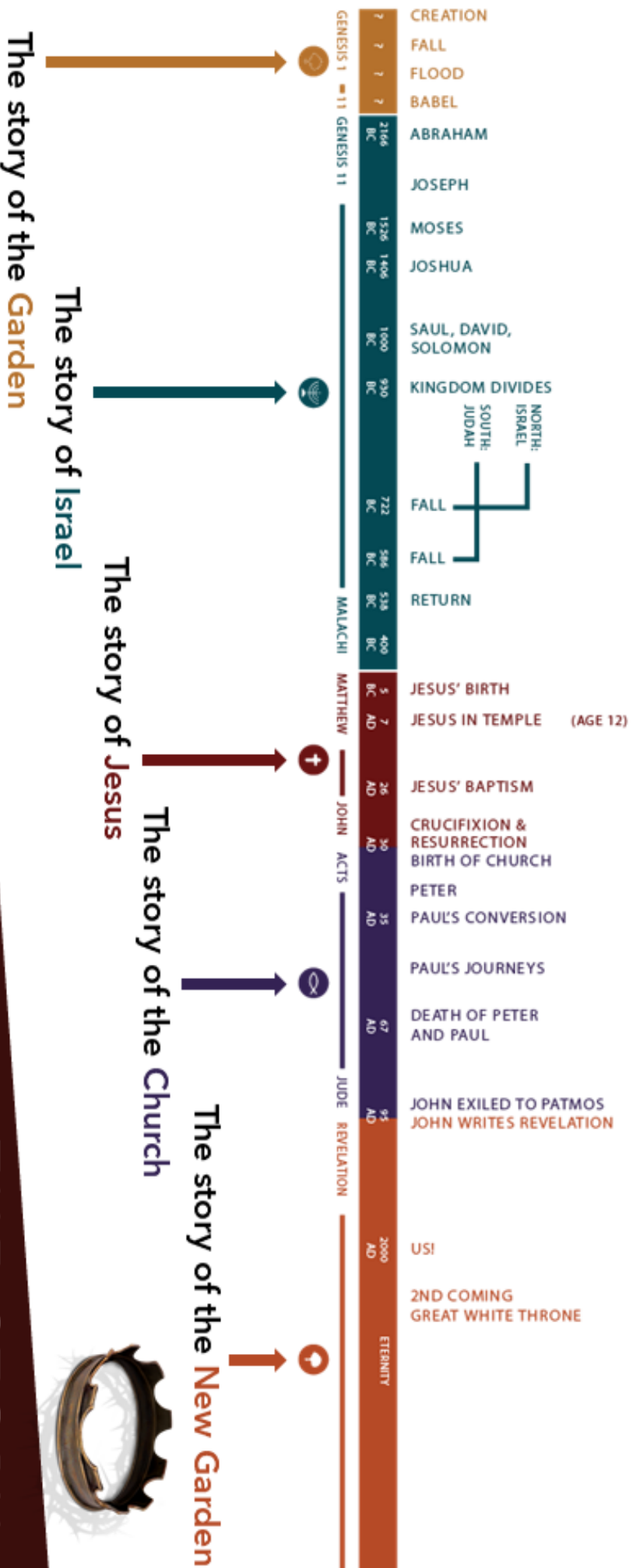


TIMELINE OF THE STORY



THE STORY

MOVEMENT 1 | THE STORY OF THE GARDEN



The Story of the Garden (Genesis 1 – 11) In the Upper Story, God creates the Lower Story. His vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful garden. The first two people reject God’s vision and are escorted from paradise. Their decision introduces sin into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a promise and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the Bible is God’s story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving relationship with him.

MOVEMENT 2 | THE STORY OF ISRAEL



The Story of Israel (Genesis 12 – Malachi) God builds a brand-new nation called Israel. Through this nation, he will reveal his presence, power, and plan to get us back. Every story of Israel will point to the first coming of Jesus—the One who will provide the way back to God.

MOVEMENT 3 | THE STORY OF JESUS



The Story of Jesus (Matthew – John) Jesus left the Upper Story to come down into our Lower Story to be with us and to provide the way for us to be made right with God. Through faith in Christ’s work on the cross, we can now overturn Adam’s choice and have a personal relationship with God.

MOVEMENT 4 | THE STORY OF THE CHURCH



The Story of the Church (Acts – Jude) Everyone who comes into a relationship with God through faith in Christ belongs to the new community God is building called the church. The church is commissioned to be the presence of Christ in the Lower Story—telling his story by the way we live and the words we speak. Every story of the church points people to the second coming of Christ, when he will return to restore God’s original vision.

MOVEMENT 5 | THE STORY OF THE NEW GARDEN



The Story of a New Garden (Revelation) God will one day create a new earth and a new garden and once again come down to be with us. All who placed their faith in Christ in this life will be eternal residents in the life to come.