

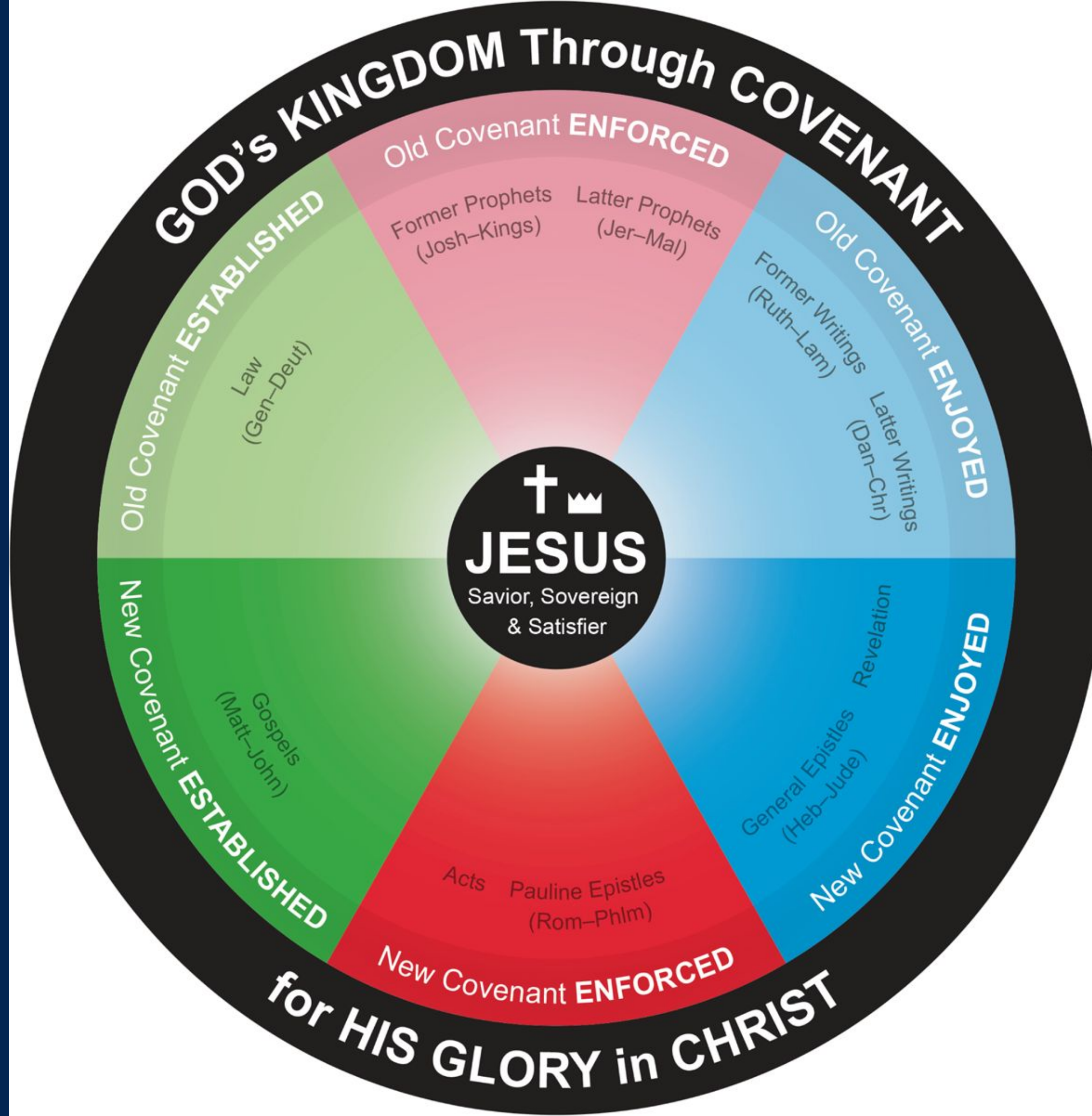


**GRACE, GRIT AND GLORY**



KNOWING AND  
UNDERSTANDING THE  
OLD TESTAMENT PART 2

Week 10: Daniel



## The Arrangement of Jesus's Hebrew Bible (*Baba Bathra* 14b)

<b>Law</b>	<b>Former &amp; Latter Prophets</b>		<b>Former &amp; Latter Writings</b>	
Genesis	Joshua	Jeremiah	Ruth-Psalms	Daniel
Exodus	Judges	Ezekiel	Job	Esther
Leviticus	1–2 Samuel	Isaiah	Proverbs	Ezra-Nehemiah
Numbers	1–2 Kings	The Twelve	Ecclesiastes	1–2 Chronicles
Deuteronomy			Song of Songs Lamentations	
<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Narrative</b>



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## 1. The Person

- Daniel's profession wasn't as a prophet – he's a public official (cf. Jer 29:1-9)

## 2. The Message

- Wholly positive and future oriented – portraying the faith of four Israelites living in desperate times (which fits with the major theme of the Writings – how to live as God's people awaiting fulfilment of the



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## 3. The Location

- Lamentations builds a bridge to the exilic context
- Lamentations builds a bridge to the kingdom hope



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- **Daniel 7-12 deals with future matters (at the very least, future to Daniel)**



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**Daniel was written to encourage the exiled Jews by revealing God's sovereign program for Israel during and after the period of gentile domination. The Times of the Gentiles began with the Babylonian captivity, and Israel would suffer under gentile powers for many years.**



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**But this period is not permanent, and a time will come when God will establish the messianic kingdom which will last forever. Daniel repeatedly emphasizes the sovereignty and power of God over human affairs. “The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (4:25b).**



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The God who directs the forces of history has not deserted His people. They must continue to trust in Him, because His promises of preservation and ultimate restoration are as sure as the coming of the Messiah.

**Wilkinson, B., & Boa, K. (1983). Talk thru the Bible (222). Nashville: T. Nelson.**



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**The all wise and sovereign God will eventually overcome all other kingdoms by establishing his kingdom through the messianic Son of Man (new Adam), who will reign over all peoples and nations because of his substitutionary death and resurrection and who will use his royal power to deliver his people from their exile**



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- F. **The Author of Daniel Taught the Ultimate Triumph of God's Kingdom over Evil Influence**



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- **God's plans are comprehensive, not just circumstantial**
- **God's plans centered on a kingdom, not just here and now**
- **God's plans comfort us, not just make us curious**





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