

# God's people in the World

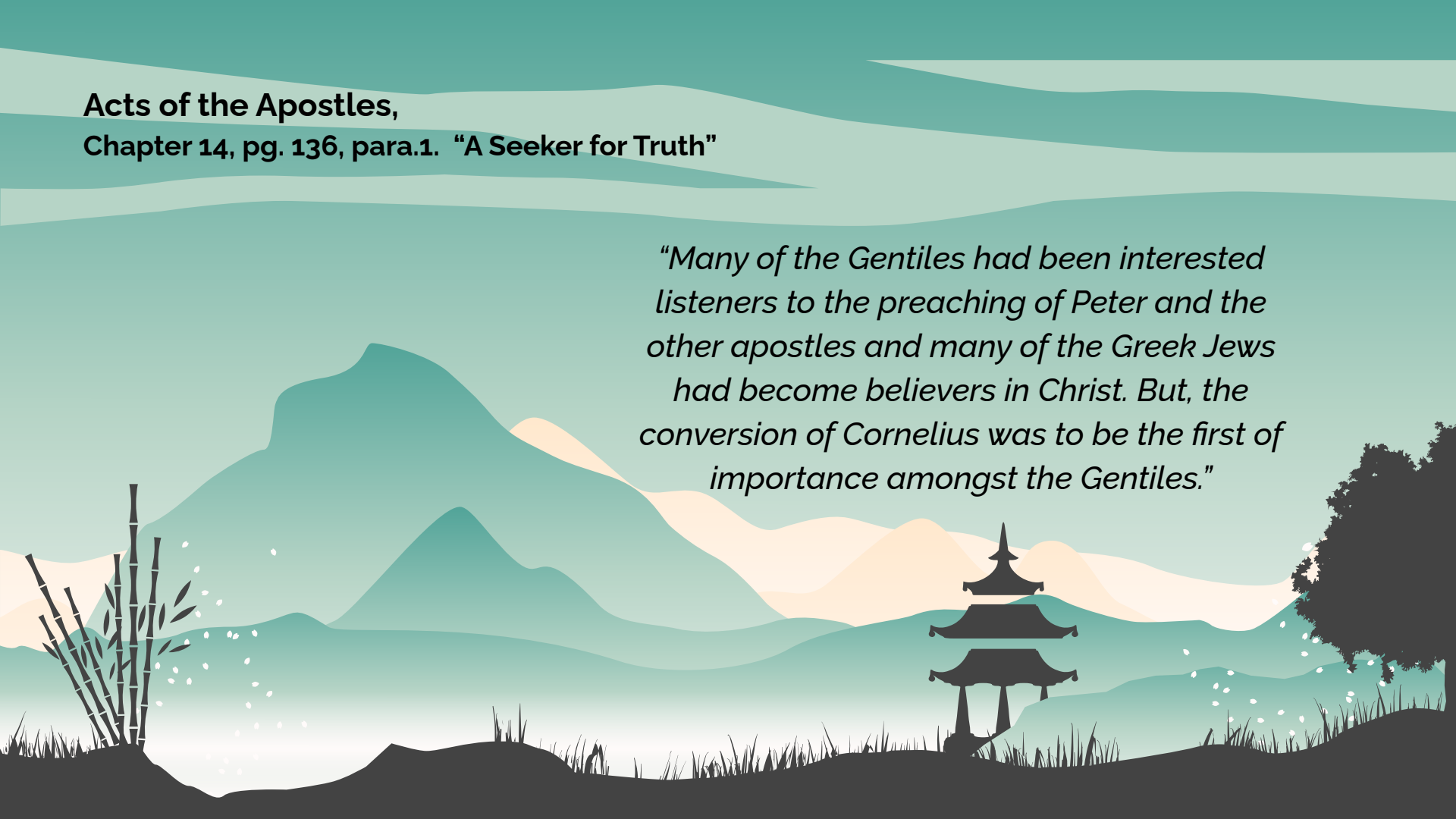
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**Acts of the Apostles,  
Chapter 14, pg. 136, para.1. "A Seeker for Truth"**

*"Many of the Gentiles had been interested listeners to the preaching of Peter and the other apostles and many of the Greek Jews had become believers in Christ. But, the conversion of Cornelius was to be the first of importance amongst the Gentiles."*



Acts of the Apostles,  
Chapter 14, pg. 136, para.1. "A Seeker for Truth"

# *The Vision*

*"It revealed to him the purpose of  
God. That by the death of Christ, the  
Gentiles should be joint heirs with the  
Jews."*



Acts of the Apostles,

Chapter 14, pg. 136, para.1. "A Seeker for Truth"

*"the conversion of Cornelius was to be the first  
of importance" among the Gentiles."*



Acts 10:2,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all  
his house, which gave much alms to the people,  
and prayed to God always.



Acts 10:5

5 And now send men to  
Joppa, and call for one  
Simon, whose surname is  
Peter:



## Who is Cornelius?

- A Devout Man
- A Spiritual Man
- A Roman
- A Centurion
- A Gentile
- A Pagan

## What did he do?

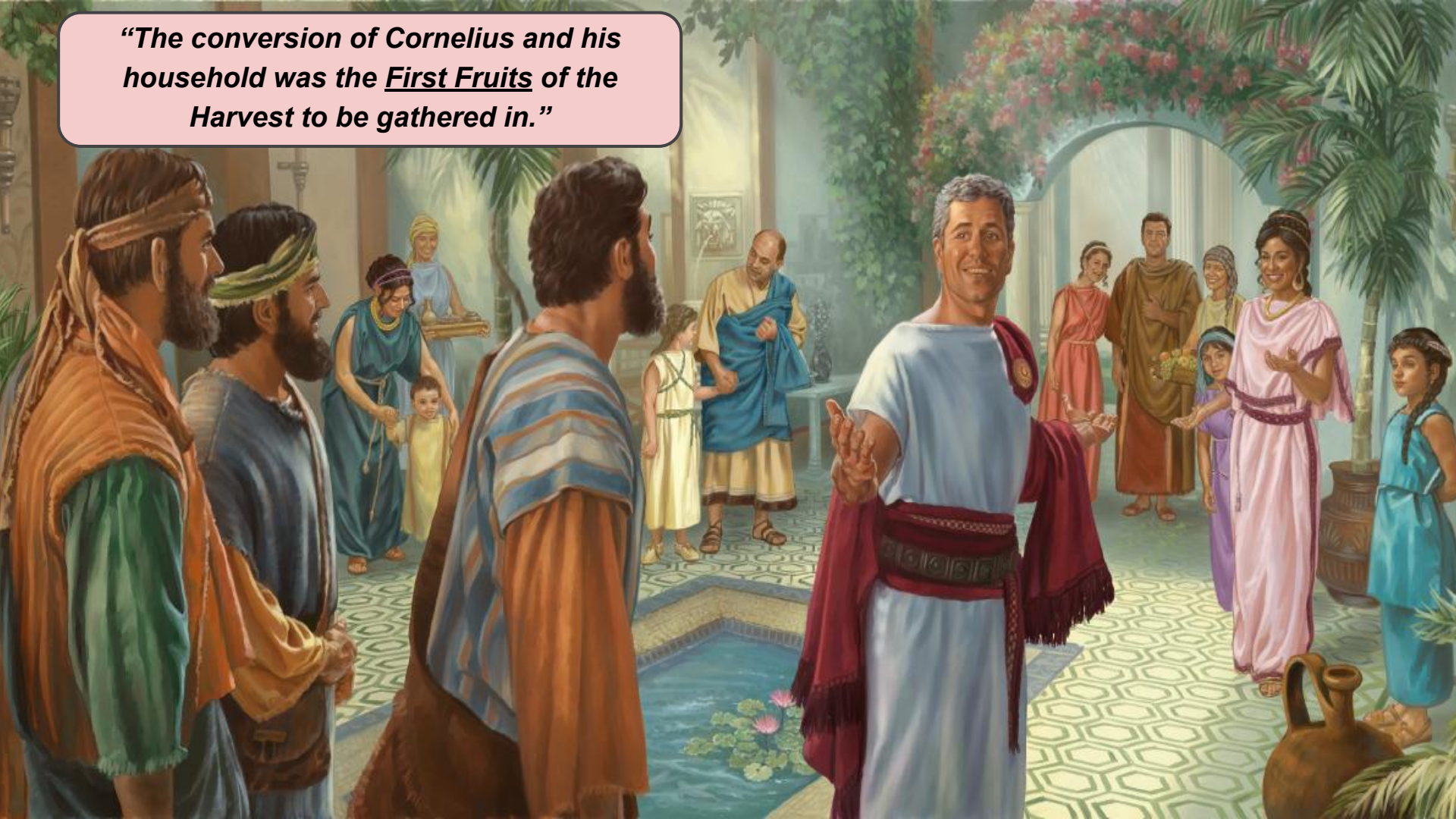
- Feared God
- Prayed to God
- Gave Alms



AA pg. 139, para.3,

*“Thus was the Gospel brought to those who had been strangers and foreigners making them fellow citizens with the Saints and members of the household of God.”*

***“The conversion of Cornelius and his household was the First Fruits of the Harvest to be gathered in.”***





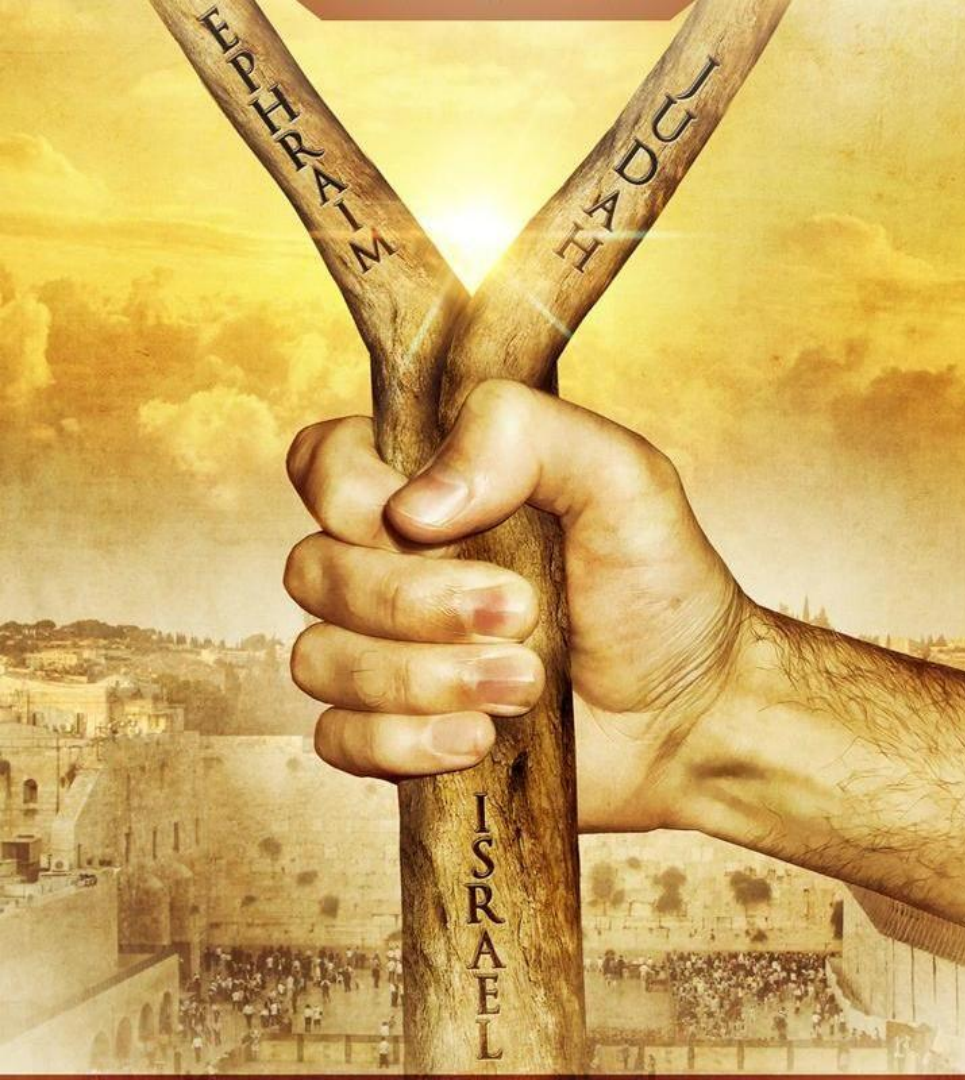
Revelation 18:4,

“Come out of her *my* people.”

We know this to be Babylon or the World and “*my*” is a reference to God.

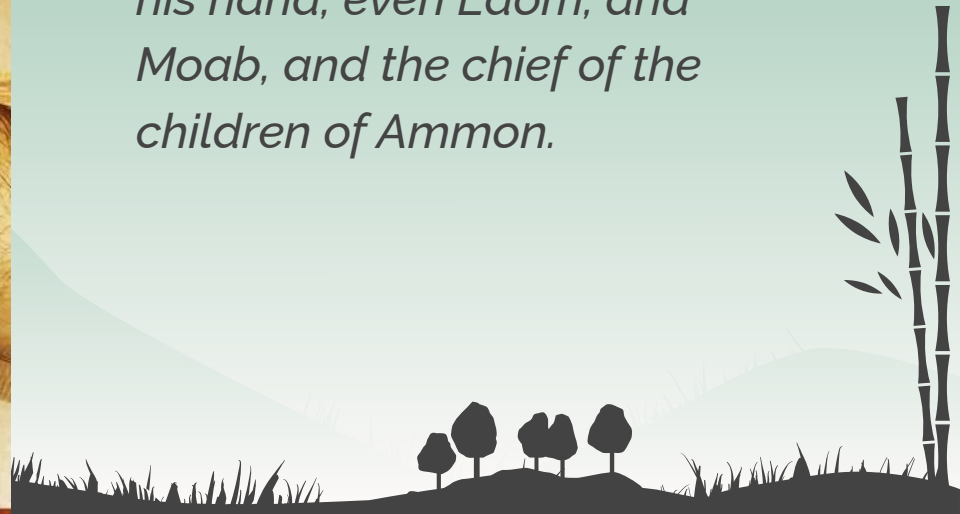
“Come out of the World *God's* people.”





Daniel 11:41,

*41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.*



Everlasting Gospel

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Four Gospels



Pentecost

Stoning  
Stephen

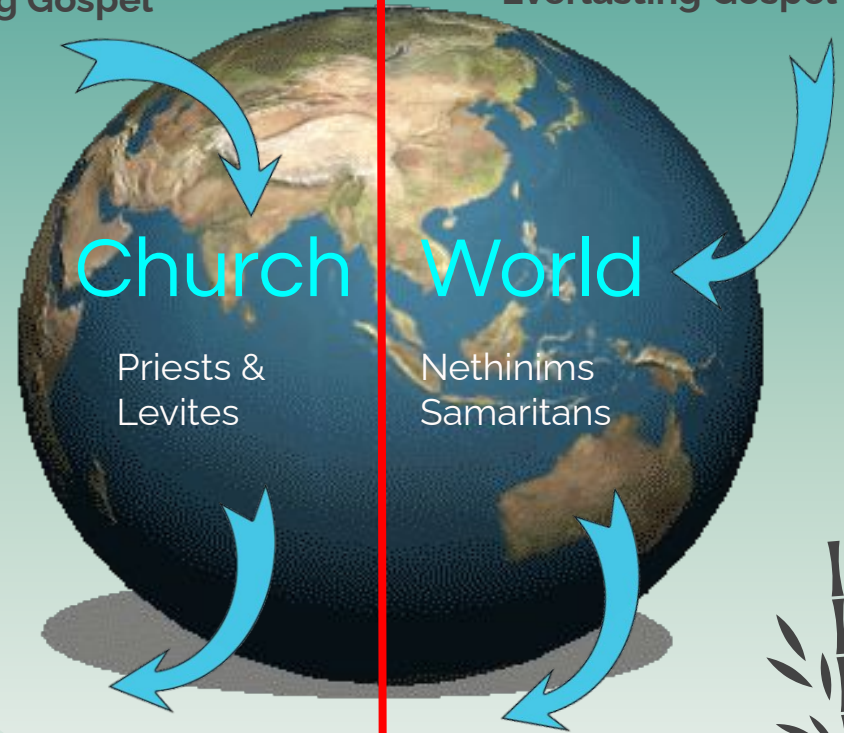
Acts

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Church 1 / Church 2

God's people  
in the World



Church World

Priests &  
Levites

Nethinims  
Samaritans

EARTH

*Laodicean Condition  
on Dead Church*



They're not genuine

The image features two white ceramic bowls. The bowl in the foreground is filled with a thick, brown, textured substance, likely representing dirt or grime, which is smeared across its interior surface. The bowl in the background is empty and clean. The background is a light teal color with stylized white clouds at the top. At the bottom, there is a black silhouette of a landscape with grass, bamboo stalks on the left, and a small cluster of trees on the right.

Matthew 23:25,

25 Woe unto you, scribes  
and Pharisees, hypocrites!  
for ye make clean the  
outside of the cup and of  
the platter, but within they  
are full of extortion and  
excess.




Matthew 23:27,

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Daniel 2



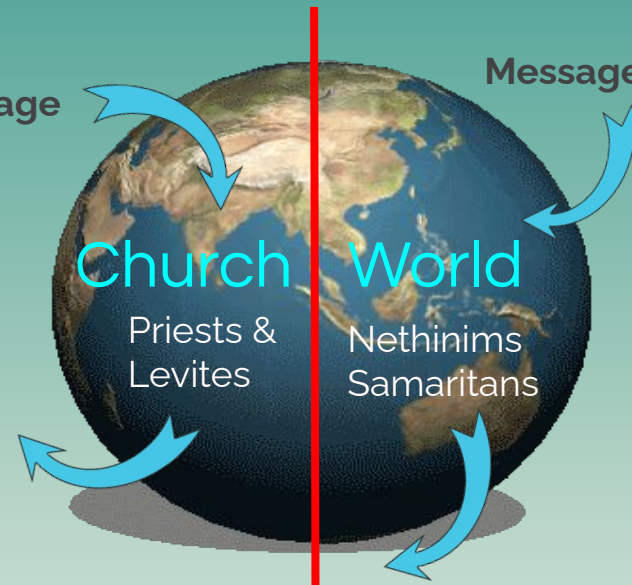
 = Priests & Levites

=Tares, Laodicea,  
SDA conference  
structure



Message


Message



Ellen White

Daniel 2

Time of  
the End

 = Priests &  
Levites

=Tares, Laodicea, SDA  
conference structure

Dispensation 1  
Scattering

Dispensation 2  
Gathering

*"Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver,  
and the gold, broken to pieces together."*





# *What is Chaff?*

**It's the protective fibrous outer coating that surrounds the wheat berries that is indigestible. In order to get to the nutrients inside the berry you have to mechanically remove the outer coating. The important point is that there is a separation work going on here.**



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Daniel 2

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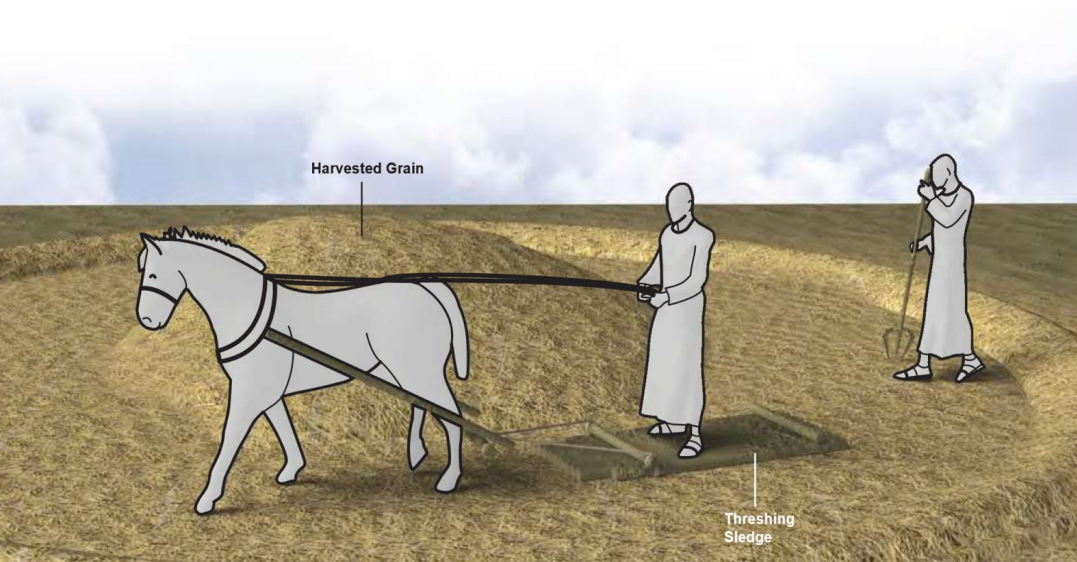
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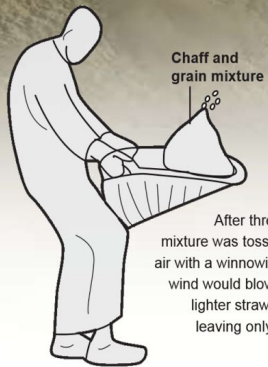
*You have to understand the agricultural model in order to see what's going on*





# A Threshing Floor

In the ancient world, farmers used threshing floors to separate grain from its inedible husk (chaff) by beating it with a flail or walking animals on it—sometimes while towing a threshing sledge. Sledges were fitted with flint teeth to dehusk the grain more quickly. Other workers would turn the grain over so that it would be evenly threshed by the sledge.



After threshing, the mixture was tossed into the air with a winnowing fan; the wind would blow away the lighter straw and chaff, leaving only the grain.



# What does the work of separation?



Rev. 18:4

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, "**my people,**" that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

"And the Wind carried them away"

# The World will not be Saved!

According to Acts 10, who are the people that will be saved?

- The Devout People
- Those who follow God
- They don't even need to know God
- It's based upon their faithfulness



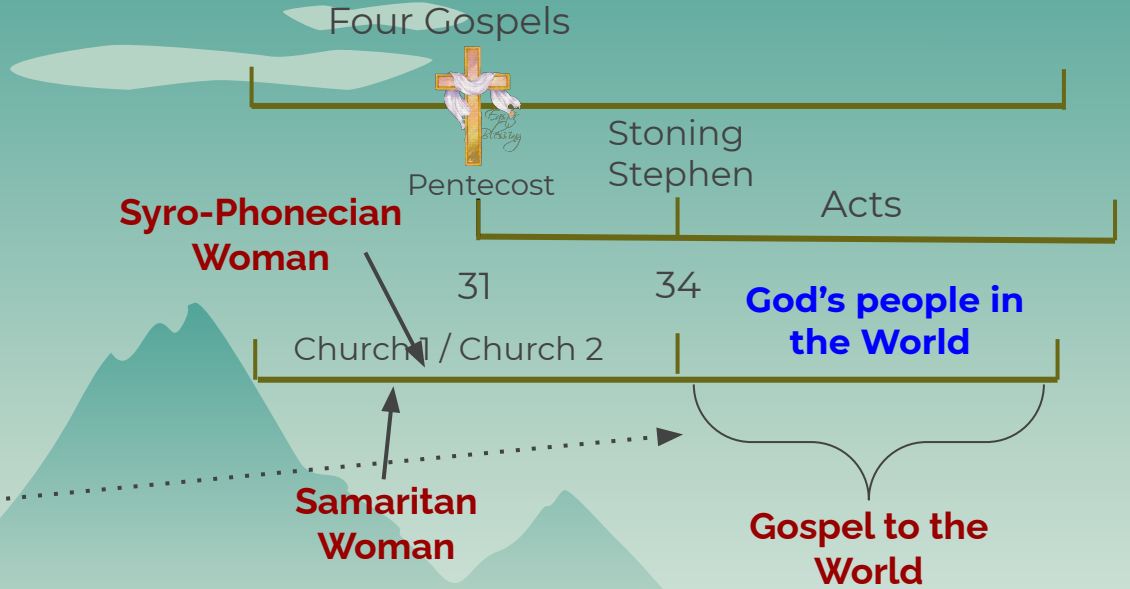
*What do the crumbs  
represent?*

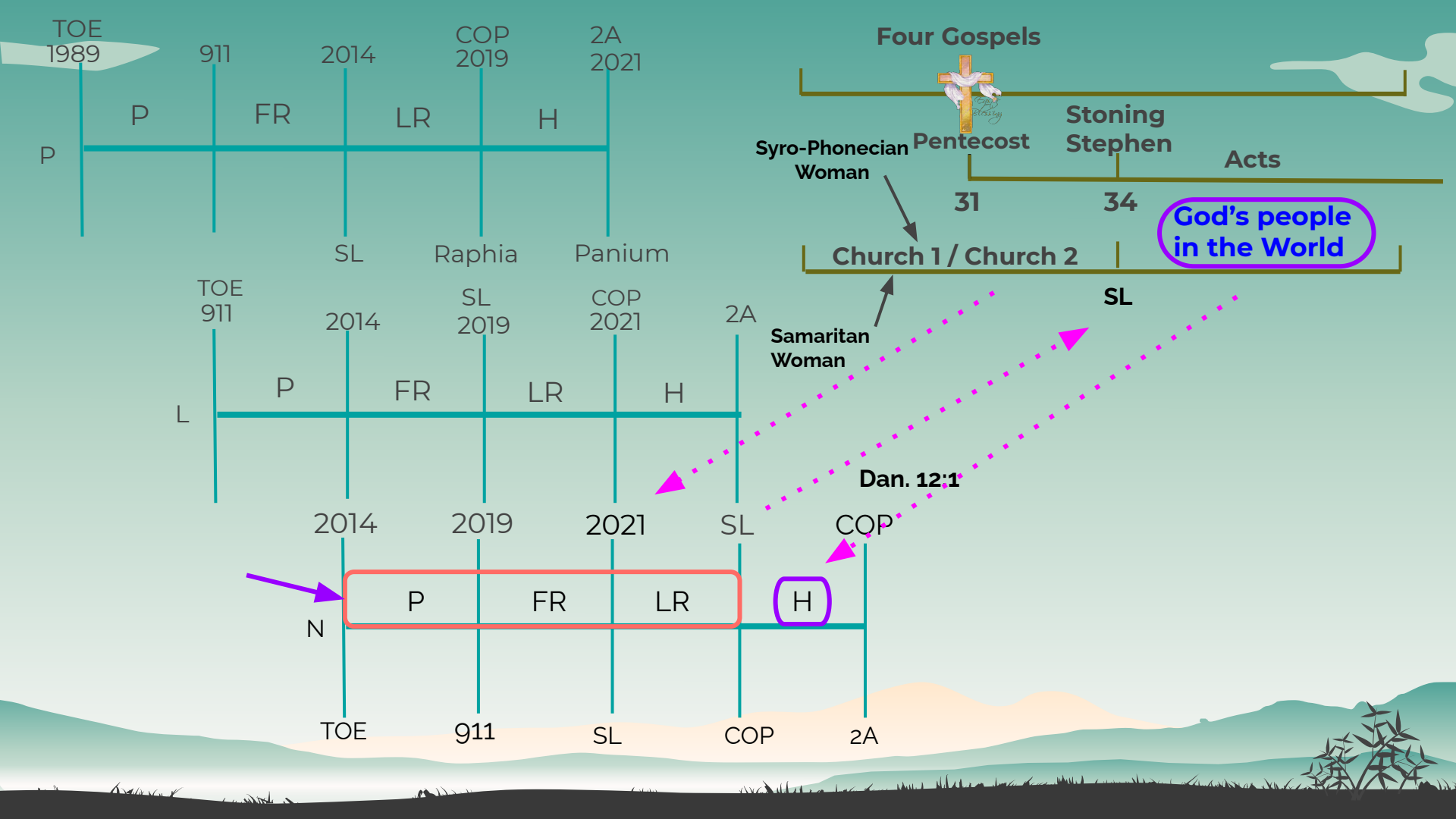


# The Gospel

She did not receive the full Gospel.

Why is God going to these people before he's supposed to?







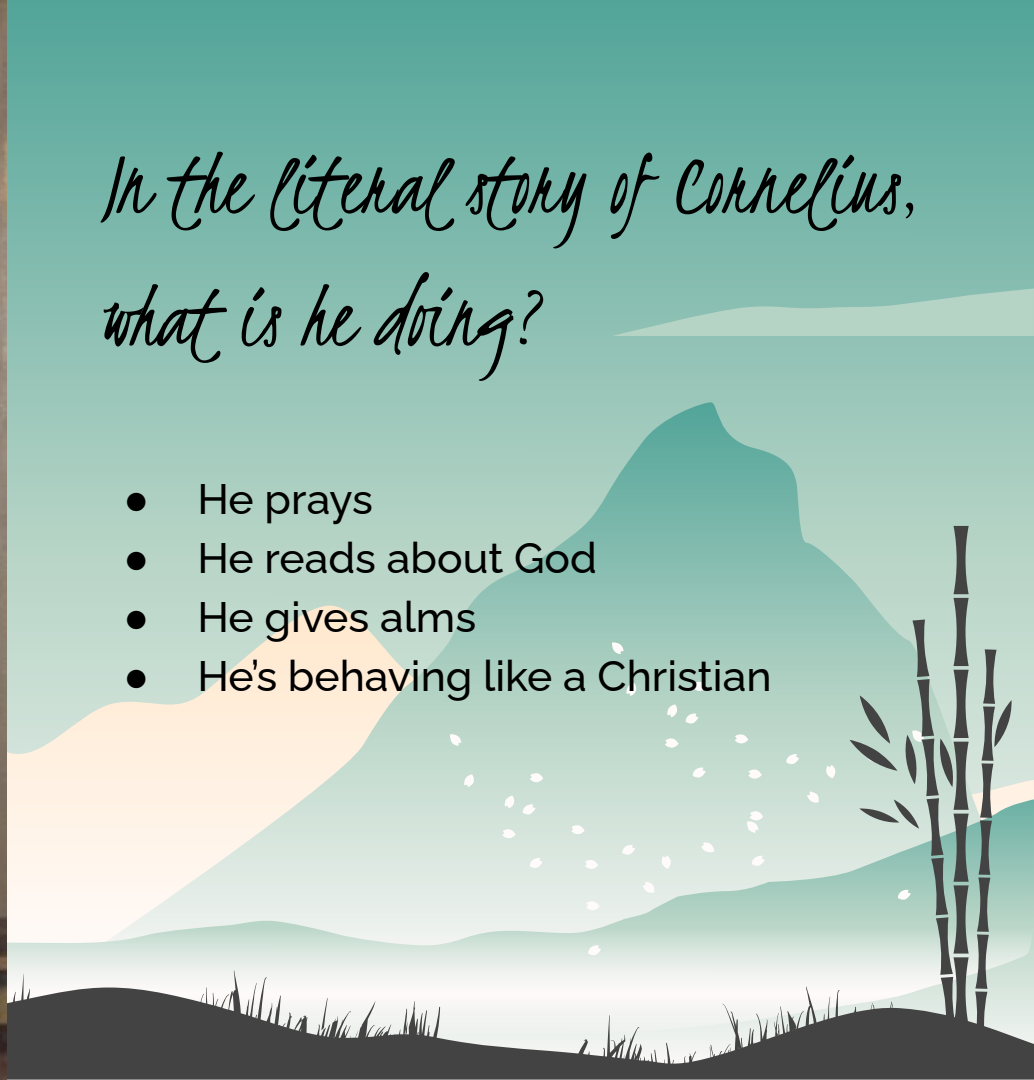


These two women are on the right side of these issues with this interaction they are having with Christ. They are not like other Samaritans that reject Jesus. These ones understand *who God is and how he operates*.

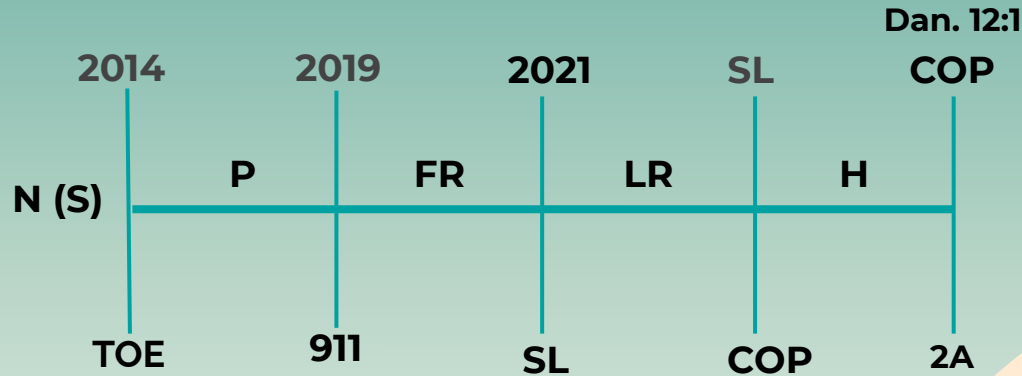


*In the literal story of Cornelius,  
what is he doing?*

- He prays
- He reads about God
- He gives alms
- He's behaving like a Christian



*In this history, we are not expecting these people to be Christians*



*They naturally do good but all we need to do is define what good means.*

*Good does not mean...*

- that you eat properly
- that you dress properly
- that you live in the right place

*Good means...*

How you treat people and that's  
what people are being tested on



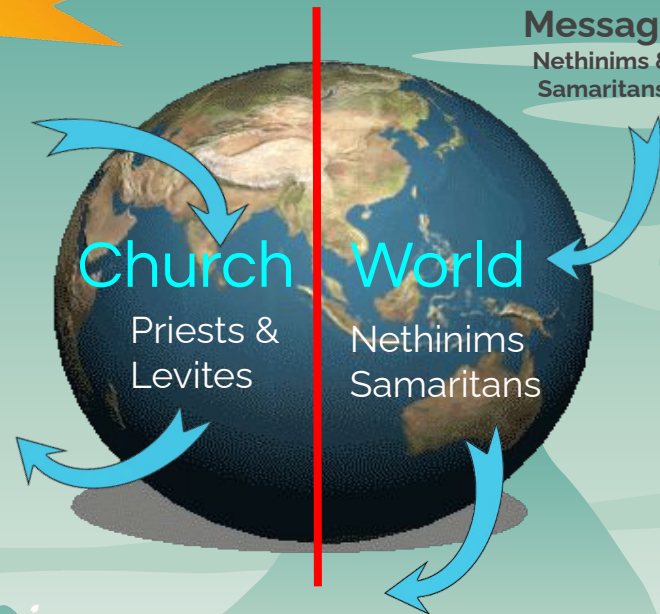
# What is their test?

Is their message the same as the message to the Priests and the Levites?

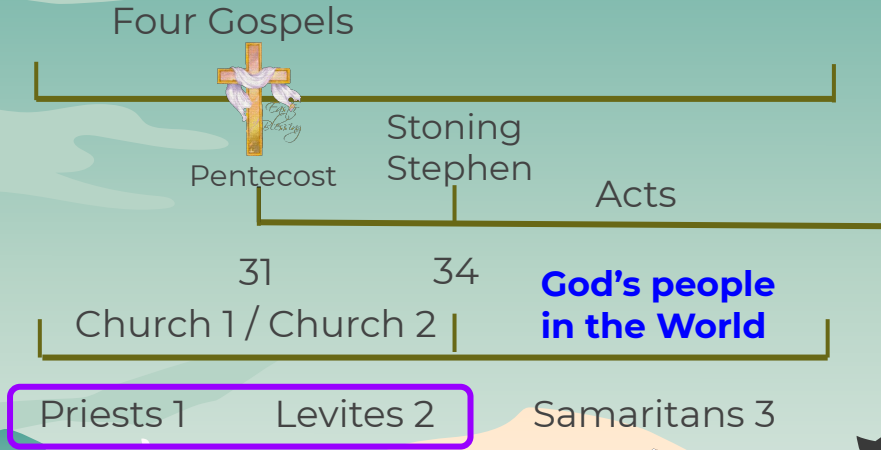
Or is it a different message?

Message  
Priests &  
Levites

Message  
Nethinims &  
Samaritans

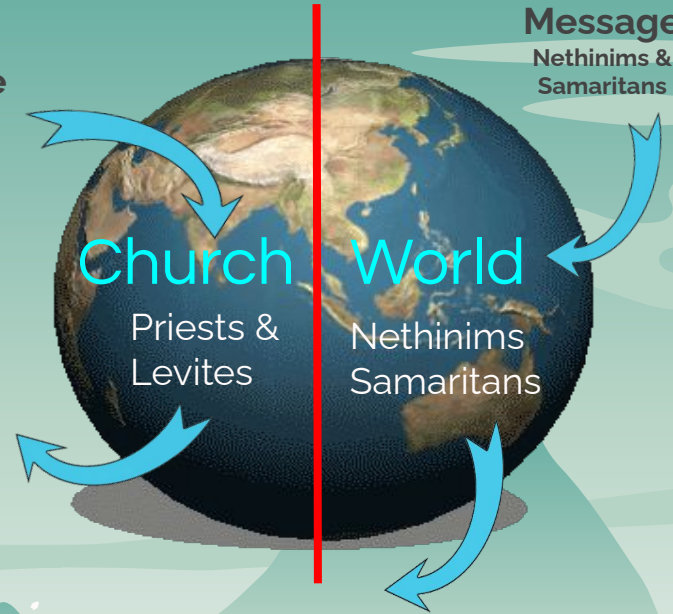


# How you treat people



Message  
Priests &  
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Message  
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Samaritans





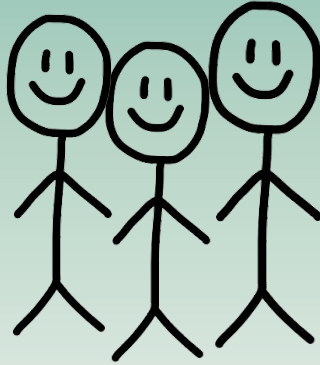
**It has to have one property and what do we call this?**

# Scalability

The same message has to  
be given to all three  
groups



Individual



Group or Church



World



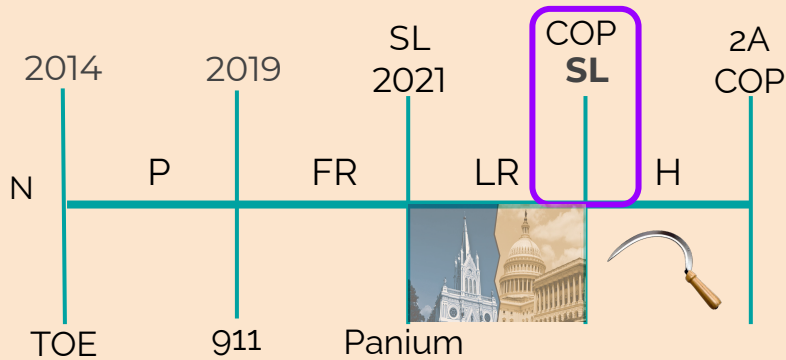
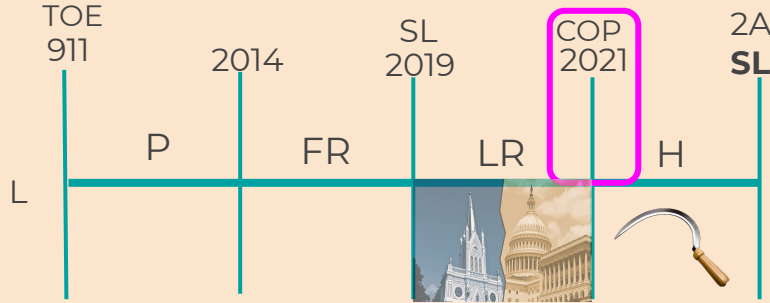
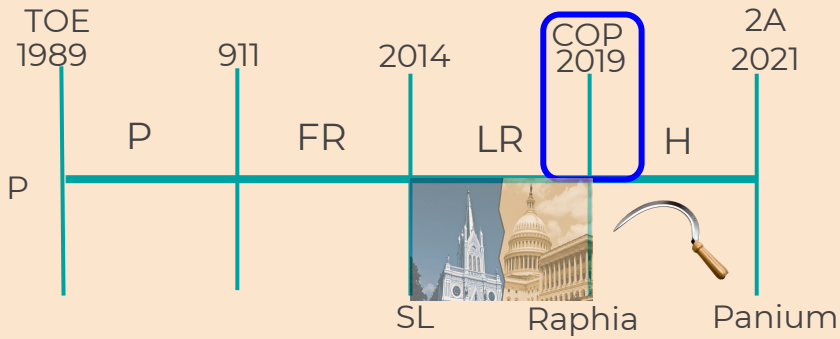
***“You say that Anna’s visions place the image of the beast after probation closes. (this is an error) You claim to believe the Testimonies (that’s code for, you claim to believe me) but you need to be straight on one point. God has clearly shown me that the image of the beast is going to be formed before the Close of Probation. The reason for that is because the Image of the Beast is the Great Test for God’s people, by which their eternal destiny will be decided.”***

***Second Selected Messages pg. 80, para. 4.***

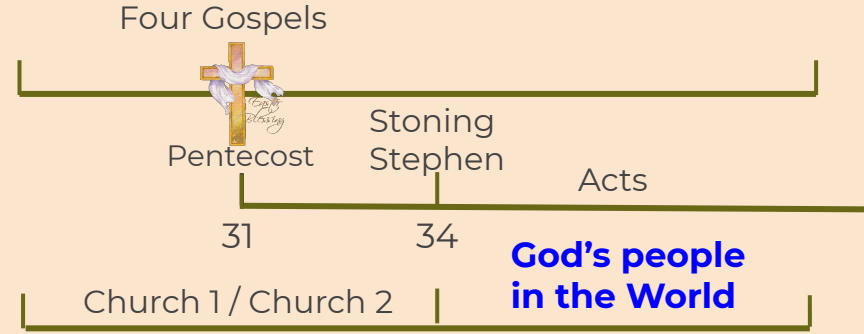
**Anna C. Rice (Phillips)** (1865-1926). Anna Rice for a brief time claimed to be another Adventist prophet. Born Anna Phillips, she was, in 1892, legally adopted in her mid-20s into the family of Elder **\*Jesse D. Rice**. Never having had a home of her own during her younger years, Anna was more than happy to be their obedient child. Unlike some aspiring after the prophetic gift down through history, Anna Rice was far from a charlatan. She appears to have been a sincere young woman with a simple faith in God and a great deal of personal insecurity. Sometime in 1892 she began to have what she thought might be prophetic experiences. Her first thought was to seek advice from Ellen White, but White was in Australia. The next-best thing, Anna reasoned, was to validate her gift through **\*A. T. Jones**. After all, hadn't Ellen White said that Jones had advanced light? If he approved her gift, she concluded, then her gift was genuine. Jones not only approved of her gift but encouraged her repeatedly up through February 1894. Beyond encouragement, Jones used Rice's "testimonies" in public meetings to demonstrate that the latter rain had begun and that her testimonies were evidence of that fact. At the 1893 General Conference session Jones and **\*W. W. Prescott** wanted to use Anna Rice's testimonies to bring about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but the General Conference president **\*O. A. Olsen** refused to let them read them publicly.



But 10 months later, with President Olsen in Australia, Jones and Prescott brought about a great charismatic excitement in Battle Creek through Rice's testimonies. At that point the denomination witnessed various charismatic excesses. The Anna Rice episode was brought to a sudden halt early in 1894 by several letters from Ellen White indicating that the visions had been endorsed "without sufficient evidence of their genuine character" (*Selected Messages*, 2:92). The whole business, Ellen White claimed, was not Anna's fault, but the fault of those who had encouraged her in her visions. Jones and Prescott apologized for their part and promised to be more careful in the future. Anna Rice, realizing that she had been misled, gave up her claims. She would later faithfully serve the denomination as a Bible worker. *Further reading*: G. Baker, "Anna Phillips," AR, Feb. 6, 1986; G. R. Knight, *From 1888 to Apostasy: The Case of A. T. Jones* (RHPA, 1987), pp. 92-116. George R. Knight



## The Line of Christ



**Dan. 12:1**

*The image of the Beast comes before Probation closes, not afterwards.*

*Ellen White is very clear  
what the image of the beast  
is. It's Church and State,  
she defines it in the Great  
Controversy and in the  
context of her writings, it's  
the Sunday Law.*

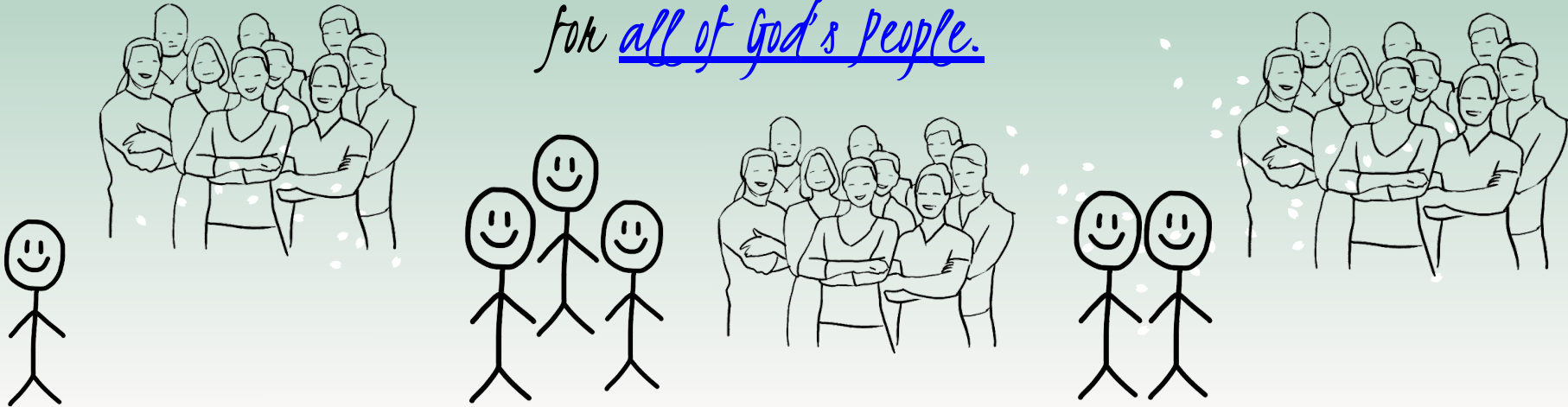


# let's understand who God's people are in the World

- Their not the World or Worldly People
- They may or may not be Vegan
- They may or may not Dress a certain way
- They may or may not live in the Country

*This is not their Test*

*There is only one Everlasting Gospel and only one Great Test and this test is for all of God's people.*



*Our Heavenly Father,*

*We want to worship you with thankful hearts. Thankful for all that you have done for us and continue to do. I want to pray for a special blessing for those who are praying with us now. May you answer the desires of their hearts. There are people here that are in pain, emotional, spiritual, physical, financial and many difficulties. Lord, you know them all but we've come here this weekend to worship you and to learn more about you. May the truths that you give to us be the means of healing. This is our prayer as we all return to our homes to take up our individual work. Help us to realize the times in which we live and truly Father we ask that you breathe upon us the breath of God. In our Saviors name,*

*Amen*

