

# The *Church*

## Study of the Book of Ru<sup>th</sup>



**Ruth** (Moabite) symbolizes the **Church**—billions of redeemed gentiles (became “**spiritual-Jews**”). Biblically, the Church is people. A giant living organism of united saints, not just a stone building.



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## FOREWORD

Welcome to our Bible study on the **Book of Ruth**. Our study is based on M. R. Dehaan’s book **The Romance of Redemption**. It’s our source of spiritual insight of the redemptive plan of God. The story of Ruth is like an allegorical parable, “*an earthly story with a heavenly meaning*.” A **physical** earthly Hebrew family is equated to a **spiritual** heavenly family. The purpose of this book, **The Church**, is to teach about the Jews and non-Jews and their prophetic destiny.

M. R. Dehaan encourages students to study a Bible book to “**keep these three things in mind**”:

1. “**Look for the primary interpretation.**”
2. “**Make your practical applications.**”
3. “**Evaluate the prophetic revelation.**”

We modified this levels-idea further for our better spiritual understanding and growth:

1. **Physical** level—The physical universe and seeing it with our five senses and brain.
2. **Spiritual** level—The spiritual universe and seeing its invisibility by faith in God and Bible.
3. **Time** level—Timeline of past history, present, and prophetic (God’s foresight) future.

As an example, let us read the prophet’s prophecy in Isaiah 11:6-8:

*“The wolf [predator] also shall dwell with the lamb [prey], the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze ... the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.”*

This prophecy fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom.

In the **past**, in the Garden of Eden—before the Devil’s deceit—all animal, bird, and sea creatures were peaceful and harmless as the first human Adam named them. Life was a utopia.

**Today**, predators are eating their fellow creatures. Predatory are in virus, insect, animal, bird, and fish. Fallen angels have modified their behavior into violently killing and eating others.

In the **future**, in Millennial Kingdom, the Messiah will restore life back to the ideal condition in the Garden of Eden. Our Lord will isolate evil and sinfulness from the good and harmless.

This diagram example illustrates the idea of studying the Bible at deeper levels:

Time & Prophecy	Past History What <u>has</u> happened	Today What <u>is</u> happening	Prophetic Future What <u>will</u> happen
	Isaiah 11:6-8 <u>prophecy</u> of predators returning to good.	<u>HOPE</u> and wait for prophecy <u>to fulfill</u> .	Isaiah prophecy is <u>fulfilled</u> : Animals are benign again.
<b>Spiritual</b>	Evil spirits have negative influence over creatures.	Evil spirits causing predatory behaviors.	Evil spirits that weaponized animals are isolated to Hell.
<b>Physical</b>	<b>Garden of Eden:</b> All animals were benign	<b>Predators of today:</b> Lions, eagles, sharks	<b>Millennial Kingdom:</b> No more predatory animals.

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# Introduction: From Creation to Promised Land

## PHYSICAL LEVEL

People live in a physical universe. Many believe that it's all there is. That is where many secular people base their atheistic ideas. **"We don't see God, so He does not exist."** (*The problem is that your physical eye can't detect spirits, though they're besides you or even demon inside you*). Many believe only what they see and explain life with Evolution.

*"The natural man [e.g., secular scientist] does not receive [spiritual understanding of] the things of the Spirit of God"* (1 Cor. 2:14).

*"For those who live according to the [physical] flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh ... For to be carnally [physically] minded is death ... Because the carnal mind is enmity against [hostile to] God; for it is not subject to the law of God ... So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God"* (Rom. 8:5-8).

An Intelligent Designer (**being**) planned, formed, and purposely created the **physical universe** (things): electrons, protons, neutrons, neutrinos, atoms, oceans, moons, planets, stars, galaxies, and all other **things**.

It's the reverse of what scientists believe: that **things** evolved into intelligent **beings**. But things naturally tends toward randomness and entropy, not order. Too many complex, intricate designs in nature contradict that life and intelligence happened accidentally.

**Creation** was **intentional**. Believing only in the physical, not spiritual, makes you susceptible to spiritual attack. You won't know what hit you!!

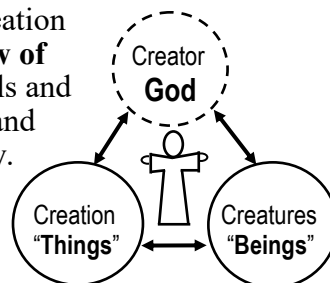
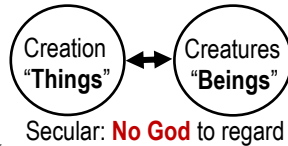
### CREATOR, CREATION, CREATURES

Our Creator made creation (**things**), then creatures (**beings**). He made laws for their interaction. The

**Law of Physics** governs creation that science study. The **Law of Love** urges creatures (angels and humans) to good character and behavior that religions study.

Our Maker wants **love** and **harmony** between all His creatures and creation for optimum interaction of all lives. **Love** benefits all. Scientists aren't all bad.

Many of the best scientists believed in God: Galileo verified planet and moon phenomena, Isaac Newton formulated laws of motion and gravitation. He invented Calculus. Louis Pasteur developed vaccines for certain diseases. Sir Francis Bacon founded the scientific method. Good scientists do love God.



**Love** creation and creatures, but **worship** only Creator God

## Is the Universe Accidental or Intentional?

Secular scientists believe the physical universe came about accidentally without any planner. Numerous intricate design of nature contradict that assumption.

### Evidence of Intelligent Design

First is sonar echolocator of bats, dolphins, whales, oilbirds, and swiftlets. Only relatively recent did we discovered this knowledge of and by testing of sonar.

Second, bees can see special pigment of ultraviolet light absorbed by flowers—to harvest their honeys.

Who gave them instinct to construct a space optimizer hexagonal honeycomb? An intelligent God did.

Others: The complex, planned design of the brain.

Woman's body designed to make and grow babies.

Sophisticated structure of our DNA programmed to grow in a certain way to produce various life forms.

The wise design of the physical universe with its invisible attraction of gravity to form Earth, moons, planets, stars, solar systems, and galaxies. With white or black stars ("black holes") at their centers.

### Verifiable evidence of All-knowing God

The Lord told Daniel, 600 years ahead, of the coming of evil empires: Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Media, Greece, and Rome. Today, they are facts and history. God also warns us of the coming of the future **Great Tribulation**. Many doubt it, but it'll happen and be fulfilled, just as Daniel's prophecy was fulfilled.

### Science and Bible Relationship

Both science and the Bible seek after **the truth**. Science emphasizes knowledge and proven facts, while the Bible focuses on character and behavior.

**If** science isn't true, **then** computers, smart phones, radars, planes, cars, and medicines would not work. Astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and Periodic Table would all be false.

**If** the Bible is a lie, **then** there is no love, no sin, no war, no death. If there is no forgiveness, then Jesus died in vain. Christians all die in their sins forever.

**If** science and Bible differ, **then** one is false. Time travel, 11-dimensions, and multi-universe are ideas, not facts. An idea acts like a free-flowing balloon unless it is anchored to a scientific or biblical truth.

Science and Bible pursue the

same truth differently. But

they are just two sides of the same coin. One is a godly side,

while the other is a secular (Godless, "no God") side.

Science done without consideration of God in mind results in loveless and psychopathic products like the nuclear Tsar Bomba, VX nerve agent, Anthrax, and other mass destructive, people-killing weapons.

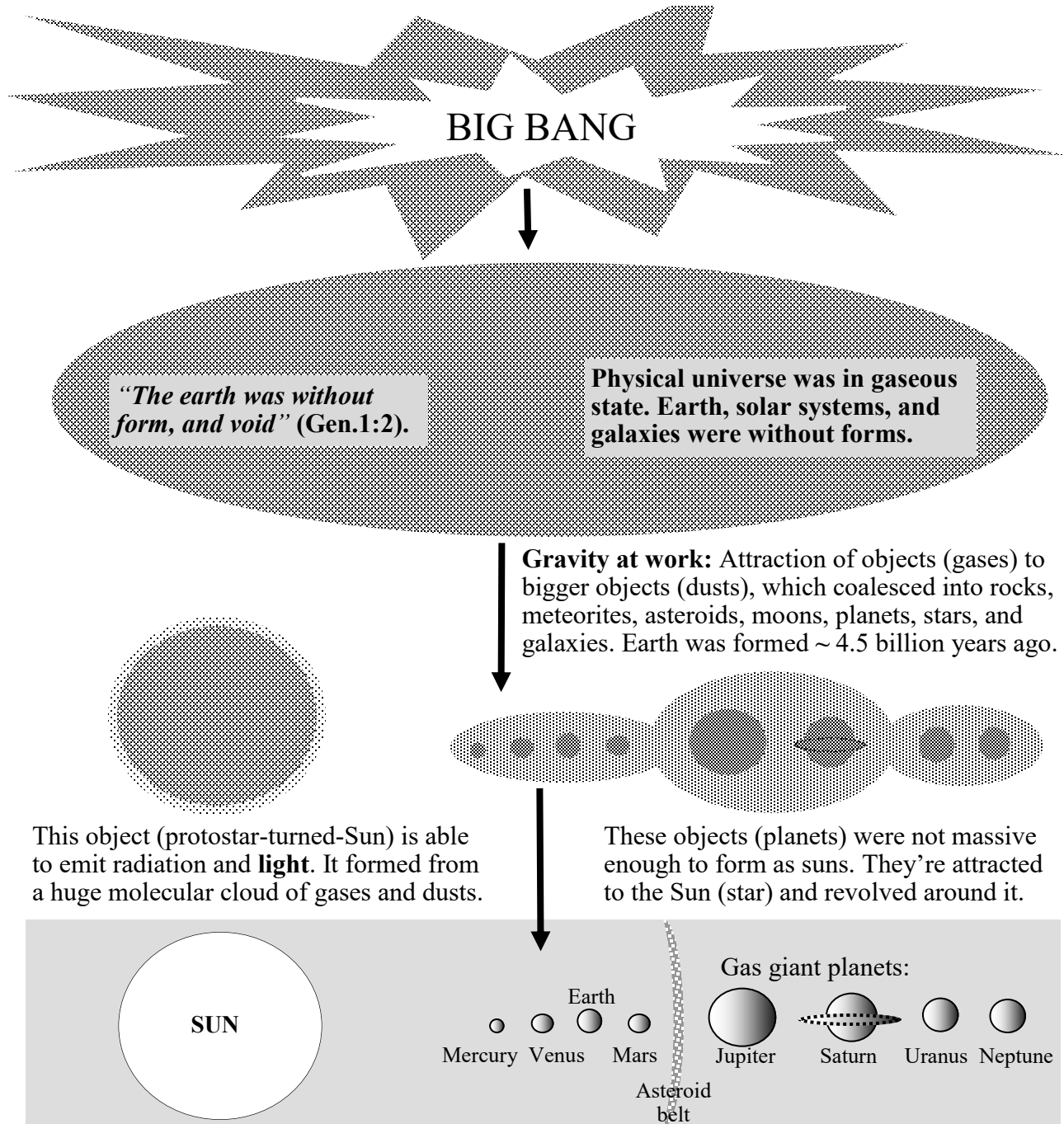


## Biblical and Scientific Beliefs Comparison

Intelligent beings can design, create, and control things.

Creator made creation. “In the beginning God [being] created the **heavens** and the **Earth** [things]” (Gen.1:1).  
Bible: An intelligent being existed *before* things.

Big Bang—unplanned birth of physical universe (nearly 13.7 billion years ago).  
Science: things evolved into beings.



“God said, Let there be **light**: and there was light ... God divided the light from the darkness” (Gen.1:3-4).

The Sun is our main source of light and warmth during the day. The reflection of light on the moon is our light at night.

An illustration of **comparative view** of the **formation** of the **physical universe** by **Bible** and **science**.  
The gap between Religion and Science will close as more truth and information are discovered.

## SPIRITUAL LEVEL

We're trying to understand **spirituality** here. An "invisible **spiritual** elephant" stands in our midst, so to speak. We don't see it. Tenderly feel its nose, tusk, ears, legs, body, and tail. If you're friendly, it might let you ride it and even work for you by lifting and moving heavy objects.

Jesus used **parables** and **analogies** to explain spiritual concepts that are hard to understand to people. Animals are land-bounded creatures; birds are air-oriented fowls. Christians are like flying doves. Physicists are similar to heavy elephants. Secularists and schools deny spiritual concepts, since their **only world** is physically-based. They're trapped in an exclusively materialistic "**box**" called "physical universe." Like an elephant weighed down to Earth, physicists are pinned in a "box" and won't venture (fly) out. To live outside the box, one must leap out, explore, and thrive in the spiritual universe; like a dove that takes its first dive into the air and starts flying in the wind.

*"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit [born-again, Spirit-filled Christian]"* (John 3:8). Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me ... When he, the Spirit of truth [Holy Spirit], is come, he will guide you into all truth"* (John 14:6, 16:13).

### PHYSICAL WAR

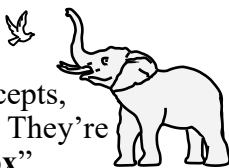
In a **physical war**, an army's personnel are organized in a particular hierarchy. A country's leader is at the top. Followed by his generals, colonels, captains, lieutenants, sergeants, and privates. Some soldiers are assigned to combat, logistics, intelligence, transportations, planes, ships, trucks, tanks, and various essential duties.

### SPIRITUAL WAR

In the **spiritual war**, our enemies are also arranged in a certain order. Archangels, like Satan, are at the top. Then "princes" in charge of territories or countries. Next, fallen angels oversee states, counties, cities, and rural areas. The demons are the "foot soldiers," so to speak. Millions of spirits are assigned to specific evil tasks. A "good prince" is protecting the United States and an "evil prince" trying to devastate it. **Pro and con spirit teams** vie to influence the nation's education, tax, economy, governmental election, warfare, politic, and even laws, e.g., the "**no prayer and no Bible in public school**" ruling of 1963 by the Supreme Court started the evil secularization of people to oust **God**. Similarly, every nation of the world is influenced and affected by spirits. There're "princes" of Persia, Greece, Israel, Rome, Africa, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, India, China, Japan, Vietnam, Korea, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and other countries.

#### Analogy:

Religionists are birds.  
Scientists are animals.  
Air is spiritual universe.



## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

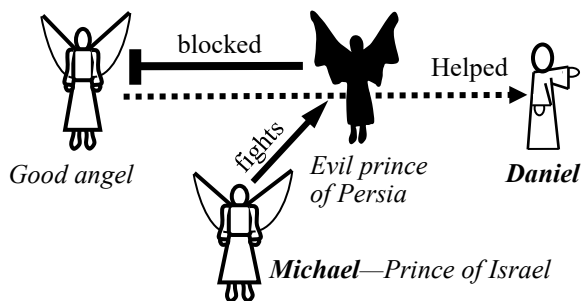
Evil spirits plan conflicts among nations and incite wars. Satan uses **war to harvest souls**. Principalities are kingdoms and countries. Princes are in charge of those territories.

A good angel and Michael fought against fallen angels: princes of Persia and Greece.

*"He [good angel] said to me, 'Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day ... your words [prayer] were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me ... now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come ... No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince [of Israel]'"* (Dan. 10:12-21).

### COMBAT among SPIRITS (angels)

The first **spirit** (good angel) is blocked by the second **spirit** (Prince of Persia). Third **spirit** Michael (Prince of Israel) fights the evil spirit. Daniel is finally helped after 21 days.



Good angels and evil spirits are at war all over the globe.

## TOTAL UNIVERSE:

- SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE
- PHYSICAL UNIVERSE

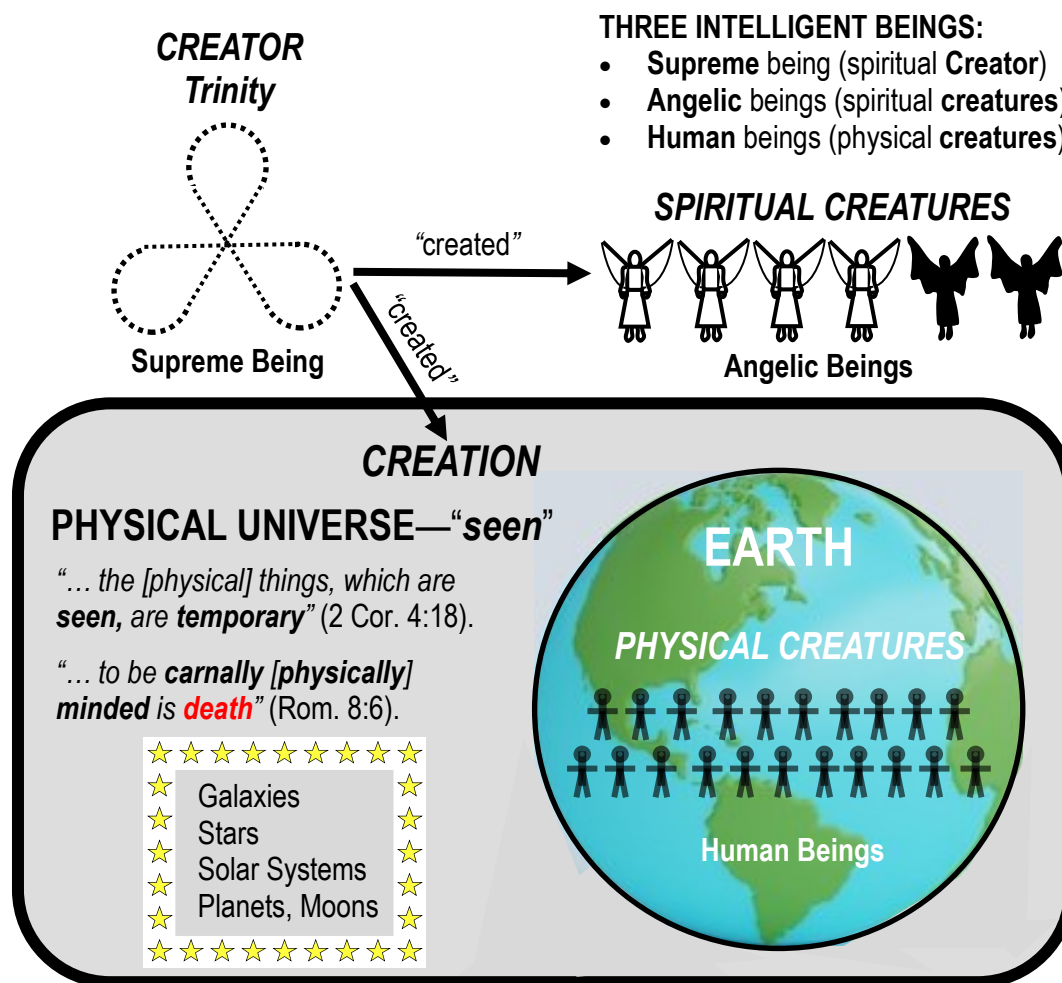
### SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE—“*not seen*”

“... the [spiritual] things, which are **not seen**, are **eternal**” (2 Cor. 4:18).

“... to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace” (Rom. 8:6).

The **Spiritual** “birthed” the **Physical**:

Spiritual Creator made creation and creatures: spiritual angels and physical human beings.



“By **faith** we understand that the whole world [physical universe] was made by God’s command ... what we [physically] **see** was made **by** something [spiritual] that cannot be **seen**” (Heb. 11:3 ICB).

The Bible contradicts the theory of multi-universes (beyond two), speculated by scientists and movies. The Scripture doesn’t mention other intelligent beings (outer space aliens) beyond humans and angels. Time Travel isn’t possible, since God won’t allow a time-traveler to undo our Savior’s work of redemption.

Panoramic view of **our universes** and the **beings that live therein**, according to the Bible.



## TIME LEVEL

We live in an ever-changing physical universe. What had happen, we call the **past** or history. This present moment is **now**. The things that will happen are the **future**.

- **Past:** Can't change it. Learn from it. Do better next time.
- **Now:** We can fix problems and mistakes. Do it today.
- **Future:** We, as humans, can only guess what's to come. Humans know some future. The weather prediction became better, but not 100 % accurate. Scientists hypothesize (fancy word for guessing) about unknowns. But God's prophecies are true. It is a fact that a **prophecy** given to a true prophet from the true God has been all true. The prophet John revealed that **Great Tribulation** is coming. It'll be fulfilled. Humans use technology to predict their future. Probability and statistic are used to make an "educated guess." But, saints have faith and use **prophecies** from God to see what and how things will really happen in the future—accurately.

**WISDOM of King Solomon** (Eccl. 3:1-12)

*"To everything there is a season [right time],  
A time for every purpose [reason] under heaven:  
A time to be born, And a time to die;  
A time to plant, A time to pluck what is planted;  
A time to break down, And a time to build up;  
A time to weep, And a time to laugh ...  
A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;  
A time to love, And a time to hate;  
A time of war, And a time of peace ...  
He [Creator] has made everything beautiful in its time."*

**More THOUGHTS to Ponder:**

A time to be physical. And a time to be spiritual.  
A time to be practical. And a time to be logical (reasonable).  
A time to study science. And a time to study the Bible.  
A time to learn Evolution. And a time learn Revelation.  
A time to guess (hypothesize). And a time to know the truth.  
A time of past damnation. And a time for future salvation.

**TIME—Measurement of Change**

When God made the first atom, which started changing inside, is when we can logically say "time" began. When a structure of a matter alters, we say it "**changed**" or "**got old**." When the spin of objects, like the Sun and Earth—relative to each other—has cycled; we say that "**time**" or "**day**" has passed. If God shrunk the cosmos to a basketball size, then time is set to His (ball holder) time. **God's minute** is everywhere a minute in the ball (universe). It's all the same time even if the spin rate of an electron, atom, moon, planet, star, or galaxy varies, despite our human imagination in sci-fi movies or quantum physics. Time Travel is false, since God won't allow a time-traveler to undo Christ's work of redemption. Our salvation is permanent!

## TIME according to the BIBLE

*"In the beginning God [being] created the heavens and the earth [things]"* (Gen. 1:1).

**First day:** God created light (v. 3-5). He made lights (galaxies, stars, Sun) and angels.

**"DAY"—ONE relative 360° ROTATION**  
Creation "day" (biblical) isn't identical to a 24-hour day (science)—Earth's one rotation.

*"Be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years [orbits] as one day [object own complete rotation]"* (2 Pet. 3:8).

A "**day**" is an object's own **360° rotation**.

A "**year**" is its **orbit** around another object (its star or Sun). Jupiter rotates in **9.9** Earth hours. Venus' day is **5,832** Earth hours. Its **day** (243 Earth days) exceeds its **year** (225)! Mercury's year is **88** Earth days or 3 months. Neptune's year (orbit) takes **165** Earth years. Let your imagination run wild. Scientists estimate that the universe has 10 trillion ( $10^{13}$ ) galaxies,  $10^{24}$  stars, and  $10^{25}$  planets.

**An illustration:** An object's "day" could be millions or billions of years! Obsvr1 lived on Planet-Z before the Hadean Eon, ~4.6 billion years ago. Planet-Z is so near to a Black Hole that it barely rotates (*like tidally locked moon "staring" at Earth*). Its "daytime" ("star rise" to "star down") takes 300 million Earth years (180° rotation). "Nighttime" ("dusk to dawn") takes another  $3 \times 10^8$  orbits. At star-rise (360°), he sees that the Sun, solar system, planets, and Earth had formed. They all coalesced in one "day" ( $6 \times 10^8$  orbits or years). It was a very, very, very long "first day" for Obsvr1.

**Second day:** Firmament (sky) (v. 6-8).

**Third day:** Land, seas, vegetation (v. 9-13).

**Fourth day:** Day, years, seasons (v. 14-19).

**CREATURES**

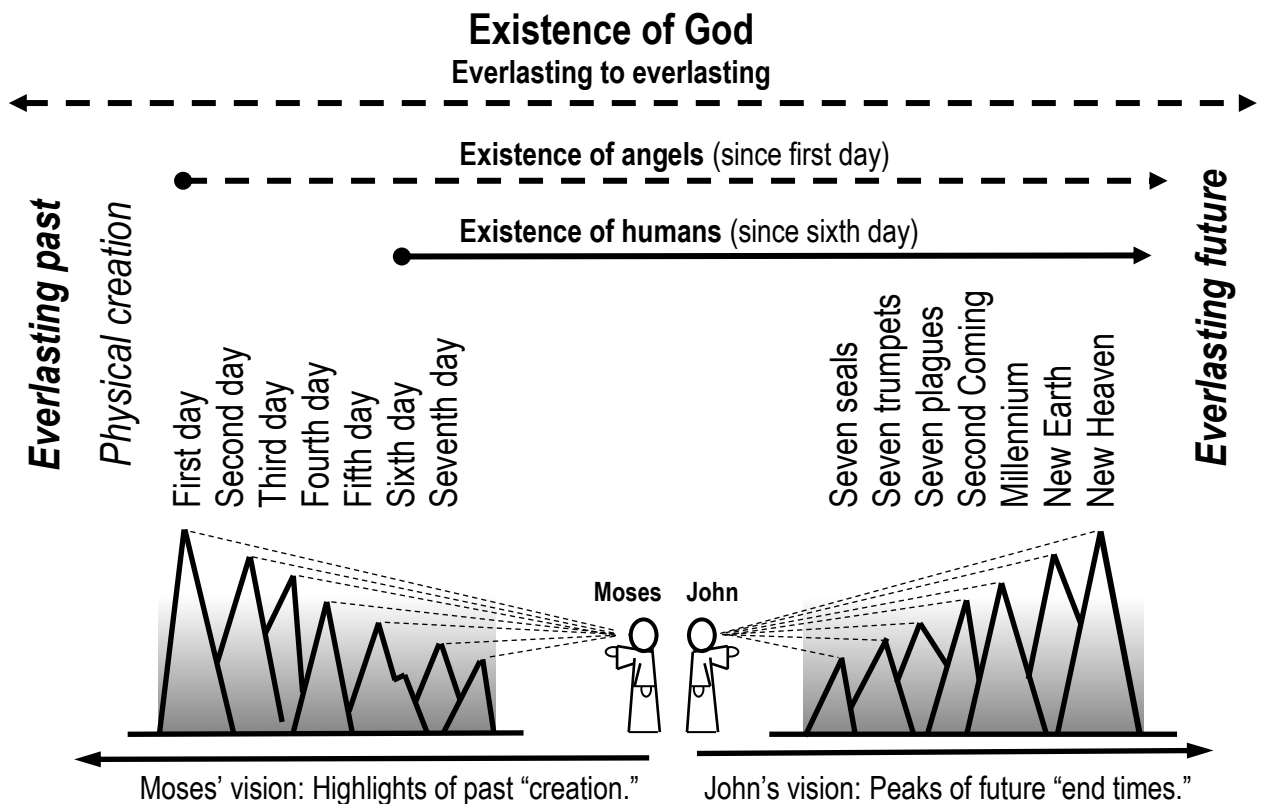
**Fifth day:** God created the sea, land, and air **creatures**: fish, animals, and birds.

**Sixth day:** God made human creatures.

*"God said, 'Let Us [Trinity] make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish ... fowl ... cattle ... earth ... God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good [state of purity and sinlessness]"* (Gen. 1:26-31).

**Seventh day:** God rested from His work. So, we rest on our seventh day—Worship Day.





### VISION of the PAST

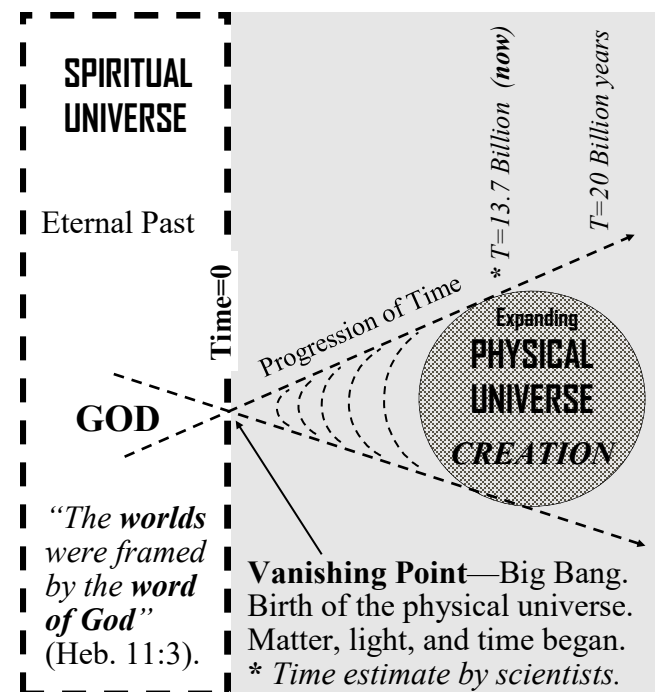
Moses wrote the **Book of Genesis**. He told about events that occurred *before* his lifetime. What he saw was visions. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen. 1:1). Why, how, when, and length of time of Creation aren't given in detail. He told us only the "mountain tops" of his vision. But between these peaks are details of "hills, valleys, rivers, deserts, jungles, trees, grasses" so to speak. Scientists might misinterpret that the duration of creation was only 144 (6 x 24) hours. In reality, between the peaks, many events have occurred in millions or billions of years.

### VISION of the FUTURE

John wrote the **Book of Revelation**. He saw events that will happen *after* his lifetime. His vision of the "end times" were in **symbolism**. Between the highlights of the visions, other events will occur. Details of the Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, and Seven Bowls of Plagues are now understood vaguely. As these events draw closer, they'll focus clearly in our views and minds. Then we will definitely understand them. Some of us will even endure and live through these prophecies. God gave vision in an abstract **symbolism** for our visualization, retention, and understanding.

### WHAT or WHO is the FIRST CAUSE?

Creation was the effect, but **who** is the cause? There was a time when **no** physical thing existed. So, creation sprang from the spiritual side. Only God (First Cause) is before the side of **time = 0**. Only the Creator could make creation. *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Matt. 19:26).



# Understanding the Relationship of the Heavenly Family

## History of the Hebrews

### Ruth 1: Past History of Israel

Hebrews lived peacefully in the **Promised Land**.

Hebrews' **idolatries** brought God's **judgment**.

Hebrews dispersed to foreign (**gentile**) countries.

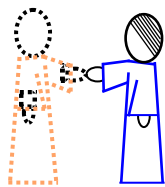
Hebrews lost possession of the Promised Land.

**God distant Himself** from Hebrews' idolatries.

Jews **interacted** and **intermarried** with gentiles.

**Jews** longed to return to the Promised Land.

Some **gentiles** retained their old gods (religions).



### **Church Age**

Some gentiles (Church) cleaved to Jews (Israel).

Friendly gentiles accepted God and forsook their old gods (religions). "Salvation is of the Jews."

Jews return. Became a nation May 14, 1948.

### Ruth 2:

The Church is evangelizing the world.

Christ is "the Lord of Harvest."

Christ (God in human body) redeemed humans ("His brethren") from sin and death.

Gospel is preached to all and the end comes.



### Ruth 3: Great Tribulation

Tribulation separate believers from unbelievers.

Humans have to commit to Christ or the Devil.

Church is "raptured" and will be with Christ.

The Jews will go through the Tribulation.

Second coming of Christ ends Tribulation.

### Ruth 4: Millennial Kingdom

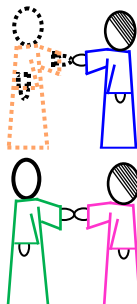
Christ (Messiah) will return properties to Jews.

Christ redeems the Church (non-Jews).

"Marriage Supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:7).

1000 years of peace (Rev. 20:4).

Christ, Church, God, and Israel live together.



## Story of Ruth (with analogy)

**Prophecy fulfilled. (fulfilled in history).**

A Hebrew family lived pleasantly in Bethlehem.

Then came a famine (**judgment**).

Hebrew family moved to Moab (**gentile**) country.

Hebrew family forfeited their property in Israel.

The father Elimelech (**God**) died (**backs away**).

The sons took **gentile wives**, but the sons died.

Naomi (**Israel**) hears of bread in Bethlehem.

Orpah (**gentile**) stayed in Moab with her gods.

### **Salvation of non-Jews (gentiles)**

Ruth ("Friend," **Church**) cleaved to Naomi (**Jew**).

Ruth (**Friendly Church**) made Jews her people, accepted their God, and forsook her old gods.

Naomi (**Israel**) arrived in Bethlehem at harvest time.

### **Prophecy now being fulfilled**

Ruth (**Church**) gleanes (**evangelizes**) field (**world**).

Boaz (**Christ**) is in charge of harvesting.

Boaz (**Christ**) is a near kinsman (**human**), who can legally redeem relatives (**humanity**).

End of harvest (end of **bringing in** of the **gentiles**).

### **Prophecy to be fulfilled**

Night (**tribulation**), time of threshing, winnowing, separating wheat (**saved**) from chaff (**unsaved**).

At night, Ruth (**Church**) laid at Boaz's (**Jesus**) feet.

At night (**tribulation**), Naomi stays alone in the city.

Night (**tribulation**) ends. Boaz sets out to redeem.

### **Prophecy to be fulfilled**

Boaz (**Christ**) redeems Naomi's (**Israel**) property.

Boaz (**Christ**) redeems Ruth (**Church**).

Boaz (**Christ**) marries (united with) Ruth (**Church**).

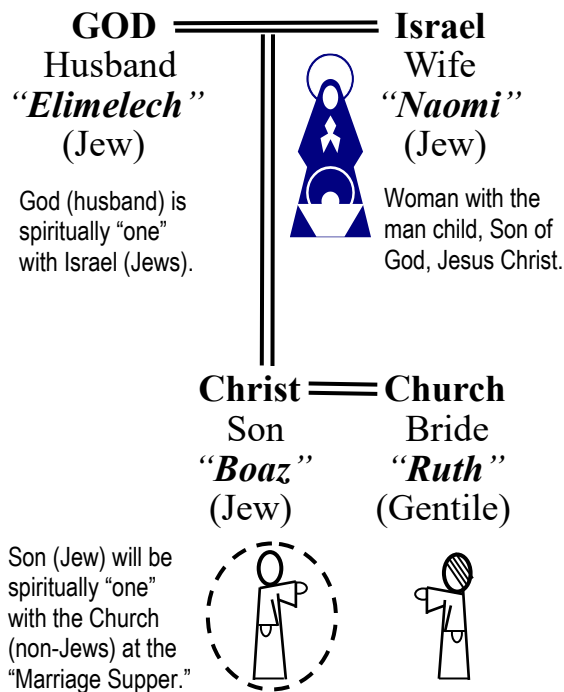
Honeymoon (Millennium).

Ruth, Boaz, and Naomi lives happily ever after.

This page summarizes of the **Book of Ruth**. An analogy of the events in the book are equated with the real history and prophetic future events of Israel (Hebrews-Jews). These teachings are from the book **The Romance of Redemption**, by M. R. Dehaan, M.D. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House. 1958.

## RELATIONSHIP of HEAVENLY FAMILY

This section illustrates the family of God. An analogy is used to explain the **relationship** between God, Israel, Christ, and Church. The future will be utopia and euphoria for those who commit to and follow their Savior Jesus. The best allegory about **relationship** I found was by Dr. M. R. Dehaan, the author of *The Romance of Redemption* book. God bless Dr. Dehaan for his special insight from the Lord about family and relationship. Parables and illustrations help us understand and appreciate difficult spiritual concepts. At times we “*can’t see the forest for the trees*,” as the saying goes. Analogy helps us see the “whole forest” (“the big picture”). Humans have a hard time comprehending supernatural things. An analogy helps them grasp spiritual concepts of the Bible. Jesus used **parable**, which is said to be “*an earthly [physical Ruth] story with a heavenly [spiritual Church] meaning*.” To understand the family of God, an allegorical actual story of the Elimelech family helps us visualize the **spiritual relationship** (= bond) between God, Israel, Christ, and the Church. As seen from a panoramic view. Read the Book of Ruth as an overall, grand-scale redemption plan of God.



**Relationship between God, Israel, Christ, Church.**

## ANALOGY of the BOOK of RUTH

An analogy between the **physical** earthly family and the **spiritual** heavenly family:

- Elimelech (Jew) – **God**.
- Naomi (Jew) – **Israel**.
- Boaz (Jew) – **Christ**.
- Ruth (Gentile) – **Church**.

Spiritually, the Book of Ruth is about the relationships between **God** the Father and **Israel** (Jews), between **Christ** (Jew) and the **Church** (gentiles). The Old Testament story is about a physical family living in hardship. The New testament concept of love help us understand the love between God, Israel, Christ, and Ruth.

**GOD**—“*Elimelech*”—“*God is my King*”

**Elimelech** is symbolic of Abba **Father**. He is the head of his family. His responsibility and status as a father is an analogy of the father-figure of God in His spiritual family. Our Father is a role model to earthly fathers.

**ISRAEL**—“*Naomi*”—“*Pleasant*”



Israel with 12 stars (tribes) on her crown standing on moon (Rev. 12:1). Israel is God’s “spiritual wife.”

*“I was an husband unto them [Jews], saith the Lord”* (Jer. 31:32).

*“... in that day,’ says the Lord, ‘you will call Me “my Husband [Ishi],” and no longer call Me “my Master [Baali]” ‘”* (Hos. 2:16).

There’s a big difference between a wife and a slave. A wife is in union with her husband, not just a dutiful slave to him. She is equal with him and owns all that he has. A slave just serves the master as a worker.

**CHRIST**—“*Boaz*”—“*in him is strength*”

As Boaz is the kinsman-redeemer; so is Christ, who is the Son of God and Son of Man. He is fully God and fully human (Jew). From Israel (Jews) came Christ (Jew). The only begotten Son of God came into the world as a human baby to **legally** redeem all humanity (“his brethren”). Emmanuel—(“God with us”) had to die a mortal human death to legally redeem mankind.

**CHURCH**—“*Ruth*”—“*friend*”

As Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Elimelech-Naomi, so is the relationship of the **Church** to **Israel and God**.

The Church will be the spiritual bride and wife of Christ. Now, she is only “engaged,” so to speak. As Ruth had love and loyalty for Naomi; the Church and every Christian should have the utmost loyalty, respect, and love for Israel (Jews). **Israel forever!**