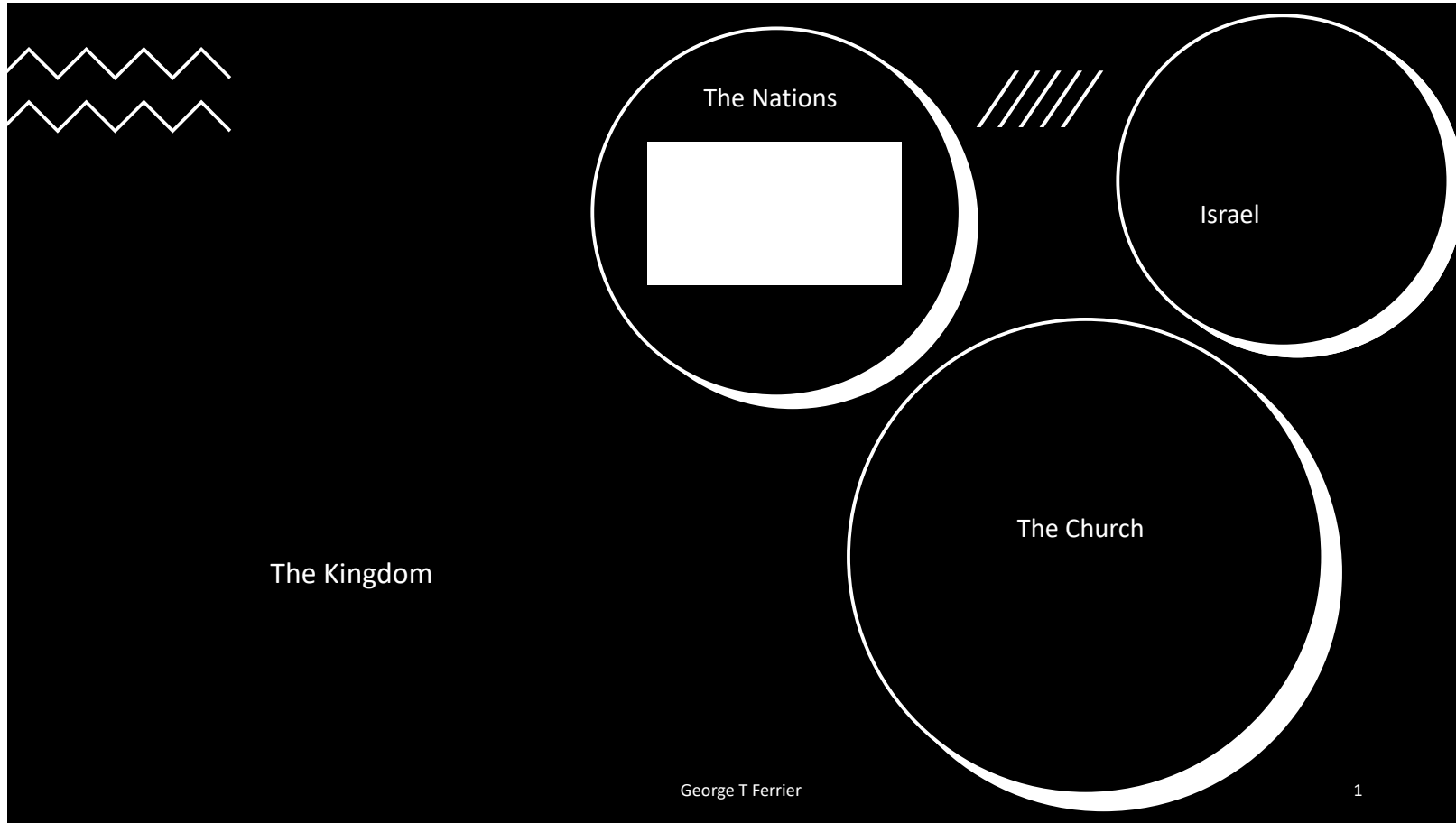
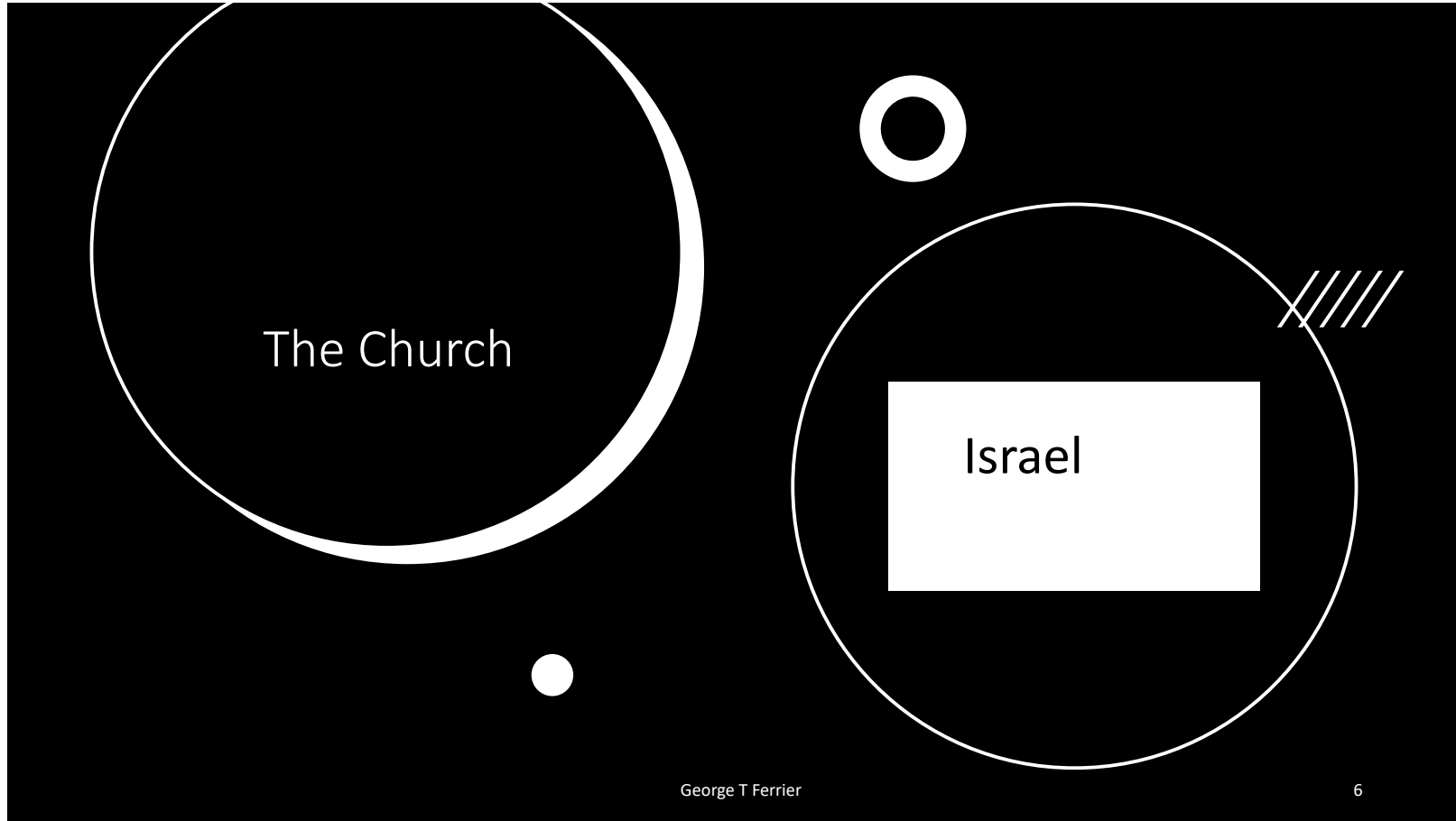


Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God (1 Corinthians 10:32)



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Israel	The Church
Membership by physical birth – son of Abraham	Membership by spiritual birth – son of Abraham through Christ (John 3:1–9; Gal. 3:28-29; Titus 3:5)
Began when the Lord called Abraham (Gen. 12)	Began at Pentecost (Acts 2; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 1:5; 11:15–16)
Israel is the wife of Jehovah (Isa. 54:5)	Church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22–33)

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Christ is the King of Israel (Isa. 33:22)	Christ is head of His church (Eph. 5:22–33; Col. 1:18; 2:19)
A nation with a promised land with borders (Gen. 15:18-21; Ps. 147:20)	Comprised of people from all nations (Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:11–22; 3:6, 15). A pilgrim in the world system (1 Pet. 2:11)
Fights physical earthly wars	Spiritual warfare with demonic enemies (Eph. 6:10–20)

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Blessings were primarily physical, earthly, and material (Deut. 28:1-14)	Blessings are primarily heavenly and spiritual (Eph. 1:3)
Israel is revealed in the Old Testament	Is a New Testament mystery (Eph. 3:3–6; Rom. 16:25–26; Matt. 16:18; John 13–17)
Separated from the nations, not evangelistic (1 Chron. 9:1-12). Exception was Jonah	Go to the nations to preach the gospel (Matt. 28:18–20; Mark 16:15; John 20:21)

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Under the Mosaic Law (Ps. 147:19–20)	While all Scripture admonishes, teaches, and provides hope (2 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11), only the New Testament epistles are directly about and for the Church
Israel's priests came from the tribe of Levi and the line of Aaron (Ex. 28:1)	Priesthood (Rev. 1:6) of all believers (Heb. 4:16; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9)
A succession of High Priests	Christ our eternal and only High Priest

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A direct party to the biblical covenants (Jer. 31:31–32; Rom. 9:4)	Not a party to these covenants since the church was not yet in existence when these covenants were made. Third-party beneficiary
The Holy Spirit came upon Old Testament Jews selectively, temporarily (1 Sam. 16:14; Ps. 51:11), for specific purposes (Exod. 31:3)	The Holy Spirit indwells all NT believers (1 Cor. 12:13) permanently (John 14:16) at the time of salvation (Rom. 8:9). John 7:37–39; 14:16–17; Acts 1:5
Can have both believers and unbelievers (Eze. 20:33–44; Zech. 13:8–9; Matt. 3:9; Rom. 2:28–29; 9:6; Rev. 2:9; 3:9). The Tribulation will separate the two	Only believers in the universal church (1 Cor. 12:13; 3:1–3)

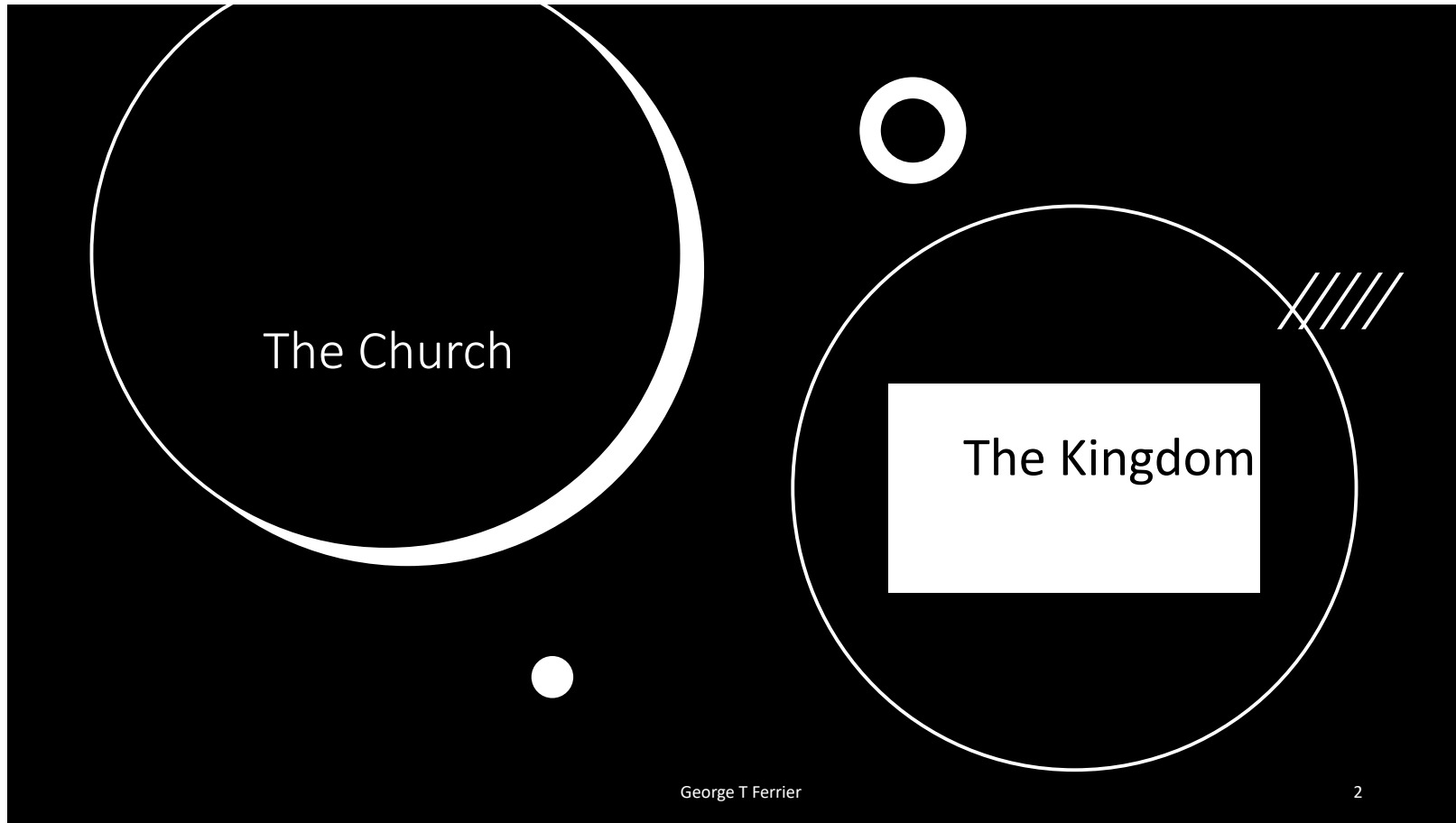
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Had a physical temple (1 Kg. 6:1)	Church is a temple (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19)
Christ will rescue Israel at the end of the Tribulation period (Matt. 23:37–39)	He will remove the church at the rapture (John 14:1–3; 1 Thess. 4:13–18)
Old Testament and deceased Tribulation saints are resurrected at the beginning of the millennium (Dan. 12:2; John 11:23–24; Rev. 20:4–5)	Resurrected at the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13–18; 1 Cor. 15:50–58)

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Israel's judgment will take place on earth, at the end of the Tribulation period, in the wilderness to determine entrance into the Millennial Kingdom (Eze. 20:33–44; Matthew 25:1-30)	Judgment Seat of Christ after the rapture to determine rewards (Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:10–15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
Gates of the New Jerusalem are named after the twelve tribes (Rev. 21:12)	The foundations are named after the twelve apostles (Rev. 21:14), who laid the foundation (Person and work of Christ) of the church (Eph. 2:20)
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The Church Age is Distinct From the Kingdom Age



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The Kingdom	The Church
Kingdom pertains to Israel (Matt. 3:1-3; 4:17; 10:5-8; Luke 10:1, 9-11) and the Kingdom message was to Israel only	Church was not in existence in Old Testament where many prophecies of the kingdom occur
Christ will reign in righteousness (Ps. 2:9; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev. 12:5; 20:7-10)	During the church age righteousness does not reign (1 Cor. 3:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-9; Rev. 2-3)
National repentance by Israel is a pre-requisite to the kingdom's beginning (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:5-7; Lk. 10:1, 9, 11; 24:14)	Church began at Pentecost (Acts 2) and is built by individual faith in Christ (Matt. 16:15-18; Acts 16:30-31)

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Kingdom is initiated suddenly, visibly and by force (Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45; Matt. 24:27-28; Rev. 19:11-21)	The Lord is gradually building the church through the gospel of peace (Matt. 16:18; Acts 15:14; Rom. 10:15; 11:25b; Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5)
The kingdom is described in the future tense (Matt. 6:10; 20:20-23; Luke 23:42-43; Acts 14:22; Gal. 5:21; Eph. 5:5; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Peter 1:11); principle of inheritance (Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:5)	The Church, the bride of Christ is presently on earth
Kingdom is linked to Christ's bodily appearing (2 Tim. 4:1)	During the Church Age, Christ is bodily in heaven (Psa. 110:1-4)

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The church will reign in the kingdom (Rev. 5:10)	The Church's present position is the suffering church (John 15:18–19; 2 Tim. 3:12); “training for reigning” (1 Corinthians 4:8)
The Times of the Gentiles will terminate at Christ's second coming (Mt. 25:31; Luke 21:24). Christ's kingdom will begin after this (Dan. 2:34–35; 43–45; 7:23–27)	The church is not ruling during the Times of the Gentiles (Dan. 2, 7; Luke 21:24)
The devil will be imprisoned during the kingdom age (Rev. 20:2-3)	Today he is very active in the world (1 Thess. 2:18; 1 Cor. 7:5; Eph. 4:26–27; 6:12; Rev. 2:10)

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The Kingdom	The Church
Christ will bodily reign from David's throne in Jerusalem in the kingdom (2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 2:6-9)	Christ's present position is at God's right hand (Jn. 17:5; Rom 8:34)
Kingdom will have financial prosperity (Amos 9:11-15; Isa. 65:21-23) and will be a time of physical healing and good health, peace (Isa. 2:4; 35:5-6)	Today is poverty, sickness, war, and disease (Acts 11:28; 2 Cor. 8:1-4; Phil. 4:11-12; 2 Tim. 4:20; Rev 2:9)