

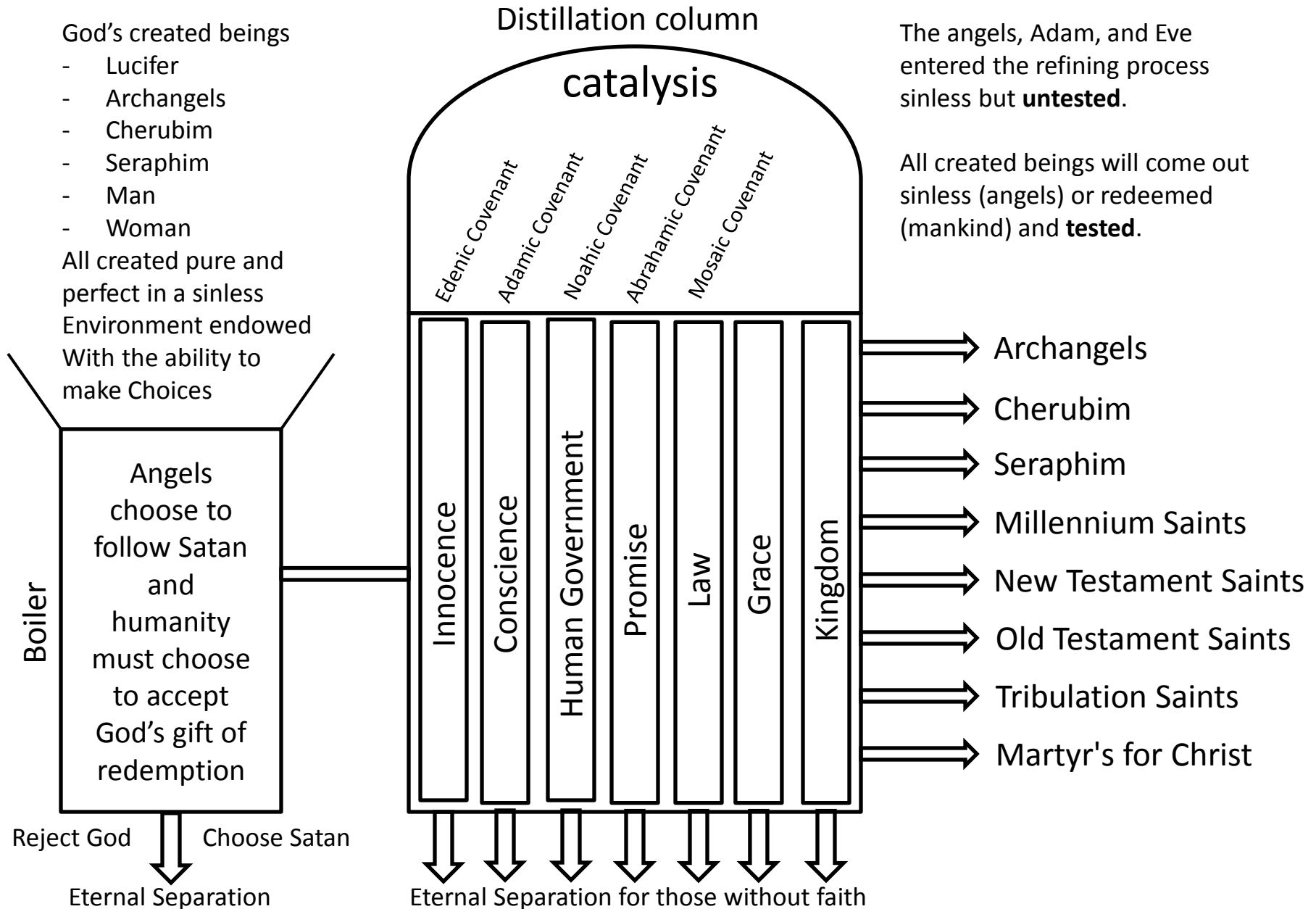
# Refining a Creation for Eternity

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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## God's Economies for Mankind

### Overview



Edenic



Adamic

Innocence



Noahic

Human Government



Abrahamic

Promise



Mosaic

Law



Postponed

Grace

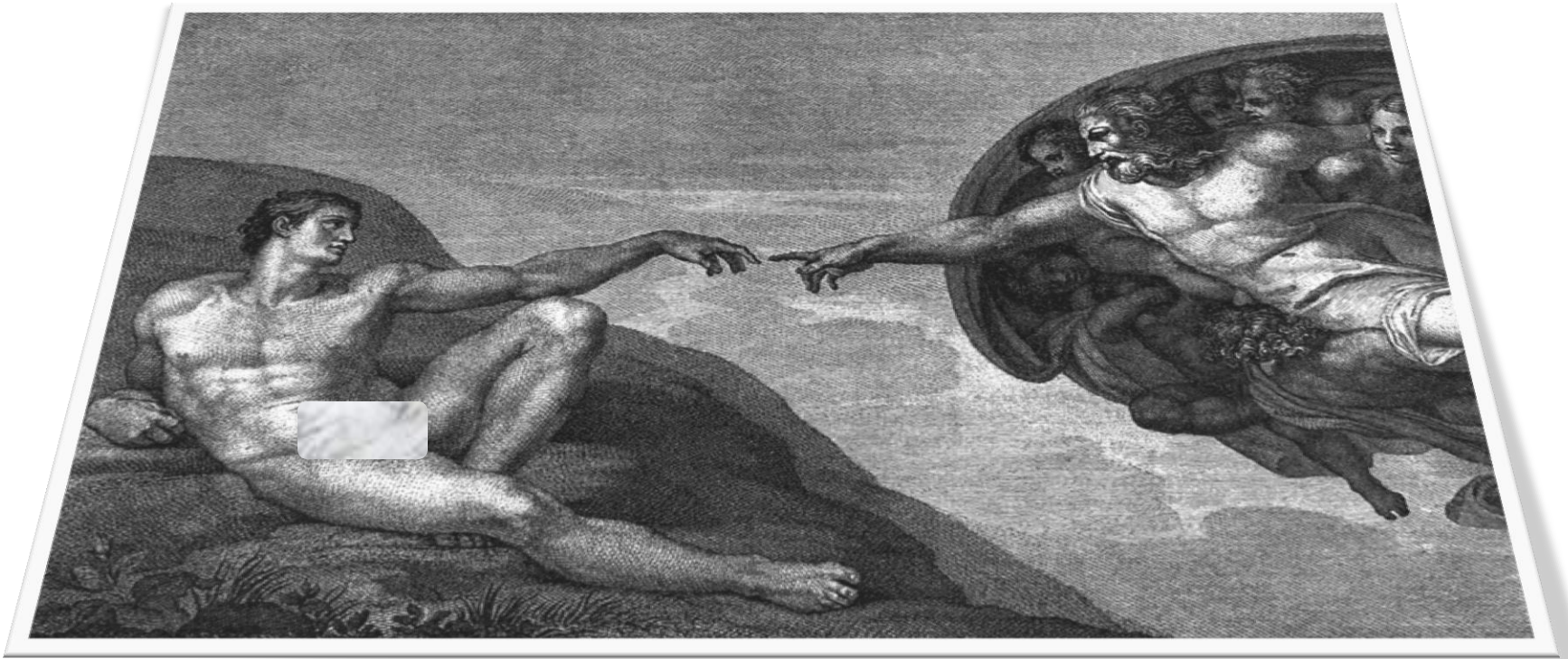


Fulfillment

Kingdom

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## The First Economy



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## Review of past lessons

### Edenic Covenant (Gen 1:28-30; 2:15-17; Hos 6:7)

#### Parties to the Covenant

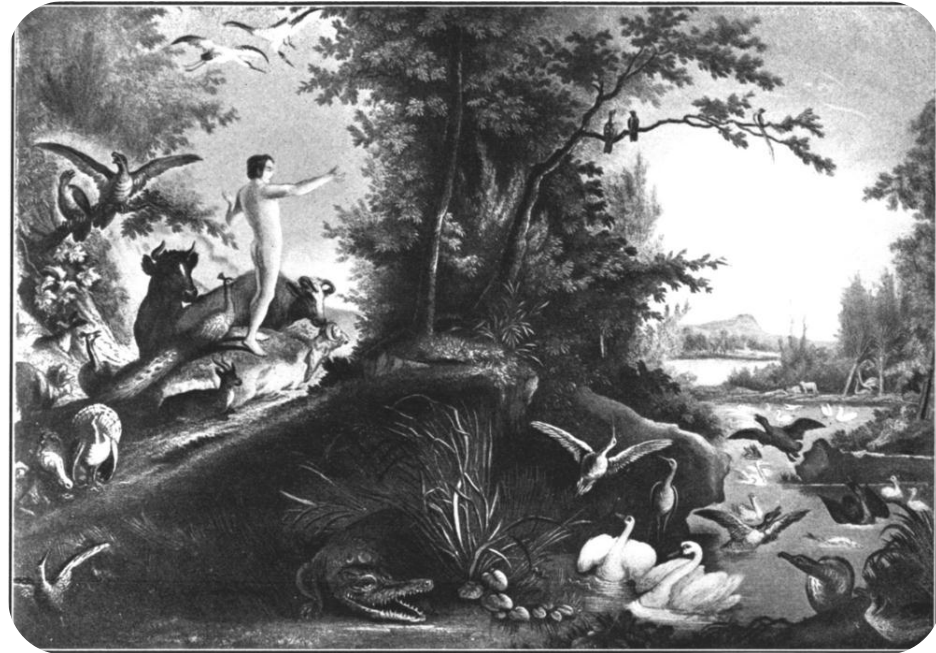
- God and Adam

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth
- Subdue the Earth
- Rule over the animal kingdom
- Plants are for food (vegetarian)
- Defined roles
- Guard the garden
- Not eat from one tree
- Penalty for violating the commands is death

#### Token of the Covenant

- Tree of Life



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Innocence

#### Man's Responsibilities

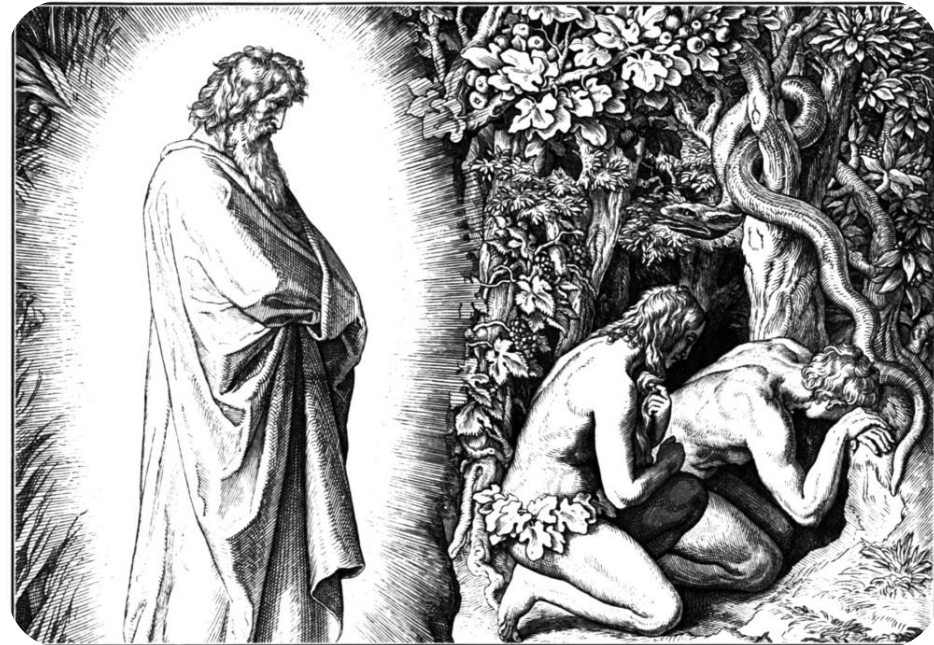
- Man's responsibilities in the garden were to fulfill the Edenic Covenant, essentially to multiply and fill the Earth and subdue it. Mankind was forbidden to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

#### Man's Failures

- Man's failure was to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is important to note that while the woman was deceived, the man made a conscious decision to disobey God.

#### The Resulting Judgment

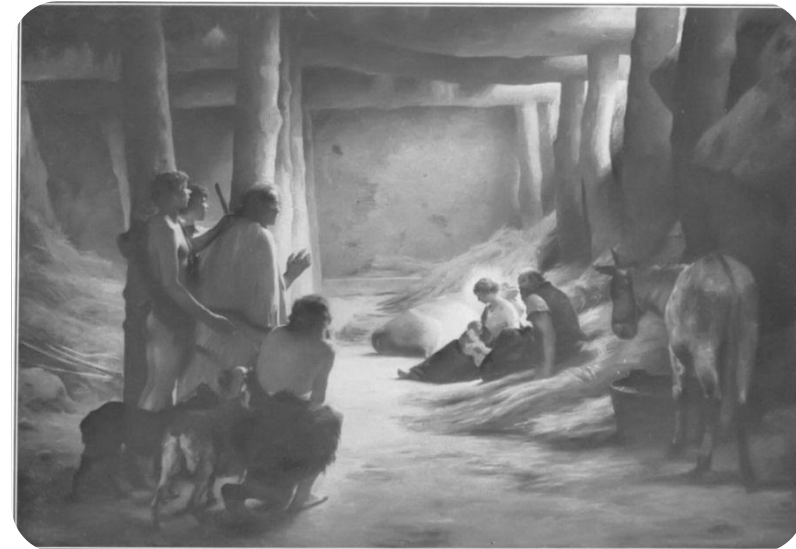
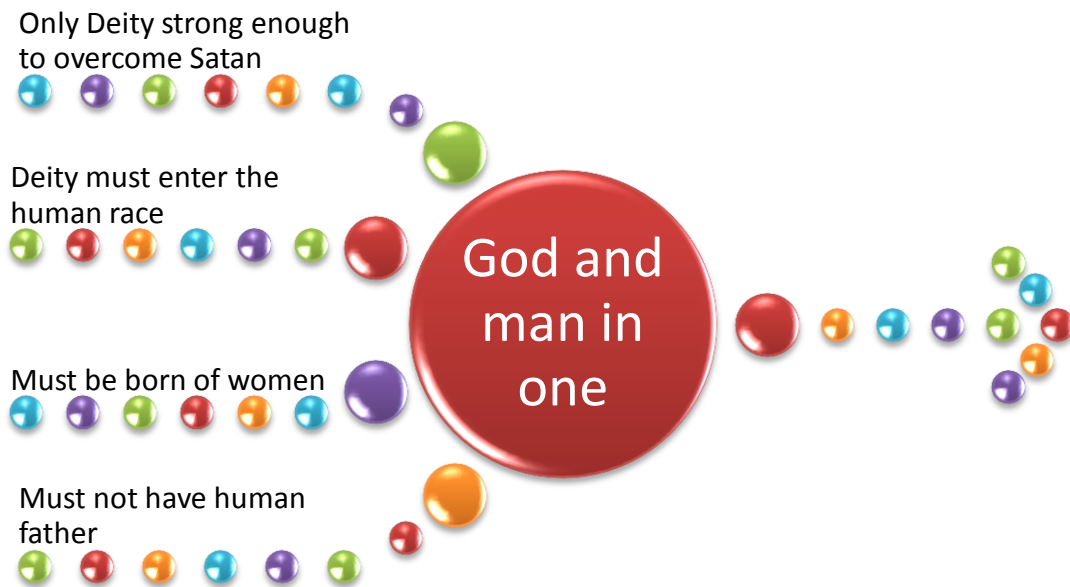
- Pain in childbirth, Authority struggle, Earth antagonistic to man, Man irresponsible to animals, Plants of the field for food, Expelled from Eden, Spiritual and physical death



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## Review of past lessons

### The Problem of Human Redemption



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## Review of past lessons

### Approaching God in the Dispensation of Innocence

#### God walked with man

- Genesis 2:15 - Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- Genesis 3:8 - They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

#### God spoke to man

- Genesis 2:16 - The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

#### God had fellowship with man

- Genesis 2:19 - Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.





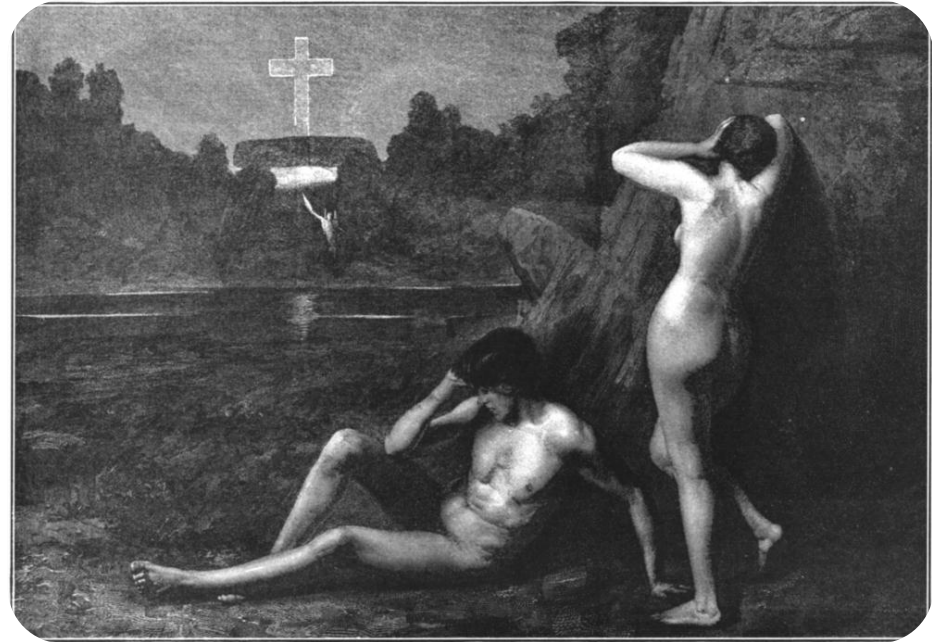
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## Review of past lessons

### Protevangelium (The First Gospel)

#### Genesis 3:14-15

- The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



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### Angelic Conflict

#### Satan gains control of Earth

- Satan scored a tactical victory and gained control of earth. He attacked man's volition which is the focal point of the entire angelic conflict. In winning the victory, Satan lost the war and opened up the opportunity that allows God to demonstrate far beyond anything imaginable how great His love is.



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## Review of past lessons

### Adamic Covenant (Gen 3:14 – 3:21)

#### Parties to the Covenant

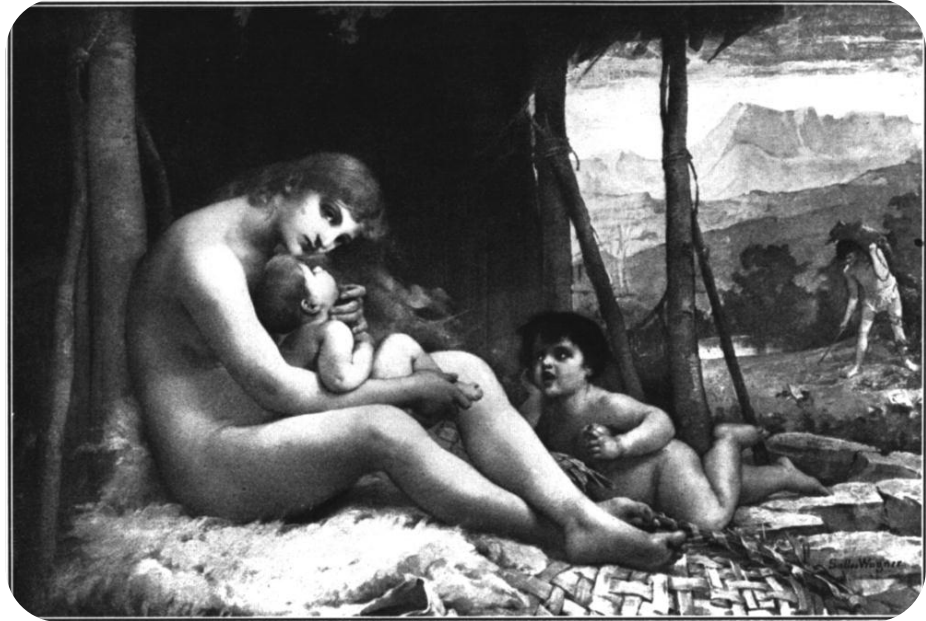
- God and Adam as the representative for mankind

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Transformation of the animal kingdom
- Protevangelium (first gospel) and promise of Satan's defeat
- Woman cursed in area of assigned duties
- Man cursed in area of assigned duties
- Physical death (return to ground)
- Man remains a vegetarian

#### Token of the Covenant

- Spiritual death



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### Dispensation of Conscience

#### Man's Responsibilities

- Man's responsibilities, having been ejected from the garden, was to fulfill the Adamic Covenant, essentially to multiply and fill the Earth. Mankind was to respond to God through the prompting of his conscience and as evidence of his faith in the promised seed, to bring an acceptable blood sacrifice as God had instructed them to do.

#### Man's Failures

- Mankind, having been given the ability, through their conscience, to desire a relationship with God and the provision, through blood sacrifices, to approach God, failed to do so and instead followed after their own evil lusts. The wickedness and evil became so great and widespread, God decided to let mankind start anew.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- God, being true to His word, spared the only faithful humans and a small remnant of air breathing creatures and started over in order to fulfill his promise of redemption



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### Approaching God in the Dispensation of Conscience

#### Approach God by Faith

- Hebrews 11:4 - By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

#### Blood sacrifice as example of faith

- The test then becomes “with a conscience, guided by that conscience, will man choose to do good and approach God by means of sacrifice as the example of the sacrifice that God indicated”.
- Leviticus 17:11 - ‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’



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## Review of past lessons

### At The End Of The Second Economy

#### Promise of Redemption Maintained - Genesis 6:8-9, 18; 7:1

- But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.
- “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.
- Then the LORD said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.

#### Angelic Conflict - 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6

- For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;
- And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

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## Review of past lessons

### Noahic Covenant (Genesis 8:20 – 9:17)

#### Parties to the Covenant

- God and Noah as the representative for mankind

#### Conditions of the Covenant

- Be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth
- Man to be feared by animals
- Mankind allowed to eat meat
- Mankind not to eat or drink blood
- Institution of capital punishment
- Never again a universal flood

#### Token of the Covenant

- Rainbow



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## The Third Economy

Noahic Covenant (Genesis 8:20 – 9:17)

### Edenic responsibility

Be fruitful and multiply

Women to help man

Subdue harmonious Earth

Rule over animals

Every plant for food

Serve God and guard Eden

Not to eat of tree

### The curse for unbelief

Pain in childbirth

Authority struggle

Earth antagonistic to man

Man irresponsible to animals

Plants of field for food

Expelled from Eden

Spiritual death to physical death

### Noahic responsibility

Be fruitful and multiply

Institute government

Seasons are introduced

Man feared by animals

Meat for food

Fill the earth

Capital punishment

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Review of past lessons

## The Divine Institutions



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## Review of past lessons

### Dispensation of Human Government

#### Man's Responsibilities

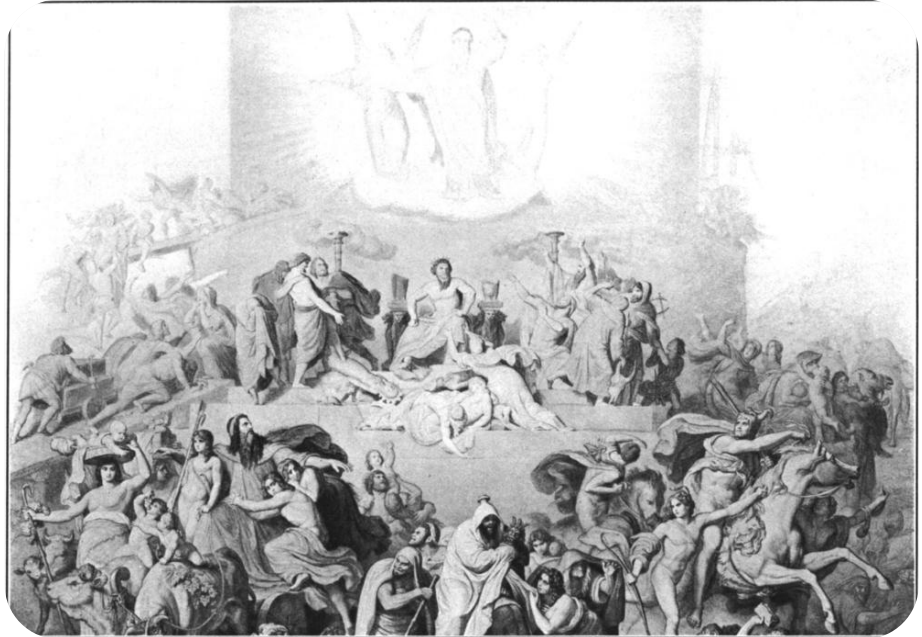
- Man's responsibilities were to fulfill the Noachic covenant. Mankind was to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Mankind was to govern itself with the full authority of capital punishment.

#### Man's Failures

- Failure to govern successfully appeared on the scene almost immediately, for Noah became drunk and incapable of ruling. The people, instead of obeying God's command to scatter and fill the earth, conceived the idea of staying together and building the tower of Babel to help achieve their aim. Fellowship with man replaced fellowship with God.

#### The Resulting Judgment

- As a result, God sent the judgment of the tower of Babel and the confusion of languages. He also graciously intervened in that He did not utterly destroy the nations but chose to deal graciously with Abraham and his descendants.



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### Life in the New World



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## Review of past lessons

### From Monotheism to Polytheism



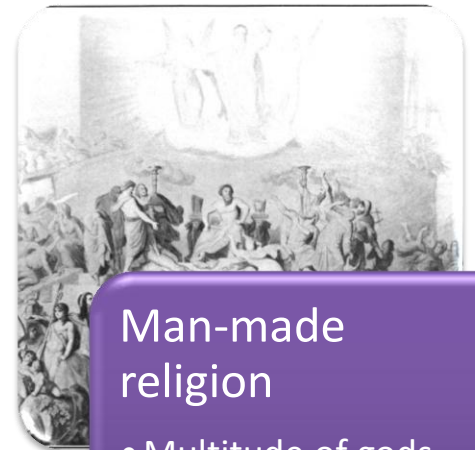
#### Cultural Genesis

- Monotheism
- Masculine God
- Creator God
- God's Moral Law



#### Sin to Separation

- Worship lesser gods
- Desire power
- Control nature
- Increase in magic



#### Man-made religion

- Multitude of gods
- Temples and shrines
- Priests and servants
- Sacrifices and ceremonies

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Review of past lessons

From Monotheism to Polytheism (cont.)



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## Review of past lessons

### Small Remnant of Righteous – The Example of Job's Theology

#### God's sovereignty – Job 1:21

- He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. **The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.** Blessed be the name of the LORD."

#### God's justice – Job 13:15–16

- "Though He slay me, **I will hope in Him.** Nevertheless I will argue my ways before Him. **"This also will be my salvation,** For a godless man may not come before His presence.

#### God's promise of salvation – Job 19:25

- "As for me, I know that **my Redeemer lives,** And at the last **He will take His stand on the earth.**





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## Review of past lessons

### At The End Of The Third Economy

#### Promise of Redemption Maintained - Genesis 12:1-3

- Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

#### Angelic Conflict - Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7

- God allows Satan to persecute the faithful that He knows are mature enough to endure the trials. This strengthens the faithful and allows God to show His grace, mercy, and love. God also demonstrates that His righteousness and justice are compatible with His love.

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### Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

The covenant confirmed and enlarged: Gen 12:6-7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-14; 22:15-18

#### Parties to the Covenant

God and Abram as the father of the Jewish race

#### Provisions of the Covenant

A great nation was to come out of Abraham, namely, the nation of Israel

Abraham was promised a land specifically, the Land of Canaan

Abraham himself was to be greatly blessed

Abraham's name would be great

Abraham would be a blessing to others

Those who bless will be blessed

Those who curse will be cursed

In Abraham all will ultimately be blessed, a promise of Gentile blessing

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#### Provisions of the Covenant (cont.)

Abraham would receive a son through his wife Sarah

His descendants would undergo the Egyptian bondage

Other nations as well as Israel would come forth from Abraham

His name was to be changed from Abram to Abraham

Sarai's name was to be changed to Sarah

#### Token of the Covenant

Circumcision

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## The Abrahamic Covenant

### Promises made to Abraham

Father of great nation (Israel)

Possess the Promised Land

Father of other nations

Many descendants became kings

Receive personal blessings

Be a blessing to others

Name to become great

### Promises made to Israel

Become a great nation

Become innumerable

Possess the Promised Land

Victory over enemies

### Promises to Gentiles

Blessings for blessing Israel

Cursing's for cursing Israel

Spiritual blessings through the seed of Abraham – The Messiah

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## The Abrahamic Covenant



Land

- Real Estate Covenant
- Deut. 29:1-30:20

Seed

- Davidic Covenant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 7:11b-17
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chron. 17:10b-15

Blessing

- The New Covenant
- Jer. 31:31-34

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## The Fourth Economy

Dispensation of Promise (Genesis 11:10 to Exodus 18:27)

Man's Responsibilities

The responsibility of the patriarchs was simply to believe and serve God, and God gave them every material and spiritual provision to encourage them to do this. The Promised Land was theirs, and blessing was theirs as long as they remained in the land.

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

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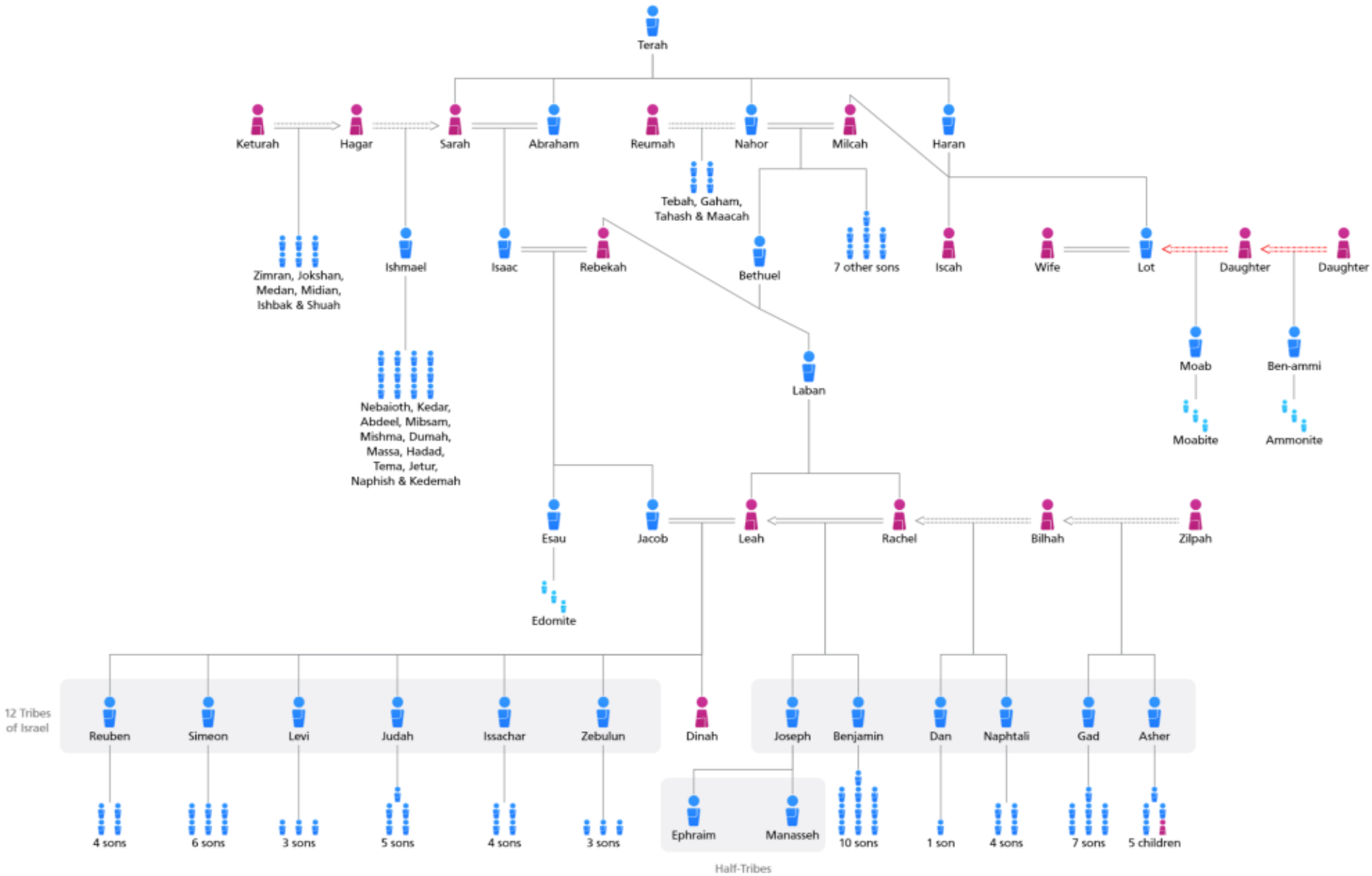
Man's Responsibilities (cont.)

The people of the promise; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the children of Jacob (Israel) were to stay separate from the nations around them. One reason for circumcision is to remind them of their status every time they use the restroom. This was to set them apart as unique and distinct from the nations around them

### Hebrews 6:13-15

For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU." And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.





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Dispensation of Promise (Genesis 11:10 to Exodus 18:27)

Man's Failures (partial list)

1. Left for Egypt because of famine – Gen 12:10
2. Hagar given to Abram instead of trusting in the promise – Gen 16:2
3. Esau marries a Hittite and Canaanite – Gen 26:34; 28:9
4. Foreign gods in the household of Jacob – Gen 35:2
5. Reuben (son of Jacob) lay with his father's concubine – Gen 35:22
6. The brothers sold Joseph into slavery – Gen 37:28
7. Judah takes a Canaanite wife – Gen 38:2
8. Judah kept son from Tamar, his daughter-in-law – Gen 38:11
9. Tamar impregnated by Judah – Gen 38:18

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Dispensation of Promise (Genesis 11:10 to Exodus 18:27)

The Resulting Judgment

God sent the family down to Egypt where the surrounding Egyptians would not associate with them. Soon after they would be enslaved.

### **Genesis 11:6-9**

God said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. “But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. “As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. “Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.”