

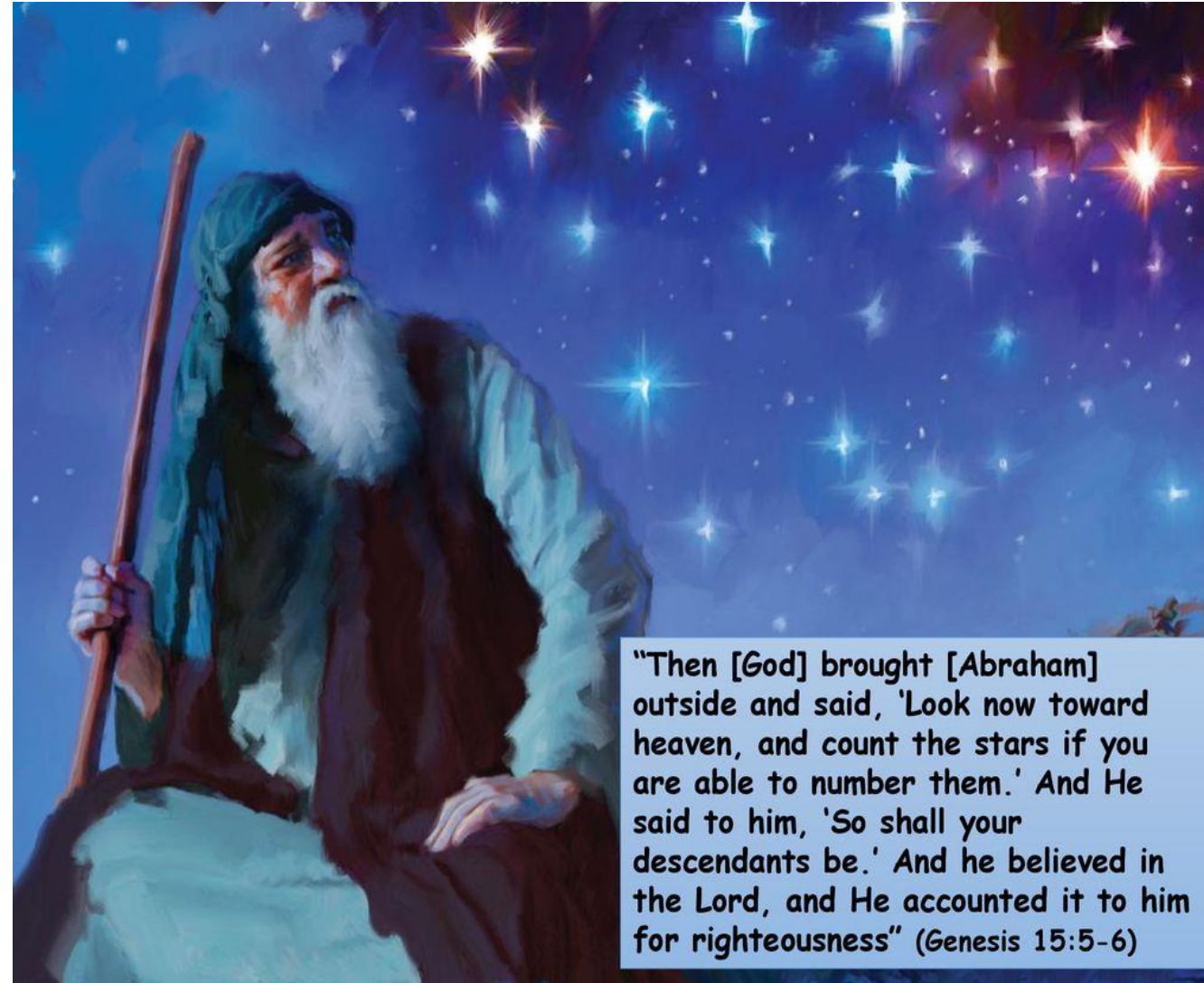
AdSS4-Abraham's pre-ordained future

- (1) Background: Lot parted from Abraham for the fertile plain of Jordan.
- (2) War between 4 kings and 5 kings. (Gen 14:1-2)
- (3) Lot was abducted by the 4 kings. (Gen 14:12)
- (4) Abraham and his herdsman went to rescue Lot. (Gen 14:15-16)
- (5) Another evidence of Abraham's love for Lot.

(6) Abraham's lament to God that he had no children. (Gen 15:1-2)

(7) God declared that Abraham would have many descendants like the stars in the sky. (Gen 15:5)

(8) Abraham believed in God's declaration. This belief was credited to Abraham as righteousness. (Gen 15:6)



"Then [God] brought [Abraham] outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:5-6)

Source:

https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fslideplayer.com%2Fslide%2F14374723%2F&psig=AOvVaw1jRucJ12EztrX6TUbhYtrx&ust=1639291356364000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAsQjRxqFwoTCOiE7a-S2_QCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD

(9) Spiritual Lesson: Today, there are many Jewish people. They are all the descendants of Abraham. God has pre-ordained Abraham's future descendants. God also pre-ordains our future.



Source:
<https://www.istockphoto.com/hk/%E7%85%A7%E7%89%87/group-of-people-waving-the-flag-of-israel-gm524372433-51578412>

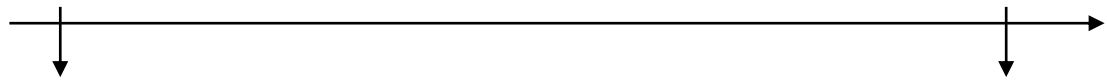
(10) God said that He would give the land of Canaan to Abraham. (Gen 15:7)

(11) Abraham was doubtful. (Gen 15:8)

(12) God made a covenant with Abraham that He would let Abraham and his descendants have the promised land. (Gen 15:18)



(13) Spiritual Lesson: Today, the Jewish people have the nation Israel, formerly known as Canaan.



c1900 BC
God's word to Abraham that Canaan would be given to Abraham and his descendants

AD 1948
The establishment of the modern nation of Israel

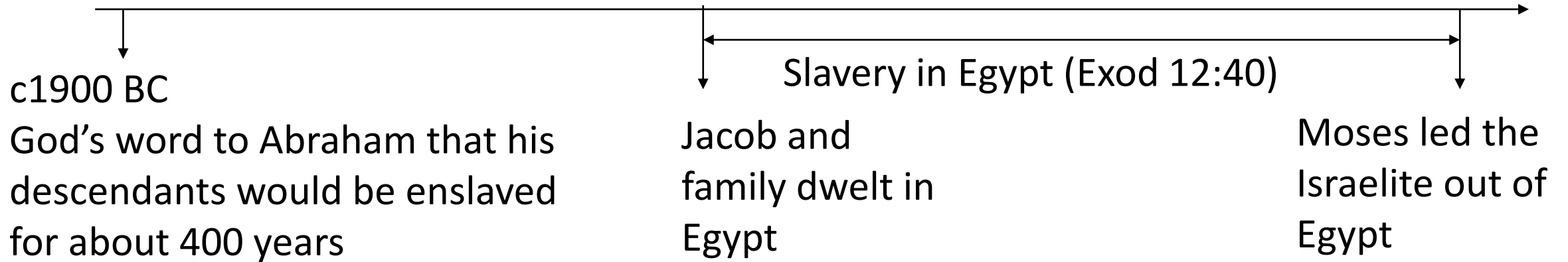
(14) God had pre-ordained that Canaan would be given to Abraham.

(15) God also pre-ordains our future.

Source: <https://www.nationsencyclopedia.com/economies/Asia-and-the-Pacific/Israel.html>



(16) God also disclosed to Abraham that his descendants would be enslaved for 400 years. Thereafter, they would return to Canaan. (Gen 15:13-16)



(17) Video: 1:51:20-1:54:20

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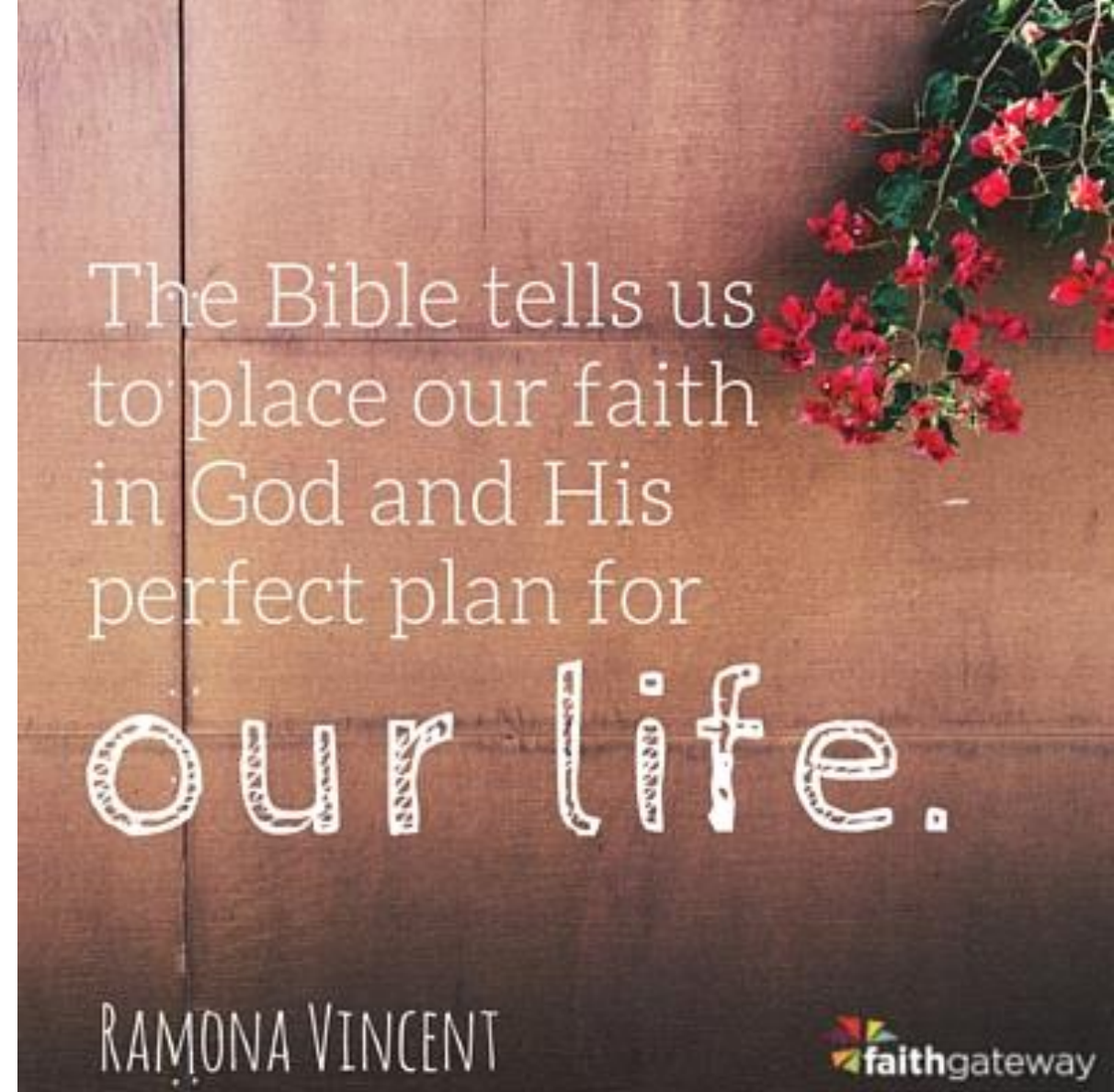
(Source: The Bible Stories, Abraham
By Lube Production)

(18) Spiritual Lesson: Our future is ordained by God.

- Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 3:

“I. God from all eternity did by the most and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass;”

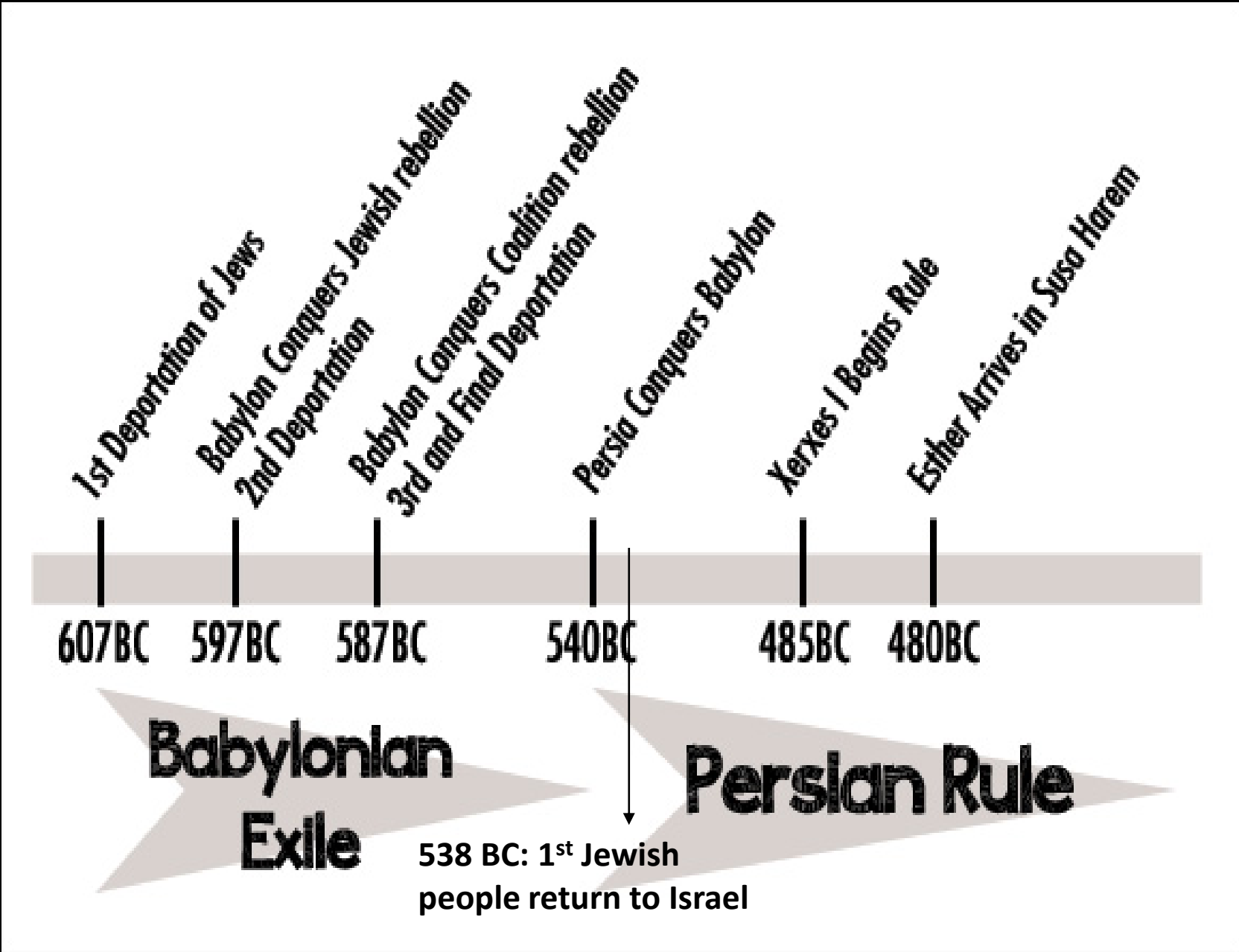
“Ordain” means “order” ([Definitions from Oxford Languages](#))



Source: <https://www.faithgateway.com/god-has-a-plan-for-your-life-child-s-life-too/#.YbRXdL1Bwag>

(19) We should feel secure that God has ordained all the events in our life.

- Suffering in captivity – Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”



Source: <https://redemptionutah.com/esther-timeline-and-map/>

(20) Personal illness:

- Psalm 119:

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.”

- Psalm 23



Despise not
the chastening
of the Lord, or
faint when
thou art
rebuked
of Him

Hebrews 12:5

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(21) If you know that God has ordained all events in your life from eternity past, you should be motivated to live a holy life.

(22) Suffering and chastisement are part of believers' sanctification process to be holy.



(23) Reflection:

- Are you living a holy life now – thought, speech, action?
- Which aspects of your life are not right in God's sight?
- What will you do to make that aspect right before God?