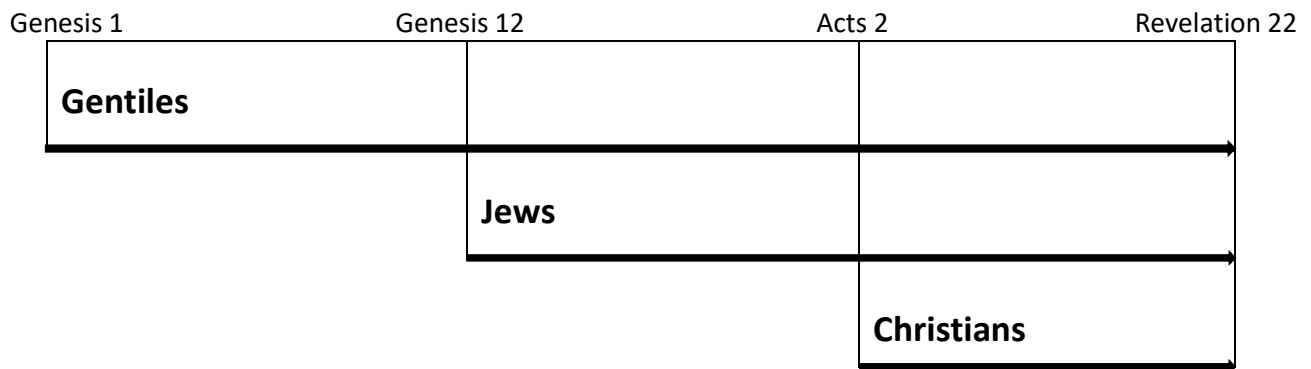
THREE STRANDS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY

Paul lists the 3 strands of the human family in **I Cor. 10:32**.

1 Corinthians 10:32

³² Give none offence, neither to **the Jews**, nor to **the Gentiles**, nor to **the church of God**:

What Paul is saying is that there are three members of the human family; **Jews**, **Gentiles**, and the church of God (**Christians**).



1. In the first 2000 years of human history, there were only Gentiles on the earth. When God created Adam and Eve, they were **Gentiles**.

Genesis 10:5

*⁵By these were the isles of the **GENTILES** divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.*

2. In Genesis chapter 12, we see the second 2000-year period of history begin to unfold. God brings Abram, whose name was changed to Abraham, into a land where He is going to establish another strand of the human family. Abraham's great-grandson, Judah was the first one to be called a **Jew**.

2 Kings 16:6

*⁶At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the **JEWES** from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.*

3. In Acts 2, the church was formed and gave us the third strand of the human family—Christians. Believers were first called **Christians** at Antioch in **Acts 11:26**.

Acts 11:26

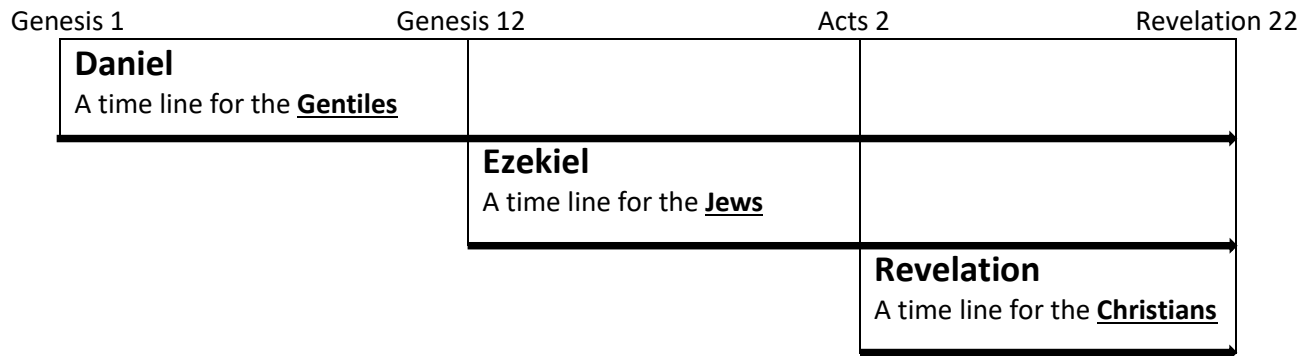
*²⁶And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called **CHRISTIANS** first in Antioch.*

The fact that there are no Christians until Acts 2 is key if you are going to understand Bible prophecy. In Matthew 24, Christians are not present; therefore, we can determine that this chapter is not about the rapture of the church. Matthew 24 details the revelation of Jesus Christ (the second coming). Matthew 24 is a prophecy only to the Jewish people.

THREE MAIN BOOKS OF BIBLE PROPHECY

While all Biblical prophetic passages are relevant there are some that contain essential keys to understanding the future. They are **Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation**.

These three main books of Bible prophecy give us timelines for the three strands of the human family.



A. The book of Revelation—a timeline for Christians.

1. It begins in chapter 1 with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:18

¹⁸ *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*

2. It progresses into eternity future with the new heaven and new earth in Revelation 21-22.

Revelation 21:1

¹ *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

B. The book of Daniel—a timeline for Gentiles.

1. Daniel was taken captive in 605BC and was placed in the King’s palace to serve King Nebuchadnezzar.

2. The book of Daniel lays out the timeline for the Gentiles from the Babylonian captivity all the way into eternity future. Chapter 2 starts **the times of the Gentiles**, referring to the times when the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem are under Gentile control.

3. One of the reasons for the tribulation period is to bring an end to **the times of the Gentiles**.

Luke 21:24

²⁴ *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until **the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled**.*

Romans 11:25

²⁵ *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until **the fulness of the Gentiles** be come in.*

4. The book of Daniel has detailed information about the Gentile world; how it is going to unfold and ultimately how it will conclude.

C. The book of Ezekiel—a timeline for the Jews.

1. Ezekiel was taken captive in 597BC. He was a priest that God was going to make a prophet as well.

Ezekiel 1:3

³ *The word of the LORD came expressly unto **Ezekiel the priest**, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.*

2. His time in captivity was spent ministering to the Jewish captives.

Ezekiel 2:3

³ *And he said unto me, Son of man, **I send thee to the children of Israel**, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.*

Ezekiel 3:17

¹⁷ *Son of man, **I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel**: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.*

3. God gives Ezekiel a two-part message consisting of retribution and restoration for the nation of Israel. Retribution is in Ezekiel chapters 1-32 and restoration in chapters 33-48.

In our study of prophecy, this ‘Trio of Triplets’ can help us to understand what is taking place in the Scriptures. For example, if you are studying a prophecy in the book of Isaiah, you can know that the prophecy is not talking about Christians—only Gentiles and Jews.