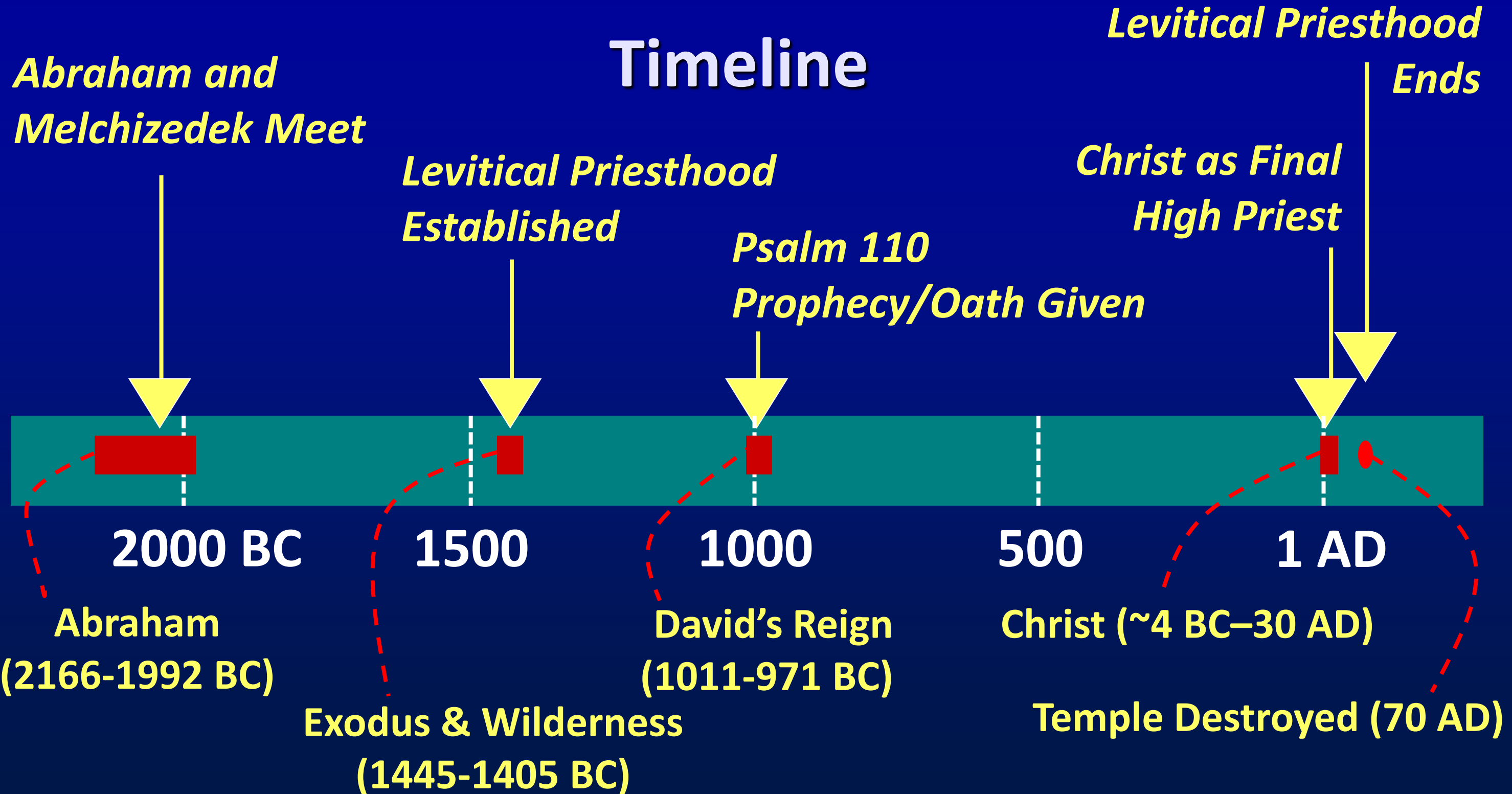


Our Forever Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 7:23-28

Timeline



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 - The ministry of Jesus and His priesthood is permanent (v24)
 - The ministry of Jesus is to save forever and always make intercession for those who come to Him (v25)

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Ephesians 2:8–9 ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Acts 4:12 ¹²“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

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Jesus' High Priestly Prayer of John 17

He Prayed For

- Himself, that He might glorify the Father and complete the work He had been sent to accomplish
- His disciples, who were chosen to spread the gospel after His departure
- Entire family of believers

The Goals Included

- Unity of God's people
- Their joy in spite of hardships and discouragement
- Their preservation from evil
- Their sanctification by the Word of God
- Their eternal fellowship with Christ

Jesus' Ministry of Intercession

- **Static aspect - His redemptive work has been completed**
- **Dynamic aspect - He continues to care for God's people**
- **Christ's intercession is seen as including:**
 - 1. His presence with the Father as the ground of each believer's justification**
 - 2. His thwarting of Satan's accusations against each believer**
 - 3. His claim for each believer's right of access to the divine presence**
 - 4. His mediation of the prayers of each believer**

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 - He was **Leviticus 16:6**⁶“Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.” (v28)

Comparison in Hebrews 7:26-28

Levitical Priests	Christ as the Final High Priest
Unholy (sinful)	Holy (sinless)
Guilty	Innocent
Defiled	Undefiled
Sinners themselves	Separated from sinners
Not exalted	Exalted above the heavens
Need to offer daily sacrifices for their own sin	Does not need to offer sacrifices for His sin because He has no sin
Need to offer daily sacrifices for the sins of others	Offered Himself once for all as a sacrifice for the sins of others
Function as men before God	Functions as a Son before God
Appointed by the Law	Appointed by the word of the oath
Weak	Perfectly strong
Temporary	Permanent

Observations and Application

- Jesus was perfectly God, fully and perfectly human, was the perfect High Priest who offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice, and it was done once and for all!
- There is none greater, none stronger, none superior, none more loving, none more perfect than Jesus!
- To the one who is in Christ – this is your High Priest, forever!