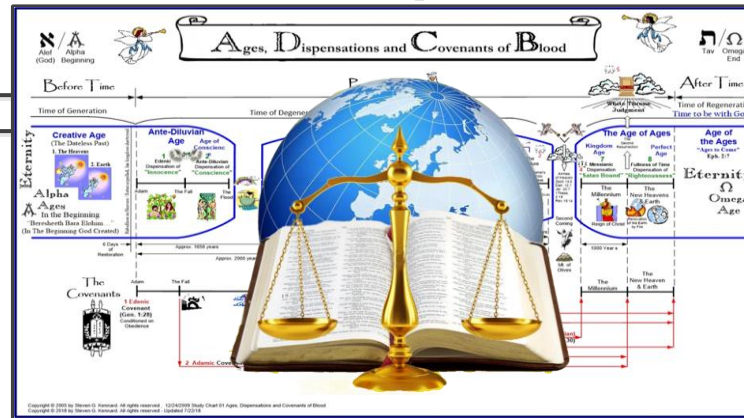




RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD

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II Timothy 2:15 (NASB) “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”



What is Dispensationalism?

Generally refers to the belief that biblical history is a series of defined periods in which God has given distinct administrative principles specific to that time period alone. This means that Biblical history should be seen as discontinuous in the way that God has dealt with humanity over time with particular emphasis on the distinction between Israel and the Church.

Progressive dispensationalism differs from standard dispensationalism. It covers a number of differing viewpoints. Generally, progressive dispensationalism postulates that the nation of Israel is distinct from the Church. Both have distinct roles within the future of God's plan. Holders of this view will say that some, but not all, of the Old Testament promises are fulfilled in the Church while some are reserved for the nation of Israel to fulfill.

Dispensationalism is an evangelical theological system that addresses issues concerning the biblical covenants, Israel, the church, and end times. It also argues for a literal interpretation of Old Testament prophecies involving ethnic/national Israel, and the idea that the church is a New Testament entity that is distinct from Israel.

Like other evangelical systems, Dispensationalism is a post-Reformation development. In his book, *Dispensationalism before Darby*, William C. Watson documents a strong futuristic hope for ethnic/national Israel that existed among many English theologians in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In the nineteenth century Dispensationalism picked up and built upon this hope.

As a system Dispensationalism is linked with the teachings of the Anglo-Irish theologian and Plymouth Brethren minister, John Nelson Darby (1800-82). Based on his study of Isaiah 32, Darby believed that Israel would experience earthly blessings in a future dispensation that were different from what the church would experience. He advocated for a strong distinction between Israel and the church. Darby also popularized the idea that the church would be raptured or snatched to heaven just prior to the seventieth-week of Daniel.

Early Dispensationalism began in Britain but then experienced great popularity in the United States. Darby and other Brethren ministers brought Dispensationalism to America. The rise in popularity of Dispensationalism also occurred through Bible conferences, the rise of Bible institutes and colleges, the influence of Dallas Theological Seminary (est. 1924), and the popularity of radio and television programs from dispensational teachers. Hal Lindsey's book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*,

and the *Left Behind* book series (Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins) were books published from a dispensational perspective that became best sellers. Dispensationalism remains popular in the United States but also has many critics.

Dispensations and the Pre-Tribulational Rapture

The two most recognized features of Dispensationalism involve belief in (1) seven dispensations and (2) a pre-tribulational rapture of the church in which the church will be snatched to heaven before a coming seven-year Tribulation Period.

First, while affirming that salvation has always been by grace through faith alone, Dispensationalism teaches that God has worked in different ways in different eras of history. Dispensationalism often taught that the various dispensations involved a test for mankind, a failure, and then a judgment. This then would be followed by another dispensation. These seven dispensations are (1) innocence; (2) conscience; (3) human government; (4) promise; (5) law; (6) grace; and (7) kingdom. Not all dispensationalists agree on how many dispensations there are and what they should be called. While belief in seven dispensations is held by many, others say there are anywhere from four to eight. Plus, some have differed on the criteria for determining a dispensation.

Also, Dispensationalism is known for affirming a pre-tribulational rapture. This involves the idea that the church will be raptured or snatched to heaven before a coming seven-year tribulation period. This tribulation or Day of the Lord includes God's judgment on an unbelieving world. It will also involve God bringing Israel to salvation. Dispensationalists believe that 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and Revelation 3:10 reveal that the church is promised physical rescue from this period of divine wrath. They also believe that 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 describes the rapture event. While most dispensationalists believe in a pre-tribulational rapture, some hold to other rapture views such as mid-tribulational, pre-wrath, and post-tribulational. Thus, the pre-tribulational rapture view is not an essential doctrine of Dispensationalism even though most dispensationalists believe it.

In this Study we will be covering page 19 through page 43 in Clarence Larkins book on Dispensational Truth.

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Chapter 5

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RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD¹

Writing to Timothy, Paul said-

"Study to show yourself approved of God, a workman that **needs** not to be ashamed, **Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth**" 2 Tim. 2:15.



he student of the "Word of God" in this scripture is spoken of as a "Workman" A workman cannot intelligently do his work without a plan. He must have drawings and specifications. God said to Moses in regards to the Tabernacle,

"See that you make all things according to the 'Pattern' showed to you on the mount." Ex.25:40; Heb. 8:5. The student of God's Word must understand

"God's Plan and Purpose in the Ages,"

or there will be confusion in his work of interpreting the Scriptures.

To this end charts are indispensable. But care must be taken not to depend on them alone. While the drawings and specifications of a building are separate they must correspond with what the builder has planned. So a Biblical chart must correspond with the "Word of God," or it may lead to error. The two must be compared. St. Augustine said-"Distinguish the 'Periods' and the Scripture will harmonize." After an address by Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon on "The Plan of the Ages," a gentleman said to him, "Why, Doctor, you have a 'Pigeon Hole' for every text."

¹ <https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/larkin/dt/05.cfm>

We must learn to

"Rightly Divide the Word of Truth."

While the "Word of Truth" is written **FOR all classes of people, and FOR our learning**, it is not **addressed** to all people in general. Part of it is addressed to the **JEWS**, part to the **GENTILES**, and part to the **CHURCH**. These three constitute the **THREE CLASSES** into which humanity is divided. 1 Cor. 10:32. It follows therefore that while the whole Bible was written for the **INSTRUCTION** of the Church, it is not all written **ABOUT** the Church. The Church is not mentioned in the Old Testament. It was hid from the Old Testament prophets, and was a "Mystery" first revealed to Paul, and disclosed by him in Eph. 3:1-3. The Old Testament is mostly taken up with one nation, that of Israel. In the first five chapters of Genesis were given the history of Creation, and 1700 years of human history. In the next four chapters we are given the account of the Flood. The tenth and eleventh chapters give the account of 400 more years of human history, and then God singles out one man, Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3), and from there on the whole of the Old Testament centers on the Jewish Race.

When we take the Old Testament promises and apply them to the Church we rob the Jew of that which is exclusively his. For illustration, the prophecy of Isaiah is largely applied to the Church, whereas the very first verse declares that it is "Concerning **JUDAH** and **JERUSALEM**." Isa. 1:1. In the New Testament the Epistles of Hebrews and James are Jewish. The Epistle of James is addressed, not to the Church, but to the "**TWELVE TRIBES** scattered abroad." James 1:1. Therefore the "Prayer of Faith" (James 5:13-15) for the sick is not primarily a promise to the Church, but to Israel, though doubtless it will be answered for all who comply with the conditions who have the "Prayer of Faith.") In the Epistle to the Hebrews many Christians stumble at the words "fall away" (Heb. 6:4-6), and "**if we sin willfully**" Heb. 10:26. But these words do not apply to Christians. They were spoken to apostate Jewish professors of Christianity who had never been born again, and who, if they did not accept Jesus as their Messiah, practically crucified Him again, and were as bad as their brethren who did crucify Him.

Some books are general, as for instance the Epistle to the Romans. No one would apply Romans Chapter 8 to the Jews, or Romans chapter 11 to the Church, for in it Paul speaks not only to Israel but also to the Gentiles. Rom. 11:11-13. **ALL** Scripture is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction**, 2 Tim. 3:16, and what happened to Israel was written for our example, 1 Cor. 10:11, "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the

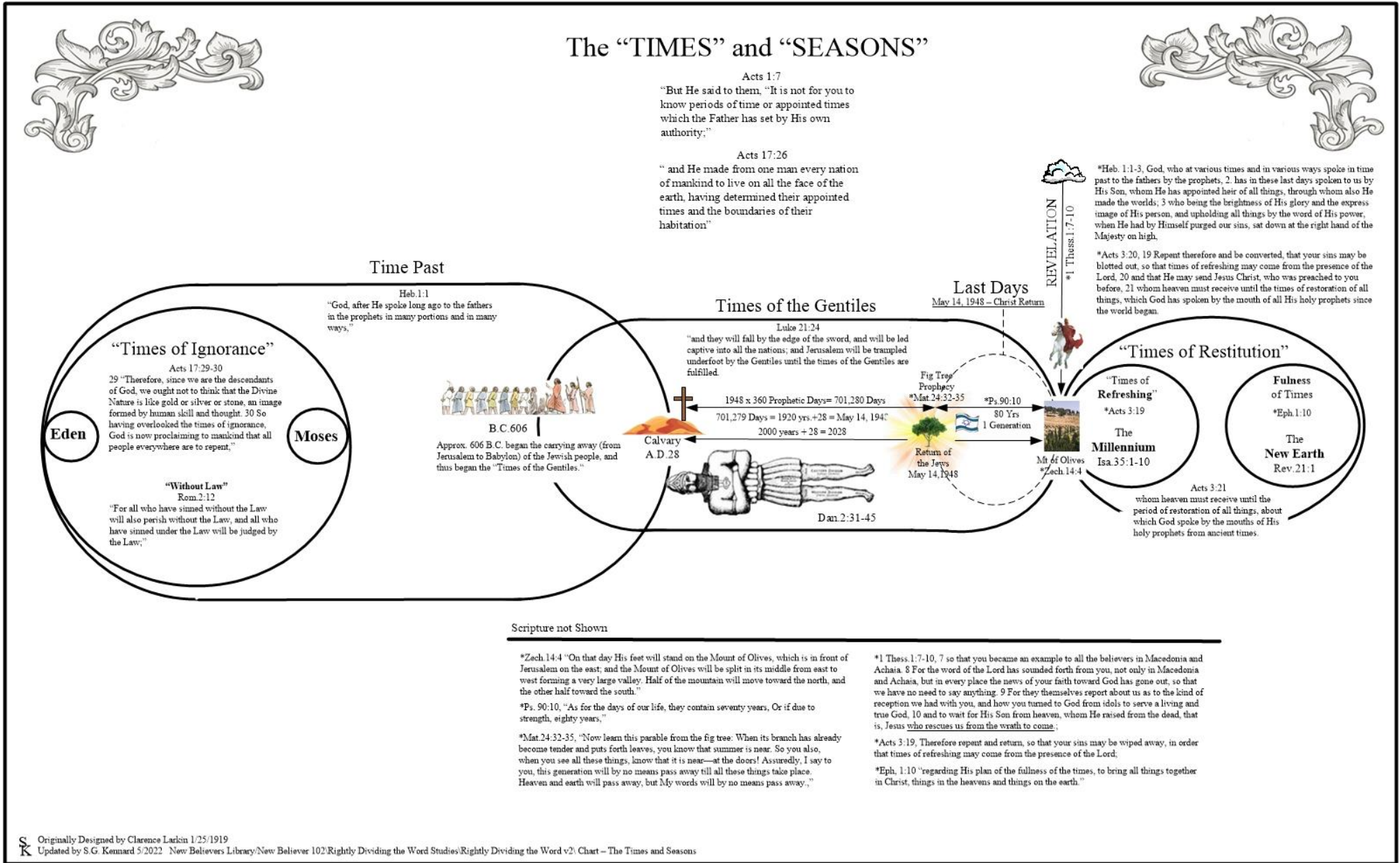
ends of the ages have come.” but we must not apply to the Church what does not belong to it. We see then that to **misapply** scripture is to not "Rightly Divide the Word" and tends to confusion and error.

In "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth," we must also distinguish the work of Christ. We are told in the Scriptures that He is a "Prophet," "Priest" and "King." But He does not hold those offices conjointly but successively. From the Fall in Eden to the Cross, He was a "Prophet." He is now a "High Priest" and when He comes again He will be a "King." From Eden to the Cross there was an "Altar," from the Cross to the Crown there is a "Table" (the Lord's Table), and from the Crown to Christ's surrender of the Kingdom there is a "Throne."

In Heb. 1:1, we read-God has spoken "**at SUNDRY TIMES,** " as well as "**in DIVERS MANNERS,** " and if we are to understand what He has spoken, we must not only distinguish between the class of people He has spoken to, as the Jews, Gentiles or the Church, but we must also note the "**SUNDRY TIMES**" at which He spoke, and the "**DIVERS MANNERS.**" We must also distinguish between the "**TIME PAST**" when He spoke by the **Prophets**, and these "**LAST DAYS**" in which He hath spoken to us by His **SON.** Heb. 1:1-2. We must not forget the "**DIVINE CONJUNCTIONS**" and "**DIVINE DISJUNCTIONS**" of the Word of God. We must not separate what God has joined, as the "Word of God" and the "Spirit of God," "Christ and Salvation ... Faith and Works." Neither must we join what God has separated, as "Heaven and Hell," "Baptism and Regeneration, ""Natural Heredity" and "Spiritual Heredity," and "the Church and the Kingdom."

We must also distinguish between the "**TIMES**" and "**SEASONS**" of the Scriptures. Daniel said of God-"He changes the '**TIMES**' and the '**SEASONS**', " (Dan. 2:21), and Jesus said to His Disciples-"It is not for you to know the '**TIMES**' or the '**SEASONS**'. Acts 1:7, Job testified that the "**TIMES** are not hidden from the Almighty." (Job 24:1). And of the Children of Issachar it was said that they had "understanding of the **TIMES.**" (1 Chron. 12:32). By the "**SEASONS**" we are to understand the climatic changes of the earth due to the movements and changing characteristics of the 'Sun, Moon and Stars, which God ordained to regulate the "Seasons." (Gen. 1:14). As to the "**TIMES**" we have them designated as the "**TIMES OF IGNORANCE,**" (Acts 17:30); the "**TIMES OF THE GENTILES,**" (Luke 21:24); the "**TIMES OF REFRESHING,** " (Acts 3:19); the "**TIMES OF RESTITUTION,**" (Acts 3:21); and the "Dispensation of the **FULNESS OF TIMES.**" Eph. 1:10. See Chart of "The Times and Seasons."

From the statement, "The Times of the **GENTILES**," we see that when the "Gentiles" are in power the "Jews" are not. And as the "Times of the **GENTILES**" is still running, the Church **cannot** be in this **Dispensation as a governing or Kingdom power.**



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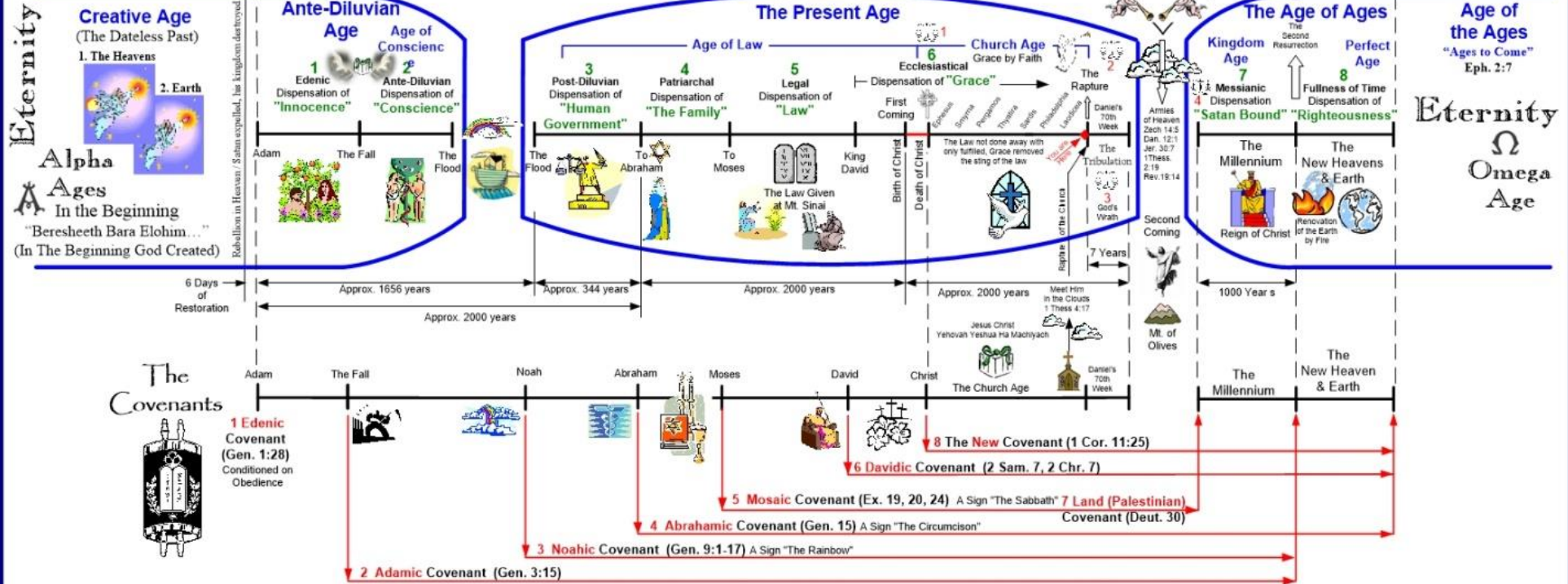
After Time

Time of Generation

Time of Degeneration / Time to get to know God



Time of Regeneration
Time to be with God



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It is not enough to classify the Scriptures in the manner already mentioned, we must learn to separate the Scriptures as to **"TIME"** and **"ETERNITY"** and the different **"AGES"** and **"DISPENSATIONS"** of **"Time."** A reference to the Chart-**"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD"** will reveal the fact that **outside** of **"TIME"** the Scriptures mention **"TWO AGES:"** **before "Time,"** the **"ALPHA"** or **"CREATIVE AGES,"** and **after "Time,"** the **"OMEGA"** or **"AGES OF THE AGES."** In **"Time"** there are three **"AGES"** and seven **"DISPENSATIONS."** The three **"AGES"** are-

1 THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE. - This extends from the "Fall" to the "Flood."

2. THE PRESENT AGE. - This extends from the "Flood" to the "Second Coming of Christ."

3. THE AGE OF AGES. - This extends from the "Second Coming of Christ" to the "End of Time." This last "Age" is a "Dual Age" composed

1. The Millennial Age.

2. The Perfect Age.

The "Millennial Age" is also a "Dispensation" in its relation to the six preceding Dispensations.

An **"Age"** in Scripture is from one "cataclysmic" or "climatic" event/change to another in the earth's surface or condition. This corresponds to what is called in Geology an "Age." So we see that Science and the Bible agree as to the meaning of the word "Age."

We know that at the time of the Flood there were great "cataclysmic" and "climatic" changes, for the **"fountains of the great deep were broken up."** Gen. 7:11. That is, there was a subsidence that resulted in great physical changes that affected the climate of the earth, and divested the atmosphere of some of its life-sustaining properties, so that the length of life was reduced from 900 years to 100 years, later to threescore and ten.

At the beginning of the Millennium all this will be reversed, for when Christ comes back -

"His feet shall stand in that day (Millennial Day) upon the Mount of Olives (Acts 1:11), which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall **split in the midst of it, half** towards the east and half towards the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and **half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.**"

"All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem and it shall be lifted up." Zech. 14:4, Zech. 14:10. In verse eight we read "Living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the 'former sea' (Red Sea) and half of them toward the 'hinder sea' (Mediterranean)."

That means that the Dead Sea, that is now 1200 feet below the Mediterranean, is to be elevated, and its water flow south to the Red sea, and that it shall lose its saltiness and be filled with fish, for we read in Eze. 47:1-3, that fishermen shall spread their nets upon its shores.

This great "cataclysmic" change is going to make a great change in the climate and restore the life-sustaining power of the atmosphere like unto that before the Flood, for we read in Isa. 65:20, that in the Millennial days that are to follow-

"No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives only a few* days, Or an old person who does not live out his days;
For the youth will die at the age of a hundred, And the one who does not reach the age of a hundred Will be *thought* accursed."
(Isa 64:20)

That is, a person a hundred years old shall only be considered a child, which means that men shall live again in the Millennium to the age of Methuselah.

The Chart is divided into 3 "Ages," corresponding to the Divine number "Three" (Father, Son and Holy Spirit); and into 7 "Dispensations," to correspond to the Perfect number "Seven" composed of the Divine number "Three" and the World number "Four" - Winter Spring, Summer and Autumn, or the four elements, Earth, Air, Fire and Water.



Comment: The difference between an "**AGE**" and a "**DISPENSATION**" is that an "**AGE**" stands for a period between two great physical changes in the earth's surface, while a "**DISPENSATION**" stands for a "**moral**" or "**probationary**" period in the world's history. The form of "Administration" is different in each "Dispensation." For illustration, the Administration of the Jewish Dispensation was that of "**LAW**," the Administration of the present Dispensation is of "**GRACE**," and of the one to follow is of "**RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

All the confusion about the "Ages," "Dispensations," and "End of the World" is largely due to the mistranslation of two Greek words in the New Testament.

The first word is "**KOSMOS**/[*COSMOS (Greek/English)*]." It means the **external arrangement and beauty of the natural world**, and includes the thought of nations, peoples, and worldly possessions, as in Matt. 4:8.

Matt. 4:8, "Again the Devil took Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all **the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them.**"

Also Matt. 13:38, "The Field is the World." And Luke 11:50, "That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the 'foundation of the World, ' may be required of this generation." This word "Kosmos" occurs 170 times and is always translated "World."

The second word is "**AION**" and means "Age," "Dispensation," "Indefinite Time." It occurs 28 times, and is also translated "World." To show how misleading this translation is we need only to cite a passage or two. Take Matt. 13:39, Matt. 13:40, Matt. 13:49.

"The enemy that sowed them is the Devil; and the harvest is the **end of the world.**" It should read-the "end of the Age." "Be not conformed to this **world** (Age)." Rom. 12:2. "In whom the god of this **world** (Age) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." 2 Cor. 4:4. "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil **world** (Age)." Gal. 1:4. "Charge them that are rich in this **world** (Age)." 1 Tim. 6:17. "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the **worlds** (Ages)." Heb. 1:2. "Through faith we understand that the **worlds** (Ages) were framed by the

Word of God (Jesus)." Heb. 11:3. From this we see that Jesus not only made the "earth-worlds," John 1:1-3, but He also made the "time-worlds," that is, He planned the "Ages" and "Dispensations."²

Ephesians 3:9, “and to enlighten all people as to what the plan of the mystery is which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;”

Romans 16:25, “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,”

Hebrews 6:5, “and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,”
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² Ages in scripture - <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/age-ages/>

I THE CREATIVE AGES (The Three Phases)

The Scriptures begin with the sublime declaration:

"In the beginning God '**CREATED**' the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

As the word "heaven" is in the singular it will clarify matters to limit this creative act to our own planet, and the solar system to which it belongs, rather than to the whole of the starry spaces or universe.



Comment: On this note I would disagree with the author (Larkin) in that in Gen.1:1 the word “heaven” in the Hebrew is the word “shamayim” and that “im” on the end of it makes the word plural meaning more than one heaven, there are actually three. In the dateless past Elohim [*God*] created the three heavens, the first heaven is the blue sky above us, where kites, birds and air planes fly and is the layer of the heavens that holds the air that we breathe. The second heaven is what you see at night all the planets and solar systems. The third heaven is considered “Gods Abode.” Looking back on the word Elohim we also find the “im” ending making the word plural also, revealing to us the “**TRINITY**” which all took part in the creative process of Genesis 1:1-2 ... creative or restorative.

A second issue that should be noted here is that given the origin text used the word *Shamayim*. The King James Bible still translated the word heaven in the singular and so precipitating many incorrect theories. The majority of the other translations corrected this error and rightly translated the word as “Heavens.”

1. THE ORIGINAL OR PRE-ADAMITE EARTH

The creation was in the dateless past. It was not at the beginning of the first day as described in Gen. 1:3-5. The six days' work as described in Gen. 1:3-31 was the **RESTORATION OF THE EARTH** (not the heavens or starry space), to its original condition before it was made 'formless and void, ' and submerged in water and darkness.

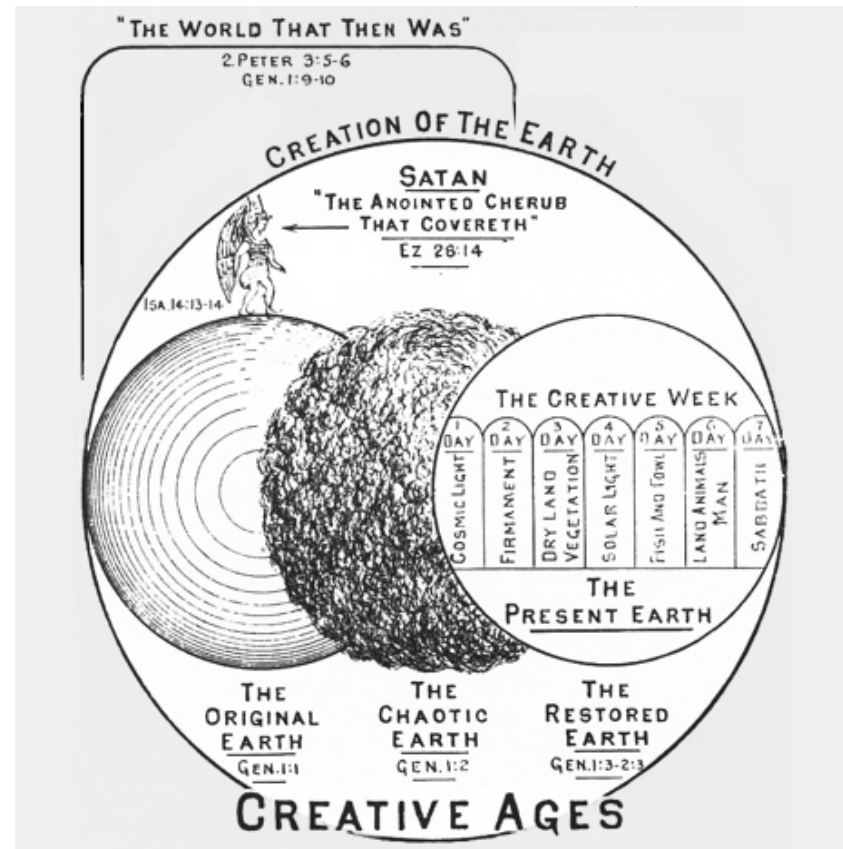
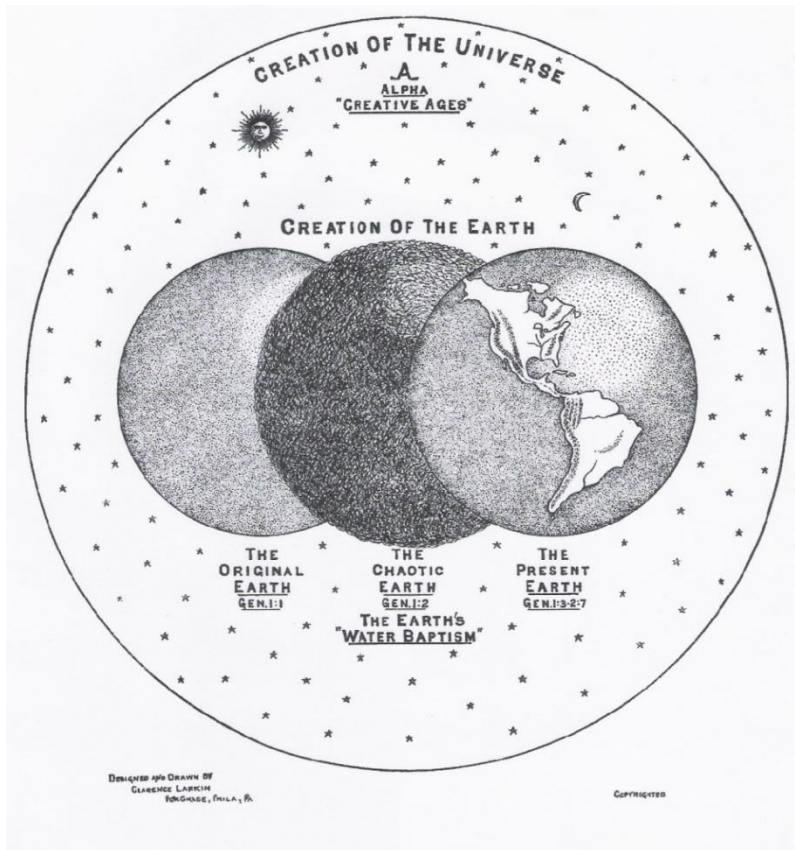
Peter speaks of it as the "World that **then was**, that being **overflowed with water**, perished." 2 Pet. 3:5-7.

The manner of the "original creation as found in **Genes 1:1**" of the Pre-Adamic Earth is not revealed in the Scriptures. They simply declare that-"In the **BEGINNING GOD CREATED** the heaven and the earth."

GENERATION \bar{A}

The Creation of the Original Universe

Alpha "Creative Ages"





Comment

A Place called **EDEN**

The Pre-Adamic Earth begins in Gen.1:1 when it tells us that “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The KJV bible translates the word “heaven” singular, while later translations translate it plural. The earth was a garden planet as stated several times in scripture, “The Garden of God.” Ezek. 28:13, “You have been in Eden the Garden of God.” Jeremiah 4:26, the prophet calls it “a fruitful place,”

Ezekiel was speaking to Satan reminding him that he was in Eden; he did not call it “earth.” Its name was **EDEN it was “The Garden of God.”** Then we hear from Jeremiah 4:26 and he described the object of his vision as “**A FRUITFUL PLACE.**” We are not told how long this Garden state lasted, but it is clear that at some point in the dateless past, judgment came to the garden planet and it was destroyed and condemned to a watery grave.

I believe that the scripture does reveal what happened to the Pre-Adamic Earth. The discussion is long and demands more time and space than can be given here. So, I call your attention to my work on the Gap Theory White Paper, which can be found in my WEB site at www.innercirclestudies.com, in the Ephesus Library. There is an in-depth study into this subject. Quoting a small portion taken from the Gap Theory study, page 10 it says, “The time and length of Lucifer’s rebellion are known only in heaven, but at the point of Lucifer’s defeat, his light was removed from him and he became darkness. To be absent from the Lord is to be in darkness, a characteristic of sin. Lucifer lost his light and with it his title **Light Holder**. He would forever be known as **Satan**, father of all lies and of evil. He was cast out of heaven and into the pit. His kingdom now in chaos would also be plunged into ruin and destruction. God came to judge Lucifer’s kingdom (the place where sin began) and in His righteous anger all creation trembled at His presence. The birds fled the heavens and the cities that were once used as centers of worship were broken down by the presence of the Lord, and the land masses



were torn apart into seven continents.³

In judgment the earth was shaken out of its place and turned upside down, scattering the angelic inhabitants.⁴ The dry land was covered by the subterranean waters from below and water canopy barrier from above. Then God hid the sun and the stars and refused to let them shine. In the cold of space, without the sun to warm it, the water covered earth froze solid, even to the deepest depths of the oceans, to the very abyss.⁵

Job 9:7 “Who commands the sun not to shine, And puts a seal on the stars;” What happens to water in the dark and freezing cold of space ... it **FREEZES!**

Judgment was now complete and the kingdom of Lucifer as it had been before, it would be no more ... forever. The scriptures do not tell us how long this state of judgment lasted it only tells us that there was a judgment.

Genesis 1:2, “And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.”

The Restoration of Eden begins; the Psalmist says about the Lord “You renew the face of the earth.” Ps.104:30

All this, before we get to the creation of Adam. Also, although in the creation account references the place of the restoration as happening on the earth, it isn't until v10 until we actually hear “God called it **EARTH.**” After the restoration of the earth on day 6 God created man, and as it is written (c2:8) after God created man He planted a Garden Eastward **IN EDEN** a reference to its former state and from v8 forward the Garden God planted for Adam took on the same name.

As you read c2-3 of Genesis you are not reading of Lucifer the Archangel but of a defeated foe called Satan and already in the garden.



³ Jer. 4:24-26

⁴ Isa. 24:1

⁵ Job 38:25-30

2. THE CHAOTIC EARTH

The creation of the "Original Earth" was in the dateless past. It was doubtless a most beautiful earth, covered with vegetation and inhabited with fish and fowl and animal life. How long this condition continued we are not told, but an awful catastrophe befell it. It became "**FORMLESS AND VOID**, and submerged in water and darkness. Gen. 1:2. It was not originally so as we know from Isa. 45:18 (R.V.). "Thus says the Lord that created the heavens; he is God; that formed the earth and made it; He established it, He created it **NOT A WASTE**, he formed it **to be inhabited.**"

What caused the earth to become a "**Waste**" after its original creation is not clearly revealed. It is clear from the account of the Fall of Adam and Eve that sin existed before man was created. Let us take a moment and look then at the **RESTORATION** of the planet once called "**EDEN the Garden of God**". Ezek. 28:13. In Genesis 1:1, we are told that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth/*Erets*⁶ (dry ground / dirt). There are two places I know of in scriptures where the earth is referred to by a name which describes an intended use. Remember the Lord said this planet was created to be inhabited.



Comments

In Genesis 2:4 it states "These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens," If the heavens and the earth were only day's old, beginning with v3-4 the dawning of the first day, then how does the next 6 days constitute a Generation? The idea of a generation also brings with it a sense of time past and time to come, for surely there is more to come, more time, more generations ... generations of "**TIME**," generations of "**MAN**." The generations will take more than 6 days to be considered the "generations of the heavens and of the earth."

Job 9:7 "Who commands the sun not to shine, and puts a seal on the stars;" Ref. Isa.24:1; Job 9:7, 38:25-30

⁶ "erets" refers to the entire dry land mass of the globe—i.e. the "earth"

We are not told in scripture how long of a period of time (the Gap) it was of God's punishment, the "ERETS" now frozen to the very abyss from being in the darkened void of space, now begins to thaw.

God now removes His hand from blocking the sun and the light is divided from the darkness. The areas closest to the sun began to thaw first and then in time the melting away of the ice reached the polar caps. The melted ice now become the water that covered the earth and the Holy Spirit of God began to move over the deep. There was a new day that was about to dawn and a new world would be revealed.

Gen. 1:2, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."



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In a remarkable passage in Ez. 28:12-14 there is revealed to us under the title of

"The King of Tyrus,"

a being of surpassing beauty and wisdom, who had been in "Eden, " the "Garden of God." Not the Eden of Adam's day, but possibly the Eden of the Earth as it was first created. This being is spoken of as the "Anointed Cherub that Covers," who "walked upon the 'Holy Mountain of God', " and was "perfect in all his ways from the day that he was created until iniquity was found in him."

No King of Tyrus answering this description has, as yet, ever existed, this passage is taken to be a prophetic portrait of the "Antichrist," and as Antichrist is to be an incarnation of Satan, it probably is a description of Satan before his fall. The suggestion in this scripture then is, that Satan, with a host of angelic beings, was placed in charge of the original or primeval earth, and that he through pride (1Tim. 3:6; Isa. 14:12-14) sought to be equal with God, and that to punish him the earth was thrown into a chaotic state, (Jer. 4:23-27) and Satan and his angels, amounting to a third of the angelic hosts (Rev. 12:4) were excluded from Heaven, and took up their abode in the heavenlies, the Second Heaven, located between the atmosphere of our earth and the Heaven where God dwells, and thus became the "Principalities and Powers, " and "Rulers of the Darkness of this Age, " and the "Spiritual Wickedness" in "High

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Places" (the Second Heaven), of whom we are warned in Eph. 6:12. This seems very plausible, for Satan is said to be the "**Prince of the Powers of the Air**" (Eph. 2:2); and the "**God of this World**" (Age), and it looks as if his plan for the Fall of man was a scheme to regain control of this earth.

If there were human beings on the Original or Pre-Adamite Earth, they were doubtless involved in Satan's fall and destroyed. In fact, the "demons" are believed by many to be the disembodied spirits of the inhabitants of the Pre-Adamite Earth, and their efforts to re-embodiment themselves in human beings, as in the days of Christ, is looked upon as evidence that they once possessed bodies similar to human bodies. Naturally the question arises, "if the inhabitants of the Pre-Adamite Earth were human beings like ourselves, and were destroyed when the Pre-Adamite Earth was thrown into a chaotic form, where are their fossil remains; why have we not discovered them in the soil or rocks of the earth?" The answer is, their "**bodies**" may have been consumed by fire, as will be the case with the rebellious hosts of Gog and Magog at the end of the Millennium (Rev. 20:7-9), and their escaping "**spirits**" became the demons referred to above. It is clear that the "demons" are not Satan's angels, for they are free, while the demons are confined in the Bottomless Pit and are only given liberty as it suits God's purpose. Rev. 9:1-3. Neither are they the "Fallen Angels" of 2Pet. 2:4, and Jude 6-7, for they are reserved in chains under darkness against the judgment of the Great Day. The "demons" then are in a class by themselves and for aught we know shall never be different. What we do know in reference to them is that the time is coming when they are to suffer "torment." Matt. 8:29.



Comment: Although I can understand the author's statement of the spirits (demons) of the underworld being the disembodied spirits of the inhabitants of the Pre-Adamic Earth who were fallen angels. Most people get this mixed up with Adam and Eve trying to figure out who God was talking about when He told Job of when He turned the earth upside down and the inhabitants fled out into the cosmos. However it simply is not true that these beings were humans. The text is referring to the fallen angels. There was no Pre-Adamic race of human beings who occupied the earth before Adam.

Isa. 24:1 "Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters abroad the inhabitants thereof. No human could live through the earth being turned upside down. In this case the inhabitants just fled out into the Cosmos.

If death reigned on the Pre-Adamite Earth, and the **bodies** of the Pre-Adamites were buried in the earth, they may still remain buried in that part of the earth which they occupied, which now may be the bed of the Atlantic or Pacific Ocean. If this be so, it helps

to explain the Scripture passage which reads-"And the **SEA** gave up the dead which were in it; and '**Death**' and '**Hell**' (Hades) delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works." Rev. 20:13. Here we have the "**SEA**" differentiates from "**DEATH**," (the Grave), which swallows up the **body**, and "**HELL**" or "**HADES**," the abode of the **soul** between death and the resurrection, and this seems to imply that the "**DEAD OF THE SEA**" are a different class from mankind and may refer to the dead of the Pre-Adamite World as now resting at the bottom of the sea. As God's creatures are to be judged each in his own order, it would seem no more than right that the dead of the Pre-Adamite World should be judged before the wicked dead of this present world. The manner in which the Pre-Adamite Earth was made "formless -and void," and this refers only to the exterior surface, the habitableness of the earth, is clearly revealed by Peter, where he says "For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, **BEING OVERFLOWED WITH WATER, perished**" 1Pet. 3:5-6.



Comment: A few things jump out at me in the above paragraph. There was no death in the Pre-Adamic earth. We are never told that any one died. The fallen angels were thrown back onto the earth, which was their former kingdom; some were thrown into the pits of hell. You can't actually kill a spiritual being as we know of death. They are eternal as you and I will be once we shed these bodies of flesh and blood and be given our spiritual bodies of flesh and bone. This is done at the Rapture of the Bride of Christ. And yes the scripture does tell us that the Sea will give up its dead. This does not mean a different class of people of demonic spirit. This is told in Rev.20:13 in which God is calling the wicked dead from off the earth to the Great White Throne Judgment.

It is clear that Peter does not refer here to Noah's Flood, for the world of Noah's day did not perish, and Peter goes on to add that "The heavens and the earth which are now (that is, have been in existence since the restoration of the earth of Gen. 1:3-5), by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men (Great White Throne judgment)." Rev.20:11-13.

The manner then in which the Pre-Adamite Earth was made "formless and void" was by **WATER**. The water which lies upon the surface of the earth is about 3/4 part of the total earth's mass. If the land surface was even the water would cover it to the depth of 11 miles. Violent convulsions must have wrecked the Pre-Adamite Earth and covered its surface with the waters of its oceans. Not a living creature remained alive upon it, and its atmosphere of murky darkness hid the light of the sun, moon and stars. To all intents and purposes it was a dead planet, though the seeds of its vegetable life remained entombed in its bosom ready to spring into

resurrection life on the "Third Day." The absence of the warm rays of the sun caused the earth to pass through the "Winter" of its life, and the submerging waters were congealed into ice that preserved in "**COLD STORAGE**" the remains of immense quadrupeds and winged creatures, that we might know the kind of animal life that inhabited the Pre-Adamite Earth. This was probably the Glacial Period of Geologic times. The Prophet Jeremiah records a vision of the time.

Jer. 4:23-27, ²³ I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was **WITHOUT FORM, AND VOID**; and the heavens, and they had **NO LIGHT**. ²⁴ I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they **TREMbled**, and all the hills **MOVED LIGHTLY**. ²⁵ I beheld, and, lo, there was **NO MAN**, and **ALL THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS FLED** ²⁶ I beheld, and, lo, the **fruitful place was a WILDERNESS**, and all the **CITIES** thereof were **broken down** at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. ²⁷ For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will **I not make a full end**.

If this was, as it appears, an account of the destruction of the Pre-Adamite Earth, then the Pre-Adamite Earth was inhabited, and its inhabitants dwelt in cities, and God's purpose in destroying the Pre-Adamite Earth was to efface all historic monuments and evidences of the sinfulness of its occupants. How long a period elapsed between the creation of the earth and its becoming "formless and void" we do not know; neither do we know how long it continued in that condition, but when the time came in the purpose of God to restore the earth to its habitable state, and make it fit for the abode of man, He did it in six days. Six rotations of the earth defined by scripture (Gen.1:5 the evening and the morning).

3. THE PRESENT EARTH

The six days' work as described in Gen. 1:3-23 is not a description of how God made the Original earth, but how He restored It from its "formless and void" condition to its present state. If the Flood of Noah's day was only a local flood and affected only that section of the world, then the geography of the restored earth was probably the same as that of the earth today.

THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE RESTORATION WORK

Era of Matter

1. DAY - WORK, COSMIC LIGHT
2. WORK, READJUSTMENT OF THE ATMOSPHERE
3. WORK, 1. DRY LAND REAPPEARS, 2. VEGETATION REAPPEAR,

Era of Life

- 4. WORK, SOLAR LIGHT RESTORED
- 5. WORK, CREATION OF FISH AND FOWL
- 6. WORK, 1. CREATION OF LAND ANIMAL, 2. CREATION OF MAN
- 7. NO WORK, THE SABBATH

The record in the book of Psalms, Psalms 104:30, "You send forth your spirit, they are created: and you renew the face of the earth." This is what we find happening in Genesis 1:3-31. Genesis 1:3-25 is the record of the **RESTERATION** of the **CHAOTIC** earth of v2. The earth is lifeless, but after an unknown period of time, the **SPIRIT** of God moves on the face of the water.

THE SIX DAYS OF RE-CREATION

FIRST DAY
COSMIC LIGHT

GEN. I: 3-5

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

SECOND DAY
FIRMAMENT FORMED

GEN. I: 6-8

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

THIRD DAY
TWO WORKS
THE LAND REAPPEARS | VEGETATION REAPPEARS

GEN. I: 9-10
FIRST WORK

9 ¶ And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

GEN. I: 11-13
SECOND WORK

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind, and God saw that it was good.
13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

FOURTH DAY
SOLAR LIGHT RESTORED

GEN. I: 14-19

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.
16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,
18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.
19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

FIFTH DAY
CREATION OF FISH AND FOWL

GEN. I: 20-23

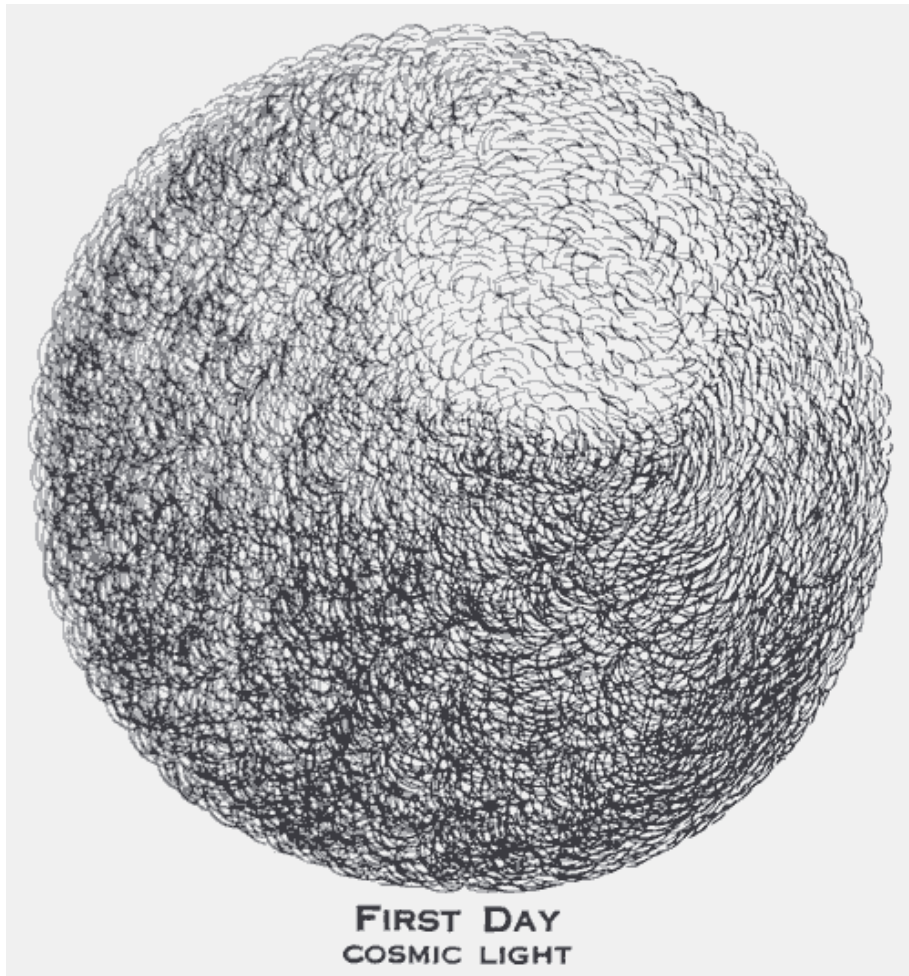
20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the sea, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

SIXTH DAY
TWO WORKS
CREATION OF ANIMALS | CREATION OF MAN

GEN. I: 24-25
FIRST WORK

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
25 So God created man in his own image, in the likeness of God created he him, male and female created he them, and God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
26 ¶ And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

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The **FIRST DAY**

Cosmic Light

Genesis 1:2-4 "And the Spirit of God moved (hovered over) upon the face of the waters. And God said, **LET THERE BE LIGHT**: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the 'First day'."

When the time came to restore the earth to a habitable condition, God began by reversing the process He took to make it uninhabitable. The Spirit of God "hovered" over the watery waste, and God said- "**LET THERE BE LIGHT.**" God did not create the light, the word for create (*in Hebrew – [Bara]* this word is used only 3 times in chapter 1, and is not used here. God simply said- "Let there be light," and there was light.



The word for create is the Hebrew word "*Bara*" meaning to bring something out of nothing. The words "Let" and "Made" is the Hebrew word "*Asah*" meaning to make from something else, "*Asah*" is they are words of **PERMISSION** not of the Original Creation of v1.

With the introduction of the light the icy covering of the earth begins to melt and formed water, that, being evaporated, formed vaporous clouds that prepared the way for the work of the "Second Day." The change from "Darkness" to "Light" caused God to call

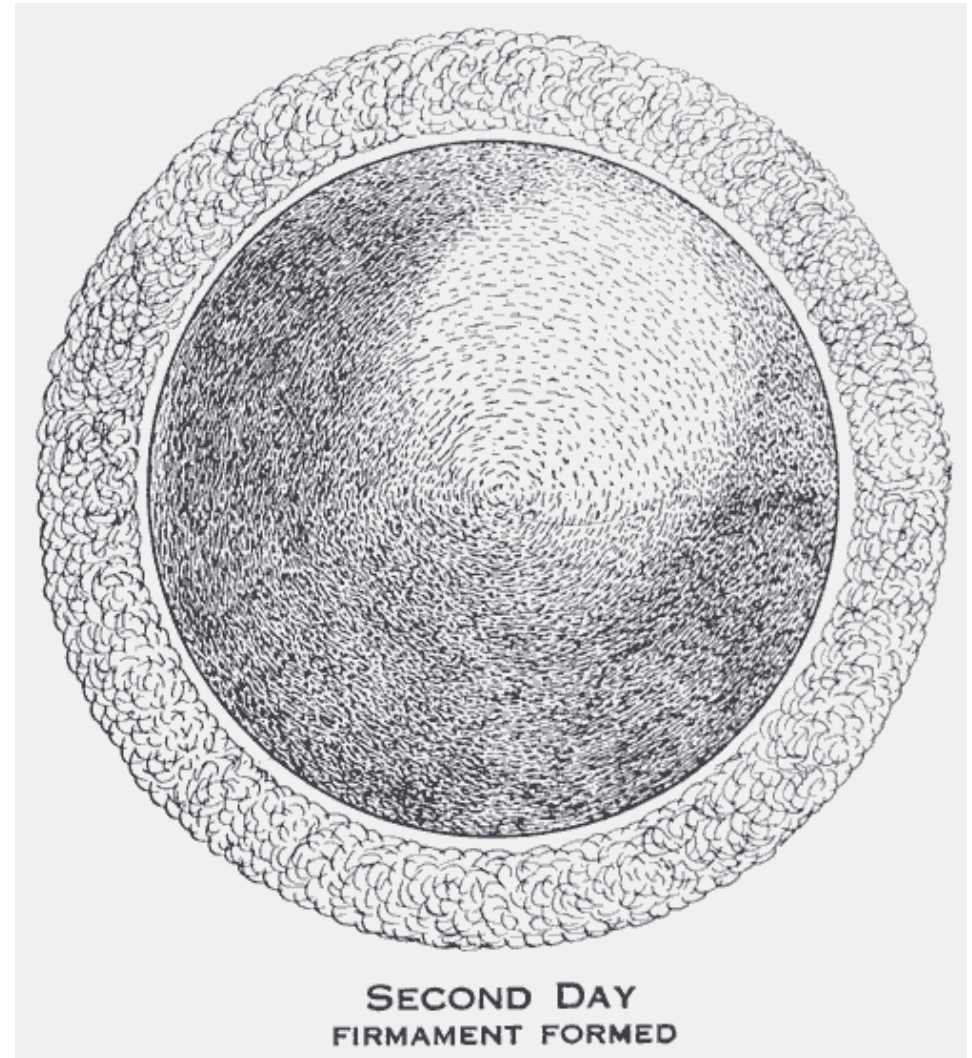
the "Darkness" **NIGHT** and the "Light" **DAY**. Thus the earth passed out of the "Night" of its history into the brightness of its "Resurrection Day," and as each day's work was an advance on the previous day's work, each day begins with an evening and ends with a morning.

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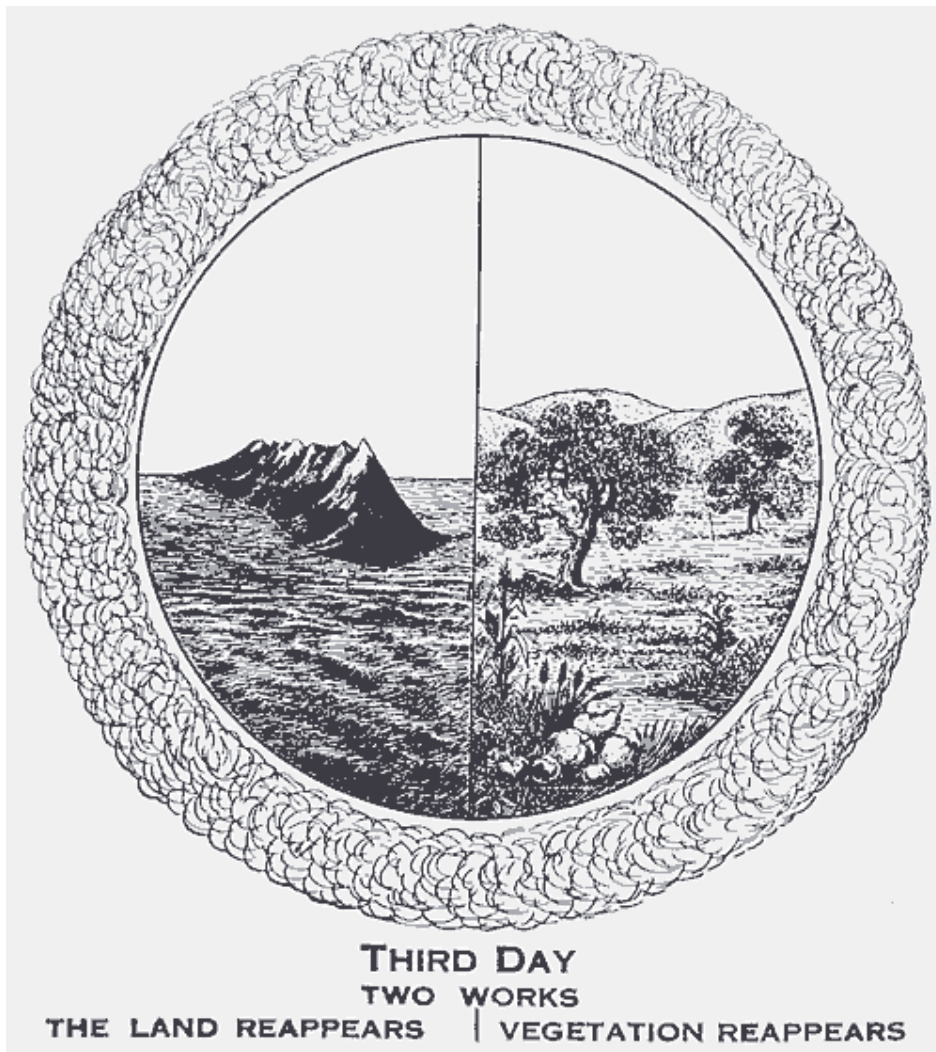
The **SECOND DAY** Firmament formed

Genesis 1:6-8, "And God said, Let there be a **FIRMAMENT** in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the **waters**. And God made the **Firmament**, and divided the waters which were under the **Firmament** from the waters which were above the **Firmament**: and it was so. And God called the **Firmament HEAVEN**. And the evening and the morning were the 'Second Day'."

The fact that the "Firmament" is called "Heaven," and by the word Heaven, we are to understand our Atmosphere, implying that the "Chaotic Earth" either had no atmosphere, or that it was not adapted to the formation of clouds, that in the form of vapor, would support water, and thus divide or separate the waters in the atmosphere from the waters on the earth. The Second Day's work then was the "Readjustment of the Atmosphere" to the needs of the present earth, and its evening and morning made up the "Second Day." It is worthy to note that the words-"And God saw that it was **GOOD**," are not spoken of this Day's work, as it is spoken of the other days' work.



This may not be without significance, for we read in Eph. 2:2 of the "Powers of the **AIR**, " over whom Satan is the Prince, and it may have been that as soon as the atmosphere of the earth again became habitable that the "Powers of Evil," (Eph. 6:12), with Satan as their leader, swarmed back into it, with the intention of making it their habitation, and so God could not say of the Firmament or Atmosphere that it was "**good.**"



The **THIRD DAY**

The work of the "Third Day" was twofold, the emergence of the land from the sea, and the reappearance of vegetable life.

FIRST WORK

Gen. 1:9-10, "And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land **EARTH**; and the gathering together of the waters called He called **SEAS**: and God saw that it was good."

This is simply a reversal of the cataclysmic convulsions that submerged the Pre-Adamite Earth, and by upheaval caused the earth to emerge from its "Watery Grave."

SECOND WORK

Gen. 1:11-13, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth **grass**, the **herb yielding seed**, and the **fruit tree yielding fruit AFTER HIS KIND**, whose seed is in itself **UPON THE EARTH**: and it was so."

And the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed **after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, **after his kind**: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the 'Third Day.'

This was not a new creation but a **RESURRECTION**. The earth rises up out of the "Waters of Death," and seeds, and the roots of plants and herbs and trees are called upon to germinate and sprout and grow as they did before the catastrophe that submerged the Pre-Adamite Earth. If that catastrophe was what we know as the "Glacial Period," the resurrection of plant life no more required a "creative act" than vegetation does in the spring of the year after the winter is over. That this was the case seems clear from the expression, "Whose seed is in itself, **UPON THE EARTH.**" That is, the seed was already in the earth, having been buried by the waters that swept over the Pre-Adamite Earth, and, being indestructible, it only needed the proper conditions to spring up and cover the earth with verdure. This reveals the fact that the Pre-Adamite Earth was clothed with verdure (It was Eden, the Garden of God), and covered with plants and trees like those of our present earth.



The **FOURTH DAY** Solar Light Restored

Gen. 1:14-16, "And God said, Let there be '**LIGHTS**' in the Firmament of the heaven to divide the Day from the Night; and let them be for **signs**, and for **seasons**, and for **days**, and **years**; and let them be for **LIGHTS** in the Firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made **TWO GREAT LIGHTS**; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. And God set them in the Firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the 'Fourth Day'."

The appearance of the sun and the moon on the Fourth day was not a new creation. They had existed in connection with the Pre-Adamite Earth and had not been destroyed when it was made waste- The words translated "made" in the 16th verse is not the same word as is translated "created" in verse one, and does not imply a "creative" act.

What is meant is that the clouds broke away and permitted the sun and moon to be seen, and that from that time they were appointed to measure the days, and years, and seasons as we have them today. In other words, on the Fourth day "Time" in contrast with "Eternity" began.

The **FIFTH DAY** Creation of Fish and Fowl

Gen. 1:20-22, "And God said, Let the **WATERS BRING FORTH ABUNDANTLY THE MOVING CREATURE THAT HATH LIFE, AND FOWL THAT MAY FLY ABOVE THE EARTH IN THE OPEN FIRMAMENT OF HEAVEN.** And God **CREATED** (*Bara*) great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, **AFTER THEIR KIND**, and every winged fowl **AFTER HIS KIND**; and God saw that it was good. 'And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the 'Fifth Day'."

The work of the "Fifth Day" was the **CREATION** of **fish** and **fowl**. Here is the first time we come across the word "**CREATE**" since we read of the original creation of the earth in verse one. This shows that all **animal life** was destroyed in the catastrophe that overtook the Pre-Adamite Earth. The fish and fowl that were created on the "Fifth Day" were the same that we have today. The fossil remains of huge marine animals and gigantic birds belong to the Pre-Adamite Earth.



FIFTH DAY
CREATION OF FISH AND FOWL



The **SIXTH DAY**

TWO WORKS

Creation of **ANIMALS** / Creation of **MAN**

The creative work of the "Sixth Day" was twofold, that of land animals and of man.

FIRST WORK:

Gen. 1:24-25, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the **LIVING CREATURE AFTER HIS KIND**, **cattle**, and **creeping thing**, and **beast of the earth AFTER HIS KIND**; and it was so. And God made (created) the **beast of the earth AFTER HIS KIND**, and **cattle AFTER THEIR KIND**, and everything that crept upon the earth **AFTER HIS KIND**; and God saw that it was good."

These land animals were doubtless the same kind as we have today. The fact that they were created,"

AFTER THEIR KIND,"

which is **5** times repeated, shows that they were not "**evolved**" from one common specie. That all the different species of animals were created "**separately**" is proven from the fact that when species are crossed their offspring are sterile.

The crossing of the jackass and a mare is the mule, and a mule is a hybrid and is sterile. If the "Evolutionary Theory" of the development of animal and vegetable life was true, we should expect to find evidence to that effect in fossil remains of the intermediate links, and we should also see "evolutionary processes" at work now whereby higher orders of animal and plant life are coming into being. But we see nothing of the kind. Animal and plant life exists today in the same form that it had existed in the knowledge of man. The birds build their nests and raise their young as they always did. The beaver builds his dam, and the bee constructs his honeycomb as they have always done. Man alone, has the faculty of improving his mode of construction. This is seen in the development of farming instruments from the crude plow a winnowing fan to the complex plow and cultivator and the combined reaper, binder, and thresher. But here we can trace the steps by the obsolete specimens of farming implements. This is not true in the animal and vegetable kingdoms, for there we find no intermediary links. If the Evolutionary Theory is correct, it should apply, to man as well as animals, and we should see by the crossing of the best specimens of the human race the evolution of a **SUPERMAN**, but the history of the race disproves this.

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SECOND WORK

Gen. 1:26-28, "And God said, Let **US** make man in **OUR IMAGE**, after **OUR LIKENESS**: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crept upon the earth. So God **CREATED** (Bara) man in His **OWN IMAGE**, in the **IMAGE OF GOD CREATED** (Bara) He him; male and female created **He** them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and **REPLENISH THE EARTH**, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

"That man also was "**CREATED**" (Bara) shows that he has not descended from an ape. Man was made in the "**IMAGE OF GOD** not in the image of an "Ape," and was not formed from a brute, of the "Dust of the Earth." There is an "**Impassable Gulf**" between the lowest order of man and the highest type of beast that science has failed to bridge. The "Missing Link" has never been found. That the whole human race is of "One specie" and had a common origin (Acts 17:26) is clear from the fact that, when races of the earth's inhabitants marry, their offspring are not sterile but fertile. This nullifies the argument that the white races are of different origin, and that the white race alone is the Adamic race.

There is no contradiction between the first and second chapters of Genesis as to the creation of man. The first chapter (Gen. 1:26-28) gives the **FACT** of his creation, the second, the **MANNER OF IT**. Gen. 2:7. One is supplementary to the other. In chapter one God is spoken of as "**ELOHIM**," the Creator; in chapter two, He is called "**JEHOVAH**" (The Lord) because He there enters into covenant relations with man. At first the name "**Jehovah**" is joined with "**Elohim**" to remove all doubt as to the identity of the Being designated by the compound word. Now while **either** of these names would suit some passages, in others one would be more suitable than the other. This accounts for the discriminating use of these two names by the sacred writers, and is an answer to those critics who claim that the Scriptures are a clumsy compilation of incongruous and diverse documents which they call Elohistic and Jehovistic.

In Gen. 2:7 we are told that— "The **LORD God** formed (*Yatsar*, fashioned) man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the '**Breath of Life**;' and man became a living soul."

This may mean that the Lord God, fashioned man out of the "dust of the ground" as a sculptor fashions the statue out of clay, and then breathed into the earthy form the "Breath of Life." However it was done we know the work was threefold:

1. The formation of the "BODY"--"And the Lord God **formed man of the dust of the ground.**"
2. The gift of the "SPIRIT"--"And breathed into his nostrils the '**Breath of Life**.'" By this is not meant the "Holy Spirit," but the "Spirit" of the "natural man"--that part of man that must be indwelt by the Holy Spirit before he can be born again. It is the "God Conscious" nature of man.
3. The **SOULISH** part of man--"And man became a 'Living Soul'." This is the seat of the "Self-Conscious" nature, of memory, the affections, etc.

The two principal parts of man are the **BODY** and the **SPIRIT**, but as the functions of these are separate, one being physical and the other spiritual, a third part had to be supplied called the **SOUL**, intermediate between them, and through which they may communicate. Thus man became a "Threefold Being." 1 Thes.5:23. Heb. 4:12. See the Chapter on "The Spirit World." Section, "The Threefold Nature of Man."

In Adam, as originally created, the Soul was such a perfect medium of communication between the Body and the Spirit that there was no conflict between them. The three blended together in one harmonious whole. When man fell the soul became the "battlefield" of the Body and the Spirit, and the conflict began that Paul so graphically describes in Rom. 7:7-24.

Eve was not fashioned in the same way as Adam. She was "made" sometime later. Adam had not found among all the creatures that God had made him a suitable companion, and God saw that it was not good for him to be alone, so He proceeded to make him a "helpmeet" (*companion*). To this end ...

"The Lord God caused a '**deep sleep**' to fall upon Adam and he slept; and He took one of his '**RIBS**, ' and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the '**RIB**, ' which the Lord God had taken from man, made (built) He a **WOMAN**, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called **WOMAN**, because she was taken **OUT OF MAN.**" **Gen. 2:21-23**

While Adam and Eve were not both fashioned in the same way they were not evolved from some lower creature, but were direct creations of God, "**male and female** created He them." Gen. 1:27. The reason why Eve was not fashioned separately from Adam, but was taken out of Adam's side, was to show that in their relation to each other as man and wife they were to be **ONE FLESH**. That's their interests and sympathies, etc., were to be one, and physically they were to be counterparts of each 'Other. Adam and Eve in their physical relation to each other are a type of Christ and the Church. When Eve was presented to Adam he said, "This is now **bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh;**" and the Apostle Paul in speaking of the Church says "we are **members of His BODY**, and of His **FLESH**, and of His **BONES**. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they **two** shall be one flesh. This is a great '**mystery**; ' but I speak concerning Christ and the Church." Eph. 5:30-32.

Adam was not created a baby or a primitive savage, but a full-grown man perfect in intellect and knowledge, else he could not have named the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air. And the fact that his descendants had such skill in the invention of musical instruments and mechanical devices and could build cities and towers and such a vessel as the Ark, proves that the men of Antediluvian times were men of gigantic intellect and attainments, and that instead of man having "evolved upward" he has "degenerated downward."

We see from Gen. 1:29-30, that animals and man were originally given only vegetable food, and that it was not until after the Fall that animals became carnivorous. And it was not until after the Flood that man was permitted to eat "**flesh.**" "Every **moving thing that lives** (animals) shall be meat for you; even as the green herb (.which had been their food) have I given you **all things.** But '**flesh**' with the **life thereof**, which is the **BLOOD THEREOF**, shall ye not eat." Gen.9:3-4.

That is, that in eating "flesh" they must first drain the "**blood**" from it, because the "**blood**" is the **LIFE** of the animal. It was not until after the Exodus, when the Law was given from Mt. Sinai that God's chosen people the Jews were restricted as to the kind of creeping things, flying fowl, and beasts they should eat. Lev. 11:1-47

All that God created was **GOOD.** "And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold it was **VERY GOOD.** And the evening and the morning were the Sixth Day." Gen. 1:31. God is not the author of evil. Evil is the fruit of sin and disobedience. Thorns, thistles, poisonous vines, weeds, noxious beasts, as the serpent, are all the results of sin. Thus the heaven and the earth were restored and repopulated during the six days or periods of the "Restoration Week."



Comment: A last word about the repopulating of the earth (Gen.1:28). "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth." Yes, it is true that the earth had been populated before Adam and Eve were created. So let me ask you a question. Suppose you have a glass filled with ice and water. You drink all the water in the glass and it is now empty. Some time goes by and now you would like something different to drink, so you "Refill" the glass with a different beverage. You would have done exactly what God told Adam and Eve to do. The original earth of Gen.1:1 was Eden and filled with life including 1/3rd of the angels. Eden the Garden of God was the main place of the Kingdom of Lucifer. That kingdom would eventually be destroyed because of sin. FYI, the inhabitants of that distant place fled out into the cosmos when the creator came to judge it, the place where sin had its beginning. It was destroyed, turned upside down, flooded and then frozen to the very lowest depths, to the deepest abyss. With no sun to shine on it, and no way to heat the planet it was for all practical purposes a watery frozen grave. We are not told in scriptures how long this state lasted.

We read in v2 that there came a time when the Spirit of God moved and a time of restoration came and God planted man in His new Garden and told Adam and Eve to "Replenish" the earth. Since Adan and Eve can only reproduce after their own kind, they produced sons and daughters after themselves and re-populated/replenished the earth.

SEVENTH DAY

Gen.2:2-3.

"And on the 'Seventh Day' God ended His work which He had made; and He **RESTED** on the Seventh Day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the 'Seventh Day, ' and **SANCTIFIED IT**; because that in it He had **RESTED FROM ALL HIS WORK** which God created and made."

By God here is meant God in His Triune capacity, for, as has been well said, God the **FATHER created** the matter, God the **SON** took the matter and **made** the worlds and all that exists upon them, and then God the **HOLY SPIRIT** breathed the "Breath of Life" into the things that have life. John 1:1-3. Eph. 3:9. Col.1:12-14. God rested because His work was **finished**. That is the only justifiable reason for resting.

God rested because His work was not only **finished** but was **GOOD**. There could be no reflection upon it. But when God's perfect work was marred by sin, by the "Fall of Man," His "Sabbath Rest" was broken. As soon as man fell it was necessary for God to resume His work, this time not to continue the creation of material things, but for the purpose of the redemption of man that he might become a "**NEW CREATION**" in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:17. So Jesus in explaining His mission saying, "But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working." John 5:17

In Gen. 2:1-3, we are simply told that God **rested** from His work of **creating on the "SEVENTH Day."** The Day is not called a **SABBATH** Day. We are told that God **BLESSED and SANCTIFIED** it. That is, set it apart as a **REST DAY**. We are not told the **length** of the "**SEVENTH Day**" of the Creative Week, but it should have corresponded with the length of the other days, if sin had not shortened it.

THE SABBATH

If God instituted the "Sabbath" before the "Fall of Man," it seems strange that the fact is not recorded in Genesis, and that Adam was not told to observe it. Nowhere in the Book of Genesis do we read of Adam, or any of his descendants, or Noah, or Abraham observing the Sabbath. The only hint we have of a "seven-fold" division of days is found in Gen. 7:4, Gen. 7:10, when **seven days of grace** were granted before the Flood came, and in Gen. 8:8-10, where a seven day period elapsed between the sending forth of the dove. The first place we read of the Sabbath is in Ex. 16:23-26., in connection with the gathering of the manna-- "Six- days you shall gather it; but on the **SEVENTH** day, **WHICH IS THE SABBATH**, in it there shall be none." Here we have the "**SEVENTH**" day designated as "**THE SABBATH**." That the "Seventh Day" of the "Creative Week" was a **type** of the Sabbath is clear from Ex. 20:11 "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the **SEVENTH** day; wherefore the Lord **blessed the SABBATH** day, and **hallowed** it." But we have no evidence that the Sabbath was commanded to be observed until after the Exodus, and the reason is clear. God's "Rest Day" was broken by the "Fall of Man," and there could be no "rest" until redemption was brought in, and this was **typically** brought in by the redemption of the Children of Israel from Egypt through the offering of the "Passover Lamb," a type of Christ. The purpose of their deliverance was that they might find **rest** in Canaan from the weary toil and slavery of Egypt. Deut. 5:15.

When a short time later the "Ten Commandments" were given on Mt. Sinai, the Lord said to Israel, "**REMEMBER** the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, " (Ex. 20:8), the Sabbath Day they were to **remember** was not the "Seventh Day" on which God rested, but the "Day" that God had appointed as the "Sabbath Day" at the time of the giving of the manna.

The command to observe the Sabbath was given to Israel **EXCLUSIVELY**. It was not given to the Gentiles. It was given to Israel as the "**SIGN**" of the "Mosaic Covenant." "Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a '**SIGN**' between me and you **throughout your generations**." Ex. 31:13; Ez. 20:12, Ez. 20:19-21. The Sabbath Day then belongs to the Jews alone and is not binding on the Gentiles (the world), or on the Church (Christians). Nowhere in the Bible do you find God finding fault with any nation or people, except the Jewish nation, for not observing the Sabbath. As a Jewish ordinance it has never been revoked, changed, or transferred to any other day of the week, or to any other people. It is now on hold, as foretold in Hosea 2:11 it would be. It is to be resumed when the Jews are nationally restored to their own land. Isa. 66:23. Ez. 44:24; Ez. 44:46; 1-3.

If this is true, then the "Sabbath" does not belong to the Church and is not to be observed by Christians, for the Sabbath Day "is a part of **"THE LAW,"** and Christians are not under **"LAW,"** but under **"GRACE."** Rom. 6:14. In his letter to the Galatian Christians Paul reprov'd them for going back to the "Law, " and declared that those who did so were **"under the CURSE."** Gal. 3:10. "How turn ye again to the **'beggarly elements'** (religious ordinances) whereunto ye desire again to be **in bondage?** Ye observe **DAYS** (Sabbath and Feast Days), and months, and times, and years. I am **afraid of you,** lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Gal. 4:9-11. "Let no man therefore judge you in **meats** or in **drink,** or in respect of a **holy day,** or of the **new moon,** or of the **SABBATH."** Col. 2:16. If Christians are under obligations to keep the "Jewish Sabbath," then they are under the Jewish "Ceremonial Law" and should observe all the ordinances and Feast Days of the Jewish Ritual.

As an institution of Judaism, the Sabbath, with all the "Feast Days" and other ritualistic ceremonies and offerings of Judaism, ceased to function with the close of the Jewish Dispensation. The **JEWISH** Sabbath was not changed to the **CHRISTIAN** Sabbath, any more than "Circumcision" was changed to "Baptism." There is no such thing as the **"CHRISTIAN Sabbath."** "Sabbath" has to do with **LAW,** and "Christian" with **GRACE,** and to join **"LAW"** and **"GRACE"** is to unite what God has forever separated. After the Resurrection, Christ and His Disciples never met on the Sabbath" but on the **"FIRST DAY** of the week." John 20:1, John 20:19, Acts 20:7, Acts 20:1, Cor. 16:2. It is true that they went into the Jewish Synagogues on the Sabbath, but not to worship, but that they might have opportunity to preach the Gospel. The "First Day of the Week" is the day to be observed for rest and worship by the Christian Church. It is prefigured in the Old Testament as the **"EIGHTH DAY,"** or the **"DAY AFTER THE SABBATH."** "You shall bring a sheaf of the **'FIRST-FRUITS'** of your harvest unto the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you; on the **'MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH.'** the priest shall wave it." Lev. 23:10-11. What did that **"First Fruits"** typify? Read 1. Cor. 15:20 "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the **'FIRSTFRUITS'** of them that slept." When did Christ rise from the dead and become the **"FIRST FRUITS?"** Not on the "Sabbath," for He lay dead in the tomb on that day, but on the **"FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,"** on the **"MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH."**

The fact that the "Birthday" of the Church was at Pentecost, and that fell on the "First Day of the Week," is further proof that the Church should keep the "First Day of the Week (Sunday)" and not the "Seventh" day (Saturday) or **"SABBATH."**



There is a long standing difference of opinion on the subject if the church should worship on the Sabbath (Saturday) of the 1st Day of the Week (Sunday). Let us look at two of the above scripture that might shed some light on this for us.

Acts 20:7, “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.”

1 Cor. 16:2, “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save as he may prosper, so that no collections *need to* be made when I come.”

There are many scripture, but I believe two is sufficient to show that the first Century Church met together on the 1st day of the week to worship the lord. Remember, they also met during the week on various days in their houses for fellowship and a few words from one of the Apostles.

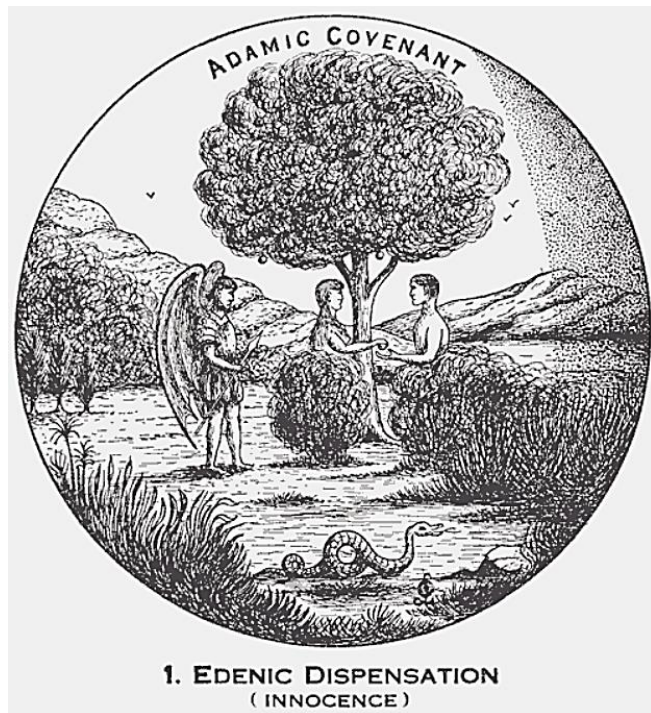
The Jewish Sabbath links man with the "Old Dispensation," the "First Day of the Week" links man with the "New." It is claimed that the Roman Catholic Church changed the day of rest from the "Seventh Day" to the "First Day of the Week," but the claim is false, for the Papacy did not exist until a long time after the "First Day of the Week" had become a fixed day for Christian worship. It is a noteworthy fact that the whole of the "Ten Commandments" (Ex. 20:1-3) is reaffirmed in the New Testament, except the 'Fourth Commandment' regarding the Sabbath. Rom. 13:8-10, Eph. 6:1-2, James 5:12, James 5:1. John 5:21. Why this omission if the Law of the "Sabbath" is still in force? It is called the "**LORD'S DAY.**" It belongs to Him. It is not called a "rest day" in the Bible. It is a day that should be filled with worship and service and holy activity. It is not a day to be spent in laziness or pleasure, or the giving of sacred concerts and the discussion of worldly betterment schemes, but a day for the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE

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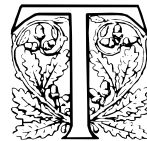
The length of time that past, with the earth in the condition we are told of in Gen.1:2 is something we can only speculate about. There is a ray of hope in the grace of God. Remember He created the earth to be inhabited ... and so it will be ... and Man multiplied upon the face of the earth. The period of time referred to as **THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE** dawned from the restoration of the earth to the flood of Noah. This time can be divided into **TWO** Dispensations.

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1. The Edenic Dispensation

A Time of Innocence



his Dispensation extends from the creation of Adam to the Expulsion from the Garden. As to its duration we know nothing. It was probably very short, and was the "Dispensation of Innocence."

Man's existence on this planet began under the most favorable circumstances. The earth had been restored to its primeval glory. The waters swarmed with fish and fowl. The land was one mass of luxuriant vegetation, and hills and valleys and plains were covered with flocks and herds of sheep and cattle, and all kinds of beasts and animals. The air was alive with bird life, and filled with fragrance from fruits and flowers. There were no storms to terrify and destroy, for the earth was watered by a mist, and the beauty of the day and night must have been unspeakably grand. Everything must have been perfect of its kind, for we read that God saw everything He had made and behold, it was "very good."

But not good enough for man-, for God took and planted a "Garden" eastward in Eden. A garden in which God caused to grow every tree that was pleasant to the sight and good for food, and in the midst of the garden He planted the "**Tree of Life**," and the tree of the "**Knowledge of Good and Evil**."



Comment: The Garden of Eden Gen.2:8, The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden.” This Garden was for Adam, as God put him in it. Eve would be created in it, for it was all she ever knew of her world.

This is not the same EDEN that we find Lucifer in according to Ezek.28:13, “You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared.” The Eden Lucifer as in was the planet called Eden, the entire planet was the Garden of God, but when sin entered into Lucifer and he sinned, then judgment came to his kingdom and it was destroyed, made a waste land, (Gen.1:2; Jer.4:23-27).

God would later restored the Eden and called it Earth and planted a garden in it to its Eastern parts, the gardens name was also Eden, perhaps an eternal remind of Gods garden, one day He will restore it as He intended it to be (Rev.21-22).

The garden was watered with a beautiful river, and when it was ready God placed Adam in it. In this garden of matchless delights, and amid scenes of indescribable loveliness, with God for his counselor, and angelic beings as visitors, with a sinless nature and environment most favorable to a pure and holy life, the ancestors of the human race were placed. The conditions were ideal.

But Adam had no companion like unto himself, and because it was not good for him to be alone, for he would be lonely even among such beautiful surroundings, God said, I will make a-helpmeet for him, and so the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and while he slumbered, the Lord God took a rib from his side and from it made Eve. This is the first use of an anesthetic in the performance of a surgical operation of which we have any record. Whether Adam slept until his side was healed, or whether the Lord God healed it at once we are not told. What must have been his surprise, when he opened his eyes to see standing by him such a beautiful creature as, Eve must have been. That Adam knew where she came from is clear from his statement- "This is now bone of

my bone, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called WOMAN (Isha) because she was taken out of MAN (Ish)." Gen. 2:23. It is clear that from the first Adam loved her, or he would not have risked death for her by eating of the forbidden fruit.

The first pair was happy in their sweet companionship, and without doubt believed that it would last forever. They knew nothing of the ruins of the Primeval Earth beneath their feet, now covered with the Edenic verdure of a renewed earth. Neither did they know that the heavens above them swarmed with fallen beings under the leadership of Satan, and that their happiness was to end in a "Fall" that would necessitate their expulsion from that "Garden of Delights," and that sooner or later they should taste of physical death.

If it be charged that God should have forewarned Adam of his danger of an attack by Satan, let it not be forgotten that the commandment not to eat of the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" should have caused him to beware of any being who should tempt him to disobey the command of God and eat of it. To have plainly told him of the plan of Satan would have frustrated God's purpose in the testing of Adam. True obedience is to obey without knowing why.



Comments

THE ISSUE OF SIN

Before we go any further⁷

There is one nagging question that before we go any further needs to be examined. "Did God create evil (sin)?" At first it might seem that if God created all things, then evil must have been created by God. However, evil is not a "thing" like a rock or tree. You cannot have a jar of evil. Evil has no existence of its own; it is really the absence of good. For example, holes are real but they only exist in something else. We call the absence of dirt a hole. Did God create the hole? The hole cannot be separated from the dirt, and if you put the dirt back in the hole then you stop having a hole. So when God created, everything

⁷ <https://gotquestions.org/did-God-create-evil.html>

He created was good. In order to have a real choice, God had to allow created beings the ability to not choose Him. They could decide for themselves if they wanted to serve Him or not. That was the choice, God or not God. When we choose God and the things of God it is considered righteousness. When we do not choose God in a particular matter, or a life decision, we are in affect choosing ourselves, and we put ourselves in the place where God should be. This is sin. Sin (evil) is not a “thing” that required God to create it.

Perhaps a further illustration will help. If a person is asked, “Does cold exist?” the answer would likely be “yes.” However, this is incorrect. Cold does not exist. Cold is the absence of heat. Similarly, darkness does not exist; it is the absence of light. Evil is the absence of good, or better stated, evil is the absence of God. God did not have to create evil, but rather only allow for the absence of good in the choice you will make.

If God had not allowed for the possibility of evil, both mankind and angels would be serving God out of obligation, not choice. He did not want “robots” that simply did what He wanted them to do because of their “programming.” God allowed for the possibility of “the wrong choice,” so that we could genuinely have a free will and choose whether or not we wanted to serve Him.

As finite human beings, we can never fully understand an infinite God.

Romans 11:33-34 (NASB), ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! ³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

One of life’s most important lessons we all need to learn is simply this, “Our lives are not all about us.” It’s not about you, your wants, your desires, selfish gain at the expense of others. This is then the great sin, the evil inside, that we put ourselves first and others last or not at all. Those kinds of choices reveal our true nature, selfish and self-serving. Why do we make such choices ... because God lets us have free will. We are free to choose Him, every day in every part of our life, or we can choose our self and we live with the results of that decision.

When it came to Adam and Eve, Satan tempted them both and they both chose “themselves” over obeying the commandment of God. But there was another plan in the works, a greater plan. Remember John 3:16, For God so loved the world ... before He even created it, and He had already seen you and your life from the beginning to the last day was written down in a book.



THE ANTEDILUVIAN AGE



Comment: The purpose God had in allowing Adam to be tempted and fall is revealed in the Gospel. If God had not permitted the human race to be tested and fall, the Universe would never have had the supreme spectacle of His forgiving love and redemptive grace as revealed on Calvary.

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How long after Adam was created Eve was given to him we do not know. It must have been some time, for Adam required time to name all the living creatures that were brought to him, of cattle, of fowl, and of the beasts of the field. Neither are we told how long after Eve was given to Adam before the Temptation. It is hardly likely that it was immediately, for while they were mature physically they were but as children in experience, at least Eve was, and she was unfit to cope with the seductive wiles of the Serpent, the most powerful enemy of God and man.

Satan's purpose in the "Temptation" was to thwart God's purpose in the creation of man (the peopling of the earth with a holy race of human beings), and to regain the earth, which he had lost by his rebellion. His hope was to convince God to destroy the first two of their kind for their sin, before they could populate the earth. He played his game with supreme skill. Fearing that if he were to approach them together they might withstand his temptation, he awaited for the time when Eve would be alone.

It is not improbable that Eve, curious to know the cause of the prohibition, she removed herself away from Adam and gone off by herself to examine the Tree, and that Satan, discovering her there was not slow to take advantage of his opportunity.

If Eve had avoided the vicinity of the Tree, she would not have been able to cast that look at it which made her desire to eat of its fruit. Satan saw that Eve was disgruntled about something. He wisely surmised that it was because God had forbidden them to eat of the Tree, so he approached her and spoke to her. The fact that Eve was not afraid to talk with the Serpent is an indication that it was not a loathsome creature, and that it was no stranger to her. She had seen it often and probably talked with it before, for Satan does not make his supreme effort until he has first prepared the way. What the Serpent was like before it was cursed and caused to crawl instead of stand upright. We do not know, but it must have been a beautiful creature. Whether it had the power to talk or simply became a mouthpiece of Satan we are not told. What we do know is that Satan incarnated himself in it.

Observing that Eve was casting longing glances at the "Fruit" of the Tree, the Serpent (Satan) opened the conversation by craftily asking– "Yea has God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?" The subtlety of this question is seen in its insinuating suggestion that God did not love them, and was unfair and unkind to forbid them anything. In her answer Eve betrays her feeling toward God by adding to the prohibition, saying neither shall you **TOUCH** it, "as if God was afraid to trust her. She also altered the penalty from "you shall surely die," to "lest you die," thus expressing doubt as to the certainty of death. It is a dangerous thing to add to or subtract from God's word. Rev.22:18-19. The commencement of the fall was the "deceitful handling" of the Word of God. 2 Cor. 4:2.

Satan was the first "Higher Critic." He was the creator of the "**SEED OF DOUBT.**" - It was deposited in the heart or mind of Eve by Satan's question-"Yea, has GOD said? "This led Eve to question the love of God. This "**MICROBE OF UNBELIEF**" the human race has inherited from Eve. Men do not openly deny the goodness of God so much as they question the statements of the Word of God. They say, "Has God really said we must not do this and so? Have we not misunderstood what He has said, or misinterpreted His meaning? Surely God is too loving and merciful to eternally punish the wicked."

Satan having sown the "Seed of Doubt" and perceiving that the poison was working, next declared that God was a liar by saying "You shall not surely die." This is the "DEVIL'S LIE," and it has been incorporated into the religious systems of today that teach that man shall not be eternally punished. Satan then impugned God's motive by declaring that God did not want them to have a knowledge of "Good" and "Evil" lest they become "gods" like Himself. This appealed to Eve's curiosity and ambition, and stirred up a "torrent of desire" in her heart, and when she saw that the "Tree" was "good for food" (the Lust of the Flesh), and "pleasant to the eyes" (the Lust of the Eye), and "desirable to make one wise" (the Pride of Life), she did not wait to consult her husband, but put forth her hand and plucked and ate the fruit, and the days of her innocence were ended; and when Adam appeared, without contrition of heart, she in turn tempted him, and he not willing to be separated from her also ate, the result the ruin of the race. The Woman was deceived, but Adam was not deceived, nevertheless, the Apostle tells us, it was the "woman's" fault. 1 Tim. 2:13-14.

The inducement that Satan held out to Eve, that the acquisition of knowledge would put her and Adam on the same plane with God, and make them GOD-LIKE, this is the same inducement that Satan offers to ambitious men today, and he is seeking through his trickery to build up a magnificent civilization on the discoveries and inventions of men, and exult man without God, and his aim is the final

"DEIFICATION OF MAN,"

that will find its culmination in his

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"SUPERMAN,"
"THE ANTICHRIST,"

who will sit in the Temple at Jerusalem and proclaim himself GOD. 2 Thess. 2:3-4. This accounts for all the "World Systems" of today for the social, religious, political and commercial betterment and advancement of the race. Adam and Eve were created **"INNOCENT."** "Innocence" is not "RIGHTEOUSNESS" "Innocence" cannot become "Righteousness" until TESTED. If Adam and Eve had stood the "Test" they would have become "Righteous" or "Holy," they failed and became SINNERS. There is but one step from "Innocence" to "HOLINESS," or from "Innocence" to "SIN." Adam and Eve took the step from "Innocence" to SIN and became SINNERS. If they had taken the opposite step they would have become "Holy" and been beyond the possibility of "Sin." Now man cannot become "Holy" without the New Birth.

In the Fall of man the triumph of Satan was complete. The first effect of the disobedience of Adam and Eve was **SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS.** "They saw that they were NAKED." The result of this knowledge led them to invent clothing made of "FIG LEAVES." All living creatures are clothed by nature. Fish have scales, birds have feathers, beasts have hair, or fur, or wool; even serpents have a beautifully colored skin. Many are naked when ushered into existence, but it is not long until nature provides clothing. Man alone of all God's creatures is left without clothing, and is compelled to have recourse to artificial covering. Why is this? It is the result of **SIN.**

Adam and Eve at first wore no clothing, nor did they need to. Their state of innocence made them not ashamed. Some claim that their unfallen nature was clothed in a veil of radiant glory that hid their nakedness. This they lost in the Fall. At once, conscious of their shame, they resorted to artificial clothing. Clothes are the trappings of guilt. The style and character of clothing may change, but the guilt remains. Clothing may hide our shame from the eyes of man, but not from the eyes of God. A black heart may hide behind a white vest.

The sun set that day upon a scene that witnessed the downfall of the human race. It was a dark and fearful night. They both dreaded to meet God and so hid themselves in the garden when the Lord God came down to take His usual walk in the Garden in the

cool of the day. Heretofore they had looked forward to the daily visit of the Lord God, but now they feared to face Him. Thus sin makes cowards of us all.

By questioning them the Lord God got them to sit in judgment on their own conduct. Adam blamed his fall on Eve, she blamed her fall on the Serpent. God patiently listened to them and gave them an opportunity to justify their conduct, and then He passed judgment on them. But to the Serpent He gave no opportunity for justification, but said,

"Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life; and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between YOUR SEED and HER SEED, IT (her seed CHRIST) shall bruise your **HEAD**, and YOU shall bruise His **HEEL**."

In the expression **YOUR SEED** (Satan's seed) we have a prophetic reference to the **THE ANTICHRIST** who as Satan's seed is called in 2 Thes.2:3 the "**SON OF PERDITION**."

These are the words of a judge to a condemned criminal who is awaiting sentence, and is a confirmation of Satan's previous rebellion, who hears his doom. At once the Serpent, the tool of Satan, is changed into a crawling, loathsome, venomous reptile. The Woman's sentence was that God would multiply her pain in childbirth, and He changed her heart that her desire should be for her husband and that he would rule over her. Unto Adam God said, "Cursed is the ground for your sake, thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you, in the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return unto the ground." So what had been a pleasure to Adam, the care of the Garden, was henceforth to be a task, for driven out from the Garden he must make a living by tilling a soil that brought forth naturally nothing but thorns, thistles and weeds.

But Adam and Eve could not be expelled from the Garden without clothing. Their "Fig-leaf" raiment was not sufficient. It would not protect them from the **penalty of sin**, for it was man made, and man cannot be saved by his own works, so it was necessary for God to, provide a suitable raiment, a raiment that would typify the putting away of sin. So we read "Unto Adam and his wife did the Lord God make '**COATS OF SKINS**,' and clothed them." Gen. 3:21.

It is here in Genesis 3:15 where we find the first prophecy, we call it the "**MOTHER PROPHECY**."



Comments

The **MOTHER PROPHECY**⁸

After the fall of Adam and Eve the scriptures gives us the account of the punishment God gives to Adam and Eve and Satan the serpent. It is a very important prophecy worth a second look. In one simple verse, God gave an overview of the entirety of redemptive history.

Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Note: “enmity,” is defined as being opposed to, or hostile to, a deep-rooted hatred for someone, or a group, strife.

Eve, the mother of all humanity, sinned, and God declared that from that day forward there would be hostility between herself and Satan. Beyond this, Satan’s “seed,” or followers, would be at enmity with the offspring of Eve, those who did not follow Satan. But even more important, Satan’s seed would be at war with the “SEED,” which is the Messiah, and His followers.

According to this ancient prophecy, history would tell the story of the people of Satan in conflict with the people of God. Then comes the glorious promise that although Satan would merely bruise the heel of the Messiah, in the end, the Messiah will crush the skull of Satan as well as his followers.

In this single verse, in one brief declaration, we have a synopsis of redemptive history. It then becomes for us a type of “**MOTHER PROPHECY**” of which all other prophetic promises concerning the Messiah come from.

⁸ “The Mideast Beast” by: Joel Richardson pg.16

THE FULFILLING OF THE MOTHER PROPHECY

Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Two part prophecy:

3:15a “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed;”

As stated earlier “Enmity,” is defined as being opposed to, or hostile to, a deep-rooted hatred for someone. History has proved this to be true and accurate. As all men are born of the woman there are always those who will choose the darker side they align themselves with the evil of this world. There are also those who will choose righteousness and the good that is in the world and by their very nature choose to serve God.

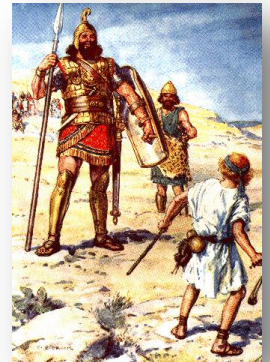
These two opposites have been engaged in war, fighting and killing each other since Cain killed his brother Abel. As long as there is a sin nature there are those who will choose it over God. Six thousand years of the seed of Satan fighting the seed of Eve and there will be no end in sight till the King of all Kings comes and puts a stop to all the madness and killing.

3:15b “it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

In this second half of the prophecy God is speaking directly to Satan. The word translated “*bruise*” in reference to the head would be better translated “*crush*.” God is saying that His Son with “His heel” will crush your (Satan) head, while you (Satan) will bruise his (Jesus) heel. Let’s look at what happened in history that would begin the fulfillment of the second half of the prophecy.

This takes us first to the story of **David and Goliath**.

Here is the short version for the sake of time. Goliath was a very large man anywhere from 6’-9” to 9’-9.” He came from the town of Gath (1 Sam.17:4) and was the chief warrior and champion of the Philistine army. He came out onto the field of battle and challenged anyone from Israel to come out and fight him and thus settle the battle that way.



David on the other hand was just a teenager who had come out of the fields tending sheep and now was the shield-bearer and harpist to King Saul. David grew tired of hearing Goliath's taunting God's people so he volunteered to go and kill the pagan Philistine.

1 Samuel 17: 49-51, ⁴⁹ "And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung *it*, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it."

To the victor goes the spoils of war and so David not only kept the head of Goliath, but his armor also. His greatest trophy however was the head which was so large David needed both hands to carry it, or he simply dragged it behind him. Then David took the head of Goliath to Jerusalem, but his armor he put in his tent (1 Samuel 17:51-54).

The Jews would not have permitted the Gentile giant's head to be buried within the city walls. It would have been buried outside the city walls. David took it outside of the city to a hill just outside the walls and buried it there. This place became known as the "place of the skull" and not just any skull, but of the skull of Goliath. The hill became known by another name which is "Golgotha" The term is a corruption of Hebrew for "Goliath of Gath": Goliath Gath > GoliGath > GolGath > GolGatha.

THE CRUSHING OF THE HEAD AND THE BRUISING OF THE HEAL

Let's take a second and look back at the prophecy of Genesis 3:15b "... it shall bruise your [*Satan*] head, and you shall bruise his [*Jesus*] heel." For this we take a look at the crucifixion of Jesus.

Mark 15:22, "They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull")."

Luke 23:33, "When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left."

It is noteworthy to mention at this point that the feet were often nailed to opposite sides of the upright beam.⁹ A nail was then driven through the heel bone and into the wood, making sure the body would not come off the cross. A fulfillment of Genesis 3:15.

What does all this mean?

Many times in scripture Jesus claimed to be the son of David King of Israel.¹⁰ David was the one who slayed Goliath and buried his head on Golgotha the same hill in which Jesus was crucifixion. The cross of Jesus was standing on the skull of Satan's champion Goliath, in essence "Crushing it." At the same time all Satan could do was to "bruise His heel." A direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Gen 3:15.

"ENMITY between your seed and her seed"

Now as to the first part of the prophecy, Genesis 3:15a "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed." All the wars of history of good vs. evil have been in fulfillment of this first part of the "Mother Prophecy." The seed of Satan is all those who decide to follow Satan and do his bidding here on earth. Satan and his demons will forever be at odds and battle the seed of all those who follow God. It has been the classic battles of right vs. wrong, good vs. evil (nations or personal battles) and so it will be until Jesus comes back and puts a stop to it all. Jesus will set up His Kingdom and men will no longer study war and there will be peace at last.

Isaiah 2:4, "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

With all this having been said there is another point to mention at this time. Ever since the fall of Lucifer, Satan has sought out ways to ruin God's redemptive plan and scripture tells us of at least four times that he tried.

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crucifixion#Nail_placement

¹⁰ Mt.1:1, 12:23; Mrk. 12:35; Lu.1:31-33; Acts 13:22-23

AN EVIL PLAN of SATANS

1. First he was the cause of man's sin in the Garden.

Genesis 3:4-6, ⁴“And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: ⁵For God knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

This records the sin of both Adam and Eve.

Eve's sin: She listened to the words of Satan over her husband and God's commandment and listened to the voice of Satan.

Adam sin: Adam listened to the words of Eve over the commands of God. His was the greater sin, for it was given to Adam authority over the earth and all animals in the air, land and sea, this would also include Eve. Notice in Genesis 5:2 it says that God called their (both of them) names “Adam.” It wouldn't be till after their sin that (the man) Adam changed the woman's name to Eve because she would be the mother of all living. He had the authority given to him by God to do this, and this is the name she would forever be known by.

2. The second attempt was to contaminate man's bloodline by inter-breeding with the daughters of men. From them came the Nephilim.

Genesis 6:1-4, “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, ²That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. ³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. ⁴There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

The corruption of the seed of man was so prevalent on the earth that it was no longer pure human DNA, but a mix of the fallen angels and man. In this state the individual could not be purified by the blood of any sacrifice, or of Jesus. God had a plan to counter

this attempt by Satan. In v3 God gave man 120 years, and told Noah to build a boat. At the appointed time it was Noah (his wife), his three sons and their wives and all the animals that God would bring into the Ark. The earth was then purified by the flood, a type of baptism by water (1 Peter 3:18-20).

3. The third attempt came after the birth of Jesus when King Herod realized the wise men were not coming back.

Matthew 2:16, “Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.”

4. The fourth attempt was at Calvary

Matthew 27:35-37, ³⁵“ And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. ³⁶ And sitting down they watched him there; ³⁷ And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

The crucifixion of Jesus was not a setback for the plan of God. Satan in his misunderstanding of the prophecy thought he would win by Jesus’ death on the cross. It was in fact only the fulfillment of the plan of God to redeem all mankind, established from before the foundation of the world (Gen. 1:1, Beresheet /in the beginning). This was to be Satan’s setback, because death could not hold Jesus, enabling Jesus to literally crush the serpents’ head. The killing of Jesus was actually Satan’s own undoing. The Genesis 3:15 prophecy tells of Satan’s own defeat “*it shall bruise your head.*”

What Satan did understand was that God Himself would incarnate from a woman and that He would become a man and yet still God (God-man) in the flesh. I believe Satan missed because of the way Jesus came into the world.

Jesus the Son of God did not come into this world having a grand and noble appearance, or twelve legends of angels at His side proving His command authority in the heavens. The Son of God, the creator of the world (Jn.1.1) came into this world in the most humble of places even among men. In a lowly manger with barely a covering over His mother’s head for shelter, is where Mary gave birth to the Son of God.

Satan's hatred for the woman is ongoing and we will see how his hatred for women is playing itself out later in those who follow him and do his bidding. Through the woman a Savior was born and the seed of Satan still fights the seed of God, but even this too will one day come to an end. One day we will study war no more, in the Kingdom of Heaven.



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Why did the Lord God not provide a more refined and beautiful dress? When Adam sinned did he become so "animalized" that skins were the only suitable dress for him to wear? No. The skins were typical. They could only be secured by the killing of some innocent animals, probably lambs, and were a type of the "**Lamb of God,**" and proclaimed the great truth that sin can only be put away by the shedding of **BLOOD**. Heb. 9:22. They proclaim man's re-clothing. They speak of the garments of glory of the resurrection body.

Yes, it was the first woman who offered Adam the fruit and he ate of it. Was it out of wonder, if what God said was true or was it out of so great a love for Eve that he would willingly take of what was forbidden, so she would not be alone in her punishment? I think Adam could not stand the thought of being alone without her. Never-the-less Satan used the women to tempt Adam and by which sin entered into the world, but God had a greater plan.

But the night of that awful day was not starless. One single, "star of promise" lighted up the gloom. It was the promise that "**The Seed of the Woman Should Bruise the Serpent's Head,**" and eventually destroy the last trace of his slimy trail over the fields of this fair earth.

It is a significant fact that the giver of this "Promise" was **Himself** the promised

"Seed of the Woman;"

and that **He** who clothed Adam and Eve in skins was the "**LORD Jesus Christ,**" the second person of the Trinity, who was to become the

"Lamb of God,"

whose death on Calvary was foreshadowed by the slaying of the lambs whose skins were needed to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve.

While the "World Systems" are under the dominion of Satan, and God for some good reason permits them to be, He is not to be charged with inability to prevent Satan's work, or as being cruelly indifferent to man's lost condition, or blamed for not having stopped at once the reign of evil powers in the Universe, for immediately upon the "Fall of Man" God provided a redemptive remedy in the promise, "The 'Seed of the Woman' (Christ) should bruise the Serpent's head," and men are lost, not because there is no way of escape from the toils of Satan, but because they will not accept God's way of escape through Christ.

The world would not be deluded by Satan's "**devices**" (2 Cor. 2:11) if it would give heed to the more "sure word of prophecy" (2 Pet. 1:19) which reveals his origin, purpose and doom. But the study of prophecy is not only neglected, but discouraged because of the way in which the scriptures are "**WRESTED**" (2 Pet. 3:16) by those who use prophecy to further their own doctrinal ends, so that many condemn the study of prophecy and read the scriptures as if they said, "We have a very '**UNCERTAIN**' word of prophecy, to which you do well to pay no attention whatever."

The Edenic Dispensation was perfectly unique. It was characterized by the "**absence of sin,**" and the "**presence of God.**" There will be nothing like it again until "The Tabernacle of God is with men," and He will dwell with them on the New Earth. Rev. 21:3. In the Edenic Dispensation God dealt with Adam on the basis of "**INNOCENCE,**" and He can never treat man again on the same basis until the curse of sin shall be removed from the earth. Man is no longer under probation, but under condemnation. John 3:18. Ever since the Fall God has had to deal with man as a guilty, lost, helpless and ruined **sinner**. And not only a ruined **sinner**, a ruined **CREATURE**. There is no good thing in him, he is at "**enmity with God,**" and is not "**subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**" Rom. 8:6-7.

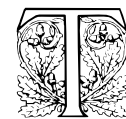
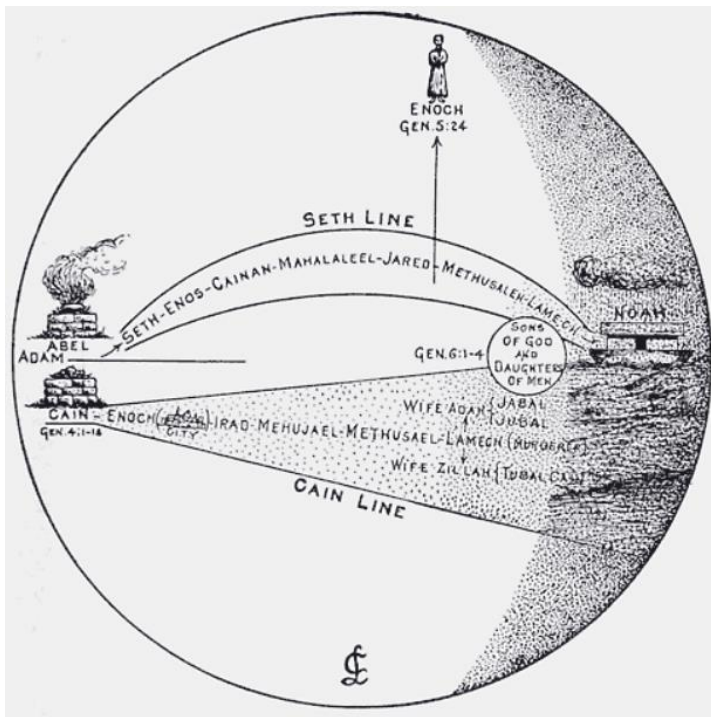
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In mercy God drove the guilty, but forgiven pair, from the Garden lest they eat of the "Tree of Life" and be doomed to live "**forever,**" in their sinful mortal bodies. Thus the First Dispensation ended in failure, the human race under condemnation and the

whole earth cursed. Men claim that innocence, and a perfect environment are safeguards against wrong-doing, but the catastrophe of Eden proves that this is not true.

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2. THE **ANTEDILUVIAN DISPENSATION** (CONSCIENCE)



his Dispensation extends from the "Fall" to the "Flood." it lasted for 1656 years, and was the Dispensation of "Conscience." it shows what man will do when guided only by his conscience. Adam and Eve had no conscience before the "Fall." Conscience is a knowledge of good and evil, and this Adam and Eve did not have until they ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree. Conscience may produce fear and remorse, but it will not keep men from doing wrong, for conscience imparts no "power."



It is probable that the Lord God explained to Adam and Eve the significance of a "Bloody Sacrifice" for sin, but it is a remarkable fact that Adam is not mentioned in the Scriptures as offering such a sacrifice, neither is he mentioned in the list of Old Testament worthies recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. The list begins with Abel, who is the first one mentioned as offering up a "bloody" sacrifice. Is this a silent hint that Adam and Eve were still unrepentant after their exclusion from the Garden? Adam and Eve had no children before the "Fall." That they were created for that purpose is clear from the words God spoke to them after their creation, when He blessed them and said,

"Be fruitful and multiply and **replenish the earth.**" Gen. 1:28.

In the words "replenish the earth" we have unmistakable evidence that the earth had been peopled before it was thrown into a chaotic condition, and that its inhabitants in some way had been destroyed. It does not follow, however, that those inhabitants were human beings like ourselves. No human remains have been found preceding the creation of man.

How soon after the expulsion from the Garden the first child was born to Adam and Eve we are not told. Probably it was not very long. The first child was a son, Cain. The name means "gotten" or "acquired," and implies that Eve took him for the "Promised Seed." She seems to have been disappointed, and when Abel was born she called him "vapor." It does not follow that Abel was the second child. There may have been a number of children, both sons and daughters, born between Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel are "Representative" men -one of the wicked line, and the other of the righteous line from Adam.

There is a hint in the curse imposed on Eve, "I will greatly **multiply your conception,**" Gen. 3:16, that births were not only frequent, but that several children were born at a time. In no other way could the human race multiply as it did in those early days, and for some time after the Flood. Intermarriages among the children of the same family were not forbidden until after the Flood.

Cain and Abel were not children when Cain killed Abel. They were probably over 100 years of age. Abel was a "keeper of sheep," not his father's, but his own. He was a grown man and a cattle owner. Cain was an agriculturist and the possessor of large estates. We read that Adam was 130 years old when he begat Seth. Gen. 5:3. Seth was probably born soon after the death of Abel. Gen. 4:25. This would make Abel over 100 years of age at his death.

The death of Abel was probably due to a religious dispute between Cain and Abel on the merits of religious offerings. Abel claimed that a "Bloody Sacrifice" was necessary. Cain claimed that an offering of "works" taken from the soil which God had cursed was sufficient. They put the matter to a test. God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's, probably answering as on Mt. Carmel by fire.

This angered Cain. He did not kill Abel that day. The Lord disputed with Cain and reminded him that there was still time to bring a "sin offering." The expression "sin lies at the door" Gen. 4:7 may be translated a "sin offering lies at the door." But Cain would not listen and nursed his anger, possibly for a long time. One day, while alone in the field, Cain brought the subject up again, for we read that Cain talked with Abel about the matter (Gen. 4:8), and Cain's anger became uncontrollable and he arose from the ground

where they were sitting and killed his brother. The whole thing was a scheme of Satan's to destroy Abel, through whom the "Promised Seed" was to come. That Abel was childless, at least did not have a son to succeed him, is clear from the fact that Seth took his place.

Satan was not only the instigator of Abel's murder; he was the author of Cain's "Religion," spoken of by Jude as,

"The Way of Cain."

Here we see the origin of all human religions.

When Cain fled he took his wife with him. He did not get his wife in the land of Nod, he "**knew her**" there. That is, she conceived there and bore a son, Enoch. This was not the Enoch of the line of Seth who was translated.

After the birth of Enoch, Cain began to build a city. Here we have the beginning of the city with all its attendant evils. Among the descendants of Cain were Jubal, the inventor of musical instruments, and Tubal-Cain, an instructor of workers in brass and iron. Men in those days used their brains to improve and build up a "godless civilization, " and when we recall that in that age men were not cut off at threescore and ten, but lived on for nearly 1000 years, their immense increase of knowledge, experience and skill must have advanced the arts and sciences and resulted in the invention and manufacture of all the appliances of a luxurious civilization, with a rapidity to us that would seem almost inconceivable. The building of such a ship as that constructed by Noah is an illustration. We have the echo of that skilled civilization in the construction, after the Flood, of the Tower of Babel, and later of the Great Pyramid, which involved in its construction such a knowledge of mathematics and astronomy as the world has never as yet surpassed.

The outcome of that brilliant but godless civilization was to promote the rapid increase of population. "Then men began to 'multiply' on the face of the earth." Gen. 6:1. As a result the godly descendants of Seth were, by intermarriage, swallowed up by the godless descendants of Cain, and as the sequel shows, only eight persons were fit to be saved from that foaming sea of sin in the Ark that Noah built.

In the midst of this godless civilization a startling event occurred.

"The '**Sons of God**' saw the '**Daughters of Men**' that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." Gen. 6:2.

This polygamous relation was not between the "Sons of Seth" and the "Daughters of Cain," a union of the godly and wicked people of that day, as some suppose, but it has a far deeper meaning. The expression "daughters of **MEN**" includes the daughters of Seth as well as the daughters of Cain; hence the expression "**Sons of God**" must mean beings **different from the human race**.

The title "**Sons of God**" has not the same meaning in the Old Testament that it has in the New. In the New Testament it applies to those who have become the "Sons of God" by the New Birth. John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-16; Gal. 4:6; 1 John 3:1-2. In the Old Testament it applies to the **angels**, and is so used five times, twice in Genesis (Gen. 6:2-4) and three times in Job. Job 1:6, Job 2:1, Job 38:7. A "Son of God" denotes a being brought into existence by a creative act of God. Such were the angels, and such was Adam, and he is so called in Luke 3:38. But Adam's natural descendants are not the special creation of God. Adam was created in the "**likeness of God**" (Gen. 5:1), but his descendants were born in **his likeness**, for we read in Gen. 5:3, that Adam "**BEGAT** a son in **his own likeness, after his image**." Therefore all men born of Adam and his descendants by **natural generation** are the "**SONS OF MEN**," and it is only by being "**BORN AGAIN**" (John 3:3-5), which denotes a "**NEW CREATION**," that they can become the "**SONS OF GOD**" in the New Testament sense.

Now the "Sons of God" of Gen. 6:2, Gen. 6:4, could not be the "Sons of Seth," as some claim, because the "Sons of Seth" were only **MEN**, and could only be called "**Sons of MEN**," not "**Sons of GOD**." This proves beyond question that the "**Sons of God**" of Gen. 6:2, Gen. 6:4, were **ANGELS**, and not godly descendants of Seth. The objection is raised on the statement of Jesus that the righteous dead, when raised, "neither marry or are given in marriage. . . . for they are **equal to the angels**." (Luke 20:27-29), that the angels are "sexless" and therefore cannot cohabit either with themselves or human beings. While the passage implies that the angels "do not marry," it does not say that they are "sexless," for that would convey the idea that the righteous at the resurrection would also be sexless, a doctrine abhorrent to the belief that husbands and wives and brothers and sisters [*retain their gender*] shall know each other "as such" in the other world.

What the passage does teach is that angels do not multiply by procreation. Angels were created as far as we know "en masse"¹¹, and as they never die there is no necessity for marriage among them. Marriage is a human institution to prevent the extinction of the race by death. What Christ sought to teach the Sadducees was, that as the resurrection would make men and women immortal there would be no occasion for the marriage relation in heaven.



Comments¹²

Matthew 22:30 speaks of people after the resurrection not participating in marriage—they become "like the angels." However, this does not mean people are genderless. The masculine, not neuter, pronoun is used many times to describe angels (and HE was like...HIS appearance was like, etc.). So there is no real indication that the angels are genderless beings.

There is nothing in the Bible that indicates people will lose or change their gender in heaven. In the book of Revelation (chapters 21-22), it seems that God is making things not just like they were in the Garden of Eden, but even better. Remember that gender is not bad—it is actually a good thing. God created Eve because Adam needed someone to complement him. Marriage (impossible without different genders), the model relationship between a man and a woman, is a picture of Christ and the church. The church is the bride and Christ is the groom (Ephesians 5:25-32).

Although it is not explicitly taught in the Bible, it seems most likely that people retain their gender after death. Our genders are a part of who we are. Gender is more than physical—it is part of our very nature and part of the way we relate to God. Therefore, it seems that gender will be perfected and glorified in eternity. It is also noteworthy that Jesus retained His gender after His death and resurrection.

¹¹ "en masse" meaning – "as in a group"

¹² <https://www.gotquestions.org/gender-Heaven.html>



However much we may question the possibility of intercourse between angels and human beings, this account in Genesis seems to teach it. We have only to turn to the Epistles of Peter and Jude for confirmation.

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"God spared not the 'angels' that sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." 2 Pet. 2:4-6.

"The 'angels' which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains in darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 6-7.

The angels mentioned here cannot be Satan's angels, for his angels are "free." They are not "reserved in everlasting chains in darkness," but are to be cast into the "Lake of Fire" (Gehenna), prepared for the Devil and his angels, when he is cast in. Matt. 25:41. These angels then must be a **special class of angels**, condemned for some particular sin, and when we read the context to these two passages the character of that sin is evident.

It was the sin of "**Fornication and Going After 'Strange Flesh.'**" Jude 7. The "time" of the sin is given as just **before the flood**. 2 Pet. 2:5. It is the same sin that caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, whose inhabitants demanded of Lot, the surrender of the two Angels that he had received into his home, that they might "know them," that is have carnal intercourse with them. 2 Pet. 2:6-8. Jude 7. Gen.19:5.

The Scriptures clearly teach that angels can assume fleshly bodies and eat and drink with men. Gen. 18:1-3. So the difficulty vanishes when we see that the "**Sons of God**" assumed human bodies and **AS MEN** married the "Daughters of Men."

What the "First Estate" was that they lost we do not know. They may have been some of the angels who had already left their "first estate" of holiness and subjection to God to follow the lead of Satan. But we must not forget that as far as we know, the Garden of Eden was not destroyed until the Flood, and of the descendants of Adam doubtless lived in the vicinity, the "Heavenly Watchers," or keepers of the Garden, the "Sons of God" (Cherubim), Gen. 3:24, would, from time to time, see the "Daughters of Men," and that they left their own "Habitation" (the Garden) and mingled with the "Daughters of Men," thus going after

"STRANGE FLESH,"

and thus losing their "First Estate" as angelic beings and guardians of the Garden.

Another argument for the support of this view is the fact that the offspring of this union was a race of **GIANTS, "MIGHTY MEN "MEN OF RENOWN."** Gen. 6:4. Now the "godly descendants" of men have married "ungodly women," but their offspring have never been such "**monstrosities**" as the offspring of the "**Sons of God**" and the "**Daughters of Men**" of Noah's day. The word translated "giant" means the "Fallen Ones," the "Nephilim." It is clear that those "Mighty Men" and "Men of Renown," were not the ordinary offspring of the daughters of men, else why did they not appear before? The "sons of Seth" and the "daughters of Cain" had doubtless often intermarried before this, but there were no such children born to them. In this invasion of angelic beings into the world of men we have the source or origin whence the classic writers of antiquity obtained their notions concerning the loves of the gods and demi-gods, and the legends of beings half human and half divine. The stories of the Nephilim and demi-gods were written down in an attempt by the ancient unbelieving world in an attempt to explain what they could not otherwise understand knowing not the true God and Creator of all things, these stories became known as "Greek Mythology"¹³

These fallen angels who lost their "First Estate" are the "Spirits in Prison" of whom Peter speaks in 1Pet. 3:18-20, and to whom Christ preached, not in person, but by the Holy Spirit, through Noah, in the days before the Flood. The outcome of this invasion of the earth by the occupants of the air was the Flood (also called the Lucifer Flood), by which the contour and elevation of the Antediluvian Earth was changed, thus wiping out the Garden of Eden. This brought to an end the "Antediluvian Age."

¹³ Greek mythology, **body of stories concerning the gods, heroes, and rituals of the ancient Greeks** and their culture.

In the Antediluvian Dispensation mankind was treated as a **whole**. There were no nations. That Dispensation is called in Acts 17:30, the "**TIMES OF IGNORANCE**," and is contrasted with the "Times that are **NOW**," and we are told that in that Dispensation God "**WINKED AT**" what He **could not "OVERLOOK"** in the Legal Dispensation. Conscience was then the standard of human conduct it was the standard by which men **accused** or **excused** themselves. Rom. 2:15. The Sinaitic Law was not given until after the Exodus, being without Law there was no legal standard for sin, for "by the Law is the **KNOWLEDGE OF SIN.**" Rom. 3:20. But they were without "**excuse**," for God was very near to mankind in those days, and His voice was heard in rebuke, as to Cain (Gen. 4:14), in communion with Enoch (Gen. 5:22-24), or in counsel as with Noah. Gen. 6:3. They were therefore not without a knowledge of God, but they glorified Him not, and God "**gave them over to VILE AFFECTIONS.**" Their daughters to cohabit with "Fallen Angels." The character of that Dispensation is vividly disclosed in Rom. 1:20-22. In it man proved rather to be "**UNGODLY**" than a **sinner**.

Romans 1:20-22, "For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes, that is*, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.²¹ For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasoning's, and their senseless hearts were darkened.²² claiming to be wise, they became fools,"

The principles which governed God's administration of those **TIMES OF IGNORANCE**" would not be appropriate then in the days of Moses, when God revealed His will in "The Law." We must then distinguish these two Dispensations as being one "**WITHOUT LAW**," and the other "**UNDER LAW.**" This therefore would affect the "Basis of judgment" in these Dispensations. This distinction is brought out clearly in Rom. 2:12.

"For as many as have sinned '**WITHOUT LAW**' shall also **PERISH WITHOUT LAW**, and as many as have sinned '**IN THE LAW**' shall be **JUDGED BY THE LAW.**"

This clearly shows us that "**ignorance of the Law**" is no excuse and will not save us from punishment. This "Principle of Judgement" will prevail at the "Great White Throne judgment," when the inhabitants of both the Antediluvian and Legal Dispensations will be judged, and doubtless will be the "Principle of judgment" for those living in this present Gospel Dispensation,

for there are two classes of persons on the earth today-(1) Those who sin without knowing of God through the Gospel, and (2) Those who know of the Gospel but who have not obeyed it. 2 Thes.1:7-10.

While there was no "**WRITTEN LAW**" in the Dispensation before the Flood, there was an "**UNWRITTEN LAW**," and when the Gentiles who have not the Law, do "**BY NATURE**" the things contained in the Law, they show that they have the Law **WRITTEN IN THEIR HEART**, for not the **hearers** of the Law are just (justified) before God, but the "**DOERS**," or those who keep it. Rom. 2:11-16. This answers the question as to the salvation of the Heathen without the written or spoken Gospel. If they by nature seek after God, and show by their faith and conduct, according to their light, like Cornelius (Acts 10:1-3) that in their heart they have received Him, who dare say they will not be saved? But this does not excuse us from taking the Gospel to them.

The characteristics of the "Antediluvian Dispensation," as outlined by the late Dr. A. T. Pierson, were, "First, an advance in fullness and clearness of revelation; then gradual spirit declension; then conformity to the world, ending with amalgamation with the world; then a gigantic civilization, brilliant but godless; then parallel development of evil and good; then an '**Apostasy**,'¹⁴ and finally a **CATASTROPHE**."

This we shall find is the characteristic of every dispensation that follows, except the last.

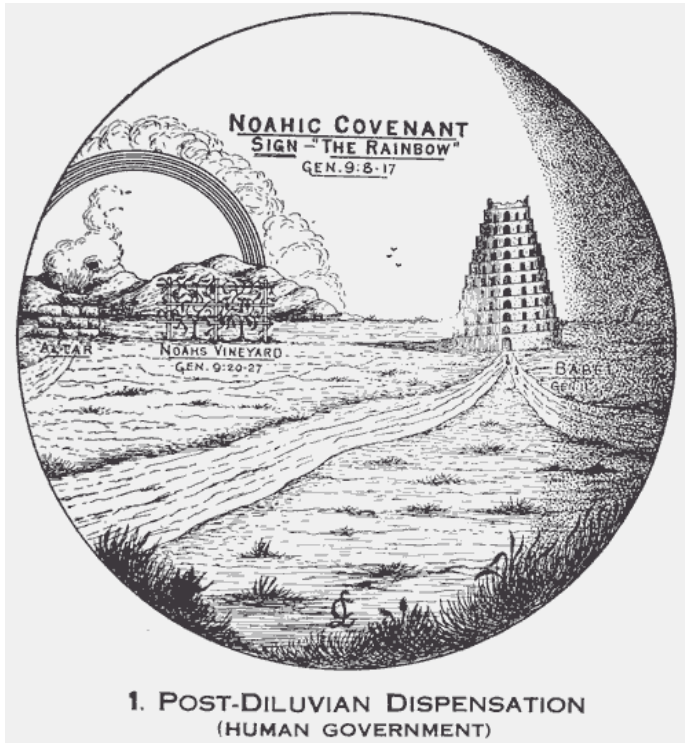
¹⁴ Apostasy - the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.

III THE PRESENT AGE

This "**Age**" extends from the Flood to Christ's Second Coming called His Return, and also known as the "**Revelation.**" It covers **Four Dispensations**

1. THE POST-DILUVIAN DISPENSATION

(HUMAN GOVERNMENT)



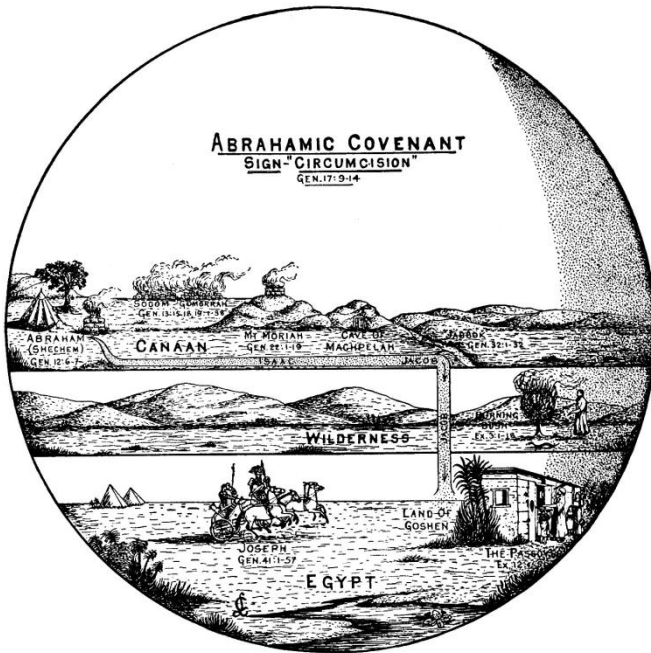
This was the Dispensation of "Human Government."

If ever the human race had an opportunity to work out the theory of "Human Government" it was right after the Flood. Noah was an old man over 600 years of age, full of wisdom and experience, and his family, all of whom had reached manhood and womanhood, for the youngest, Shem, was 98 years old, were qualified for self-government.

Behind them was the Flood with all its warnings, and in addition the accumulated knowledge from Adam down to their day. They had also the advantage of a New Covenant, called the "Noachic Covenant." Gen.8:20-22. Noah also re-established the true mode of worship by erecting an altar and sacrificing thereon, but the Dispensation was a failure like its predecessors.

God commanded Noah and his sons to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, but instead of scattering, their posterity kept together, and sought to build a capital city and "make themselves a name" by building a "Tower" to heaven. This was disobedience, and God came down and confused their speech, and scattered them abroad over the face of the earth. Gen.11:1-3. Even the names of the builders, except Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10) are unknown. Here we have the origin of the different languages of the earth. The miracle was reversed at Pentecost. Acts 2:4.

The Dispersion of the Babelites happened about 325 years after the Flood, for we read in Gen. 10:25 that in the days of Peleg, one of the descendants of Shem, that the "earth was **divided**," that is, a portioned among the nations, and Peleg did not die until 340 years after the Flood (Gen. 11:10-12). That Dispensation lasted 102 years longer, or 427 years in all, and ended in failure like those



PATRIARCHAL DISPENSATION
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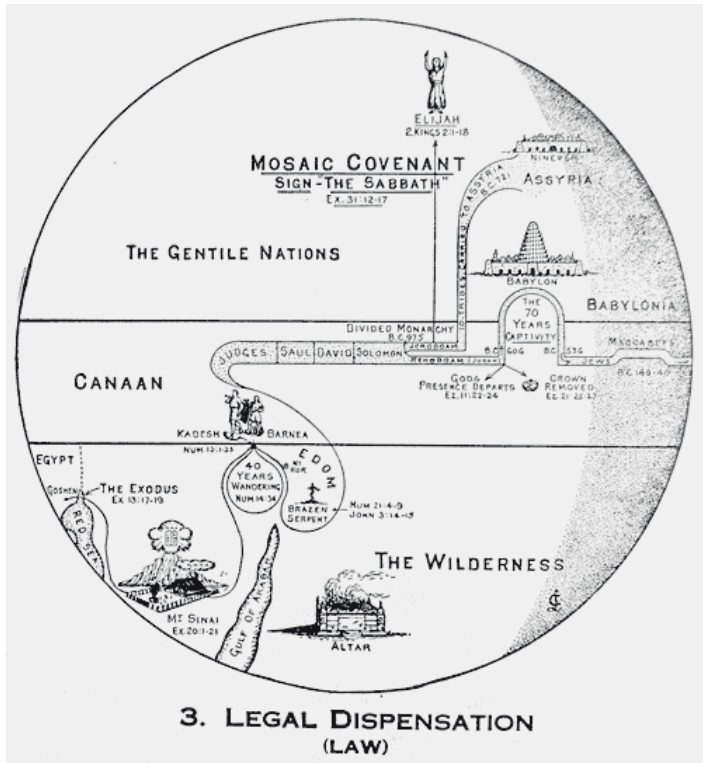
This Dispensation extended from the "Call of Abraham" to the "Exodus," a period of 430 years, and is known as the Dispensation of "The Family."

After the Dispersion from Babel, the descendants of Noah and his sons became idolaters. No doubt God had His witnesses, but there is no record of any. Even Abraham's father was an idolater. So God decided to single out one family and start afresh. Abraham was chosen and he proved a mighty man of faith, but his righteousness waned in his descendants. Isaac was a good man, but not so good as his father, and Jacob, Isaac's son, who succeeded to the birthright. was still less so, and the twelve sons of Jacob, with the exception of Joseph, greatly degenerated from the parent stock, and that short Dispensation of only 430 years

ended with all of Abraham's descendants working as abject slaves in the brickyards of Egypt.

The last words of the Book of Genesis, "a coffin in Egypt," are very suggestive. Was Egypt to be the "Graveyard" of all God's plan and purpose in the creation of the human race? Four times in the Book of Genesis God's plans for the human race were frustrated

by Satan. First by the Fall in Eden, second by the Flood, third by the Dispersion at Babel, and fourth by the Captivity in Egypt. Is Satan mightier than God? Will he always prevail? We shall see.



3. THE LEGAL DISPENSATION

(LAW)

This Dispensation extended from the "Exodus" to the "Birth of Christ," a period of 1491 years, and is known as the Dispensation of the "Law."

At the close of the preceding Dispensation the Children of Israel cried unto God in their bondage and He sent them a "Deliverer" in Moses. Heretofore God had allowed man to govern himself, now He purposed to organize a Commonwealth with laws and regulations and a "visible" system of worship with a local habitation or place of worship.

This government was to be "Theocratic." That is, it was God's intention to Himself rule on earth through a representative that He Himself would appoint. The person chosen was Moses. When Moses died he was succeeded by Joshua. After his death the Children of Israel had no ruler, except as by reason of bondage they cried unto the Lord, and He, as circumstances required, raised up "judges" who governed them for about 450 years. Acts 13:20.

Then they provoked God to give them a King, and Saul was selected, who reigned for 40 years. He was followed by David, who was succeeded by his son, Solomon, each of whom reigned 40 years.

At the death of Solomon, B.C. 975, the Kingdom was divided, Solomon's son Rehoboam getting two Tribes, spoken of as Judah, and Jeroboam, a usurper, ten Tribes, called Israel. Israel lasted for 254 years longer, and was carried captive to Assyria in B.C. 721, and 115 years later Judah went into exile to Babylon.

In B.C. 536, after 70 years' captivity, the Jews returned from Babylon, and from B.C. 166-40 strove under the Asmoneans to regain supremacy over Palestine, but in B.C. 40, Herod the Great, an Idumean¹⁵, was made king by the Romans, and in A. D. 70 Jerusalem was sacked and burned by Titus, and the Jews driven out of Palestine.

In the "Legal Dispensation" God dealt with a chosen nation, Israel. His dealings with them were based on a "**WRITTEN LAW**" given at Mt.Sinai. This "Ceremonial Law" was given to Israel only, and not to another nation. Israel then is to be judged according to their observance of it. The "Ceremonial Law," as far as its outward observance, ceased at the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70

The Law is based on the **JUSTICE** of God, and so knows no **MERCY**. It accounts for the destruction of the enemies of God, and of their cities and nations, and why God fought for His chosen people Israel. It also accounts for the "Imprecatory Psalms."

The Legal Dispensation was a wonderful period in that it was full of the "Miraculous Interposition" of God in behalf of His people. He delivered them from Egypt after visiting that land with plagues and destroying the first-born, and opening the Red Sea. He spoke to them in an awe-inspiring manner from Mt. Sinai. He took up His abode with them in the "Pillar of Cloud and of Fire." He fed them in the Wilderness in a miraculous manner for 40 years, and then walled back the waters of the Jordan and conducted them safely into the Promised Land, and helped them conquer it.

For centuries He watched over and protected them from their enemies, but when they forsook Him and became idolaters, His "Glory" left the Temple and He gave them over to their enemies, and when He sent the "Promised Seed" they were so filled with

¹⁵ **Idumean** is the name given to the land controlled by the descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother, known as the Edomites (Genesis 25:30, 36:8).

unbelief and hatred that they said this is the "Heir, " let us kill Him, and they took and crucified the "Lord of Glory, " and that Dispensation ended, as did all its predecessors, in the revelation that man is not only a failure, but blind and ungrateful.

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4. THE ECCLESIASTICAL DISPENSATION

(GRACE)

The Ecclesiastical Dispensation. This is the Dispensation of "Grace" and extends from the "Cross" to the "Crown" for Christ, and from the "Descent of the Holy Spirit" to the "Rapture of the Church" at the Second Coming of Christ for the Believer. This Dispensation is a

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Thrown in between the "Dispersion" of Israel, and their "Restoration" to their own land. The purpose of this Dispensation is to gather out a "People for His Name," called

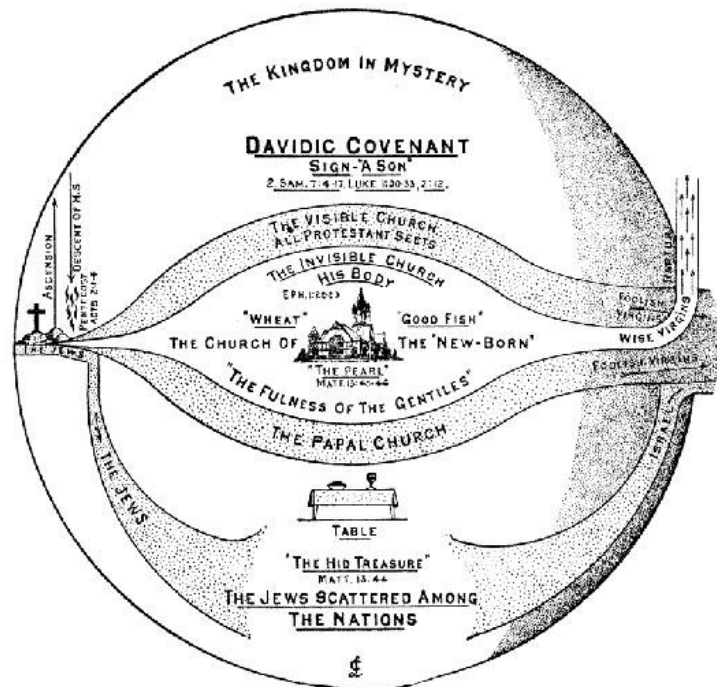
THE CHURCH, (The Bride of Christ)

composed of both Jew and Gentile.

This purpose of God was not revealed in the Old Testament Scriptures, and was unknown to the Patriarchs and Prophets. Christ was the first one to hint at it, when He said of Peter's confession,

"On this rock I will build MY CHURCH." Matt. 16:18.

Paul calls it "The Mystery, which in other Ages (O. T. Ages), was not made known unto the sons of men" (Eph. 3:3-5), and adds that it was "hid in God" from the "beginning of the World." Eph. 3:9.



5. ECCLESIASTICAL DISPENSATION
(GRACE)

That the Gentiles were to be "saved" was no Mystery. Rom. 9:24-26. The "Mystery" was the fact of the purpose of God to "unite the Jew and the Gentile" in a wholly "new thing"-- The Church which is His (Christ's) **BODY**. I Cor. 12:12-13. This will be brought out fully in the chapter on "The Church."

In this Dispensation we are under the "Davidic Covenant," the sign of which is "**A SON**" - JESUS, and neither Jews nor Gentiles are dealt with **as such**. God is not dealing with the nations today but with **INDIVIDUALS**. The characteristic of this Dispensation is that "Blindness **IN PART** is happened to **ISRAEL**, until the '**Fullness of the Gentiles**' be come in." Rom. 11:25. God is calling out through the agency of the Holy Spirit individuals from both Jews and Gentiles to form a **NEW BODY**, the **CHURCH**, separate and distinct from both Jews and Gentiles. This "New Body" is not under **LAW** but **GRACE**. Rom. 6:14. The "Basis of judgment" is our acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. When Christ took His seat upon the Father's Throne, He changed it from a "Throne of **JUSTICE**" to a "Throne of **GRACE**," and God's attitude in this Dispensation is one of favor and longsuffering toward wicked men and nations. 2 Pet.3:9.

So much for the "purpose" of this Dispensation, but how is it to end? We have seen that all the five preceding Dispensations have ended in failure--the Edenic in the "Fall," the Ante-Diluvian in the "Flood," the Post-Diluvian in the "Confusion of Tongues," the Patriarchal in "Egyptian Bondage," and the Legal in the "Crucifixion of Christ." Is this Dispensation to be an "exception" to all the preceding ones? What we know of the past Dispensations is History; how this Dispensation is to end is subject of Prophecy.

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The common view is that the world is to be converted by the preaching of the Gospel, which will usher in the Millennium, and that this Dispensation is to be a glorious success. But that is not the teaching of the Scriptures. The Scriptures teach that the "Wheat" and "Tares" are to continue growing side by side "until the Harvest," which is the end of this Dispensation; that the "Good" and "Bad Fish" are to be found in the "same Dragnet; " that the "Sheep and the "Goats" will continue to "browse together; " and that the " Wise and Foolish Virgins" shall keep on slumbering and sleeping until the Bridegroom comes."

Christ Himself said that when He came back He would not find "Faith" (the Faith) on the earth. Luke 18:8.

And Paul warns us that in the last days of this Dispensation "Perilous Times Shall Come." 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

Jesus told us that the closing days of this Dispensation would be like **the days just before the flood**.

"As the days of Noah were, **so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.** For as in the days that were before the Flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage (this may refer to the marriage of the "Sons of God" and the "Daughters of Men"), until the day that Noah entered into the Ark, and knew not until the Flood came and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.**" Matt. 24:37-39.

Let us glance back for a moment at the characteristics of those "Noah Days" and we shall have an idea of the character of the closing days of this Dispensation. We mention but seven features.

1. A Tendency to Worship God Simply as Creator, and Not as Jehovah Requiring Atonement for Sin.
2. There was a Rapid Advance in Civilization and in the Arts and Sciences.
3. There was a Union of the Holy Line of Seth and the Wicked Line of Cain.
4. A Vast Increase of Population and Congestion of Population in the Great Cities.
5. Undue Prominence of the Female Sex and Disregard of the Primal Law of Marriage.
6. Unlawful Intercourse of "Denizens of the Air" With the Daughters of Men.
7. The Rejection of the Preaching of Enoch and Noah.

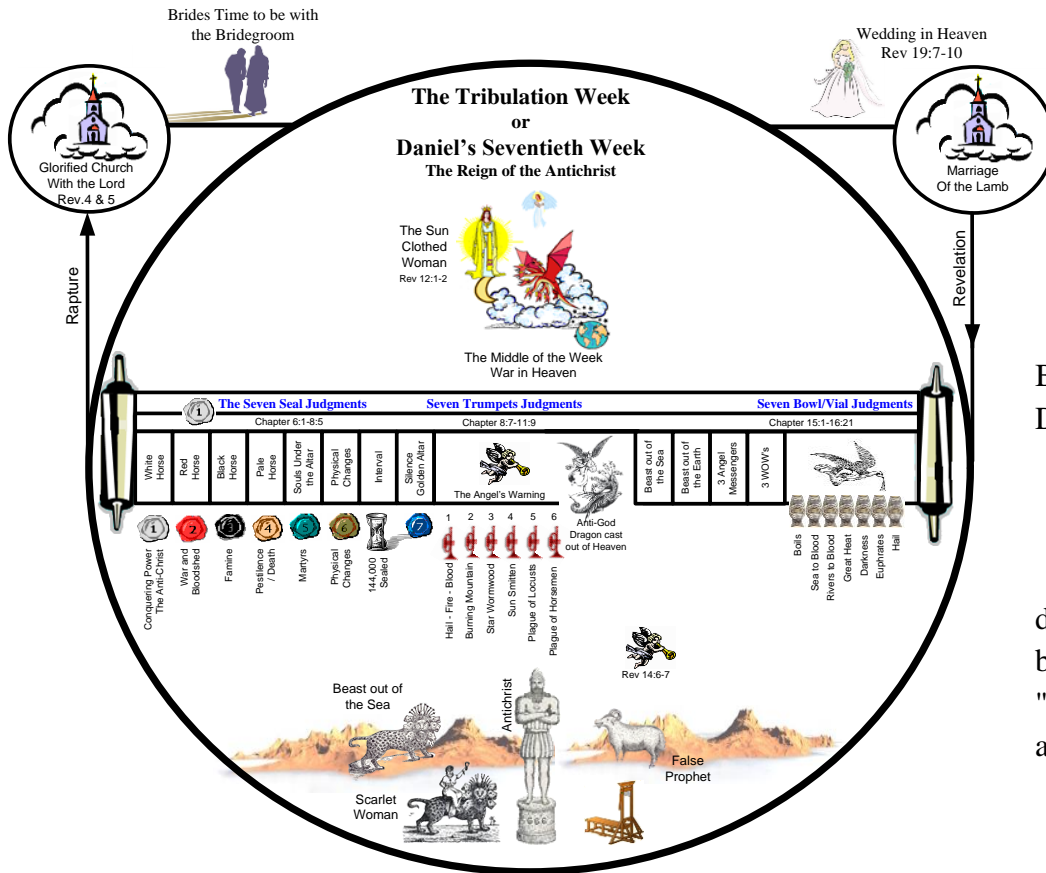
A careful observer of the "Signs of the Times" will note that all these features are characteristic of these days, and warn us that we are rapidly approaching the close of this Dispensation. We are living in the days of the revival of "Spiritism." The air is full of "Seducing Spirits," and there is a revival of the "Doctrine of Devils." 1Tim. 4:1. It is no longer called Spiritualism but "Psychical Research" and now they have a new name-"Immortalism."

The preaching of today as to the "Coming of the Lord" is also largely rejected, thus fulfilling the words of Peter:

³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as *they were* from the beginning of creation." 2 Pet. 3:3-4.

Soon the Holy Spirit will no longer strive with men, as He ceased to do before the Flood, though God gave them 120 years' warning (Gen. 6:3), and will go back with the Church when it is called out of the world, and the world will be left for judgment. From this we see that this Dispensation, like all that have preceded it, will end in **Apostasy**.

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THE TRIBULATION (Judgment)

The Jewish Feast of **Atonement**

DISPENSATION OF JUDGMENT

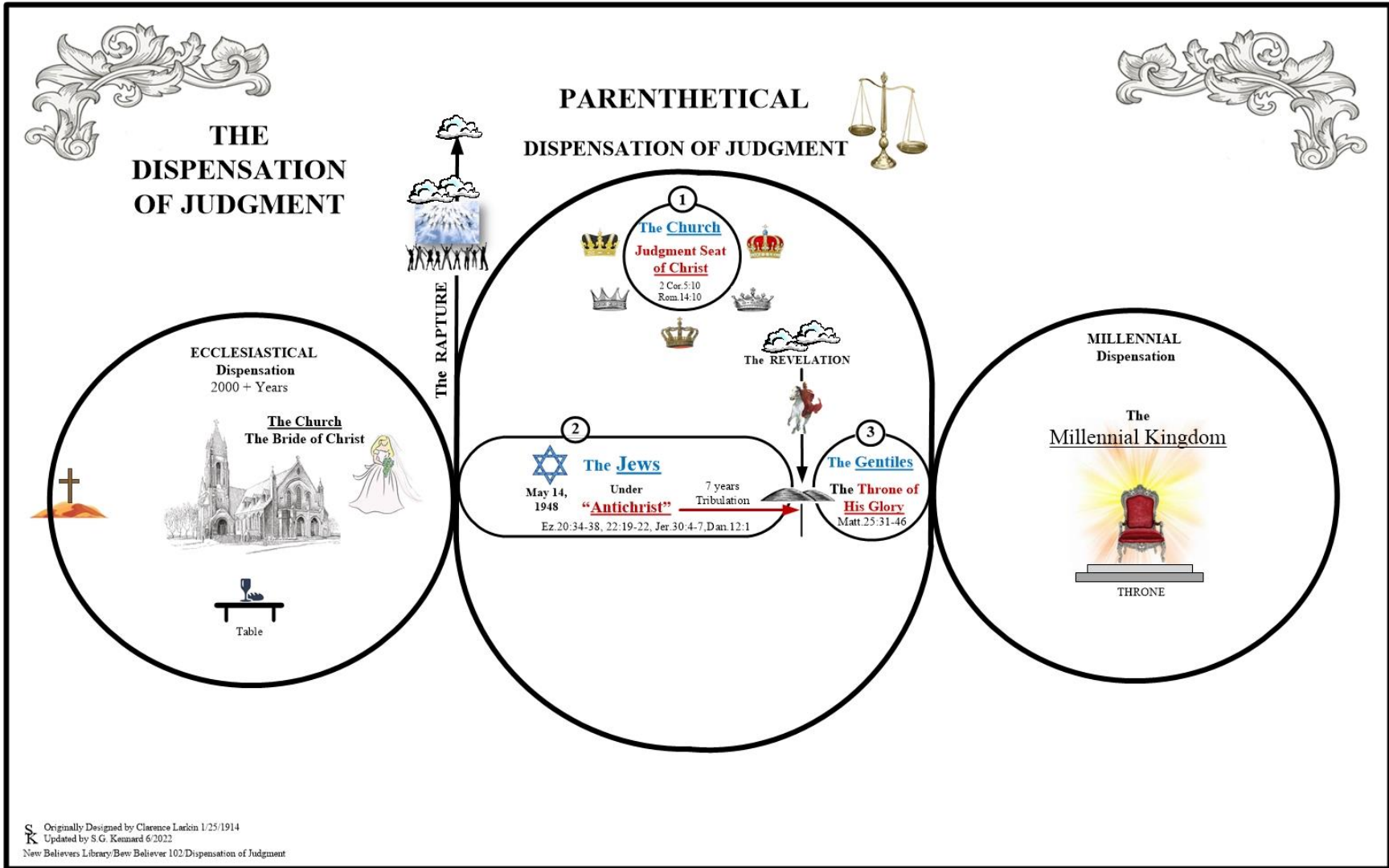
Between the "Ecclesiastical Dispensation" and the "Millennial Dispensation" there is another

PARENTHETICAL DISPENSATION,
the

DISPENSATION OF JUDGMENT,

during which the "Jews," the "Gentiles," and the "Church" are to be judged, not as individuals, but nationally or as bodies. The "Church" is to be caught out at the **beginning** of this Dispensation and judged at the "Judgment Seat of Christ." 2 Cor. 5:10.

The Jews are to be judged **during** the Dispensation under Antichrist on the earth. Their judgment is known as the "Time of Jacob's Trouble." Jer. 30:4-7. Dan. 12:1. The Gentiles (the Nations) are to be judged at the **close** of the Tribulation, when the Lord Jesus Christ shall descend from Heaven and sit on the "Throne of His Glory" at Jerusalem, and all nations shall be gathered in their representatives before Him and the "Sheep Nations" shall be rewarded by entrance into the Millennial Kingdom, and the "Goat Nations, " **as NATIONS shall** be destroyed. Matt. 25:31-46.



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IV. THE AGE of AGES

This is a "**Dual Age**" and includes the "Millennial Age" and the "Perfect Age," between which the earth is to be "Renovated by Fire." The Present Age is to end by the "Rapture" of the Church, followed by the "Great Tribulation," and the "Age of Ages" is to be ushered in by the "Revelation" of Christ, when He shall return to the earth, and after judging the "Nations," shall set up His Millennial Kingdom.

1. The Millennial Age.

The Jewish Feast of Tabernacles

Writers and poets have written and sung of a "Golden Age," an Age of universal righteousness and peace; and the Jews believe that the Seventh Thousands of years from the Creation is to be a "Sabbath of Rest," and that a description of that Age is given to us in the Old Testament Prophets. That there is to be a period of 1000 years during which Satan shall be bound and Christ shall reign on this earth is clearly revealed in the New Testament. This period is mentioned six times in the Book of Revelation. Rev.20:1-7.

The Scriptures mention seven great "Dispensational Tests" of man from his creation until the New Heaven and the New Earth appear. He was tested in "Innocence" in the Garden of Eden; under "Conscience" before the Flood; under "Human Government" at Babel; under the "Headship of the Family" under the Patriarchs; under "Law" before Christ; he is now being tested under "Grace;" and he is to have one more test before God will give him up as hopelessly, incurably, incorrigibly God-hating and disobedient, and that test will be final and deprive him of his last shadow of excuse.

What is that excuse? Man charges his fall and his continuance in sin to Satan. "Take him away, "he cries," paralyze his power; cripple his malignant activity; bind him and deliver us from his dominating influence, and then you will see that man is radically good and virtuous, and is simply the victim of an unfavorable environment."

God answers it shall be done. Satan shall be bound so that he can no longer deceive men; and lest man shall say that sinful habits are too deeply rooted to be soon eradicated, the test shall last for a **thousand years**, and man shall have during that period of probation all the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit.

But we shall see as we study the outcome of the "Millennial Age" that when Satan is loosed, man will reveal the fact that he is still a rebellious creature, for that Dispensation, like all that preceded it, will end in **Apostasy**. Rev.20:7-10.

In the Millennial Dispensation God will deal with mankind as a **whole**, but as made up of nations. The Church will not be on the earth, only represented by those who will assist Christ, as it is **THE KING**, in His Administration of the Millennial Kingdom. The Jews, as a **nation**, will then be the **HEAD OF THE NATIONS**. Deut. 28:13. While they will in part observe the "Ceremonial Law," they will be under a "**NEW COVENANT**." Jer. 31:31-37. Heb. 8:7-13. The principle under which God will deal with men in those days will not be Law, Grace or judgment, but **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. The Government will be based on "Righteousness." It will be an "Autocratic Government"¹⁶, for Christ will rule with a "**ROD OF IRON**" (Isa. 11:1, 4; Rev. 2:27, Rev. 19:15; Psa. 2:9), but that rule will be based on **LOVE**. As Satan will be bound at that time, the character of the Millennial Dispensation will be entirely different from all preceding Dispensations, and cannot be classed with them.

2. The Perfect Age.

At the close of the "Millennial Age," the present earth is to be "Renovated by Fire," the outcome of which will be a "New Heaven" and a "New Earth" **Wherein Dwells Righteousness**. 2 Pet.3:13.

It is this "Perfect Kingdom that Christ surrenders to the Father," (1Cor. 15:28), for the "Millennial Kingdom" is not perfect, there is sin in it, and it ends in "Apostasy." This "Perfect Kingdom" is also a Dispensation, the "Dispensation of the Fullness of Times." Eph. 1:10. The "Millennial Kingdom" and the "Perfect Kingdom" make up the "**Kingdom of the SON OF MAN**."

A theocracy is a form of **government** in which priests **rule** in the name of a **deity**

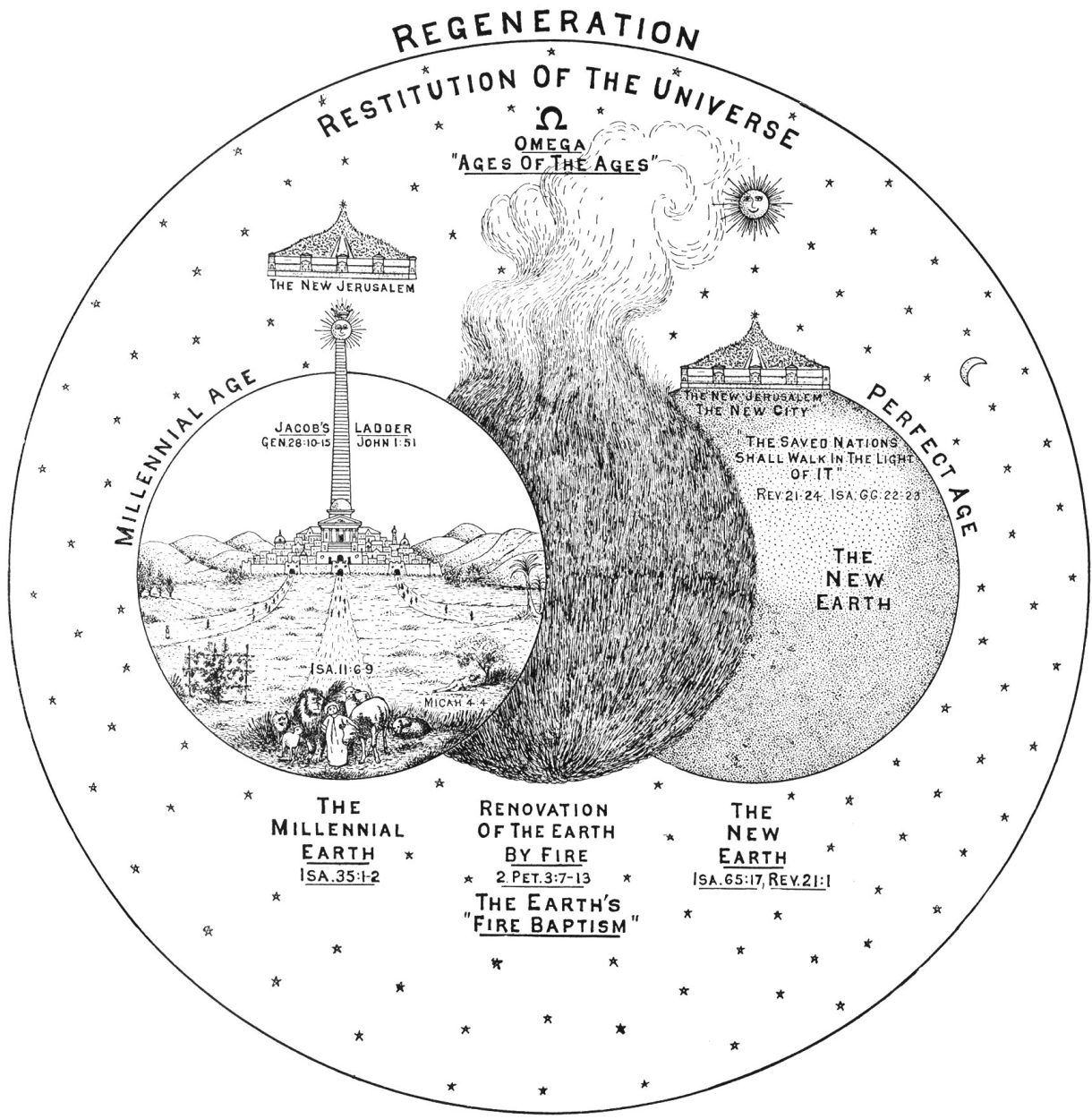
¹⁶ Autocratic Government – Is a system of government by one person with absolute power. The Millennial Kingdom will be Autocratic and a Theocracy, ruled by a deity. The deity will be Jesus Christ the Son of God.

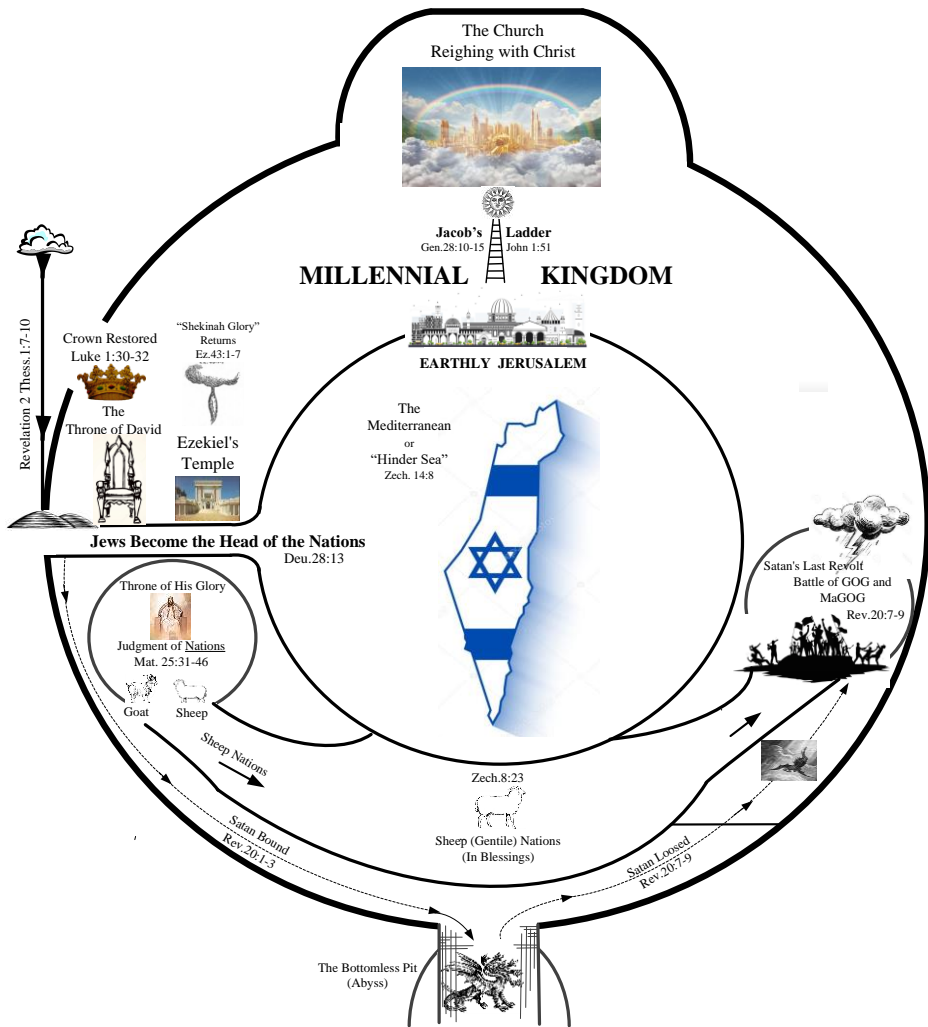
THE AGES of the AGES

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As the "Creative Ages" were the "Alpha" Ages, these will be the "Omega" Ages. With the surrender of the "Perfect Kingdom" to the Father, what we speak of as "Time" ceases, and the "Eternal Ages," called the "Ages of the Ages," begin. They correspond to what the Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians calls the "Ages to come." Eph. 2:7. And John in the Book of Revelation says that the "Devil" and the "Beast" and the "False Prophet" shall be tormented day and night **forever and ever**, or for the "**Aions**" of the "**Aions**," the "**Ages of the Ages**," (Rev. 20:10), and that the "Servants of God" shall reign for the same period. Rev. 22:5.

What those "Ages of Ages" shall reveal of the Plan and Purpose of God we do not know, but if we are His we shall live to know, and possibly take part in their development. What we do know is that we are but in the **beginning of things**, and as concerning the "**Ages**," Eternity is still **young**.





**PERFECT DISPENSATION
(Holiness)**

MESSIANIC DISPENSATION
(Holiness)

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