



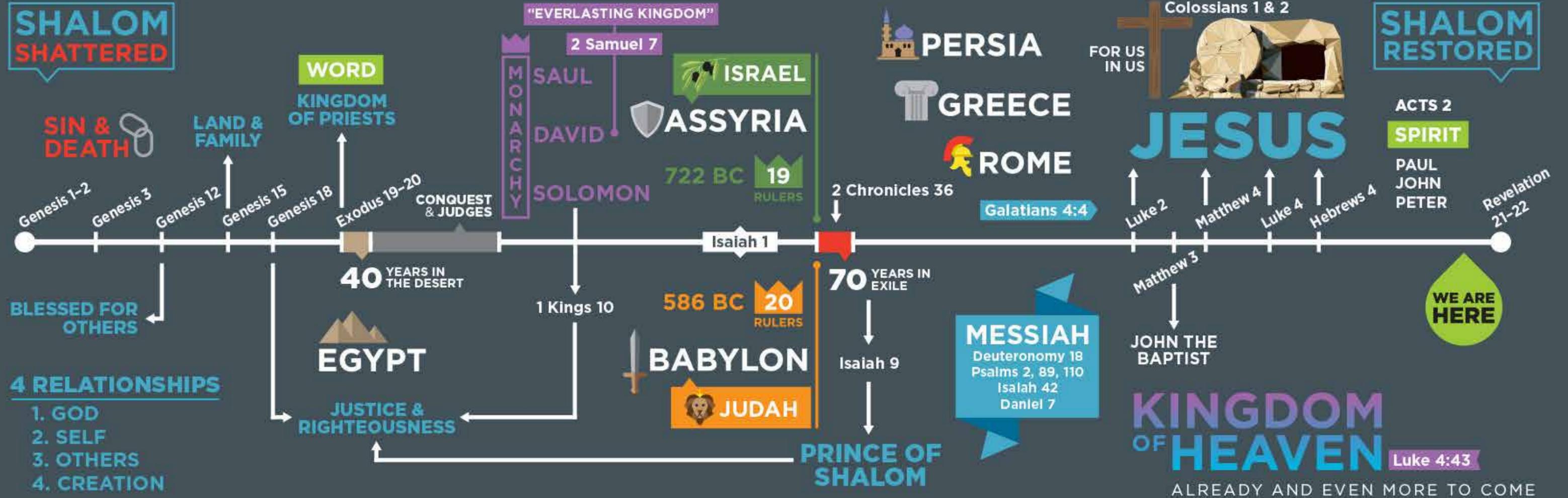
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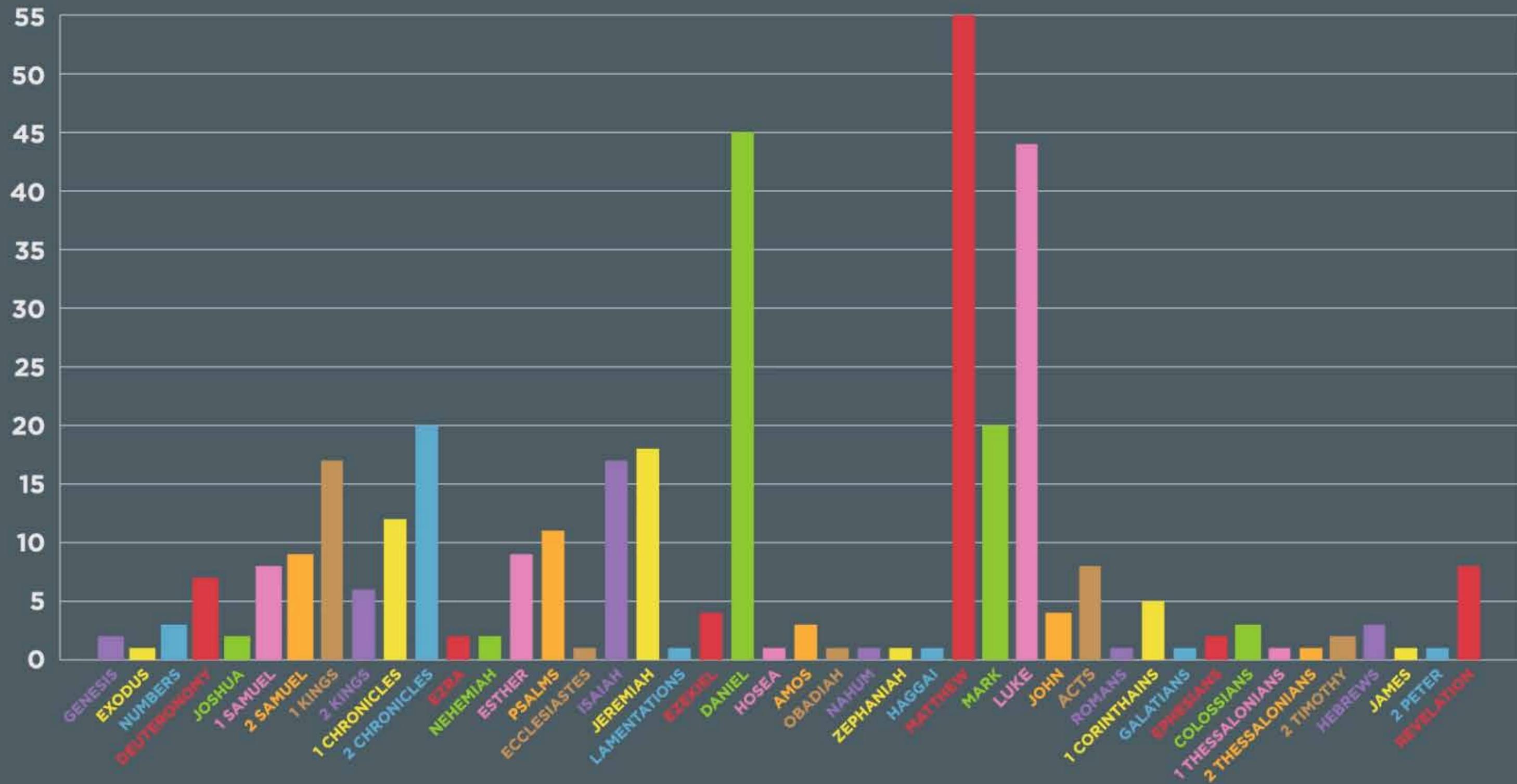
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN | CRAIG REES

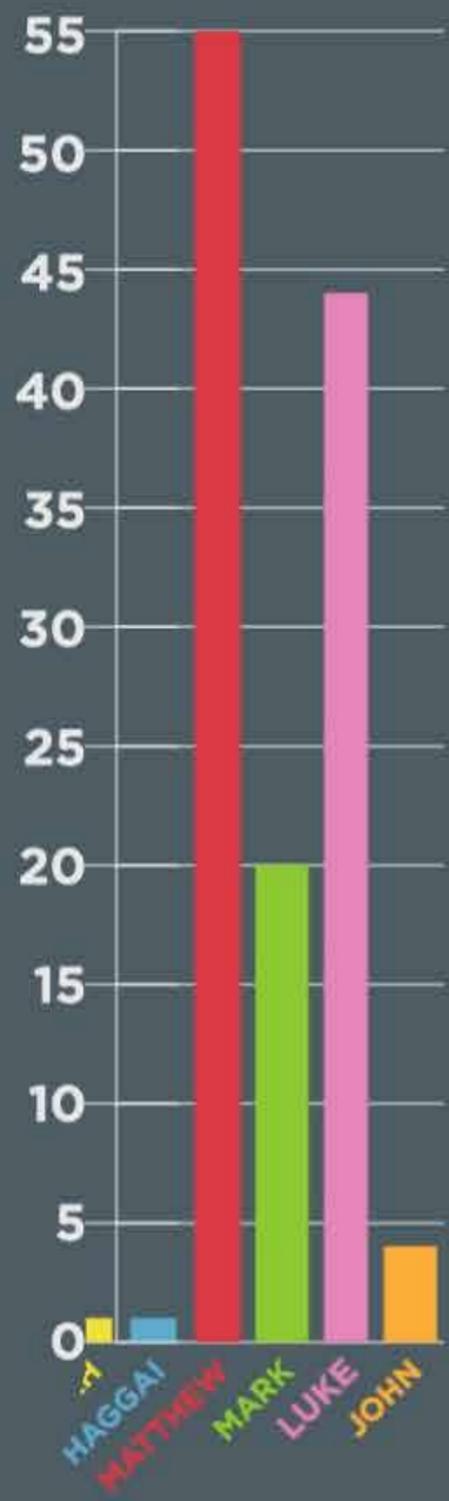
THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

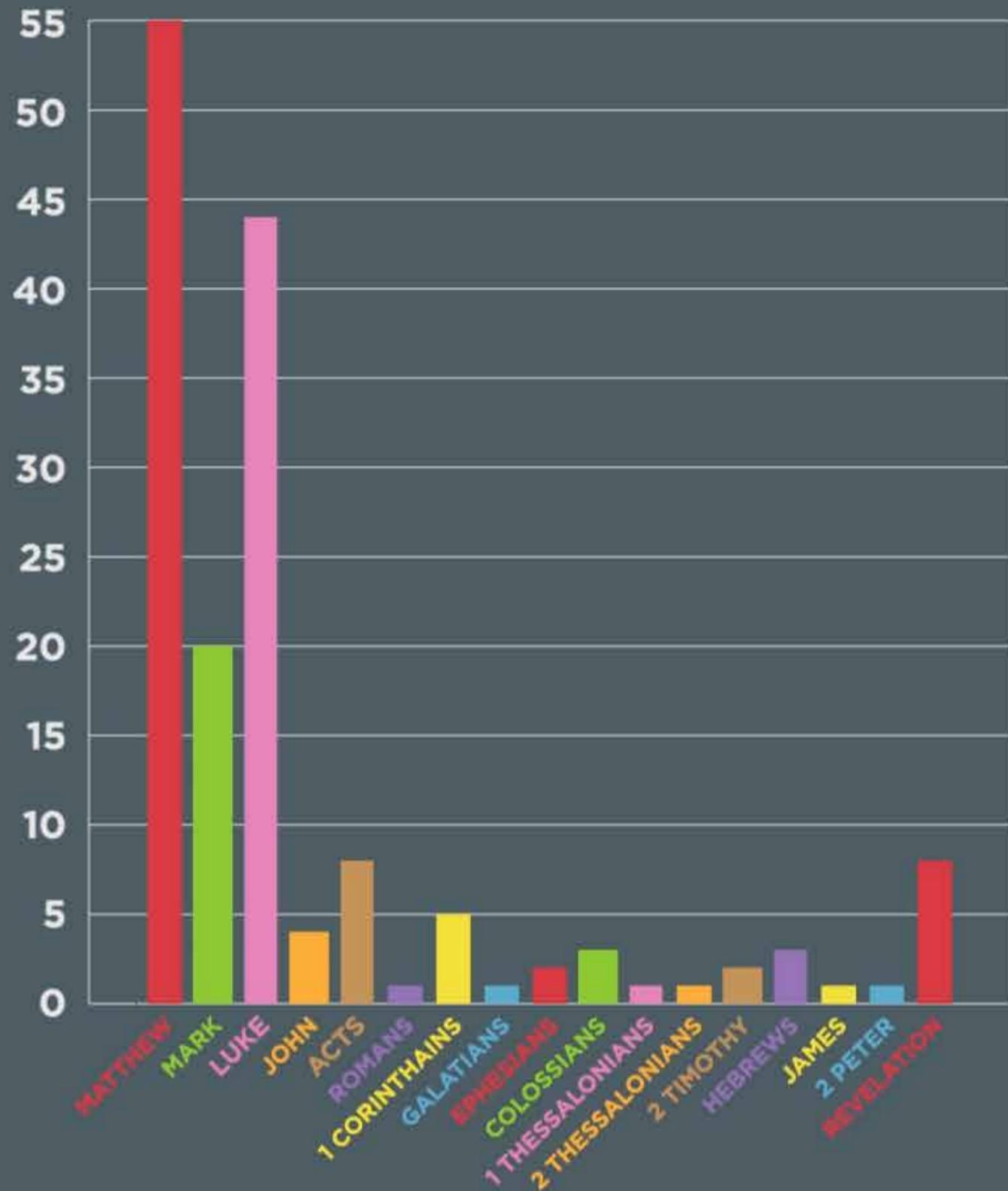
SHALOM SHATTERED

SHALOM RESTORED









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HEAVENS/HEAVEN:

GOD LAYS CLAIM TO HEAVEN

&

THE HIGHEST OF HEAVENS.

EARTH:

EARTH IS A REALM THAT HAS BEEN
GIVEN TO US AND WE CAN DO
WHATEVER WE DEEM FIT AND RIGHT
(FOR NOW).

HELL:

HELL IS A PLACE OR A REALM
THAT IS ABSENT OF GOD'S
GOODNESS & PRESENCE.

HEAVEN

HELL

GOOD

EVIL

SHALOM

CHAOS



“KINGDOM IS THE RANGE
OF YOUR EFFECTIVE WILL.”

-DALLAS WILLARD

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WHEN JESUS SAYS, "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
HAS COME NEAR," HE IS MAKING A
PROCLAMATION THAT THROUGH HIMSELF,
GOD'S WILL AND GOD'S WAYS ARE
GOING TO ADVANCE!

ἐγγίζω (engizo): TO COME NEAR

IT'S A PRESENT COMPLETED REALITY...
MEANING, "IT HAS ARRIVED IN COMING NEAR..."

IT IS NOW PRESENT...

AND IT HAS PRESENT IMPLICATIONS."

בָּרַב (karav): TO COME NEAR

OFTEN USED OF SEXUAL UNION;
A HEBRAISM - AN IDIOMATIC EXPRESSION
THAT MEANS, "IT IS HERE."

WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS NOT:

- HEAVEN

IN THE SENSE WE NORMALLY THINK OF HEAVEN AS A PLACE

- THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH DIDN'T EVEN EXIST WHEN JESUS CAME

- ONLY A FUTURE HOPE OR REALITY ASSOCIATED
WITH THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

FOR JESUS, THE KINGDOM WAS NOT A PLACE,
BUT IT WAS A POWER THAT WAS AT WORK
TO BRING SHALOM TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. IT
WAS A PRESENT REALITY BUT THERE WAS
'MORE TO COME.'

GOAL:

THAT WE ORIENT OUR EMPIRES TO GOD'S KINGDOM, SO THAT GOD'S KINGDOM ADVANCES IN OUR LIVES AND THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD. ESSENTIALLY HEAVEN COMES CRASHING TO EARTH!

MATTHEW 6:9 - 13

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