

GALATIANS

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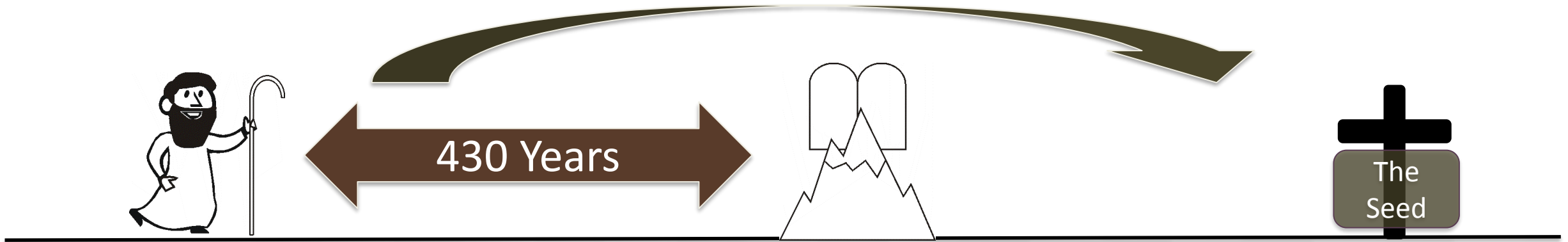
ROUGH OUTLINE OF GALATIANS

**CHAPTERS 1-2: PAUL'S AUTHORITY IS
FROM CHRIST**

**CHAPTERS 3-4: WE ARE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH
AND NOT THE WORKS OF THE LAW**

**CHAPTERS 5-6: VARIOUS EXHORTATIONS
TO CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR**

Brethren, I speak according to man: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.



“and in your seed **all the nations of the earth shall be blessed**, because you have obeyed My voice.”
(Gen 22:18)

“know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs where they will be enslaved and oppressed **four hundred years.**”
(Gen 15:13)

“the promise is for you and your children **and for all who are far off...**”
(Acts 2:39)

WHY THE LAW?

1. IT WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS

- Through a Mediator – Moses
- Until Jesus Should Come
- Incapable Of Saving, But Capable Of Restraining Sin

2. TO SHUT UP ALL UNDER SIN

- “But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God...You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law. (Rom 2:17-23)

3. IT WAS A TUTOR TO LEAD TO CHRIST

- Principles that lead toward Christ
- Examples that lead toward Christ
- Prophecies that lead toward Christ

WHY THE LAW?



Now I say that the heir,
as long as he is a child,
does not differ at all
from a slave, though he
is master of all,



Therefore you
are no longer a
slave but a son,
and if a son,
then an heir of
God through
Christ.

And because you are
sons, God has sent
forth the Spirit of
His Son into your
hearts, crying out,
"Abba, Father!"

ABBA - Syriac
FATHER - Greek

But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

**GENTILE
CHRISTIANS**

But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to **the weak and beggarly elements**, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

WEAK = FEEBLE, SICK,
WITHOUT STRENGTH

BEGGARLY = POOR, LACKING,
DESTITUTE

You observe days and months and seasons and years. (4:10)

**Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath day:
(Col. 2:16)**

I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain. Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I [became] like you. You have not injured me at all.

You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.
(probably referring to his thorn in the flesh – 2 Cor 12:7)

And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, [even] as Christ Jesus.

What then was the blessing you [enjoyed]? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. **Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?**

They zealously court you, [but] for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them. But it is good to be **zealous in a good thing always**, and not only when I am present with you.

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; **for I have doubts about you.**

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