



The Revelation of Jesus Christ,  
which God gave Him to show to His bond-  
servants, the things which must soon take  
place; and He sent and communicated  
it by His angel to His bond-servant John.



# CONTEXT

- The CONTEXT of **TIME**



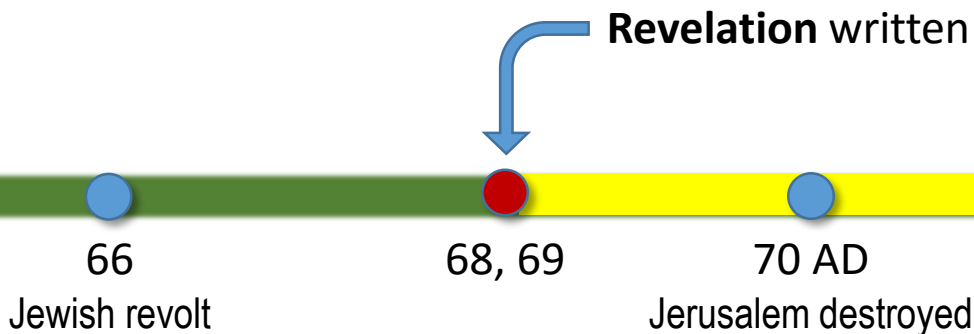
**Soon!  
Near!**

'the things which must soon take place'

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**Soon!  
Near!  
QUICKLY!**





## CONTEXT

- Internal Clues

1. Fulfillment of God's **Mystery**: **10:7**

...but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then **the mystery of God is finished**, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

2. The **unsealed prophecy**: **22:10** (compare w/ Dan.12:4)

Then he told me, "**Do not seal** up the words of prophecy in this book, because the **time is near**."



# CONTEXT

- Internal Clues

3. Coming **Vengeance**: 6:9-11

“How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and **avenging** our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

4. The Great **Tribulation**: 1:9; 7:14

5. The Great city called **Sodom**: 11:8

6. The great day of **Wrath**: 6:6, 17; 14:10; 15:1

# Revelation



## The Larger Biblical Context

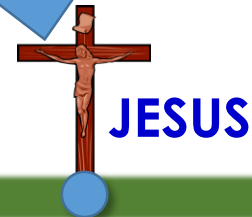
- The Mystery of God

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### 'The Mystery'

Romans 16:25  
Ephesians 1:8-9  
Ephesians 3:3-5; 8-9  
Colossians 1:25-27; 2:2

God's Plan

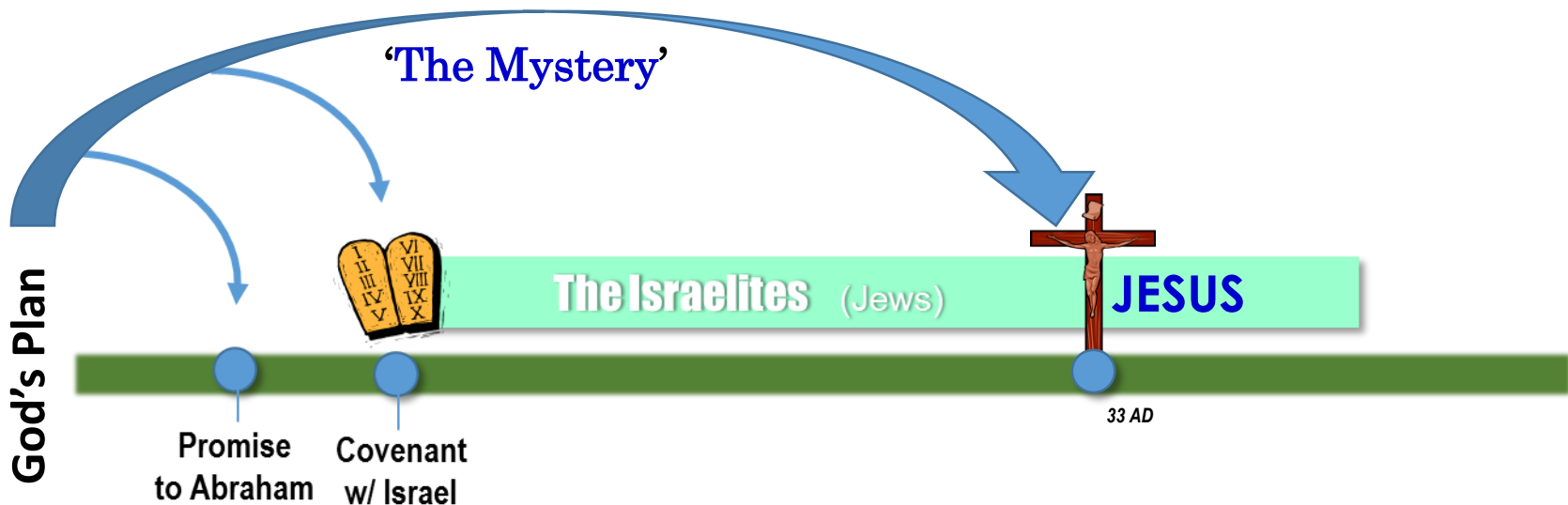


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# The Larger Biblical Context

- God's Covenants
  - A. With **Abraham**, Genesis 12:1-3
  - B. With **Israel**, Exodus 19-24
  - C. The **blessing** and the **curse**, Deuteronomy 28



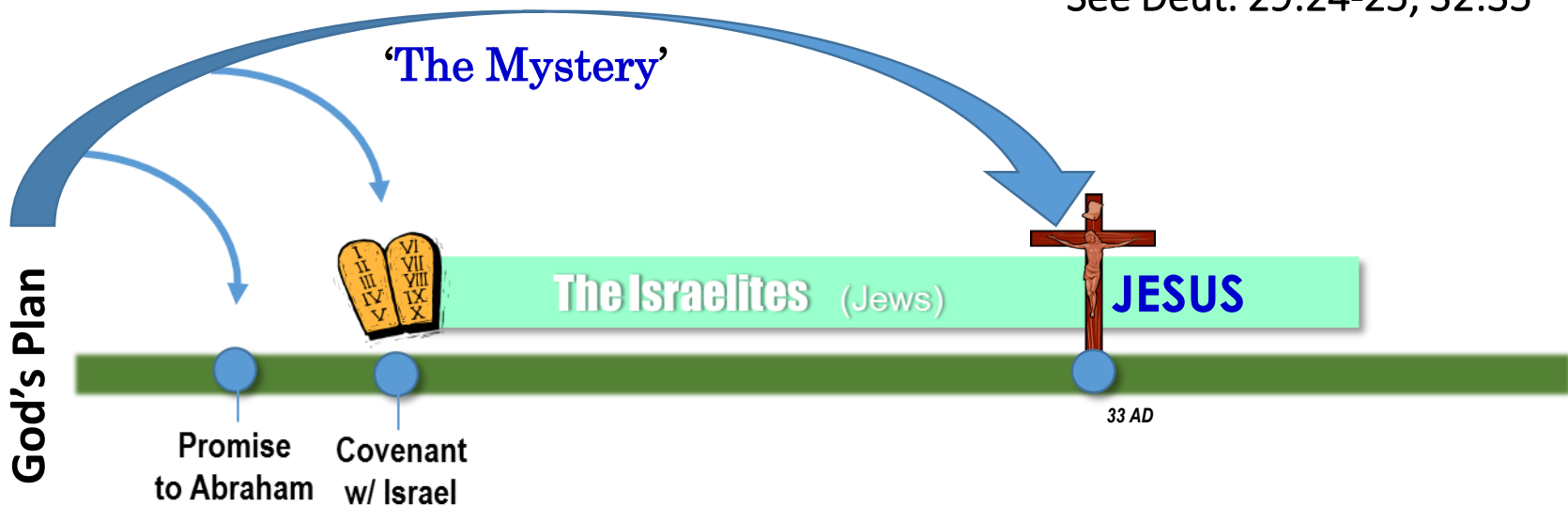


## The Larger Biblical Context

- God's Covenants

“...this people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will forsake Me and **break My covenant** which I have made with them.” Deut. 31:16

See Deut. 29:24-25; 32:35



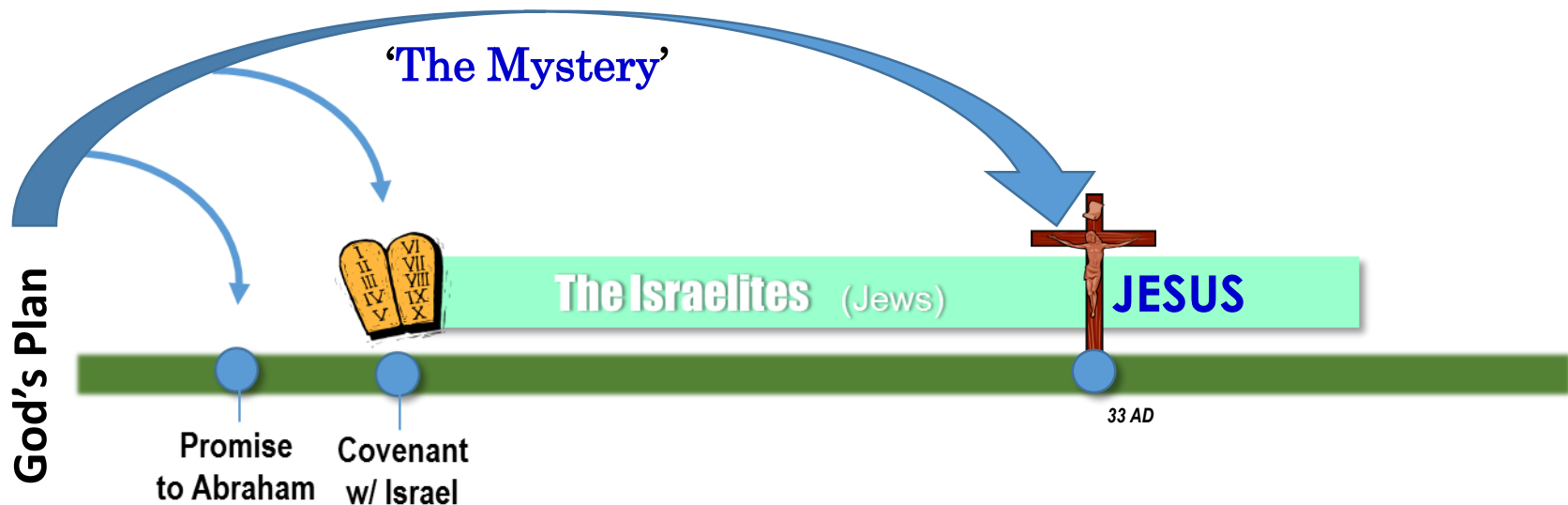


## The Larger Biblical Context

- God's Judgment

“The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand.”

Deuteronomy 28:49  
(see 28:53, 56-57, 64)



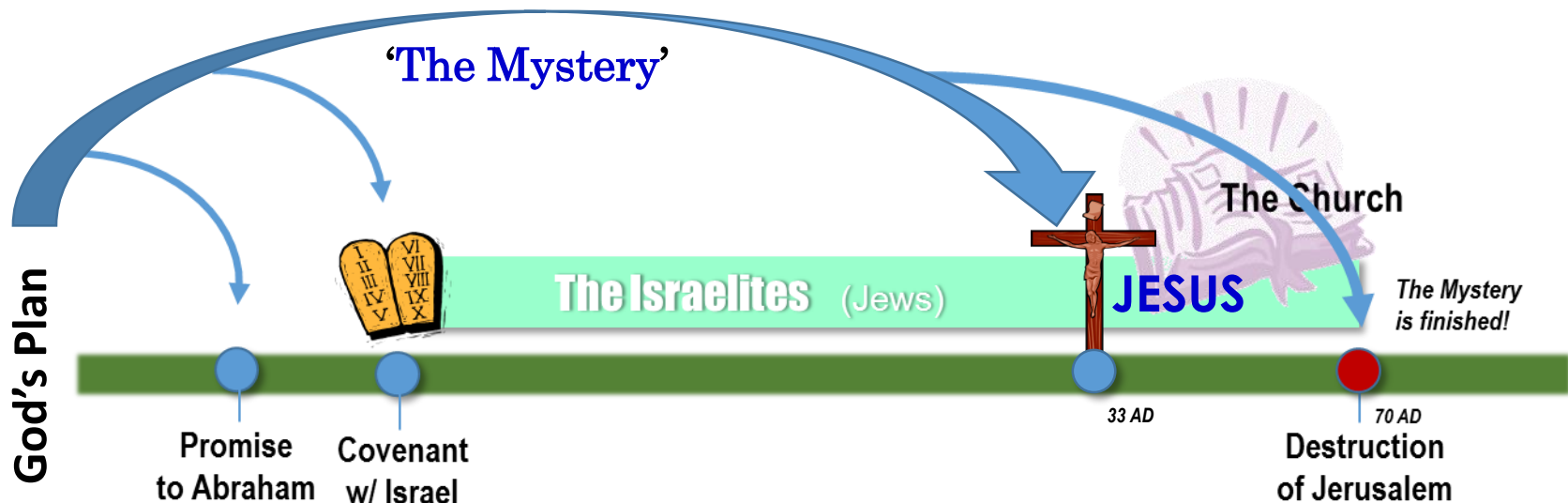


## The Larger Biblical Context

- [A New Covenant](#)

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make a **new covenant** with the  
house of Israel ...I will put My law within them  
and on their heart I will write it; and I will be  
their God, and they shall be My people”

Jeremiah 31:31-33





## The Larger Biblical Context

- Why the Jews of Jesus' day?



1. Guilty of **all** the blood, Matt. 23:35
2. Judgment upon **this** generation, 23:36
3. Charged with **all** the blood,  
Luke 11:49-51
4. Christ's **murderers**, Acts 7:52-53
5. Heap up their sins to **full capacity**,  
1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

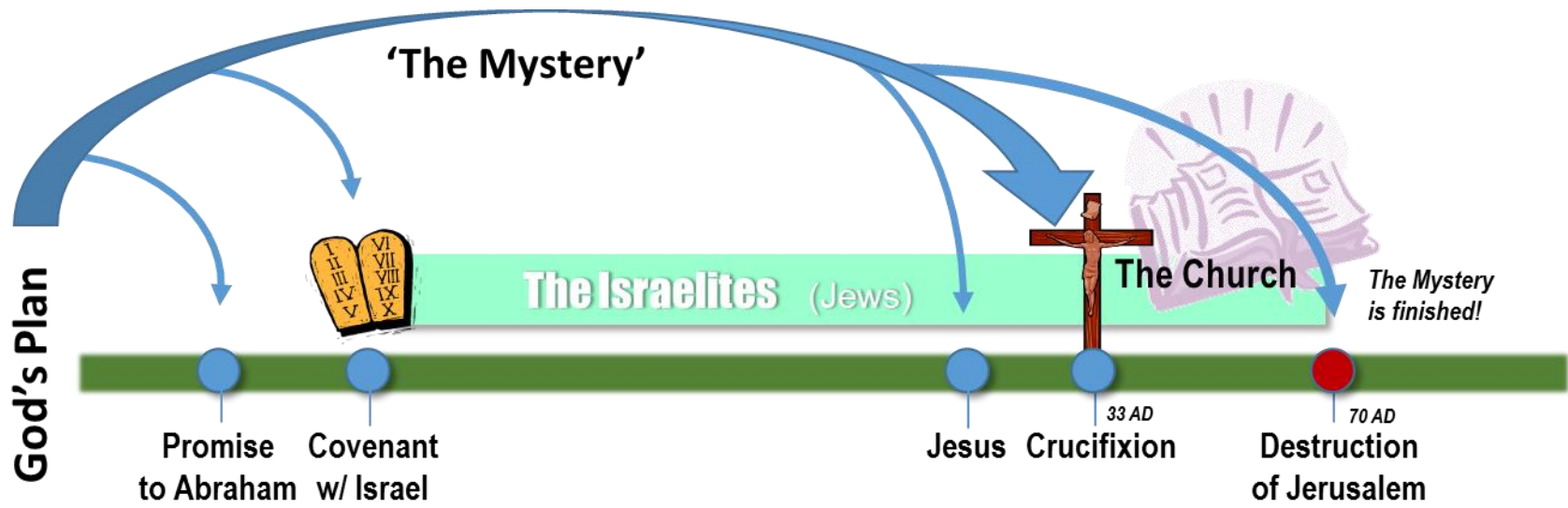
“Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers. 33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell? 34 Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city”  
**Matthew 23:32-34**



# The Larger Biblical Context

**Luke 21:20**

“...these are days of **vengeance**, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.”





## **Summary:** The theme of the book of Revelation

- God is going to avenge the death of all His prophets, the death of His Son, and the deaths of the Christians.
- He will do this by bringing His wrath upon the Jews – the ones being held guilty for all their murders.
- This will result in the physical nation of Israel coming to an end, as victory is given to the saints.



## **NEXT:**

The destruction of Jerusalem  
and Apocalyptic language

Matthew 24