

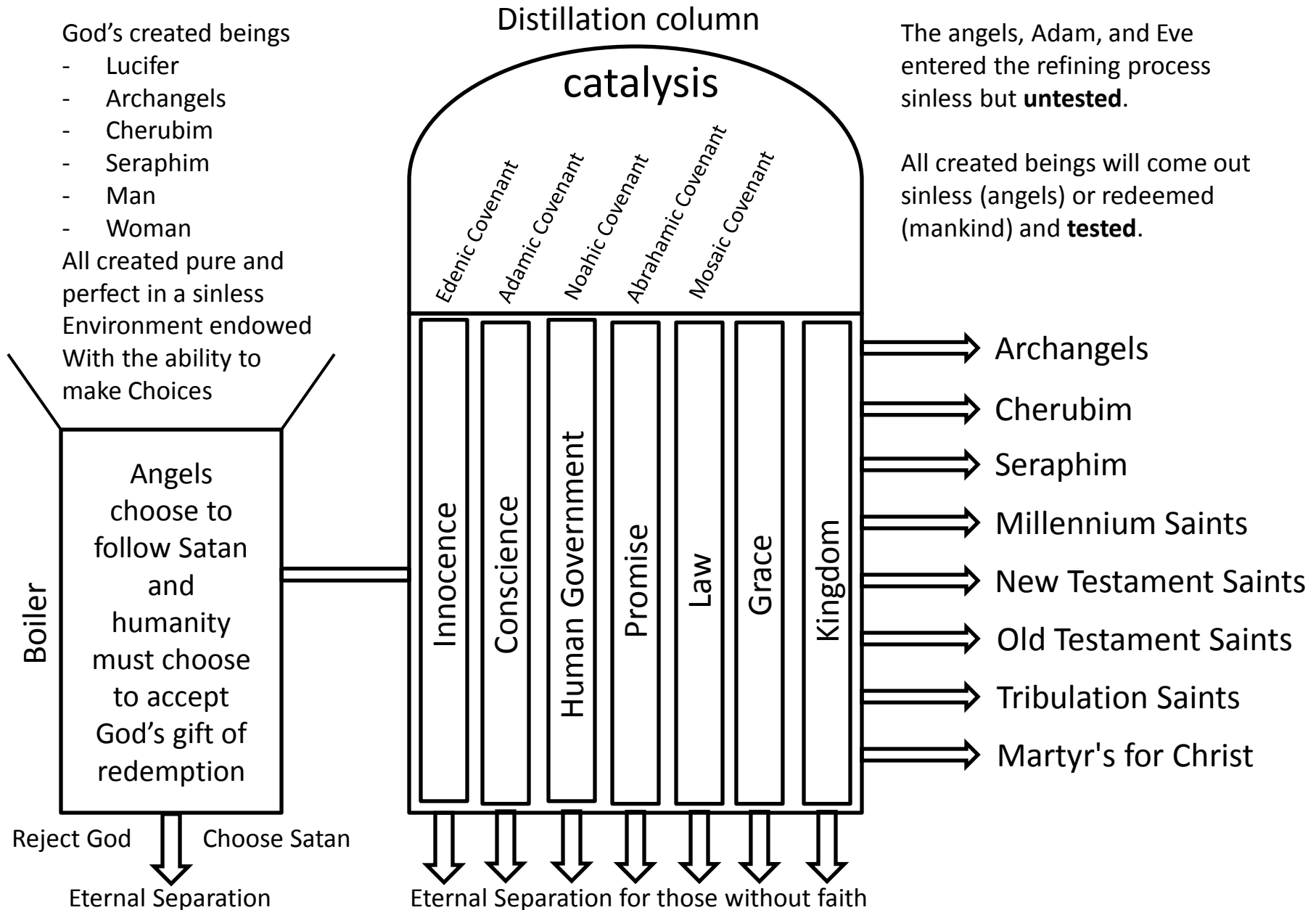
Refining a Creation for Eternity

The Revealed Plan of God from Eternity Past to Eternity Future



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God's Refining Process for His Created Beings



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Review of past lessons

God is OUTSIDE and APART
from the Universe

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The Universe is HIS Creation

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We are GOD'S Creation

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We only know God by His
REVELATION to us

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God has revealed Himself to all
of us through the **SCRIPTURES**

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God's Revelation to His
Creation



Man moved by the
Holy Spirit



Inspired
Scriptures
Inerrant

Old Testament
recognized by
Jewish synagogue



New Testament
recognized by
Christian church

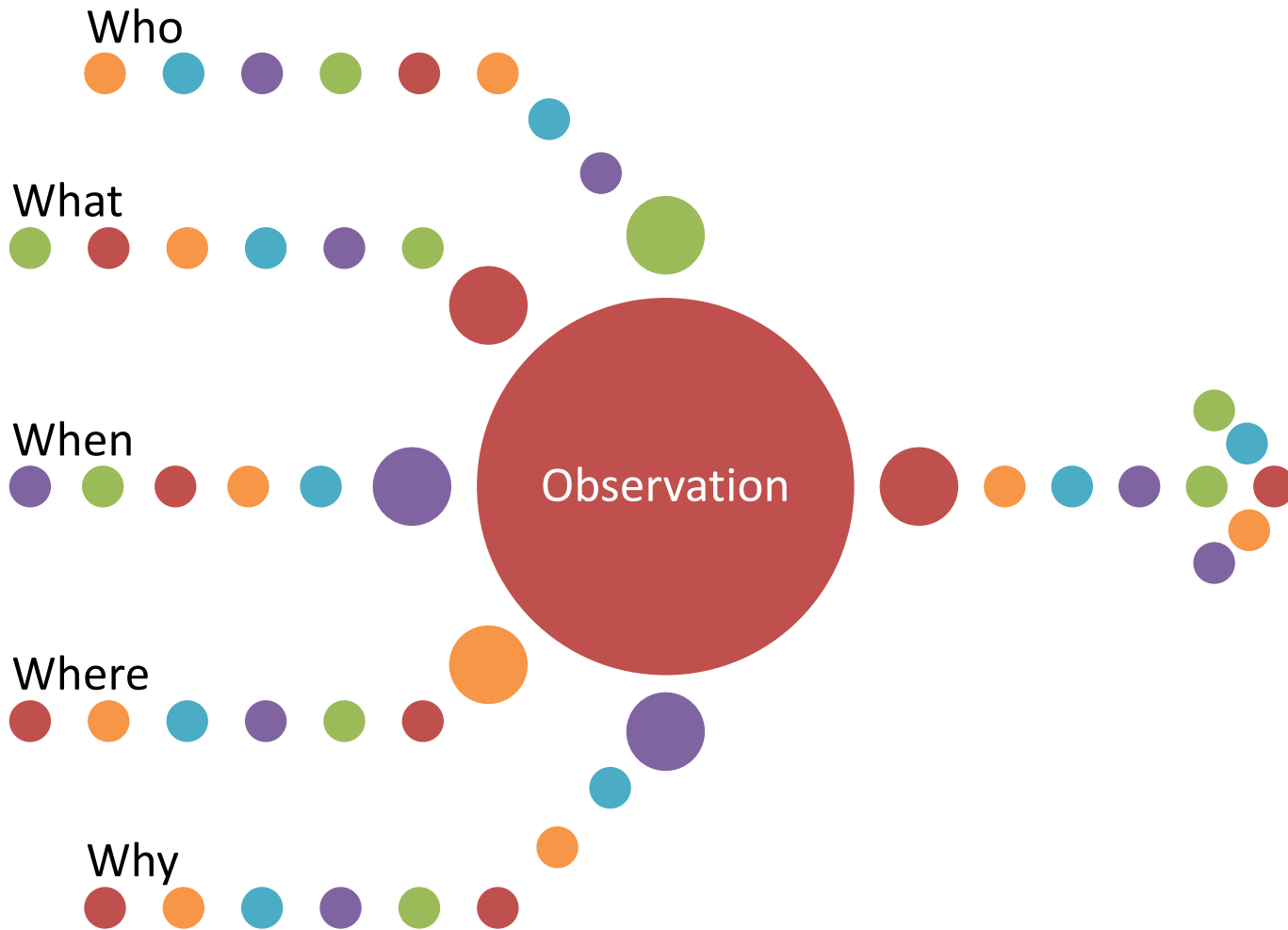


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We believe that in the composition of the **original manuscripts**, the Holy Spirit guided the authors even in their choice of expressions and this throughout all the pages of the Scriptures still without eroding the personalities of the different men.

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1. Scripture interprets
scripture



2. Meaning of words by
usage



3. Context,
context, context



4. Grammatico-historical
interpretation



5. Assume literal or
normal interpretation



Literal
Interpretation

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6. Figurative language
convey actual concepts



7. Human drama must
come forth



8. Culture, history,
social, etc. play part



9. Recognize God's
management in economy



10. Recognize progressive
revelation



Literal
Interpretation



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Original audience



Modern audience



Application is a bridge between the Biblical meaning and the present-day life situations

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1. Observation



2. Interpretation



3. Application



“All the historical, doctrinal, and practical truth of the Bible is for one purpose: to promote the spiritual prosperity of man. The Bible is not an end; it is a means.” Bernard Ramm

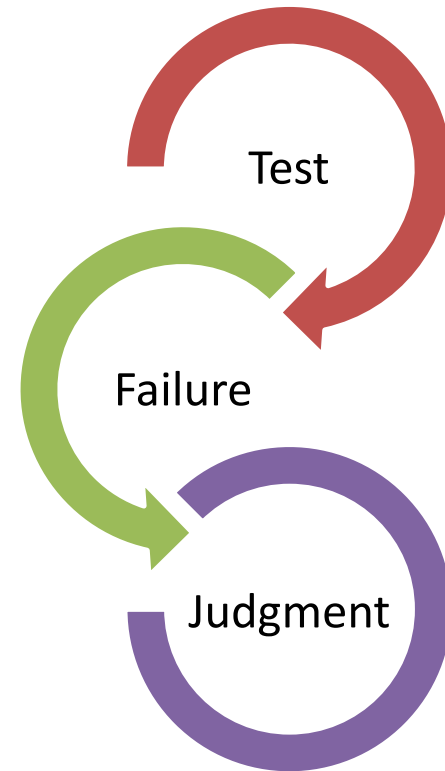
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Dispensational Theology

“A dispensation is a distinguishable economy in the outworking of God’s purpose.”

The Greek word *oikonomia* comes from the verb that means to manage, regulate, administer, and plan. The word itself is a compound whose parts mean literally “to divide, apportion, administer or manage the affairs of an inhabited house.”



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Dispensational Theology Definitions

Covenant

- Bilateral, two-sided, temporary
- Unilateral, one-sided, permanent

Tribulation

- First purpose to bring about conversion of Nation of Israel
- Second to pour out judgment on unbelieving man and nations

Pretibulation Rapture

- The church, dead and alive, will be resurrected and translated prior to tribulation
- Rests on the literal method of interpretation

Premillennial view

- Christ will return to earth, literally and bodily before millennial age begins

Millennial Kingdom

- 1000 literal years of fulfillment of the promises given in the Abrahamic Covenant

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Indispensable Positions of a Dispensationalist

Israel & Church Distinct

- The substance of Judaism is God's consistent and **earthly** purpose
- The substance of Christianity is God's consistent and **heavenly** purpose

Distinction born out of literal interpretation

- Literal method of interpretation extends to eschatological studies
- Prophecies concerning Christ's first coming were literal, expectation of prophetic passages of second coming will be literal

Purpose of God is His divine glory

- Scripture is not man-centered as though salvation were the main theme, but it is God-centered because His glory is the center
- Salvation is not an end in itself but is rather a means to the end of glorifying God

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Dispensations Recognized by the Apostle Paul

Past ages – Prior to the Church

- Colossians 1:25-26 -Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the **past ages** and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,

The Church – The stewardship of God's grace

- Ephesians 3:1-3 - For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles if indeed you have heard of the **stewardship of God's grace** which was given to me for you; that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

The Kingdom – The fullness of the times

- Ephesians 1:9-10 - He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to **the fullness of the times**, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

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Common throughout all Dispensations

History is from the viewpoint of God.

Clear time when one ends and another begins but allowing for transition.

God is moving everything in His ordained direction.

New revelation designates shift from one dispensation to another.

Some things remain the same but other things differ. Salvation always by faith.

Each has own responsibilities and tests.

Each dispensation moves God's plan closer to completion.

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God's Economies for Mankind

Overview



Edenic



Adamic

Innocence



Noahic

Human Government



Abrahamic

Promise



Mosaic

Law



Postponed

Grace



Fulfillment

Kingdom

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The Angelic Conflict

Angels

Nature and Attributes

Spirit beings

Created beings

Created simultaneously and are innumerable in number

Higher order than man

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Angels

Classification of Angels

Angels who are governmental rulers.

Angels who are highest ranking.

Angels who are prominent individuals.

Michael

Gabriel

Lucifer

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Angels

Classification of Angels (cont.)

Angels who are divine attendants.

Cherubim

Ezekiel 1:1-28 Read by Stephen Johnston



Seraphim

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Angels

Ministry of Angels

Ministry to God.

Ministry to Christ

Angels predicted His birth

Angels protected Him in infancy

Angels ministered to Him after the temptation

Angels strengthened Him at Gethsemane

Angels announced His resurrection

Angels attended His ascension

Angels will attend His Second Coming