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The Test for a Prophet: Agreement with other revealed truth

- 1. A prophet's message must not contradict confirmed Scripture in any way. Deut. 13:8–10**
- 2. Every detail must be fulfilled exactly. Deut. 18:20–22**
- 3. Penalty for failure was to be the death penalty, stoning. Deut. 13:10**

What is Prophecy?

The impartation or disclosure of information from a supernatural source (God, Angel of the Lord, angel) to mortals who cannot discover this knowledge through finite human means; a disclosure that goes beyond human cognition, wisdom, or logic. At times God has chosen to make known to His servants, the prophets, information about the future, which is always completely accurate.

Only the Living, Eternal, Omniscient God can Accurately Tell the Future

Isa. 41:21, “ ‘Present your case,’ says the Lord. ‘Bring forth your strong reasons,’ says the King of Jacob.

Isa. 41:22, “ ‘Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come.

Isa. 41:23, “ ‘Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together.’ ” ~NKJV

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Isa. 46:9, “ ‘Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,

Isa. 46:10, “ ‘Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,” ’ ”

~NKJV

Jesus to the Two on the Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:26, “ ‘Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?’

Luke 24:27, “And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” ~NKJV

What is a Messiah?

מָשִׁיחַ. (*māšîaḥ*) *anointed one, appointed one*

Χριστός *Christos* *anointed or appointed one*

Used of priests, kings, and others whom God appoints to a task; also used of Cyrus, King of Persia, who allowed the exiled Jews to return home, and the pre-fall Satan—the *anointed* cherub.

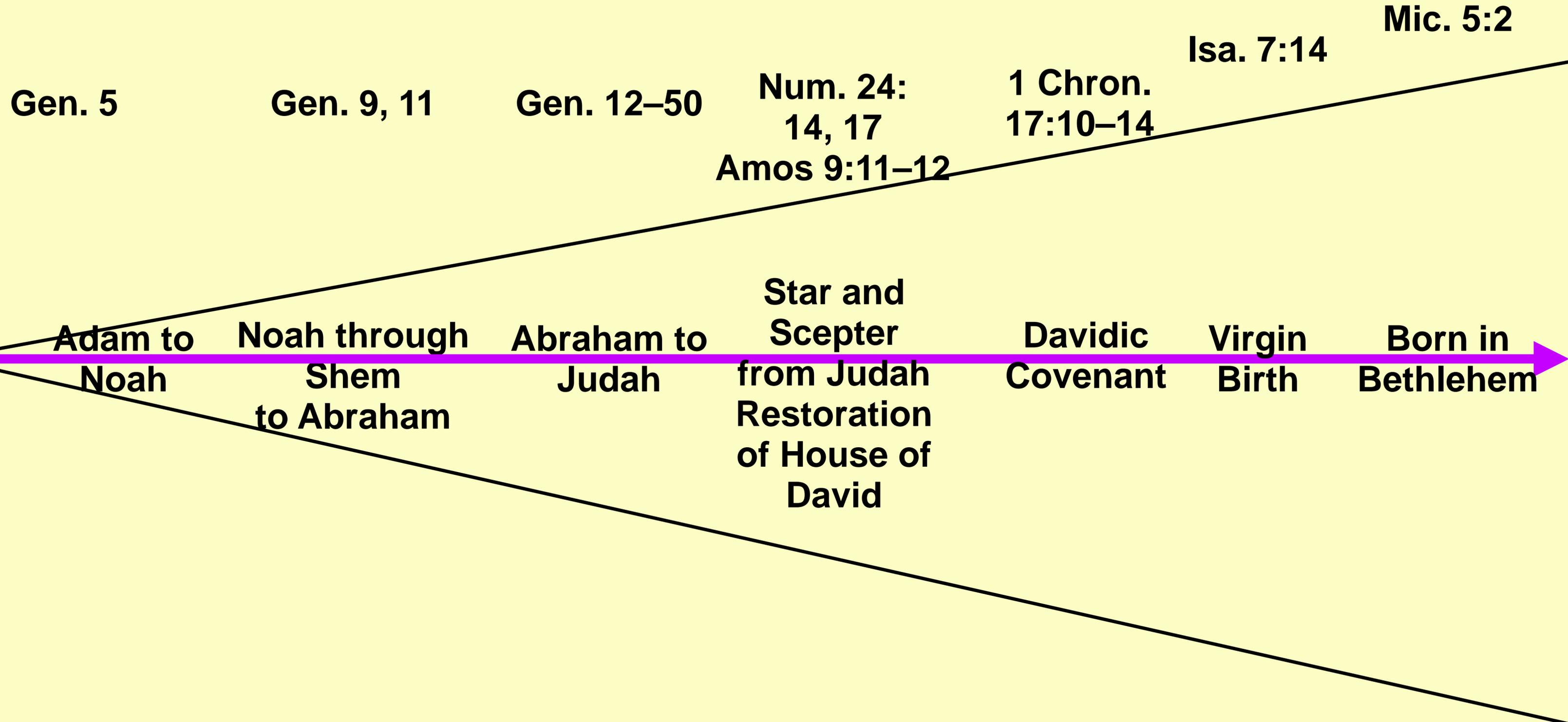
Prophecies in the Law, Prophets, and Writings

Prophecies in the *Torah, Nevi'im, and Kethuvi'im (Tanakh)*

“Seed” Passages Rearranged

- 1. “Seed of the woman,” Gen. 3:15 [*ca.* 4100 BC (Masoretic Text) or 5300 BC (LXX)]**
- 2. Line of Shem, Gen. 9:25 (*ca.* 3300 BC)**
- 3. Line of Abraham, Gen. 12:1–3; 22:16–17 (*ca.* 2100 BC)**
- 4. Line of Isaac, Jacob through Judah, Gen. 49:10, Num. 24:17 (*ca.* 1850 BC)**
- 5. Line of David, 1 Chron. 17:10–14; Amos 9:11, 12 (*ca.* 990 BC) in 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. (between 450–333 BC; Amos *ca.* 750 BC)**
- 6. Virgin Birth, Isa. 7:14 (*ca.* 728 BC)**
- 7. City of David, Micah 5:2 (*ca.* 730 BC)**
- 8. Star, Num. 24:17 (*ca.* 1406 BC)**

Seed of the Woman



**1. The “Seed of the Woman”
[ca. 4100 BC (Masoretic Text) or 5300 BC (LXX)]**

Gen. 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”



2–4: Focus on the Line from Shem to Judah

2. Line of Shem, Gen. 9:25–26

(ca. 3300 BC)

Gen. 9:25, “Then he said: ‘Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.’”

Gen. 9:26, “And he said: ‘Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant.’”

Gen. 9:27, “ ‘May God enlarge Japheth, and may he [or HE] dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his slave.’ ”

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2. Line of Shem, Gen. 9:25–26 (ca. 3300 BC)

Jn. 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” ~NKJV

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3. The Line of Abraham (*ca.* 2050 BC)

Gen. 12:2, “ ‘I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3, “ ‘I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ” ~NKJV

3. The Line of Abraham (ca. 2050 BC)

Gen. 22:17, “ ‘blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants [“seed,” collective] as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendant [“seed,” singular] shall possess the gate of their [wrong!! HIS (masculine singular pronoun)] enemies. ~RD

Gen. 22:18, “ ‘In your seed [“seed,” singular] all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.’ ” ~NKJV

3. The Line of Abraham (ca. 2050 BC)

Gen. 22:17, “ ‘that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Gen. 22:18, “ ‘and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast hearkened to My voice.’ ” ~JPS 1917

4. The Line of Judah (*ca.* 1850 BC)

**Gen. 49:10, “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until ‘He whose right it is’ comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”
(*cf.*, Ezek. 21:27)**

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Gen. 12–50

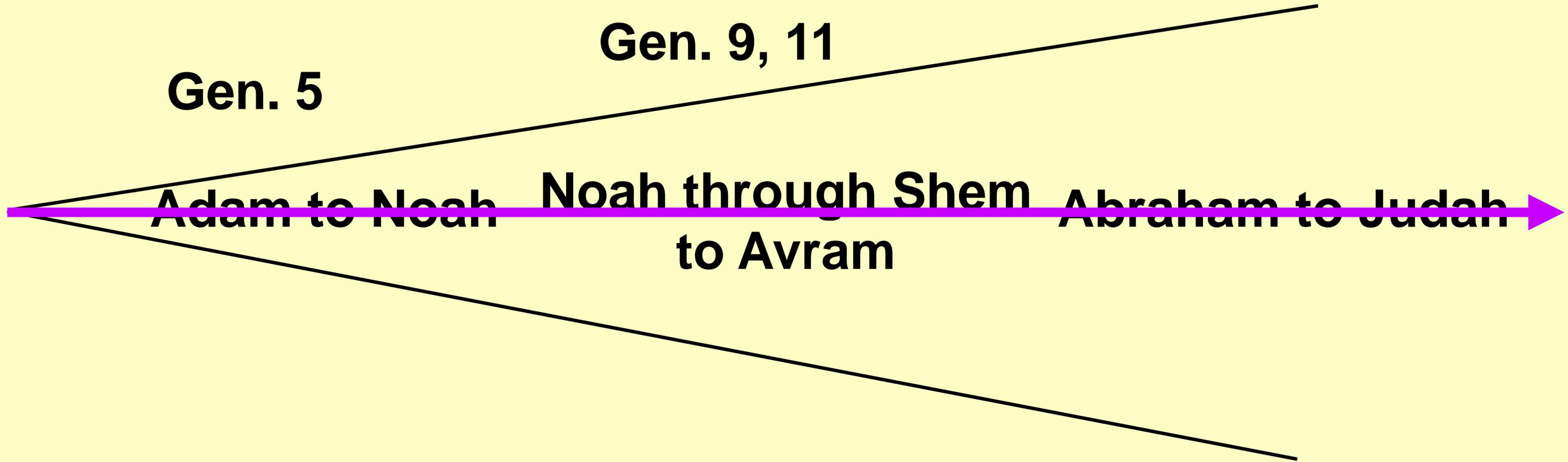
Gen. 9, 11

Gen. 5

Adam to Noah

Noah through Shem
to Avram

Abraham to Judah



The Seed from Eve through Noah, Shem, Abraham, Judah

Genesis 5 traces the line from Adam to Noah.

Genesis 11 traces the line from Noah to Abraham.

1–4: The Seed from Eve through Noah, Shem, Abraham, Judah

1 Chronicles 1:1–4 traces the line from Adam to the three sons of Noah, and then the descendants of Ham, Shem, Japheth.

1 Chron. 1:5–16 traces the descendants of Ham and Japheth.

1 Chron. 1:17–54 traces the lines of the other sons of Abraham.

1 Chron. 2:1–15 traces the sons of Jacob specifically through Judah, to David, son of Jesse.

1 Chron. 3:1–24 the descendants of David are traced.

**5–7: The House of David
[Amos, *ca.* 750 BC]**

Amos 9:11, “ ‘On that day I will raise up the temporary shelter [“booth”] of David, which has fallen down, and repair their broken places; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild her as in the days of old;

Amos 9:12, “ ‘That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,’ says the LORD who does this thing.” [“possess the remnant” connects to the prophecy of Num. 24:17]

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**“Their” broken places—the breakup of the nation into two.
“His” ruins—the Second David, since the first is now dead.
Rebuild “her”—f.s. pronoun refers to the “booth,” the rebuilding of the House of David, by the Messiah.**

5. The Covenant with David (Between 450–333 BC)

1 Chron. 17:10, “ ‘ . . . Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will build you a house.

1 Chron. 17:11, “ ‘And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

1 Chron. 17:12, “ ‘He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

1 Chron. 17:13, “ ‘I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

1 Chron. 17:14, “ ‘And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever.’ ” ~NKJV

Davidic Covenant

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2 Sam. 7:12–16
Psa. 89
1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16
1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c
1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b
1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

Seed of the Woman

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Gen. 9, 11

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**Num. 24:
14, 17
Amos 9:11–12**

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17:10–14**

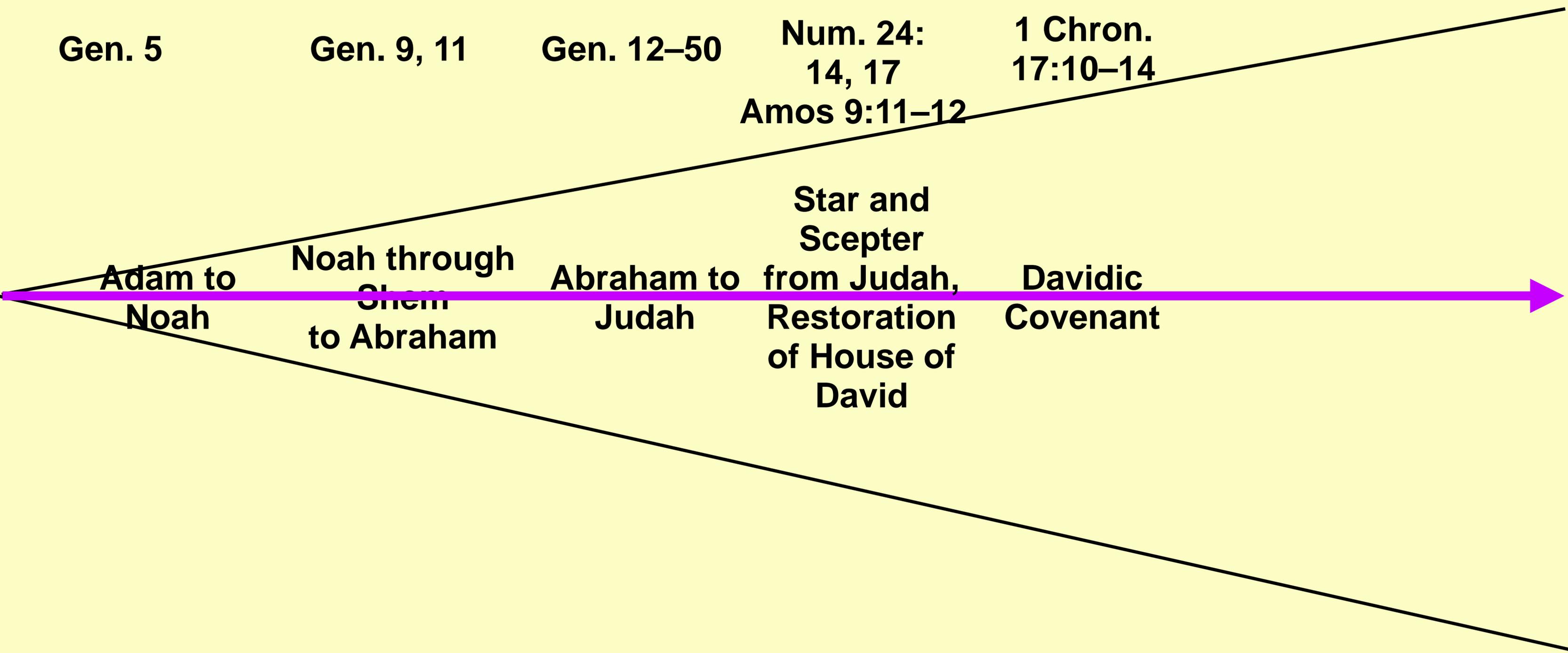
**Adam to
Noah**

**Noah through
Shem
to Abraham**

**Abraham to
Judah**

**Star and
Scepter
from Judah,
Restoration
of House of
David**

**Davidic
Covenant**



**6. The Virgin is a sign to the House of David, *Immanuel*,
“*God with us.*” (ca. 728 BC)**

Isa. 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give y’all, [i.e., House of David] a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name *Immanuel*.”

Context:

Isa. 7:2, “And it was told to the house of David ...”

Isa. 7:13, “Then he said, ‘Hear now, O house of David!’ ”

Matt. 1:18, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”

Matt. 1:20, “... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 1:21, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’ ” ~NKJV

Matt. 1:22, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

Matt. 1:23, “ ‘*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*’ which is translated, ‘*God with us.*’ ”

Matt. 1:25, “and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.” ~NKJV

7. Born in Bethlehem, City of David (*ca.* 730 BC)

**Micah 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler
in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”
~NKJV**

Matt. 2:1, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

Matt. 2:2, “saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.’

Matt. 2:3, “When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” ~NKJV

Matt. 2:4, “And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matt. 2:5, “So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

Matt. 2:6, “ ‘ “*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.*” ’ ”

~NKJV

Matt. 2:9, “When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

Matt. 2:10, “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Matt. 2:11, “And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” ~NKJV

Luke 2:1, “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

Luke 2:2, “This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

Luke 2:3, “So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Luke 2:4, “Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,” ~NKJV

Luke 2:10, “Then the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

Luke 2:11, “ ‘For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12, “ ‘And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.’ ”

~NKJV

8. The Star (ca. 1406 BC)

**Num. 24:17, “I see Him, but not now;
I behold Him, but not near;
A Star shall come out of Jacob;
A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,
And shatter the side of Moab’s head,
And destroy all the sons of tumult.” ~RD**

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~Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*

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“We take 10 to the 17th silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state 2 feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly ... Blindfold a man and tell him he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up [that one marked silver dollar]. What chance would he have of getting the right one?” That is the same chance [of one man fulfilling only 8 of the prophecies]. But there are more than 100 fulfilled at what is Jesus’ first coming.

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