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1. Discovering God's Plan
2. Distinguishing Bible Covenants
3. Learning from Past Ages
4. Living in the Age of Grace
5. Looking at the Prophetic Future



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**GOD'S IMMUTABLE PLAN  
AND PURPOSE OF THE AGES**

**“A PERFECT COMPANY  
IN HARMONY WITH HIS  
PERFECT WILL • TO  
LOVE HIM WITH A  
PERFECT LOVE • TO  
BE LIKE HIM AND  
WITH HIM THROUGH-  
OUT A PERFECT  
ETERNITY”**

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**IN THE BEGINNING  
GOD  
CREATED THE HEAVEN  
AND THE EARTH.**  
GEN 1:1

AND THE EARTH WAS  
WITHOUT FORM  
AND VOID  
GEN 1:2  
ISA 45:18  
PS 104:30

GEN 1:1 THE ORIGINAL CREATION  
IN THE DATELESS PAST

1ST DAY  
LIGHT APPEARS  
• LIGHT DIVIDED FROM DARKNESS  
GEN 1:3-5

2ND DAY  
THE FIRMAMENT  
• WATERS ABOVE DIVIDED FROM WATERS BELOW  
GEN 1:6-8

3RD DAY  
EARTH AND SEAS DIVIDED  
• GRASS HERBS AND TREES BROUGHT FORTH  
GEN 1:9-12

4TH DAY  
SUN AND MOON APPOINTED LIGHT HOLDERS  
• He made the stars also!  
GEN 1:14-18

5TH DAY  
CREATURES OF THE SEA AND EVERY WINGED FOWL  
GEN 1:20-22

6TH DAY  
CATTLE BEASTS AND CREEPING THINGS AND THE FIRST MAN  
GEN 1:24-30

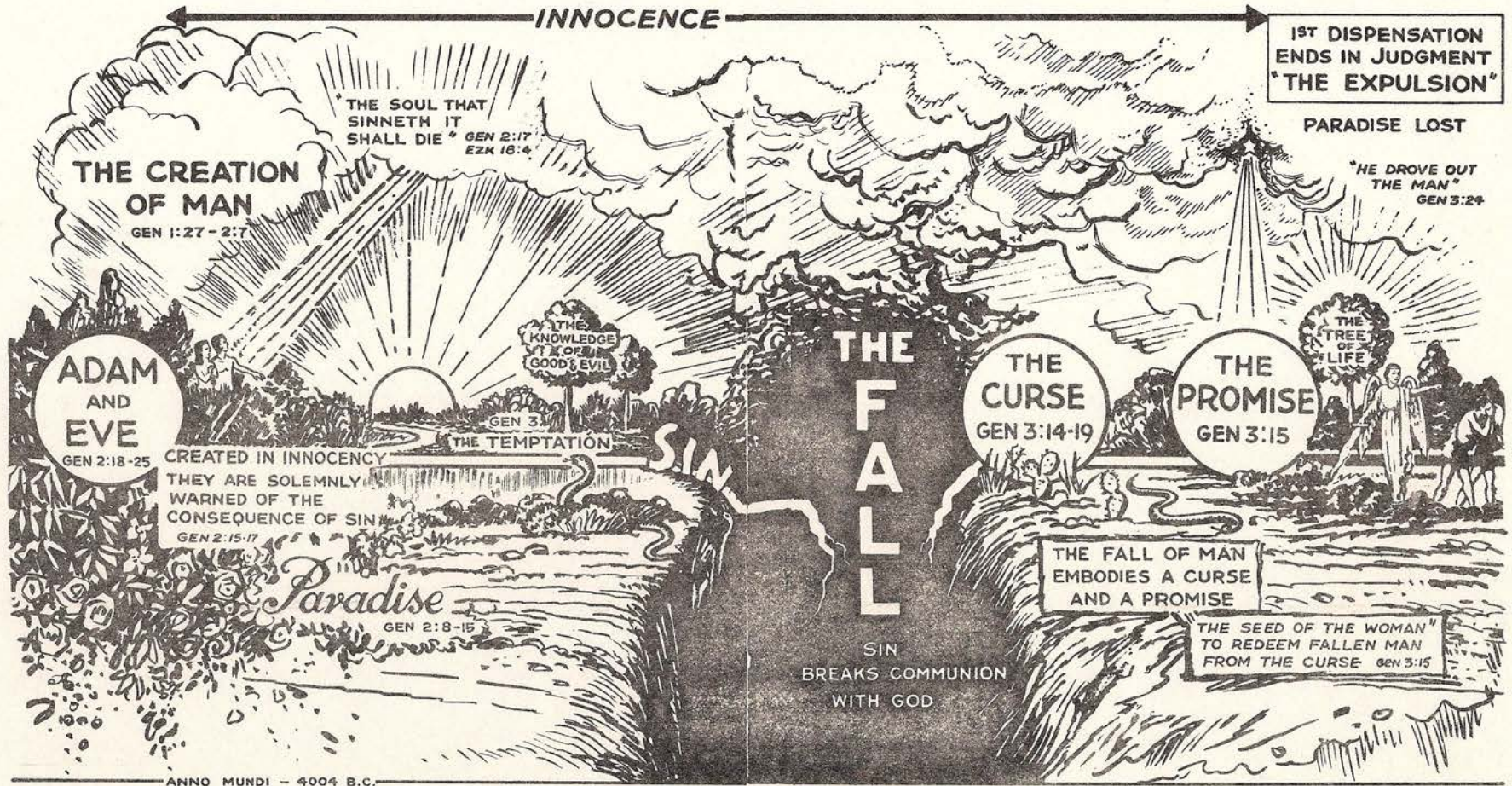
7TH DAY  
Thus → the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them  
GEN 2:1

GOD PREPARES THE EARTH FOR THE HABITATION OF MAN PS.104:30

THE ORIGINAL CREATION (GEN 1:1) • THE  
PREPARED FOR THE

EARTH NOW WASTE AND VOID (GEN 1:2) •  
DWELLING PLACE OF MAN •





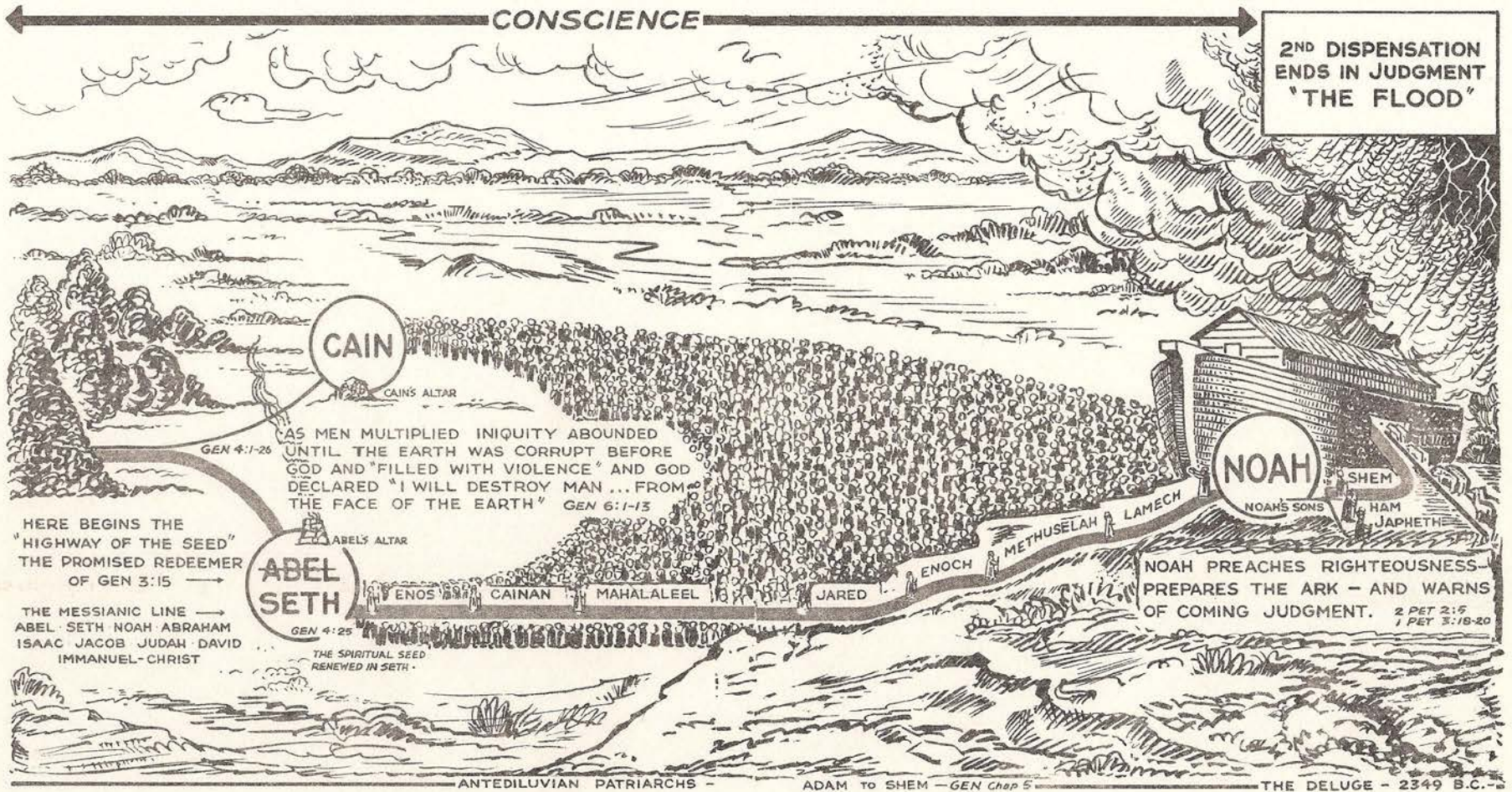
THE CREATION OF MAN • THE TEMPTATION • THE FALL AND PUNISHMENT • THE PROMISE • THE EXPULSION •



SECOND DISPENSATION

— (ANTEDILUVIAN)

STUDY 3



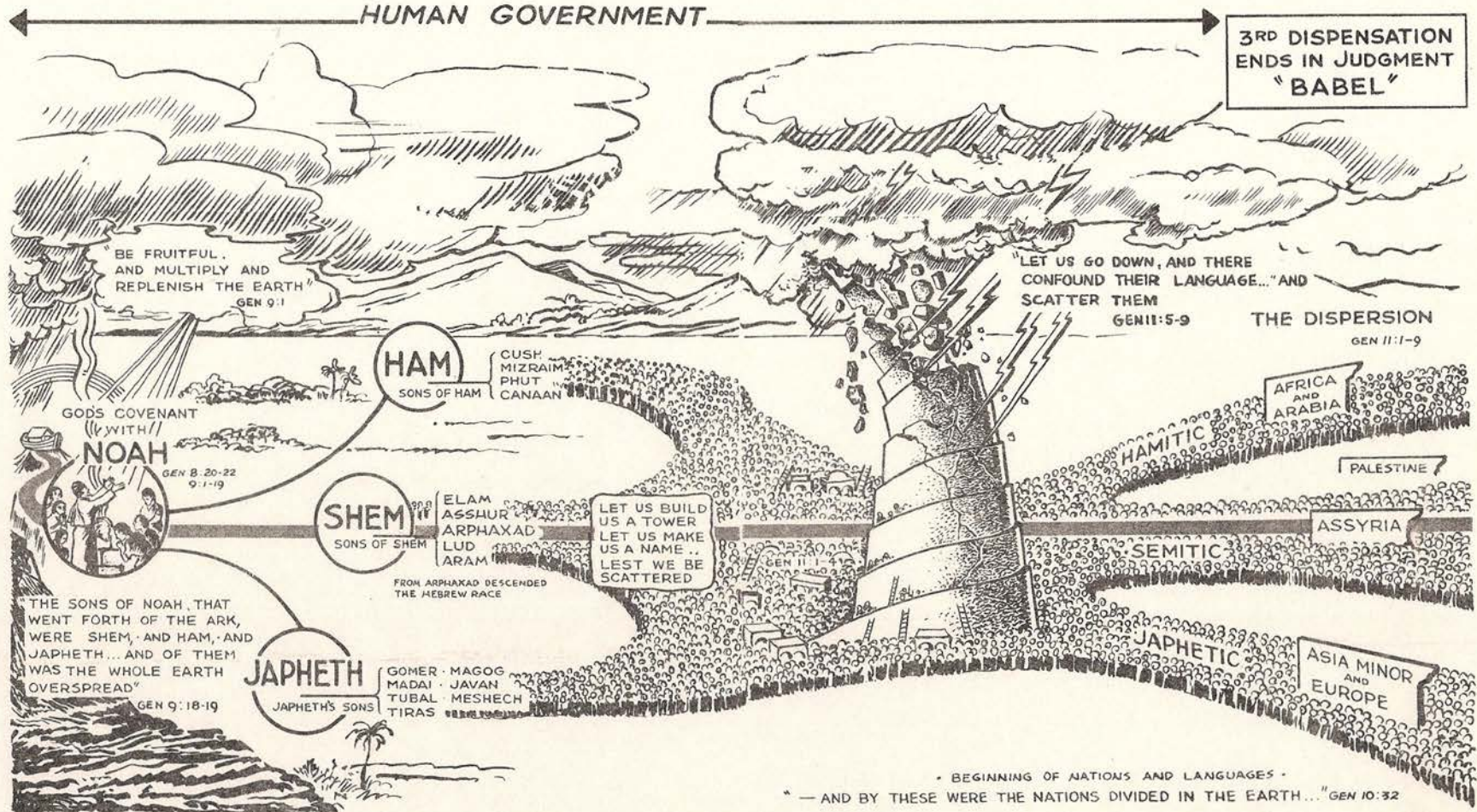
**CAIN AND ABEL • GENERATIONS OF  
• SEED OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**SETH • WICKEDNESS OF THE WORLD  
PRESERVED • THE FLOOD**

GENESIS

Chaps 3-7





GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH • REPEOPLING THE EARTH

THROUGH HAM, - SHEM AND JAPHETH • BABEL • DISPERSION •

GENESIS

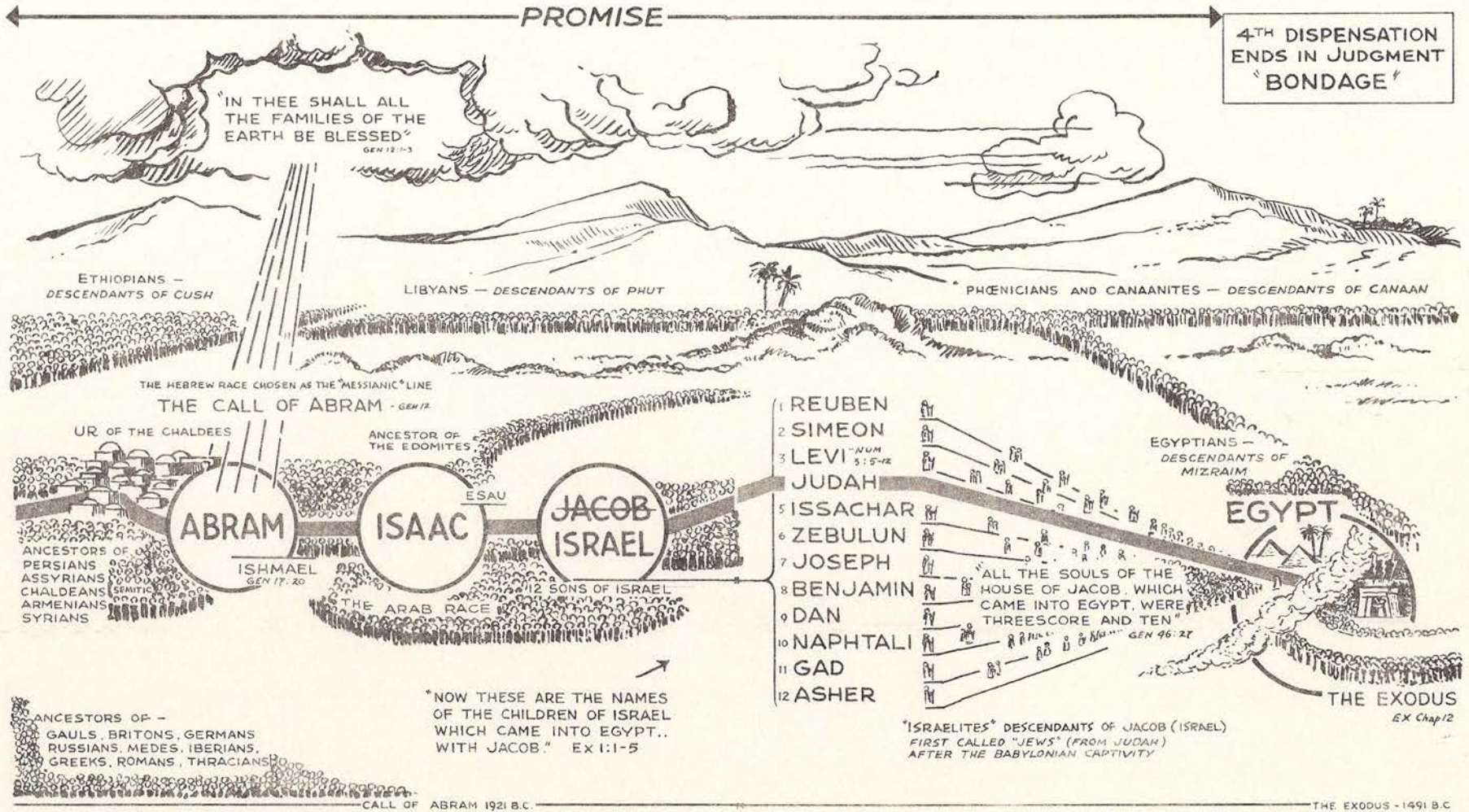
Chaps 8-11



FOURTH DISPENSATION

— (PATRIARCHAL)

STUDY 5



CALL OF ABRAM • ISAAC • JACOB • CHILDREN OF

GENESIS Chaps

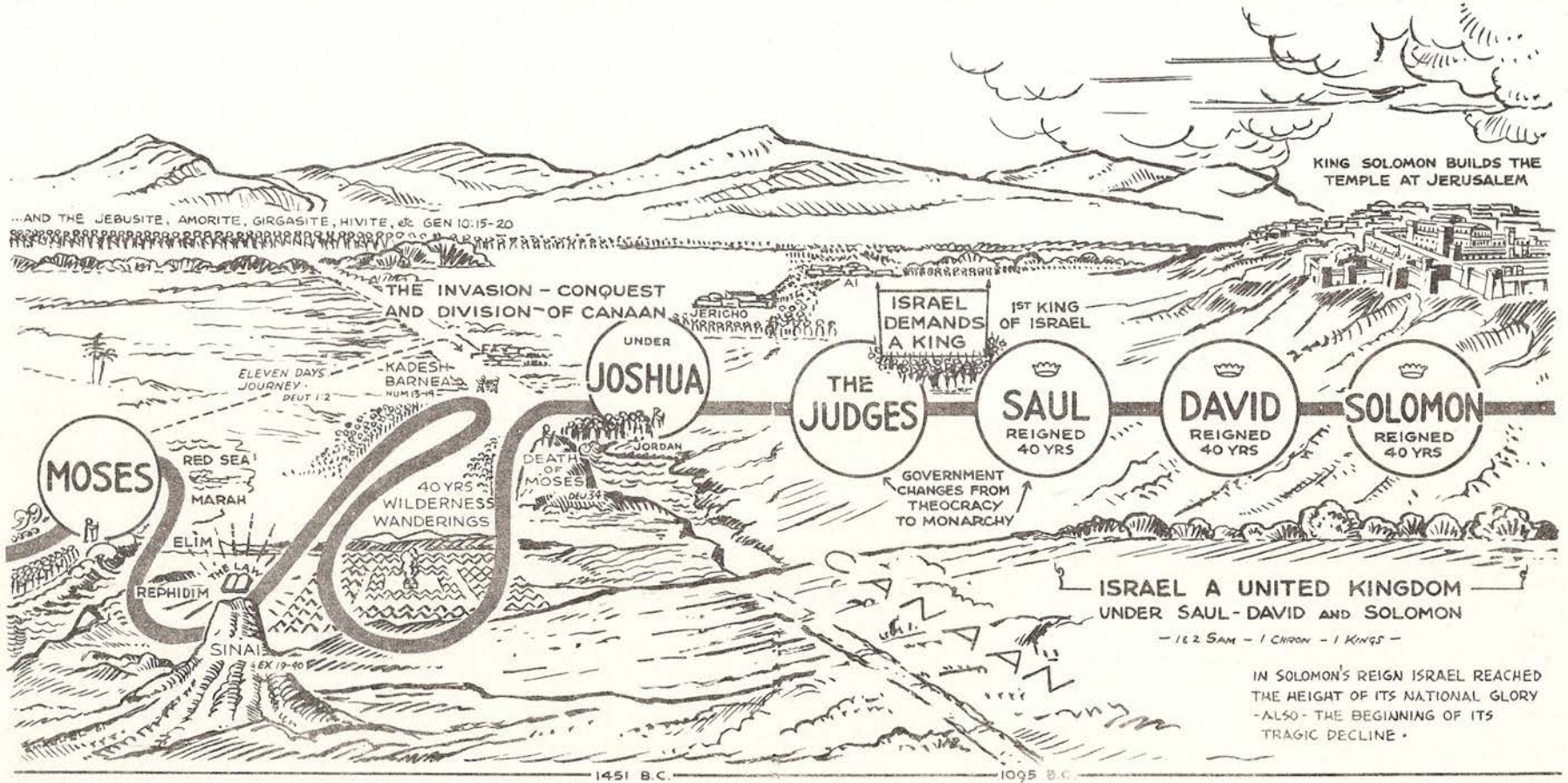
ISRAEL (JACOB) • EGYPT • BONDAGE • THE EXODUS •

12-40 • EXODUS 1-12



FIFTH DISPENSATION - (LEGAL)

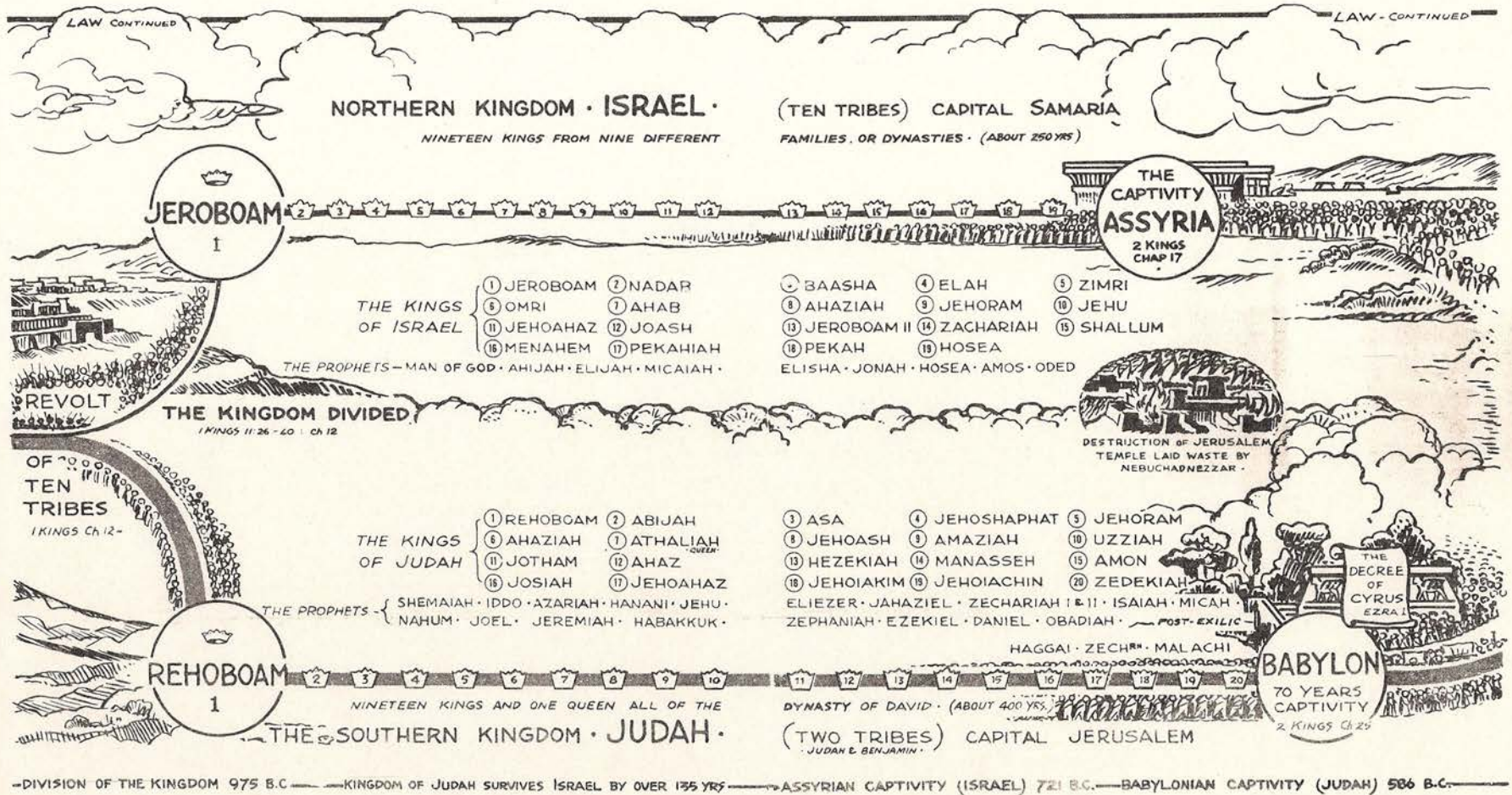
STUDY 6



RED SEA • SINAI • WILDERNESS JOURNEY • DEATH OF MOSES •  
 CONQUEST OF CANAAN • THEOCRACY TO MONARCHY •

EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY JOSHUA JUDGES 1 AND 2 SAMUEL 1 AND 2 KINGS



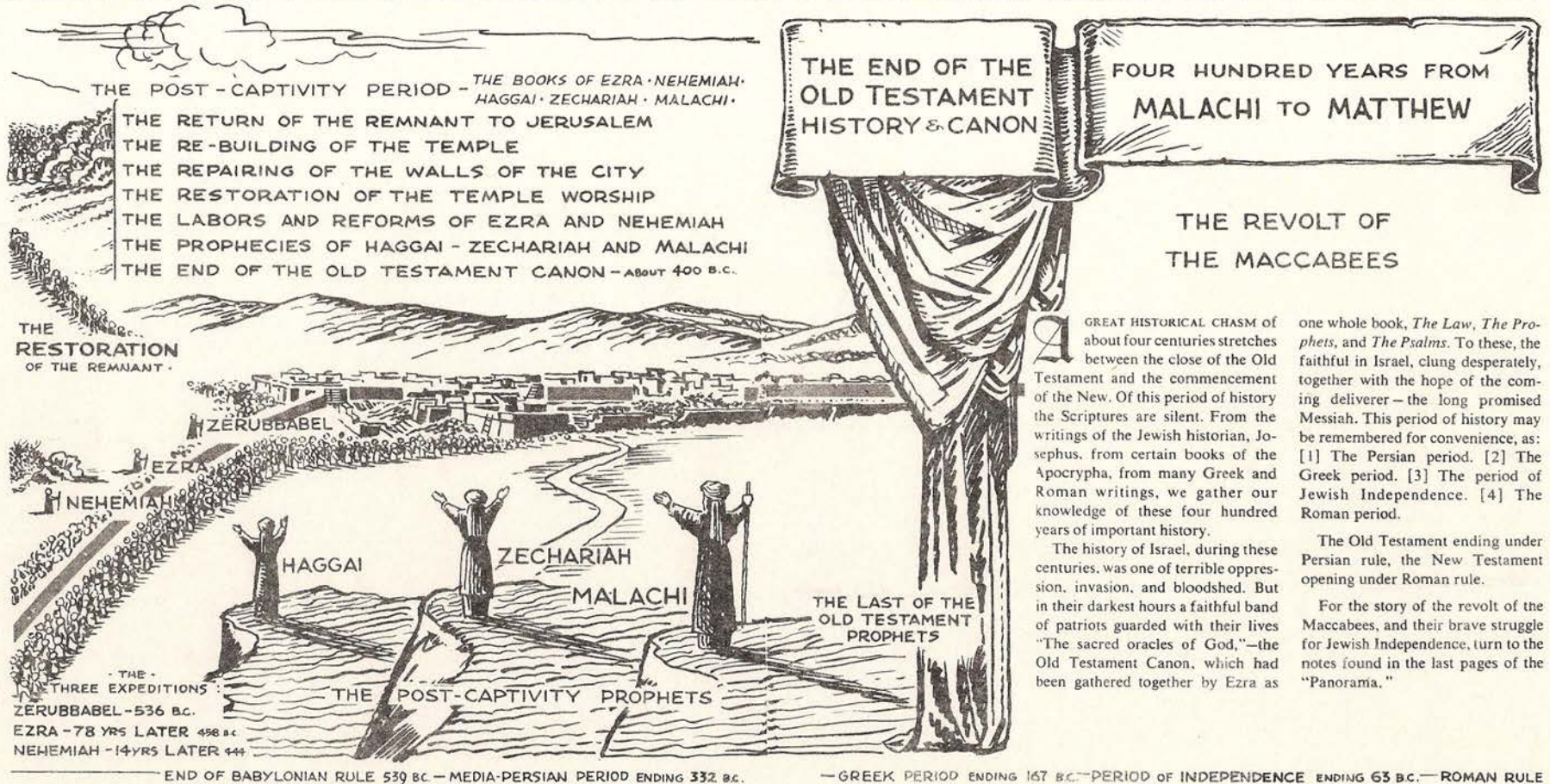


THE KINGDOM DIVIDED • ISRAEL AND JUDAH •  
 CAPTIVITY AND END OF THE KINGDOMS • THE DECREE OF CYRUS - (EZRA 1)

ISRAEL - 1 AND 2 KINGS • 2 CHRON • JUDAH - 1 AND 2 KINGS - 2 CHRON • ISA • JER •  
 THE CAPTIVITY - JER - EZK - DANIEL •



LAW CONTINUED



THE RESTORATION • REBUILDING

AND DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

• END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

• MACCABEAN REVOLT •

DANIEL

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

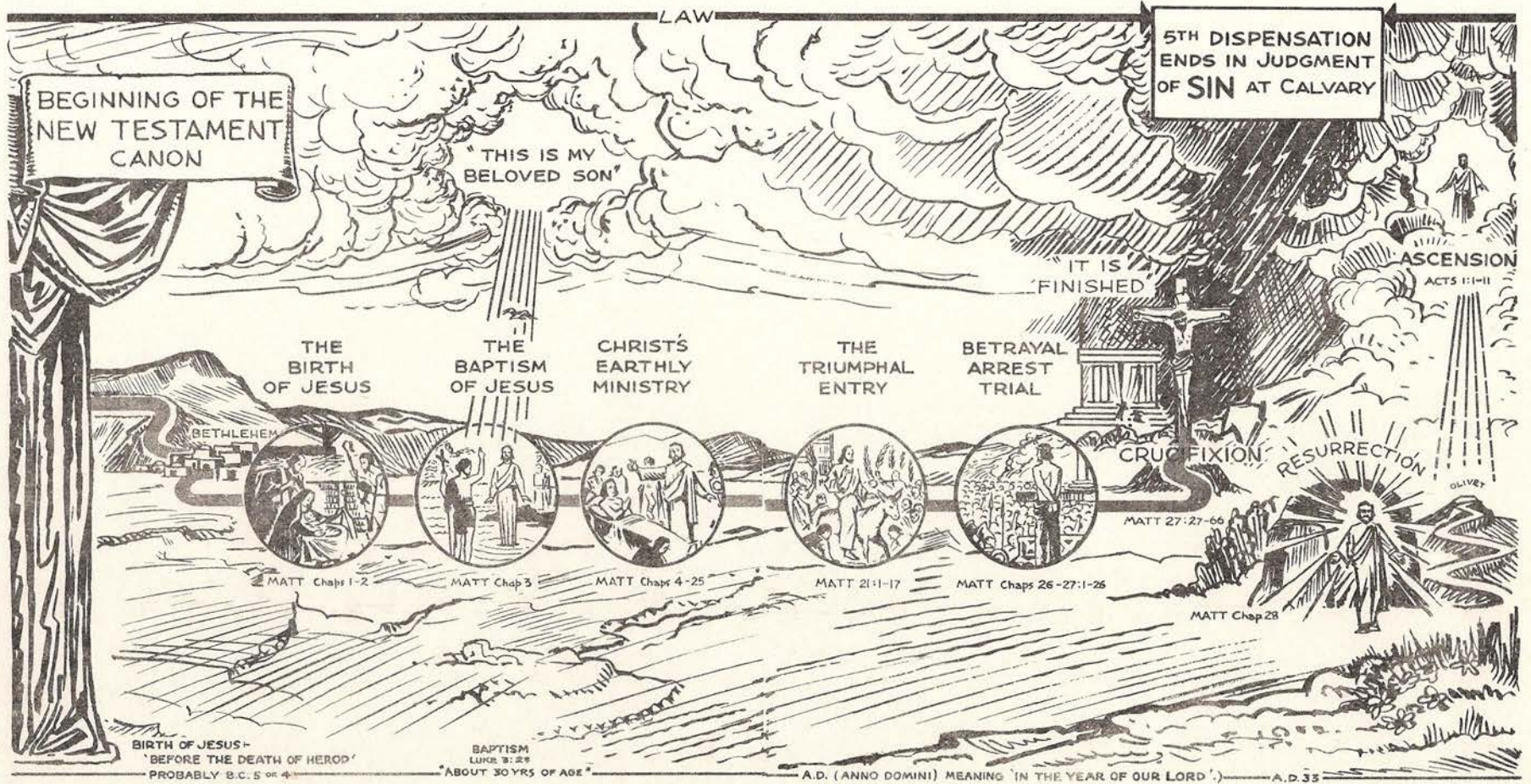
ESTHER

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI



FIFTH DISPENSATION - (LEGAL) ENDING AT CALVARY



BEGINNING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT  
AND ASCENSION

• BIRTH - MINISTRY - DEATH - RESURRECTION  
OF JESUS CHRIST •

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

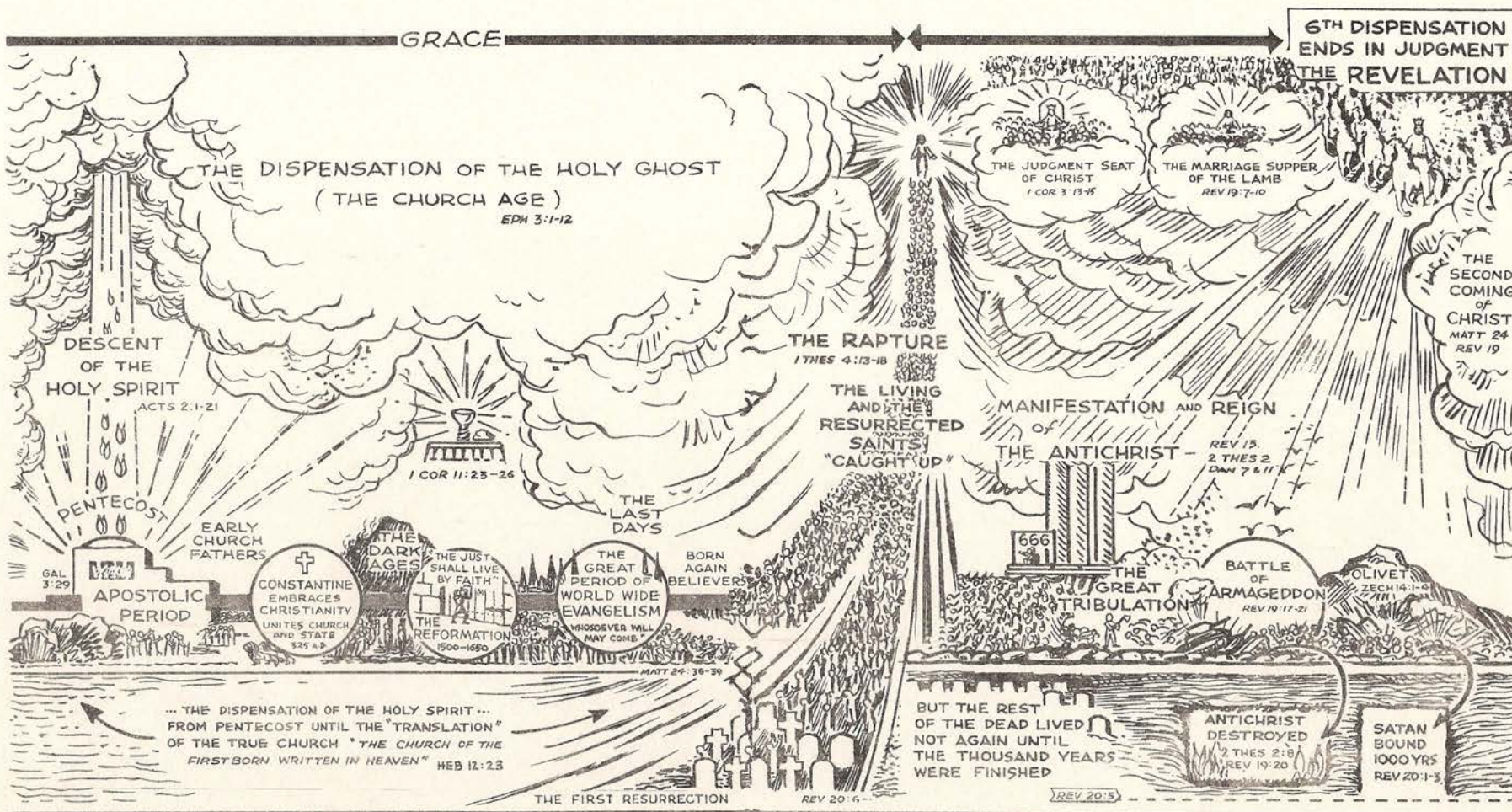
ACTS 1:1-11



SIXTH DISPENSATION

— (ECCLESIASTICAL)

STUDY 10



DESCENT AND DISPENSATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT •

THE RAPTURE • ANTICHRIST • TRIBULATION •

2<sup>ND</sup> COMING

OF CHRIST

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

MATT Chaps 24-25

1 THESS 4:13-18

DANIEL AND REVELATION

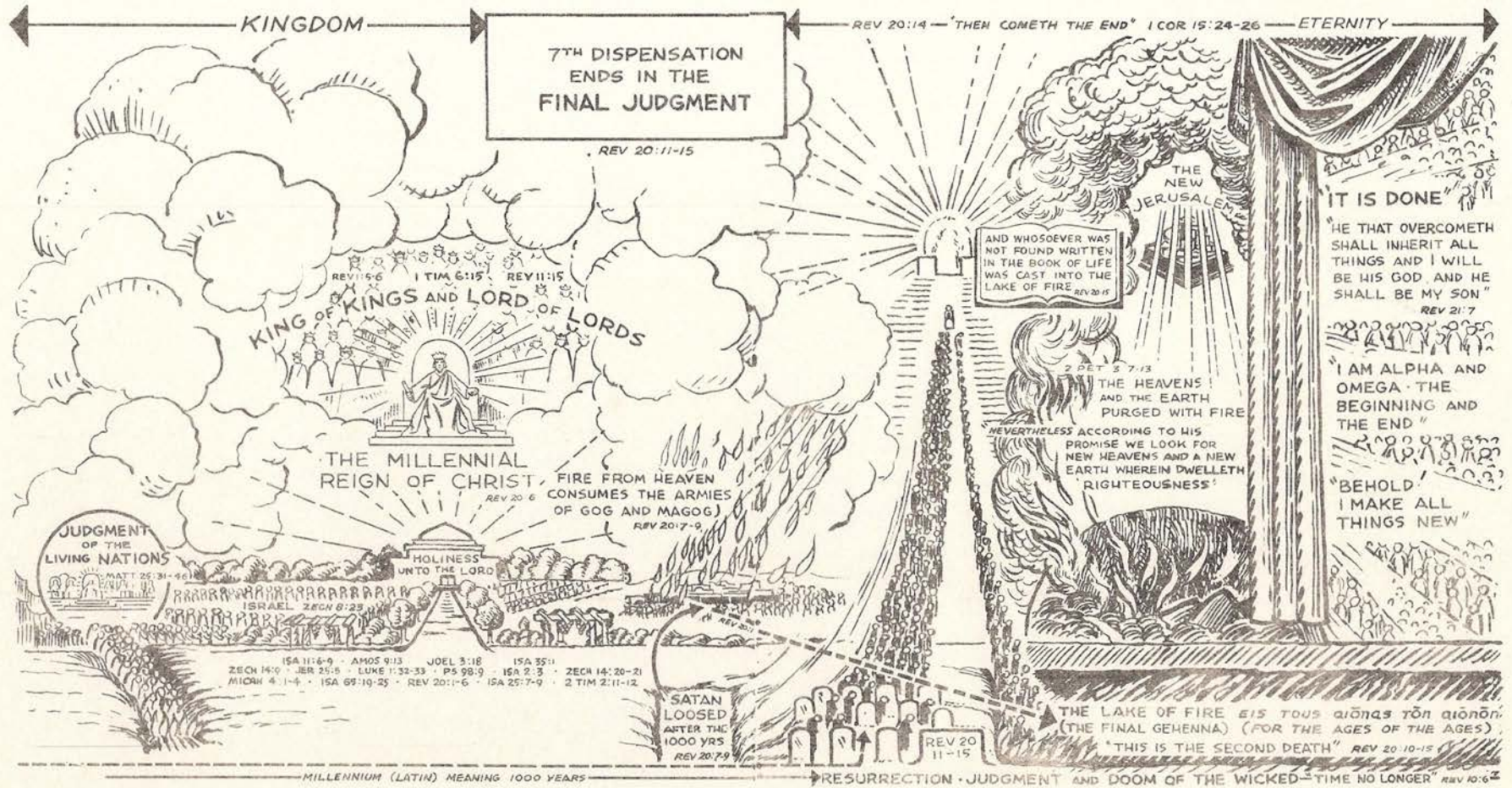


SEVENTH DISPENSATION

(MESSIANIC)

( ETERNAL AGES →

STUDY 11



CHRIST REIGNING WITH HIS SAINTS •

FINAL DOOM OF SATAN AND THE UNBELIEVING

• NEW HEAVENS AND

A NEW EARTH •

2 TIM 2:12 · REV 5:10 - 20:6 · ESCHATOLOGY (THE STUDY OF LAST THINGS)

( THE PERFECT AND ETERNAL AGES →



# GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES

or  
THE DISTINGUISHABLE ECONOMIES IN THE OUTWORKING OF GOD'S PURPOSE

1. THE ETERNAL GOD (Deut. 33:27)
2. THE ETERNAL SON (John 1:1+2)
3. THE ETERNAL SPIRIT (Heb. 13:14)
4. THE ETERNAL PURPOSE (Eph. 3:11)

ETERNITY



THE ORIGINAL EARTH  
John 1:3  
Col. 1:16+17  
Heb. 11:3  
DATELESS

THE CHAOTIC EARTH  
Isa. 14:9-14  
Isa. 45:18  
Eze. 28:12-15

THE RESTORED EARTH  
Gen. 1:1-2:25

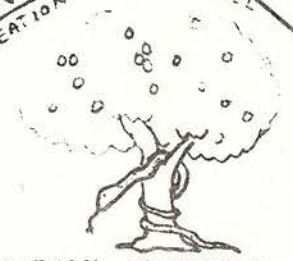
THE PRESENT EARTH

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## INNOCENCE

CREATION TO THE FALL



c.10,000 B.C.

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EXPULSION from the Garden

- Judgment.....
- Scripture....
- Persons.....
- Responsibility....
- Failure.....
- Grace.....

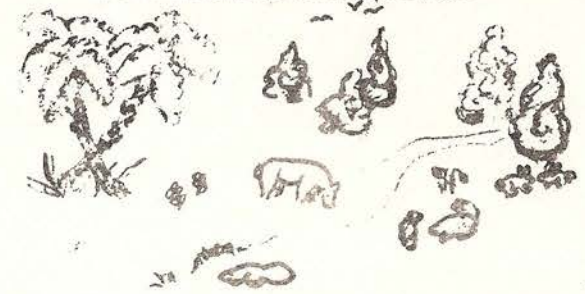
GEN 1:26-3:6

Adam, Eve  
populate and subdue the earth.  
Dress and keep the garden.  
Desist from eating of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

They doubted GOD'S words, goodness, judgment and motive and ate of the forbidden tree.

Promised Redeemer, Coats of skin, long life, Supply of needs, Separation of tree of life.

EDENIC COVENANT  
GEN. 1:28-30; 2:15-17





PATH

# CONSCIENCE

Adam to the Flood



DURATION 5,000 YEARS

# HUMAN GOVERNMENT

NOAH TO ABRAHAM



C. 5,000 B.C. DURATION 3,000 YEARS

# PROMISE

ABRAHAM TO MOSES



C. 2,000 B.C. Duration 560 Years

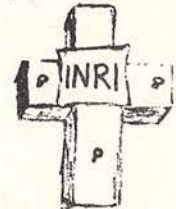
# LAW

MOSES TO PENTECOST



Duration 1,471 Years

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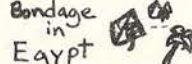
CROSS



FLOOD



CONFUSION of tongues



Bondage in Egypt

GEN. 3:7-8:19

Adam, Eve, Seth, Enoch, Noah

Life under a curse.  
Conscience as a rule of life  
Blood sacrifices.

Failure to Live up to  
conscience.  
Universal wickedness

Salvation of some.  
Preservation of Noah.  
Long suffering before judgment

**ADAMIC COVENANT**  
GEN. 3:14-19

Gen 8:20-11:9

Noah, Shem, Ham, Japeth

Renewed command to  
multiply and have dominion  
Essence of government established  
involving organization and legislation.

Noah's drunkenness, Hams  
irreverence  
Failure of human government  
to curb sin.

the seed of the woman.  
Preservation of a Godly  
remnant.

**NOAHIC COVENANT**  
Gen 8:20-9:17

Gen 11:10-Ex. 19:9

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

Faith in the material,  
spiritual and social promises  
of God.

Abraham's delay, doubt and descent  
into Egypt. Isaac's doubt. Jacob's  
deceit. Israel's murmuring.

A deliverer was promised.  
Victory over enemies was  
given.  
Unconditional promises  
renewed.

**ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**  
Gen. 12:1-3

Ex 19:9 - John 21:25

Moses, Joshua, Judges, Kings,  
Prophets.

Israel is to obey a detailed  
system of works comprised  
of 613 commandments.

The entire Old Testament is  
a record of failure, culminat-  
ing in the crucifixion.

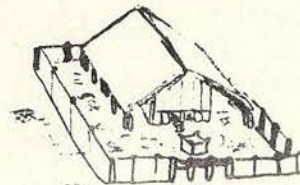
Sacrifices provided a way of  
restoration. God raised up  
deliverers. The nation is  
preserved. Millennium  
promised.

**MOSAIC COVENANT**  
Ex. 19:5-31:18



Jerusalem  
Destroyed

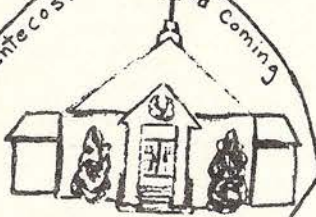
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# GRACE

Pentecost to Second Coming



Duration 1,900+ Years

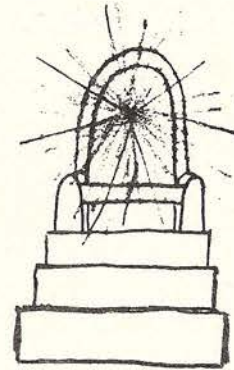
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# KINGDOM

Second Coming to Great White Throne



Duration 1,000 Years



## GREAT WHITE THONE

## TRIBULATION

Acts 1:1 - Rev. 3:22

Apostles, Church Fathers, Christians.

Church's responsibility includes Salvation by faith, Sanctification through the Spirit, World Evangelism

Grace has not produced a world-wide acceptance of Christ or a triumphant church and ends with great apostasy.

The appearance of Christ. The standing before God. The rule of life, Deliverance from Judgment.

### NEW COVENANT

Mat. 26:26-27; I Cor. 11:25



Rev. 20:1-15; 21:9-22:5

Tribulation saints who endured  
People born in the Millennium.

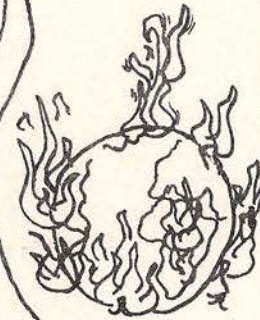
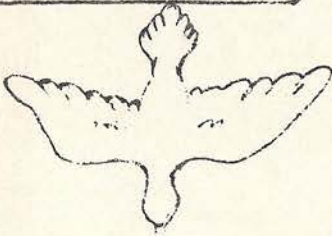
To obey the King.

Outward sin.  
A climactic rebellion.

Fulfillment of the Abrahamic,  
Palestinian and Davidic  
Covenants - Establishment  
of the New Covenant.  
Fruition of Nature.

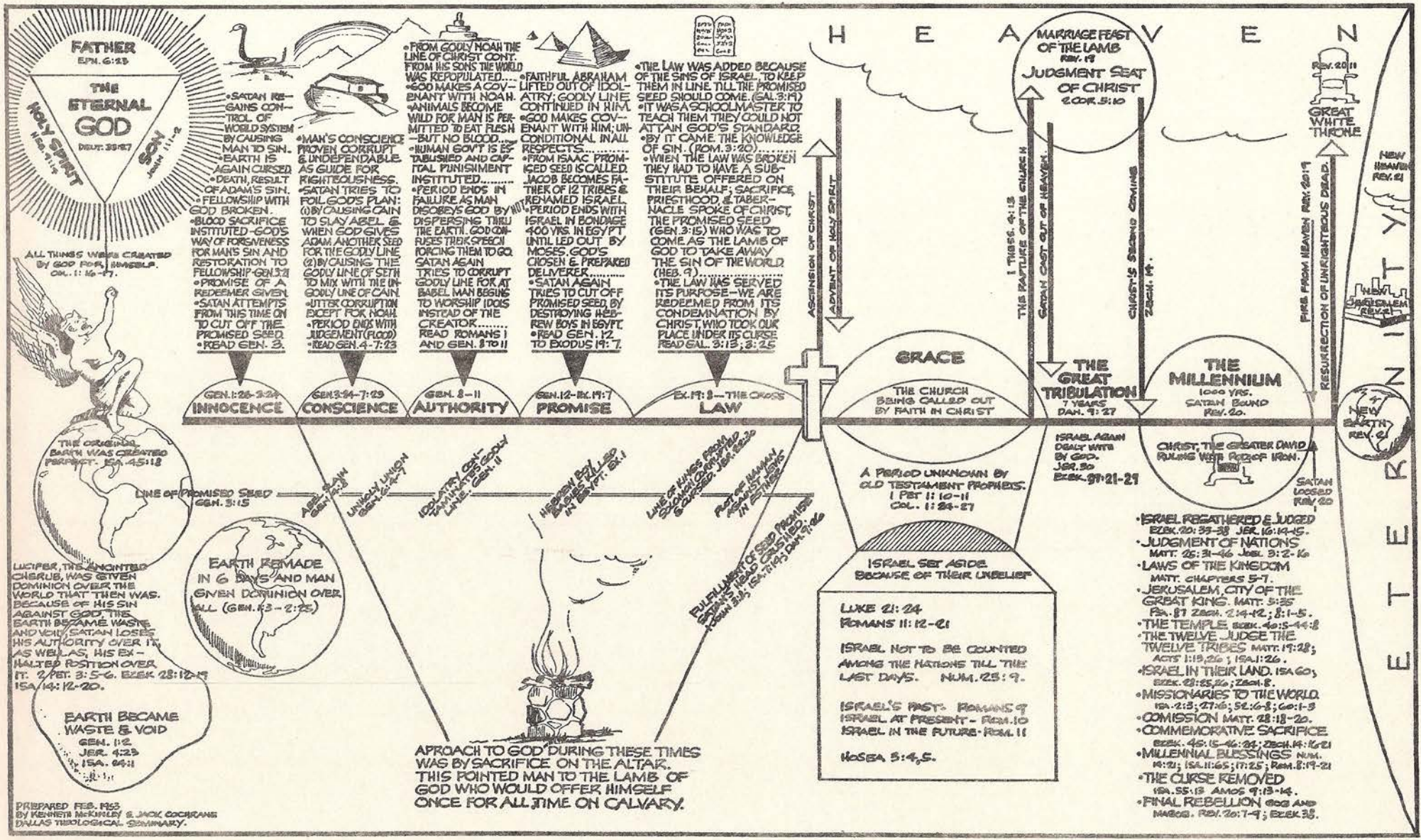
### NEW COVENANT

Jer. 31:31-40



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**FATHER**  
EPH. 6:12

**THE ETHERNAL GOD**  
DEUT. 33:27

**SON**  
JOHN 1:1,2

**THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
1 COR. 12:13

• SATAN REGAINS CONTROL OF WORLD SYSTEM BY CAUSING MAN TO SIN.  
• EARTH IS AGAIN CURSED.  
• DEATH, RESULT OF ADAM'S SIN.  
• FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD BROKEN.  
• BLOOD SACRIFICE INSTITUTED - GOD'S WAY OF FOREGIVENESS FOR MAN'S SIN AND RESTORATION TO FELLOWSHIP - GEN. 3:21  
• PROMISE OF A REDEEMER GIVEN.  
• SATAN ATTEMPTS FROM THIS TIME ON TO CUT OFF THE PROMISED SEED.  
• READ GEN. 3.

• MAN'S CONSCIENCE PROVEN CORRUPT & UNDEPENDABLE AS GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.  
• SATAN TRIES TO FOIL GOD'S PLAN: (1) BY CAUSING CAIN TO SLAY ABEL & WHEN GOD GIVES ADAM ANOTHER SEED FOR THE GODLY LINE (2) BY CAUSING THE GODLY LINE OF SETH TO MIX WITH THE UN-GODLY LINE OF CAIN - UTTER CORRUPTION EXCEPT FOR NOAH.  
• PERIOD ENDS WITH JUDGEMENT (FLOOD).  
• READ GEN. 4-7:23

• FROM GODDY NOAH THE LINE OF CHRIST CONT. WAS REPOPULATED...  
• GOD MAKES A COVENANT WITH NOAH. ANIMALS BECOME WILD FOR MAN IS PERMITTED TO EAT FLESH - BUT NO BLOOD.  
• HUMAN GOVT IS ESTABLISHED AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT INSTITUTED.  
• PERIOD ENDS IN FAILURE AS MAN DISOBEYS GOD BY DISPERSING THRU THE EARTH. GOD CONFUSES THEIR SPEECH FORCING THEM TO GO. SATAN AGAIN TRIES TO CORRUPT GODLY LINE FOR AT BABEL. MAN BEGINS TO WORSHIP IDOLS INSTEAD OF THE CREATOR.  
• READ ROMANS 1 AND GEN. 8 TO 11

• FAITHFUL ABRAHAM LIFTED OUT OF IDOLATRY; GODLY LINE CONTINUED IN HIM.  
• GOD MAKES COVENANT WITH HIM; UNCONDITIONAL IN ALL RESPECTS.  
• FROM ISAAC PROMISED SEED IS CALLED. JACOB BECOMES FATHER OF 12 TRIBES & RENAMED ISRAEL.  
• PERIOD ENDS WITH ISRAEL IN BONDAGE 400 YRS. IN EGYPT UNTIL LED OUT BY MOSES. GOD'S CHOSEN & PREPARED DELIVERER.  
• SATAN AGAIN TRIES TO CUT OFF PROMISED SEED BY DESTROYING HEBREW BOYS IN EGYPT.  
• READ GEN. 12 TO EXODUS 19:7

• THE LAW WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF THE SINS OF ISRAEL - TO KEEP THEM IN LINE TILL THE PROMISED SEED SHOULD COME. (GAL. 3:19)  
• IT WAS A SCHOOLMASTER TO TEACH THEM THEY COULD NOT ATTAIN GOD'S STANDARD.  
• BY IT CAME THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN. (ROM. 3:20)  
• WHEN THE LAW WAS BROKEN THEY HAD TO HAVE A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED ON THEIR BEHALF; SACRIFICE, PRIESTHOOD & TABERNACLE SPOKE OF CHRIST, THE PROMISED SEED (GEN. 3:15) WHO WAS TO COME AS THE LAMB OF GOD TO TAKE AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD (HEB. 9)  
• THE LAW WAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE - WE ARE REDEEMED FROM ITS CONDEMNATION BY CHRIST, WHO TOOK OUR PLACE UNDER ITS CURSE.  
• READ GAL. 3:13; 3:25

**H E A V E N**

MARRIAGE FEAST OF THE LAMB  
REV. 19

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST  
2 COR. 5:10

ASCENSION OF CHRIST

ADVENT OF HOLY SPIRIT

1 THESS. 4:13

THE CAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

GRACE COMETH OUT OF HEAVEN.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

ZACH. 14

REV. 20:11

GREAT WHITE THRONE

NEW HEAVEN  
REV. 21

NEW JERUSALEM  
REV. 21

NEW EARTH  
REV. 21

RESURRECTION OF UNRIGHTEOUS DEAD

FIRE FROM HEAVEN  
REV. 20:14

GEN. 1:26-3:24  
**INNOCENCE**

GEN. 3:24-7:23  
**CONSCIENCE**

GEN. 8-11  
**AUTHORITY**

GEN. 12-EX. 17:7  
**PROMISE**

EX. 17:8 - THE CROSS  
**LAW**

**GRACE**  
THE CHURCH BEING CALLED OUT BY FAITH IN CHRIST

**THE GREAT TRIBULATION**  
7 YEARS  
DAN. 9: 27

**THE MILLENNIUM**  
1000 YRS.  
SATAN BOUND  
REV. 20.

NEW HEAVEN  
REV. 21

NEW EARTH  
REV. 21

ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY GOD FOR HIMSELF.  
COL. 1: 16-17.

THE ORIGINAL BIRTH WAS CREATED PERFECT. ISA. 45:18

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LUCIFER, THE ANointed cherub, WAS GIVEN DOMINION OVER THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS. BECAUSE OF HIS SIN AGAINST GOD, THE EARTH BECAME WASTE AND VEDY. SATAN LOSES HIS AUTHORITY OVER IT, AS WELL AS, HIS EX-HALTED POSITION OVER IT. 2 PET. 3: 5-6. EZEK. 28:12-17. ISA. 14:12-20.

EARTH REMADE IN 6 DAYS AND MAN GIVEN DOMINION OVER ALL (GEN. 1:3-2:25)

APPROACH TO GOD DURING THESE TIMES WAS BY SACRIFICE ON THE ALTAR. THIS POINTED MAN TO THE LAMB OF GOD WHO WOULD OFFER HIMSELF ONCE FOR ALL TIME ON CALVARY.

A PERIOD UNKNOWN BY OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES. 1 PET. 11: 10-11. COL. 1: 24-27

ISRAEL SET ASIDE BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF

LUXE 21: 24  
ROMANS 11: 12-21

ISRAEL NOT TO BE COUNTED AMONG THE NATIONS TILL THE LAST DAYS. NUM. 25: 9.

ISRAEL'S PAST - ROMANS 9  
ISRAEL AT PRESENT - ROM. 10  
ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE - ROM. 11

MOSEA 5:4,5.

ISRAEL AGAIN DEALT WITH BY GOD. JER. 30. EZEK. 37:21-29

CHRIST, THE GREATER DAVID RULING WITH ROD OF IRON. SATAN LOOSED REV. 20

- ISRAEL REGATHERED & JUDGED EZEK. 37: 21-29; JER. 31: 10-14
- JUDGMENT OF NATIONS MATT. 25: 31-46; JER. 31: 2-10
- LAWS OF THE KINGDOM MATT. CHAPTERS 5-7.
- JERUSALEM, CITY OF THE GREAT KING. MATT. 23: 37
- THE TEMPLE. EZEK. 40: 5-14; 8
- THE TWELVE JUDGE THE TWELVE TRIBES MATT. 19: 28; ACTS 1: 15, 26; 1SA. 1: 26
- ISRAEL IN THEIR LAND. 1SA 60; EZEK. 28: 25, 26; ZACH. 8.
- MISSIONARIES TO THE WORLD. 1SA. 2: 3; 27: 6; 52: 15-18; CO. 1: 3
- COMMISSION MATT. 28: 18-20.
- COMMEMORATIVE SACRIFICE. EZEK. 45: 15-16; 21; ZACH. 14: 16-21
- MILLENNIAL BLESSINGS NUM. 1: 21; 1SA. 11: 6; 17: 25; ROM. 8: 17-21
- THE CURSE REMOVED. 1SA. 55: 13; AMOS 9: 13-14.
- FINAL REBELLION. 1SA. 5: 6; 20: 7-9; EZEK. 38.

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