



Lesson 24

Lines of Progression

- The line of Race- racism & slavery
- The Line of Gender- sexism
- The Line of Diet

This movement is used to doing line upon line or repeat and enlarge- we have been doing this since 1989. But recently we have learned that we also need to understand and use progression. Everything cannot be a repeat and enlarge; some things are progression. We need to be able to use both concepts at once, and we also need to be able to discern which stories cannot be repeated and enlarged. Three of those (stories that can only be progression) are the subjects of race, gender, and diet. We will look at these in this lesson.

The Line of Race

Equality, sin, then a curse: slavery

After the flood, in the new earth, there was racial equality. Everyone was equal, no matter who they were or the color of their skin (although then everyone had the same skin color). No one was above another person. But then Ham sinned and a curse was pronounced on his descendants. His descendants were to be servants of his brothers' descendants. This was the beginning of slavery.

Abraham

God chose Abraham and his descendants to be His peculiar people. Abraham was righteous (Genesis 15:6), and called, "The Friend of God" (James 2:23), but he owned slaves-- some of his household were, "bought with money" (Genesis 17:27). During Abraham's dispensation, slavery was okay.

The Alpha history of Ancient Israel

In the alpha history of Ancient Israel, racial equality was not practiced. Moses allowed slavery, and even educated the children of Israel how to correctly practice it. He told the Israelites not to enslave their own people, but they could enslave the foreigners. Slavery is a form of racism. He gave the Israelites a pass from being slaves because they were Israelites, but anybody else could be freely enslaved. Solomon, the wisest king that ever lived, practiced slavery. When building the temple he didn't have any of the Israelites doing the hard work; he made people from other nations do the work (2 Chronicles 2:17,18).

The Omega history of Ancient Israel

In the time of the end of Ancient Israel God began to stop racism. Christ helped people of all races; He was not racist like the Jews and He tried to teach His disciples to treat everyone equally, as well. Eventually they learned and began teaching non-Jews. Paul taught that Jews and Gentiles were equal (Romans 10:12). But he did not condemn slavery: the book of Philemon is a letter from Paul to a Christian who owned slaves. He asked him to be nice to his slave, Onesimus, who had escaped and whom Paul had met and converted. He then sent him back to Philemon with the letter.

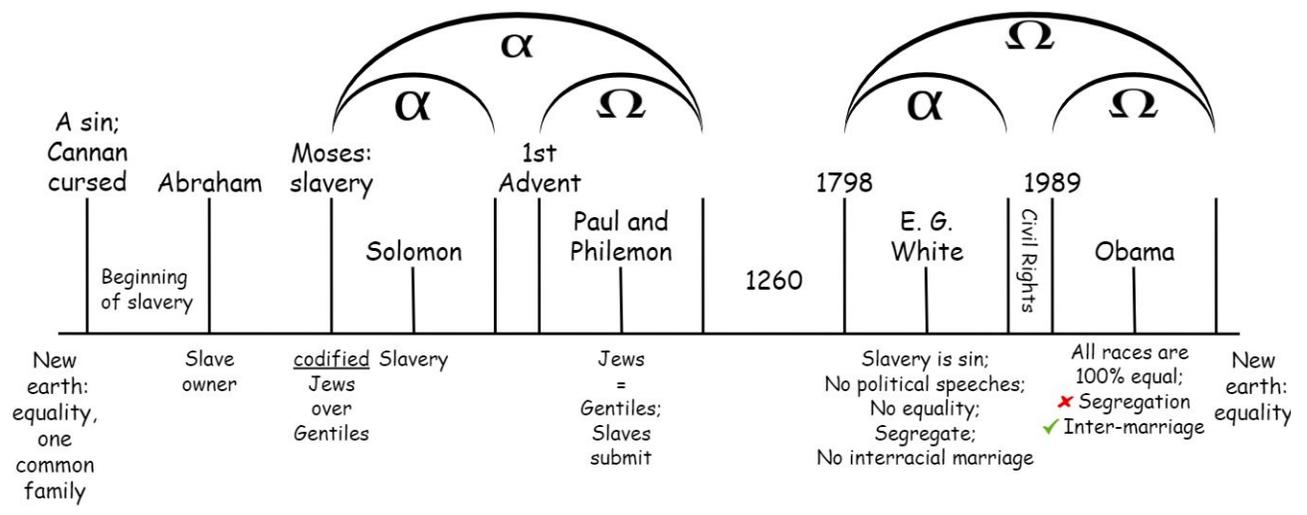
The Alpha history of Modern Israel

The time of the Millerites was the alpha history of Modern Israel. In this time slavery still existed in many areas. Ellen G. White however, was among the people against it. She opposed slavery and told people that it was sin. By the end of the Millerite history slavery had been made illegal and it came to an end. But even Ellen G. White wasn't completely correct. She was right about slavery being sin but she still said things that were racist. She said that they should still segregate, not to push for equality, or to intermarry with other races. Things were not equal for all races, and after Millerite history, others began fighting for racial equality. This movement was called the Civil Rights movement. Led by Martin Luther King Jr., it pushed for racial equality, and things started changing in its favor.

The Omega history of Modern Israel

In all these histories, we can see that slavery had existed. At the very beginning, however, after the flood when there was a new earth, there was no such thing as slavery. This line of slavery is a line of progression. God's people are progressing through history until they reach the New Earth after the Second Coming. We know that the New Earth will be like the New Earth after the flood because that is how God wanted it. This means that in the New Earth there will be no slavery or racism. We all want to get to the New Earth so that means we must reject racism (slavery). But it's not as simple as not owning people and making them pick cotton. Slavery today shows itself in racism and nationalism. The United States has been tested on racism for many years, a major time was when Obama ran for president; Obama was elected but still racism has continued. Racism and nationalism are basically the same thing. Nationalism is thinking your country is better than other countries. Racism is thinking your race is better than other races. These are the root definitions, but they reveal themselves in many different forms.

Racial Equality



The Line of Gender

Equality, sin, then a curse: gender inequality

In Eden, there was gender equality. Adam and Eve were equal. Adam did not rule over Eve and Eve did not rule over Adam. There was total equality between men and women. But once Eve listened to the serpent and sinned, she was cursed with submission. Her desire was to be to her husband (Genesis 3:16). This was the beginning of gender inequality.

Abraham

Abraham ruled his household according to the model that was established after Eve sinned. He followed a patriarchal system; in which the oldest man was the religious and secular ruler of all of his family and all of their servants. We are told that Sarah called Abraham "lord" (I Peter 3:6) -she acknowledged his leadership. Abraham was also given circumcision which was the symbol of the covenant with God- only males could enter into this covenant. Abraham ordered his house in a way which was appropriate for his time and according to God's plan.

The Alpha history of Ancient Israel

In the history of Moses, which is the alpha history of Ancient Israel, we can still see the same gender inequality. In the time of Moses, the priesthood was implemented. Aaron (Moses' brother) was made the high priest and under him were to be his sons; the priesthood were all men. In the School of the Prophets run by Samuel, the students were all male. After the history of Moses came the history of the kings. The first king was Saul, then David, next his son Solomon, and so on. All of the kings were males and even though there were queens, they still didn't have as much power as the kings. This was all gender inequality and no one in that time knew it was wrong.

The Omega history of Ancient Israel

After Moses, came the omega history of Ancient Israel, which was the time of Christ. In Christ's time, men were still the only ones that were Priests. However, in this time, gender inequality began to change. The biggest change was the change of the covenant. Before only men could go into covenant with God, but then baptism was introduced. John baptized everyone, and Christ taught everyone. Now men and women could go into covenant with God. But things didn't go back to complete equality, after Jesus ascended to heaven, Paul still told wives to submit to their husbands. This was bad but still, the Christian church was one step closer to true equality.

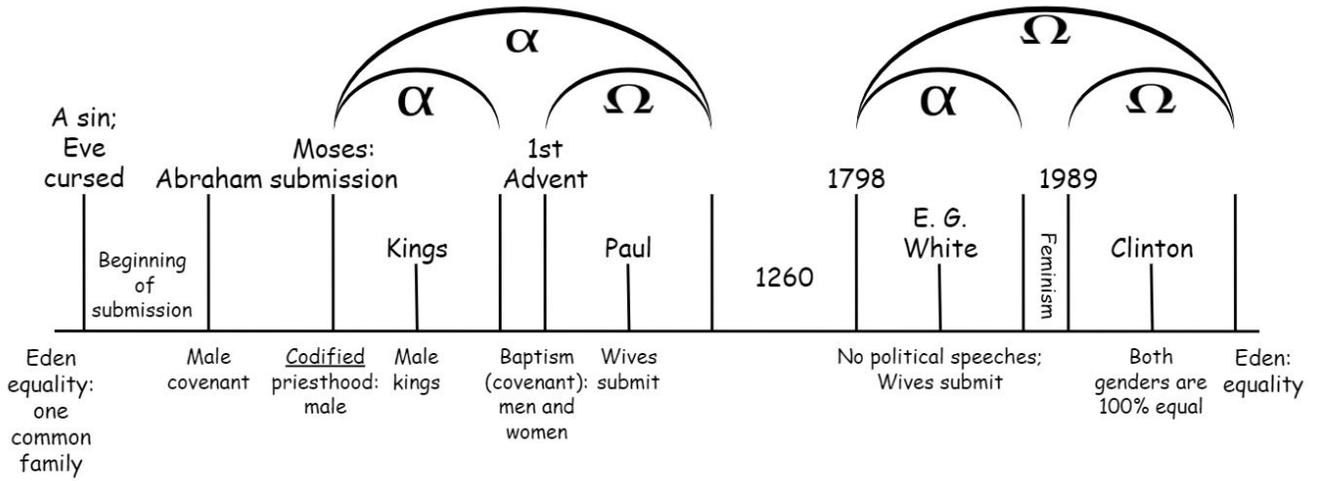
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Ellen White did not support full gender equality. She told wives to submit to their husbands as it was instructed in the Bible. She told them not to fight for their rights. She did not support the idea of women being able to vote. She was against the Femenist movement that fought for the rights of women. But, Ellen White did support some reforms for the rights of women. She said that women should receive pay in accordance with how much work they did. She said that women should become missionaries and work for Christ.

The Omega history of Modern Israel

In our time there is supposed to be complete equality between men and women. Our reform line started in 1989 and since then God has been raising up a movement of Priests- who are both men and women. But even before the Time of the End the struggle for equality was happening with the Femminist movements. Women in the 1900s (and before) fought for the same rights that men had, like: the right to vote and get treated equally when they worked. When we come to the history of the end of Modern Israel equality between both genders is a test. An example of this can be seen in the 2016 election; in that election Hillary Clinton (the Democratic nominee) was the correct choice for president- Donald Trump was not. Clinton is a woman and she was as eligible for that office as Trump. Her run for president was the last hope for the USA because we know that Trump is the last president and he will destroy the country. So in our time men and women are to be totally equal in every circumstance, like Adam and Eve were before the fall. We know this because we are almost at the New Earth where Eden will be restored and things will function as they did in Eden before the fall.

Gender Equality



The Line of Diet

A vegan diet, the flood, then a curse: meat eating

In the beginning God told Adam and Eve what to eat. Before their fall they were to eat, “every herb bearing seed,” and, “the fruit of a tree yielding seed;” after the fall God added herbs (Genesis 1:29; 3:18). They had a vegan diet and that was the best for them. But after the flood God allowed Noah and his family to eat meat (Genesis 9:3,4). Ellen White says that meat eating is a curse to humanity (CD 412.1). Meat is not good for humans; it weakens them and shortens their lifespan- that is why God gave men the permission to eat it (although the wicked people ate meat before the flood). Even though meat is not the best for people, God would accept it as a part of man’s diet for a long time afterwards.

Abraham

Abraham ate meat and dairy. He even served it to others. For example, when Christ and two angels came to visit him, what did he give them to eat? He gave them bread, butter, milk, and meat (Genesis 18:6-8). This was the diet that he ate and fed to his family, servants, and visitors.

The Alpha history of Ancient Israel

After the history of Abraham comes the alpha history of Ancient Israel. We can call this history the time of Moses. In this history, there is still no change, instead, meat eating was written into law. God gave Moses and the Israelites instructions on which meats to eat and how to eat them. After this time was also the history of the kings, and we all know they ate meat. So we see that in Moses’ time God didn't tell Moses anything about returning to the Eden diet, instead He only reinforced meat eating.

The Omega history of Ancient Israel

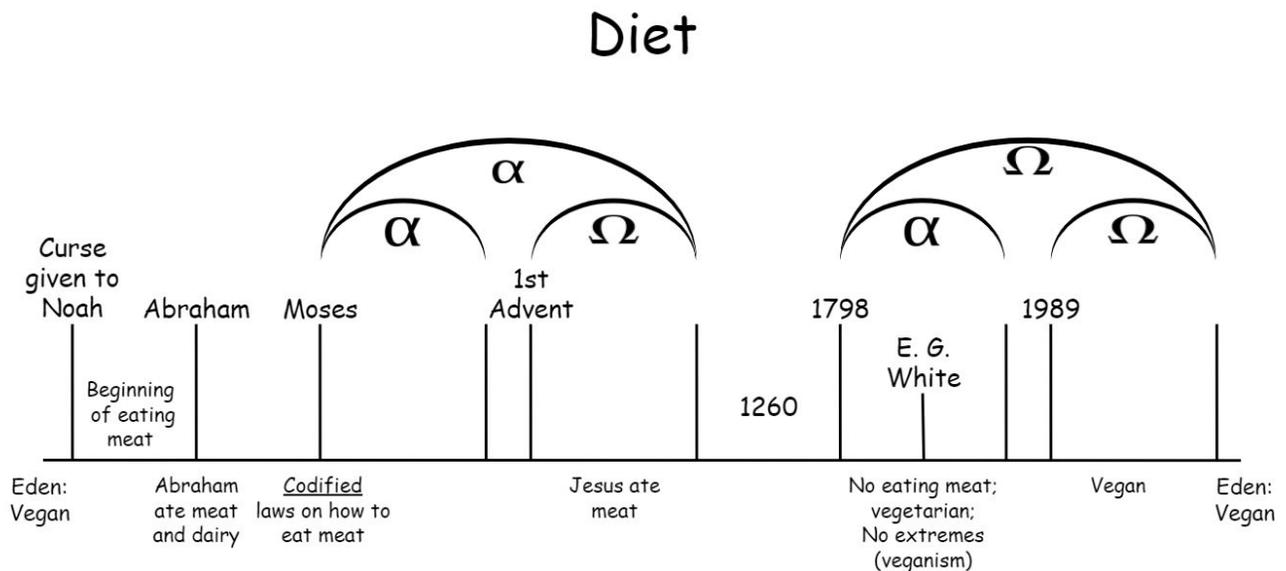
Christ was in no wise a vegetarian, let alone a vegan. After His resurrection, after He went to heaven and came back, He went to visit the disciples. They didn’t believe that He was actually alive so He asked for some food since ghosts don’t eat. They gave him a piece of boiled fish and honeycomb and He ate it (Luke 24: 42, 43). He ate meat. He also fed meat to the disciples. After His resurrection, He met the backslidden disciples by the sea. They were fishing. He told them to bring their fish ashore, which they did, and he had some fish and bread cooked already. He gave it to them and they ate it. Jesus ate and fed others meat.

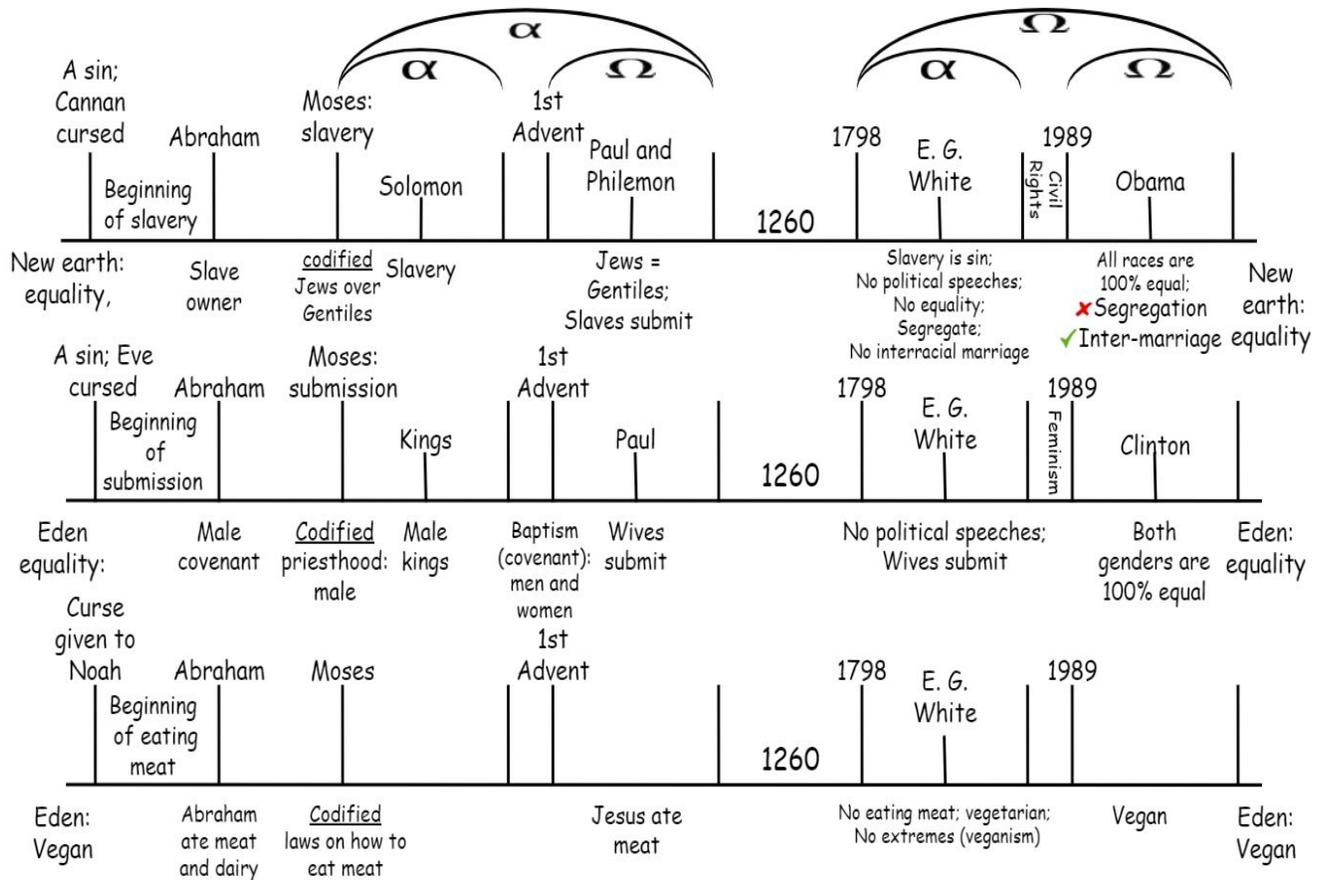
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In Millerite history God started to change our diet. In 1863 He used Ellen White to tell the Millerites (or Adventists) that they shouldn't, ever, eat meat because it was bad for them, even though there was nothing in the Bible to prove that claim. She also gave them other health principles; she was a vegetarian and she advocated that diet which God had given her. But she still ate some kinds of dairy; she said a time would come when dairy and eggs would need to be given up but that it was not that time. She said that an extreme diet (veganism) was not for God's people then (CD 206).

The Omega history of Modern Israel

The omega history of Modern Israel, which is also earth's final history, is our time. Our history began in 1989 and it goes to the Second Advent. We know that we are on a line of progression and in progression, steps are made to make the end the same as the beginning. The beginning of the line of diet started with the Eden diet, which was vegan, it must end with the Eden diet, which is vegan. This means that if we want to go to heaven (or the New Eden) we must be vegans, otherwise, we are reversing on a line of progression and that is in no wise good.





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