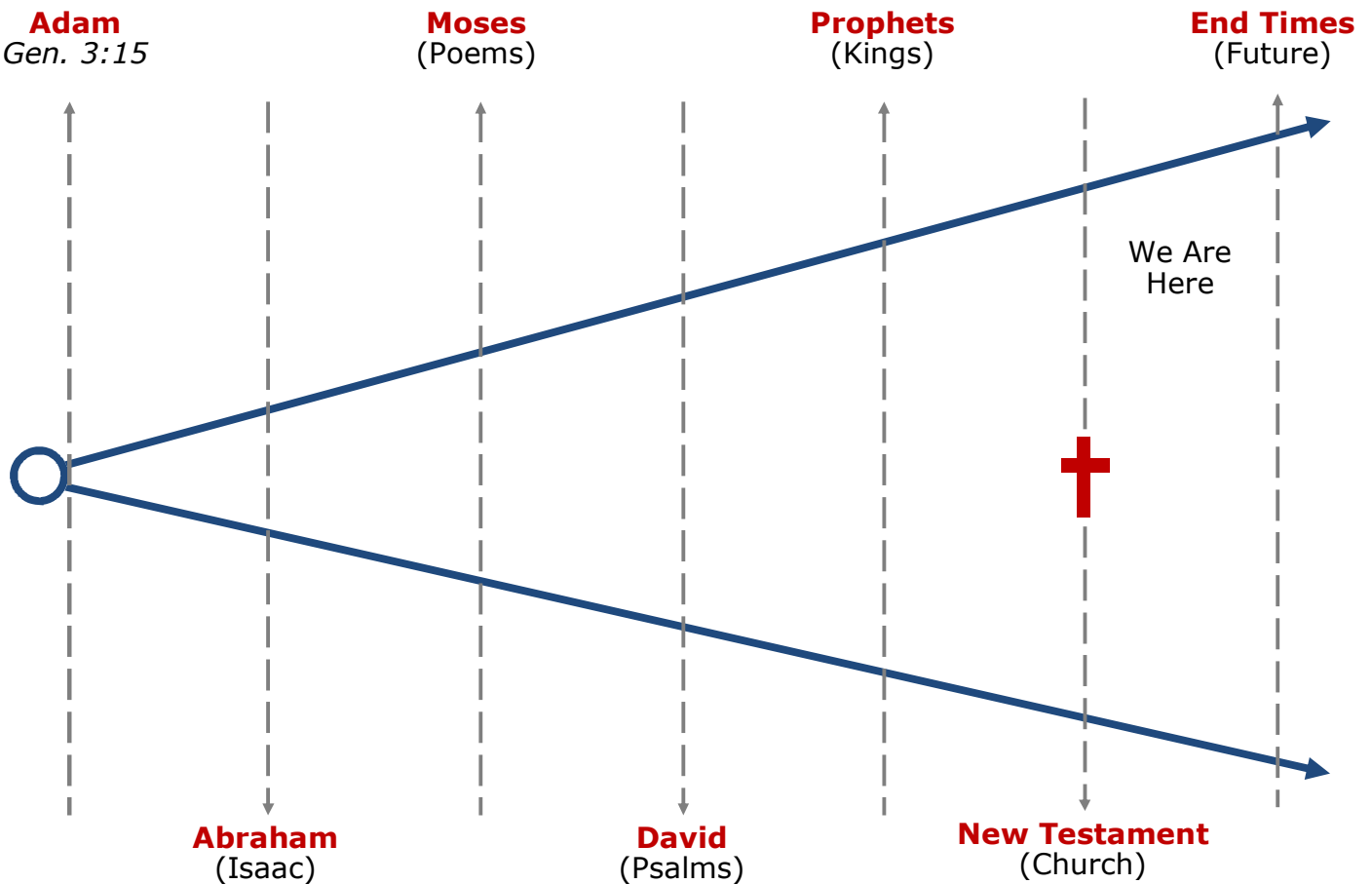


Progressive Revelation

God's Plan in Stages

God did not reveal Himself, or His plan for humanity, all at once. He did it in stages. "What at first is obscurely intimated (*Gen. 3:15*) is gradually unfolded in subsequent parts of the Bible, until the truth is revealed in full" (Charles Hodge). Sections that were written later contain a fuller understanding of what transpired earlier.



Explanation of the Chart

After the Fall, Adam knew very little of God's plan to redeem mankind. However, he did know that a Promised Seed was coming to repair what he had ruined (*Gen. 3:15*). Abraham was told a little more about the Chosen One (*Gen. 12:1-3; 22:18*). Even more was revealed to Moses, which he included in his poems (*Gen. 49; Num. 23, 24*). David also covered many aspects of Christ's ministry in his poetic prophecies (see *Psa. 22:1, 16*). Then, of course, a great deal of revelation was given to the numerous prophets, especially Isaiah (*Isa. 42, 53*).

Today, we have the privilege of standing on the other side of Christ, looking back at the *progressive revelation*. However, we know very little about what will take place in the future. God has told us all that we need to know. His Son will return but, in the meantime, even we are kept in the dark.

