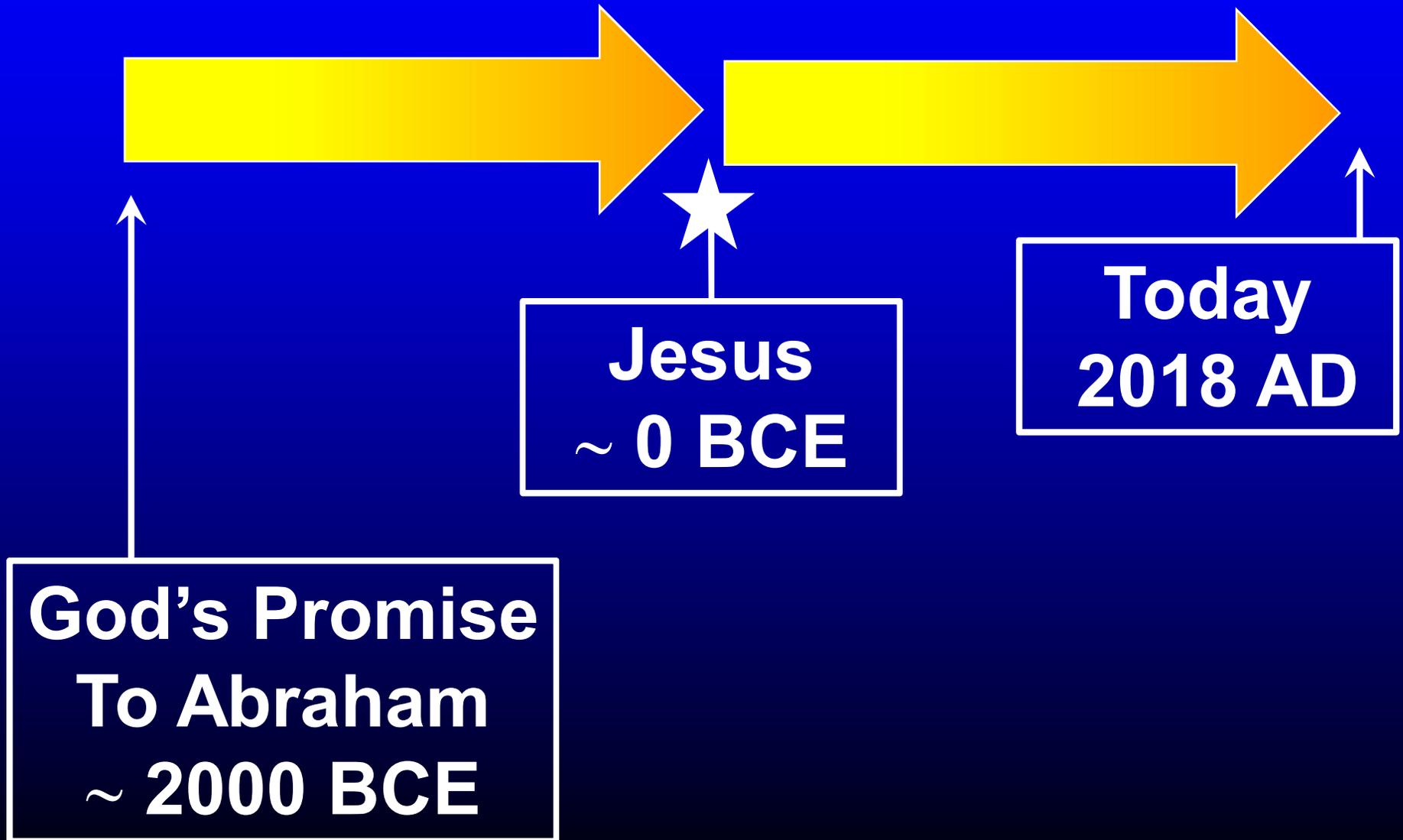


*A brief history of the events
leading up to today's story.*



A timeline of God's people:



Patriarchs

Abraham
Isaac
Jacob

~ 2,000 BCE

Slavery in Egypt



~ 1,733 BCE

Passover & Liberation

~ 1,440 BCE

Exodus & Conquest

Period of The Judges

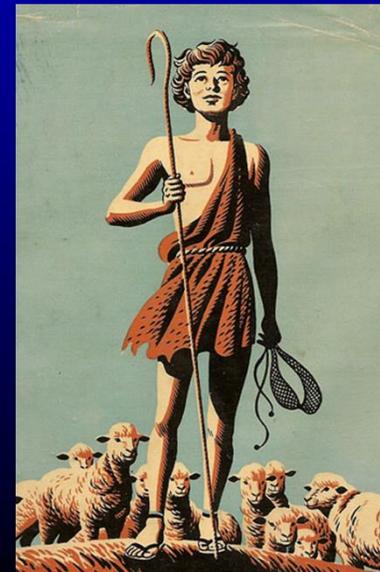
The United Monoarchy

Moses

~ 1440 BCE

**Saul
David
Solomon**

~ 1000 BCE



*Jerusalem
becomes
the city
of David*

Divided Monoarchy

Assyrian Destruction

Exile in Babylon

Israel (North)

Judah (South)

Isaiah
Jeremiah

*Jerusalem
Temple
Destroyed*

~ 931 BCE

~ 722 BCE

~ 586 BCE

**Exile in
Babylon**

**Persians Defeat
The Babylonians**

**Greek
Rule**



**Zechariah
520 BCE**

~ 539 BCE

~ 333 BCE

**Greek
Rule**

Roman Rule



**Rebellion
Uprisings
Unrest**



63 BCE

~ 333 BCE

476 AD

In the 2,000 years from Abraham to Jesus:

- The period is filled with examples of triumph, conquest, downfall, exile, and oppression.
- During its long history, Jerusalem has been attacked 52 times, captured and recaptured 44 times, besieged 23 times, and destroyed twice.

- **Palestine in the time of Jesus was a pressure cooker about to explode.**
- **There were guerrilla wars, revolts, and uprisings.**
- **The people were always on the lookout for the next charismatic leader who could lead them to deliverance and victory.**

Passover was/is a very special annual celebration!



- Celebrating in Jerusalem was especially important and people came from miles around.
- Jesus was coming to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.
- Jesus's reputation preceded his arrival!

Jesus arrives!



A problem for the Roman oppressors:



Stark Contrast!

- **Pilate's entry was designed to intimidate and show absolute force to benefit a few. Jesus's entry was designed to show peace, forgiveness and acceptance offered for all.**
- **Pilate was eventually fired from his job and had to return to Rome. Jesus' work throughout the world continues to this day!**

Why did Jesus come to Jerusalem?

- **To fulfill the prophecy.**
- **To signal the end of his earthly ministry.**
- **To share a timeless, universal message.**
- **To establish a new covenant.**
- **To provide deliverance from the oppression of sin and separation.**
- **To give a glimpse of eternal peace and joy.**
- **To demonstrate an exemplary life lived.**

Which Procession will you follow?

