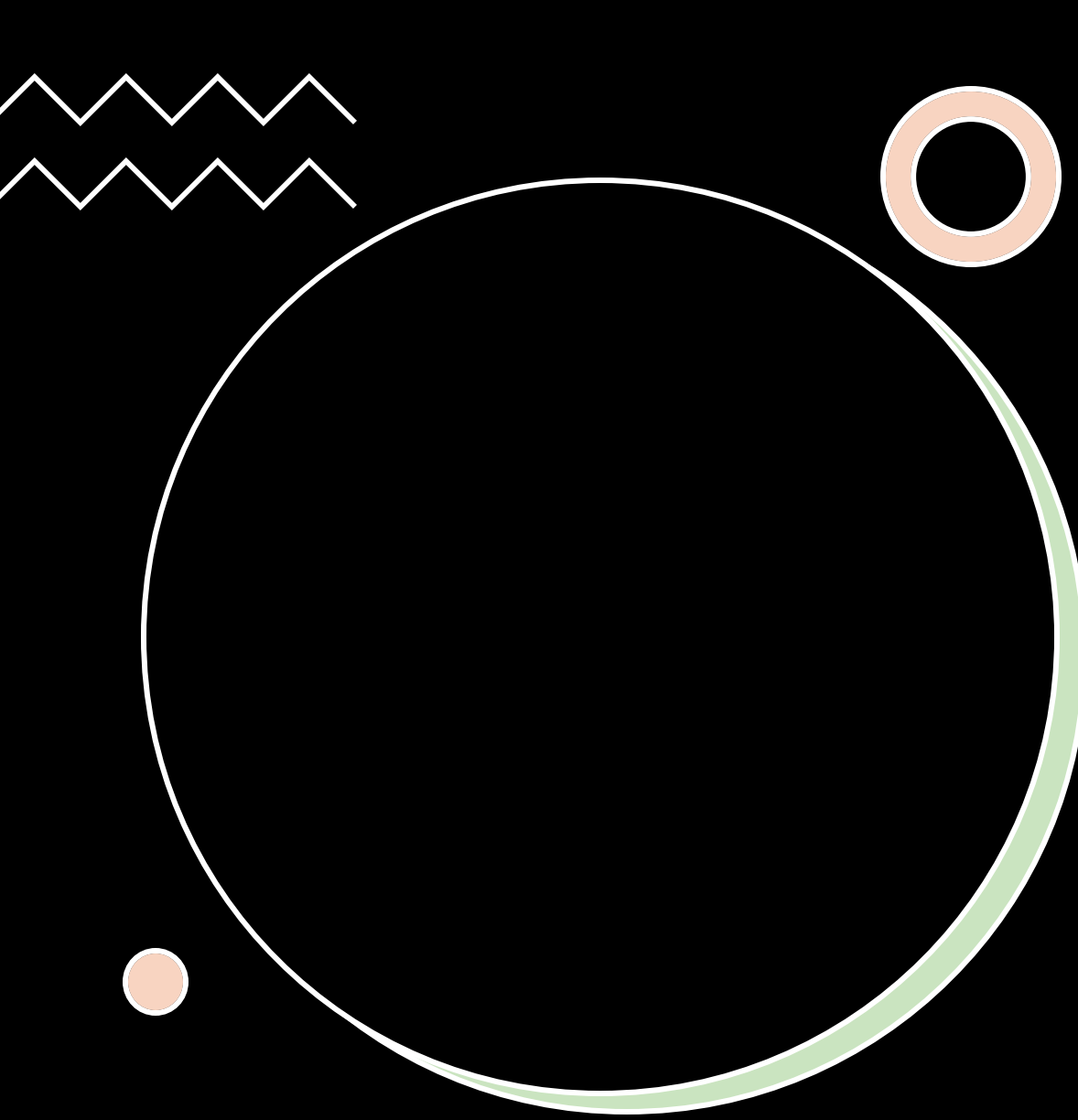




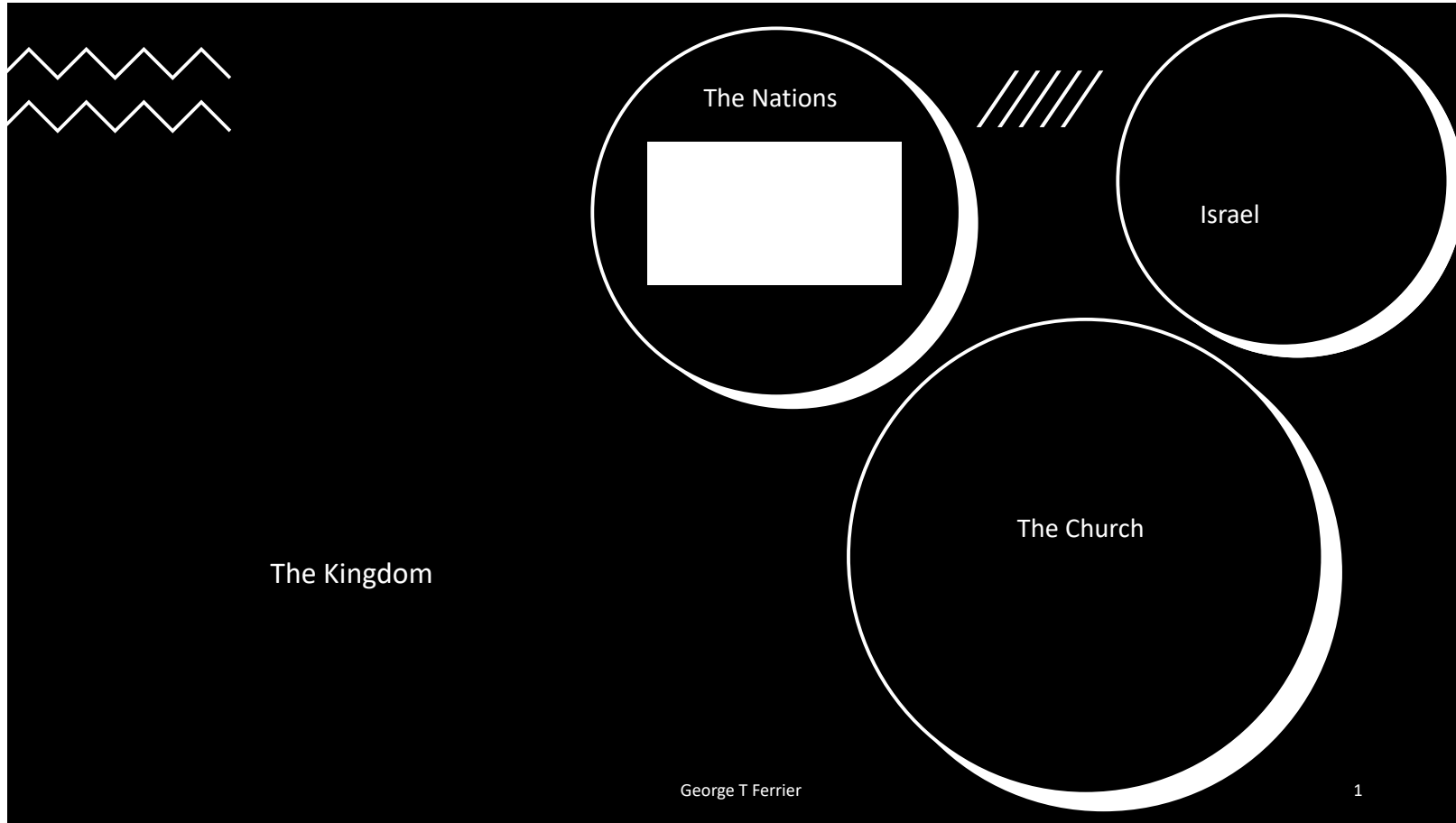
Israel, the Church, and the Nations

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- Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! (Romans 11:33)



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The Nations

The establishment of government
(Genesis 9:1-7)

The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

What you have in your mind shall never be, when you say, 'We will be **like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.**' (Ezekiel 20:32)

...who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened...who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator... did not like to retain God in their knowledge...Romans 1:18-32

Israel: The Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3; 15:6; 17:8; 22:16-18

Hebrews 6:18

The Covenant was confirmed with Isaac
(Genesis 26:1-5)

The Covenant was confirmed with Jacob
(Genesis 28:10-22) Name changed to Israel
(Genesis 32:22-32; 35:9-15)

“He remembers His covenant ***forever***, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, "to you I will give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance" (Ps. 105:8-11)

The Davidic Covenant

The promise that David's “house,” “kingdom,” and “throne” will be established forever is significant. (2 Samuel 7:12-16)

The Messiah will come from the lineage of David and He will establish a kingdom from which He will reign

*Psalm 89; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Luke 1:31-33; Acts 13:34; Revelation 3:7

My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness: **I will not lie to David: His seed** shall endure forever, And **his throne** as the sun before Me; (Psalm 89:34-36)

The Root Cause of Israel's Troubles

The Dividing of the Kingdom

Solomon's disobedience (1 Kings 11:9-10)

Twice: Gibeon 1 Kings 3:5; Temple dedication 1 Kings 9:2

The Lord's judgment on Israel (vv.11-13, 26-28)

Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite (1 1:29-39)

10 tribes would be given to Jeroboam

After Solomon's death (34-35)

One left (Benjamin) for David (36)

Blessing for obedience

Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. (11:38)

And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, ***but not forever.***" (11:39)

Divided Kingdom

- So, the king did not listen to the people; **for the turn of events was from the LORD**, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 1 Kings 12:15
- And when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "**You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel.** Let every man return to his house, **for this thing is from Me.**" ' " Therefore, they obeyed the word of the LORD, and turned back, according to the word of the LORD. (12:21-24)

Divided Kingdom

- All the kings of Israel (northern kingdom, Ephraim) were bad
- A few of the kings of Judah (southern kingdom) were good
- Israel was led into captivity by Assyria (722BC) (2 Kings 17:5-41)
- Judah was led into captivity by Babylon (605-586BC) (2 Kings 24:1-25:30)
- Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
- Return to the land – Zerubbabel, Joshua, Ezra, Nehemiah, Zechariah, Haggai
- 400 silent years
- While under Roman occupation, Christ offered the kingdom and Israel rejected Him

Parables

- “Why do you speak to them in parables?”
- He answered and said to them, "Because it has **been given to you** to know the **mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven, but **to them** it has not been given. (Matthew 13:10-11)
- A “mystery” in the New Testament referred to truths not revealed in the Old Testament, but which now were made known to those instructed. It had to be **revealed by direct revelation** of God.
- Truth kept secret from the foundation of the world (v.35)

Kingdom Parables

- Purpose
 - Reveal truth to those who accepted Him
 - Conceal truth to those who rejected him
 - Fulfilled prophecy (vv. 13-14, 34-35; Ps. 78:2)
 - When did that rejection occur?
-> Matthew 12:22-37

The Householder (51-52)

- Householder (head or owner) of a house who could bring new and old treasures out of his storeroom
- These new kingdom mysteries must be considered alongside Old Testament kingdom truth if one is to understand the totality of God's kingdom agenda
- It does not contradict, cancel, or modify OT truth but instead supplements their knowledge of the kingdom
- Instructed scribes are responsible to teach both old and new truths

Two Related Mysteries

- **The Church**
- To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that **I should preach** among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God** who created all things through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 3:8-9)

Two Related Mysteries

- **Israel's Blindness**
- For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part** has happened to Israel until the **fullness of the Gentiles** has come in. And so, **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "THE DELIVERER WILL COME OUT OF ZION, AND HE WILL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB; (Romans 11:25–26)

- For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of **this mystery**, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that **blindness in part** has happened to **Israel** **until** the fullness of the **Gentiles** has come in. (Romans 11:25)
- I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! (Romans 11:1)

- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles **until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
- 70AD
- "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more **till you say, 'BLESSED is HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'** "