

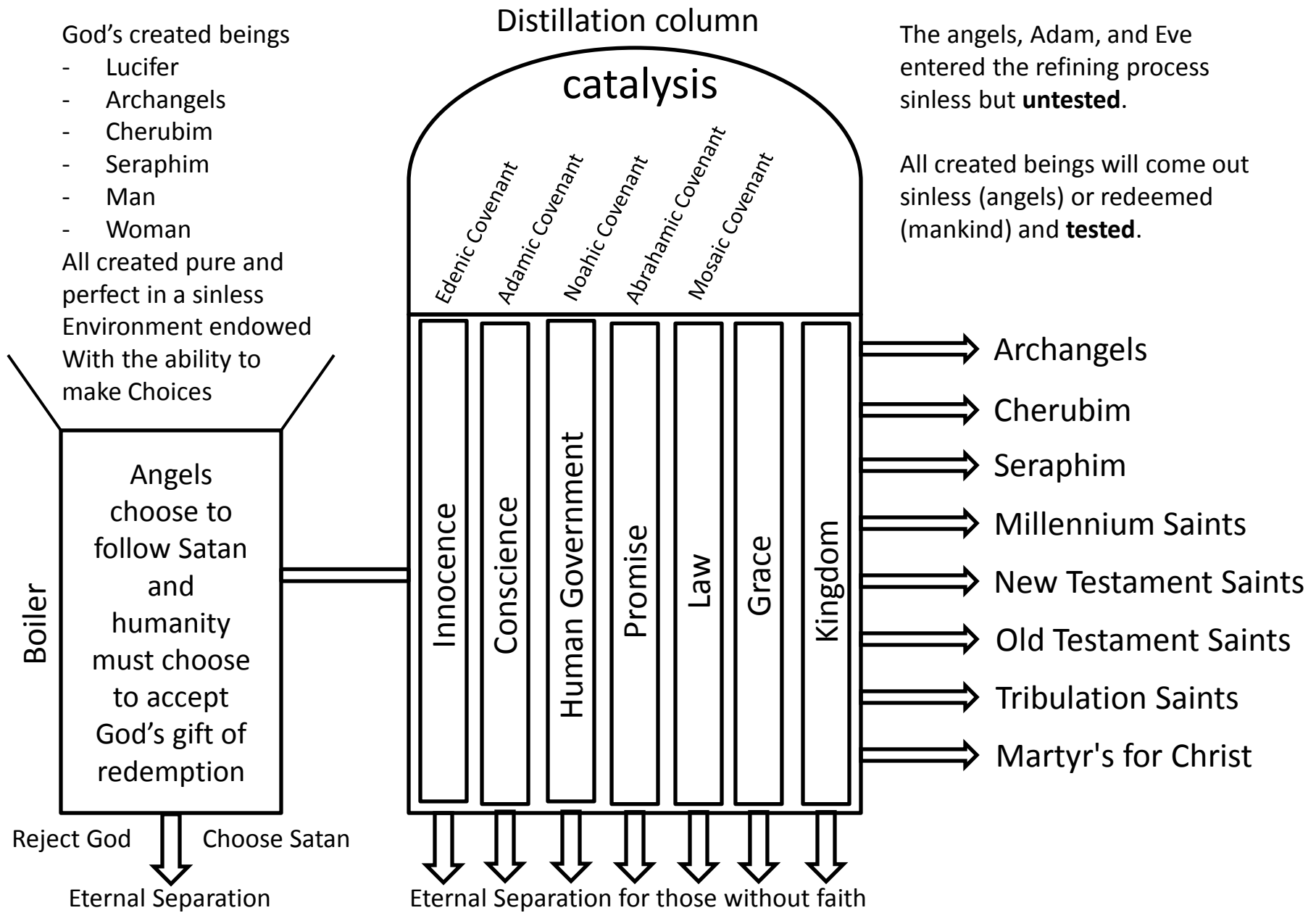
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The Revealed Plan of God from Eternity Past to Eternity Future



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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

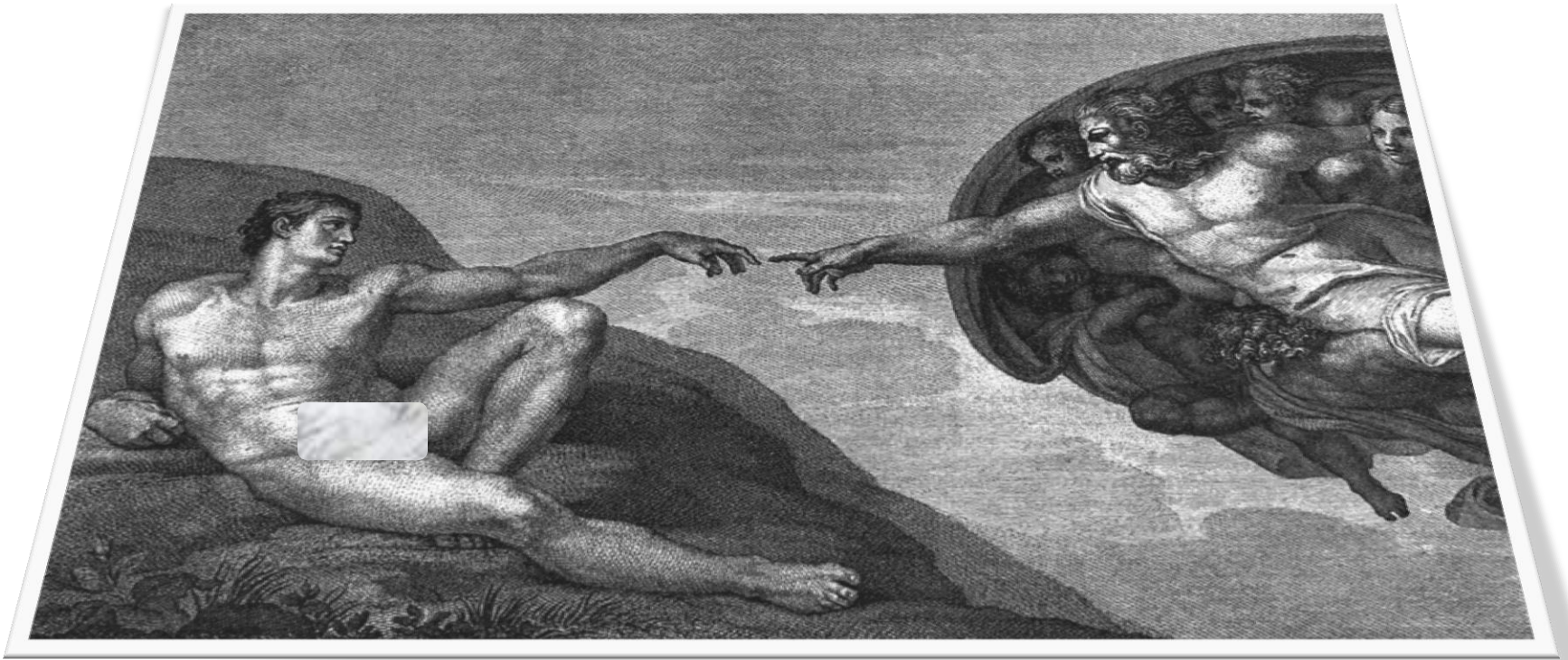


Fulfillment

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

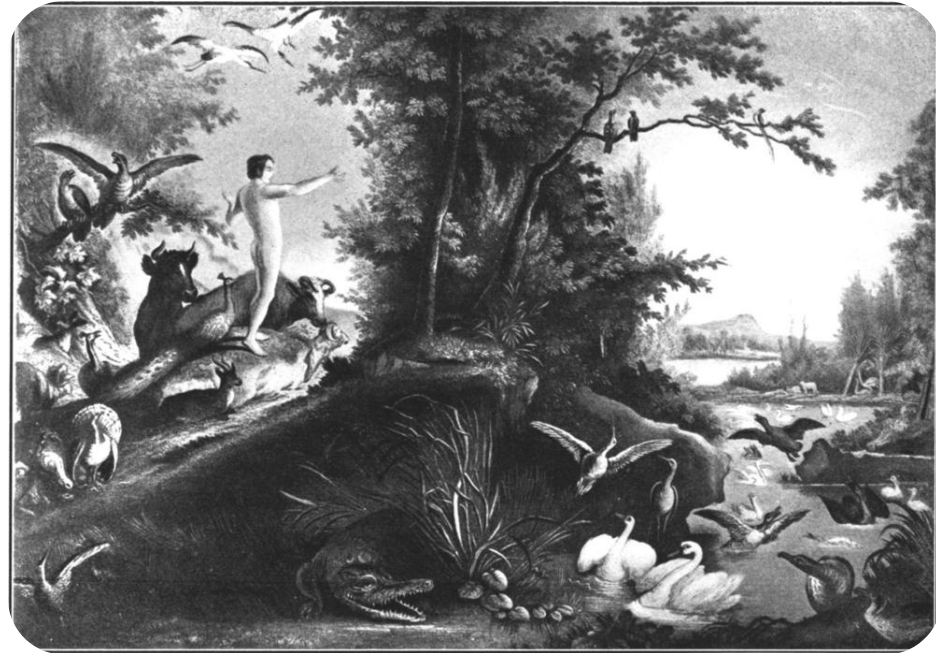
- God and Adam

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

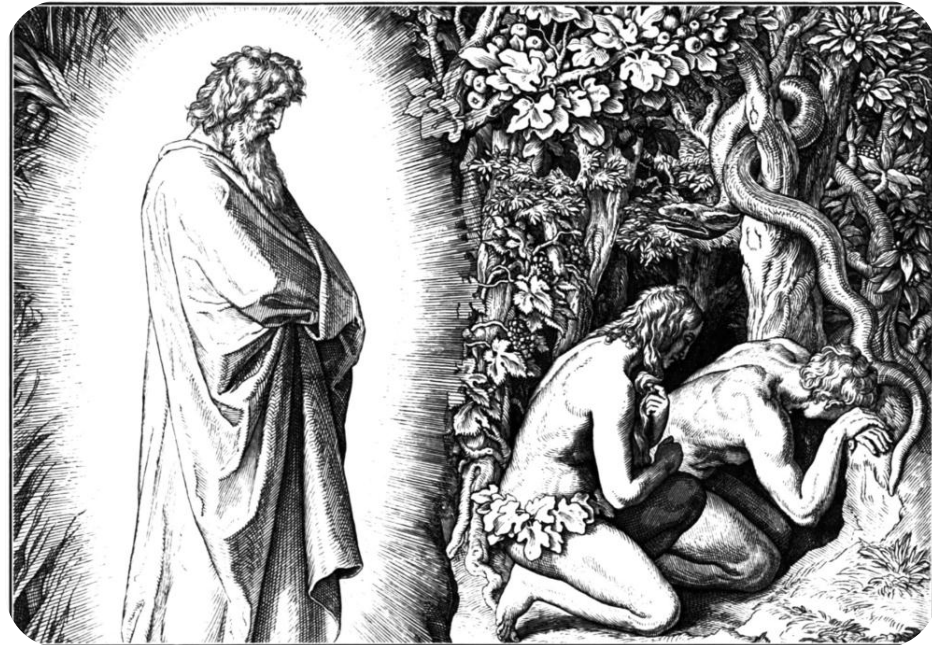
- Man's responsibilities in the garden were to fulfill the Edenic Covenant, essentially to multiply and fill the Earth and subdue it. Mankind was forbidden to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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

Approaching God in the Dispensation of Innocence

God walked with man

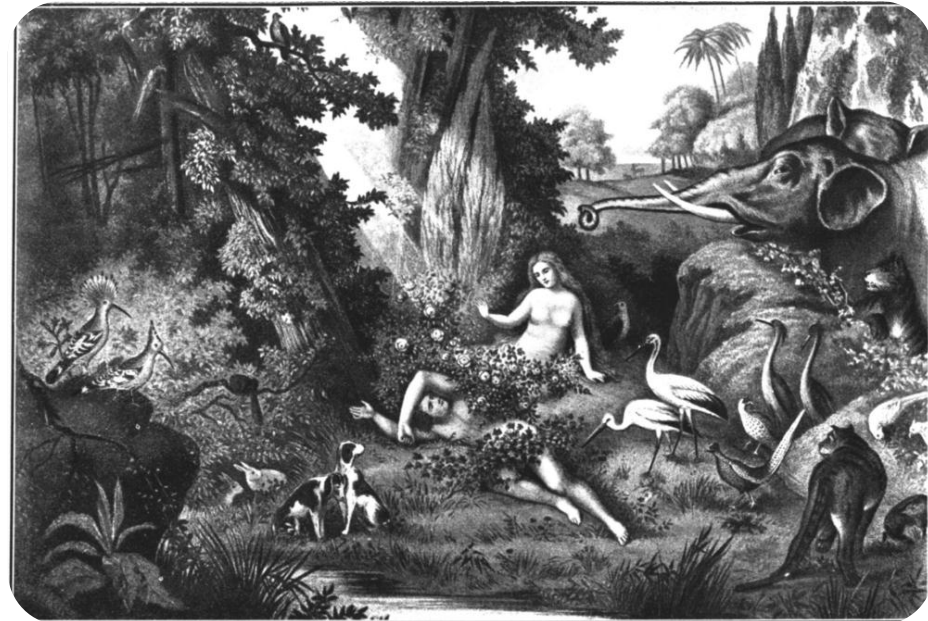
- Genesis 2:15 - Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- Genesis 3:8 - They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

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

Adamic Covenant (Gen 3:14 – 3:21)

Parties to the Covenant

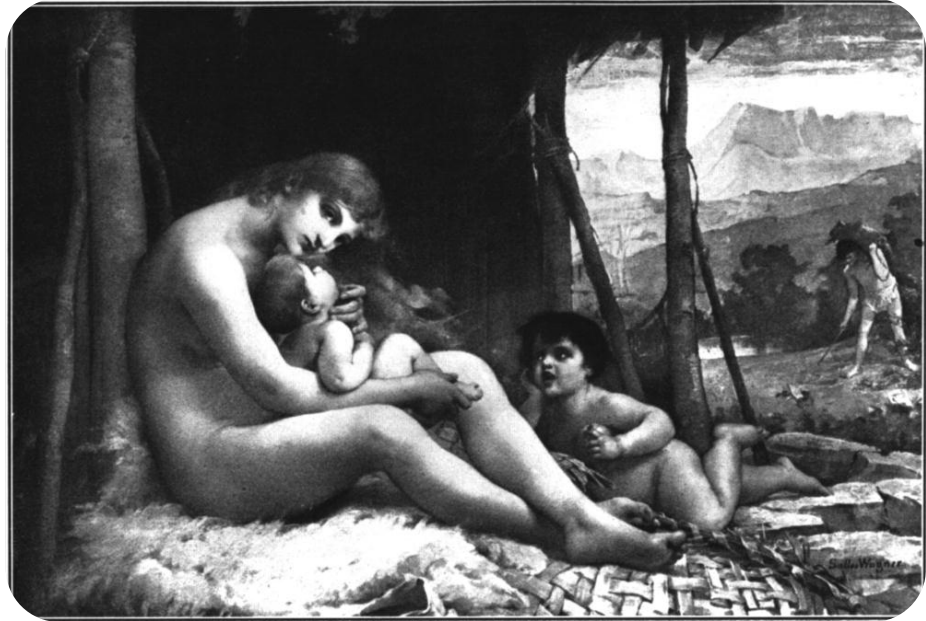
- God and Adam as the representative for mankind

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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Review of past lessons

Dispensation of Conscience (Gen 3:9 to Gen 8:14)

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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Review of past lessons

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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Review of past lessons

Dispensation of Human Government (Genesis 9:1 to 11:32)

Man's Responsibilities

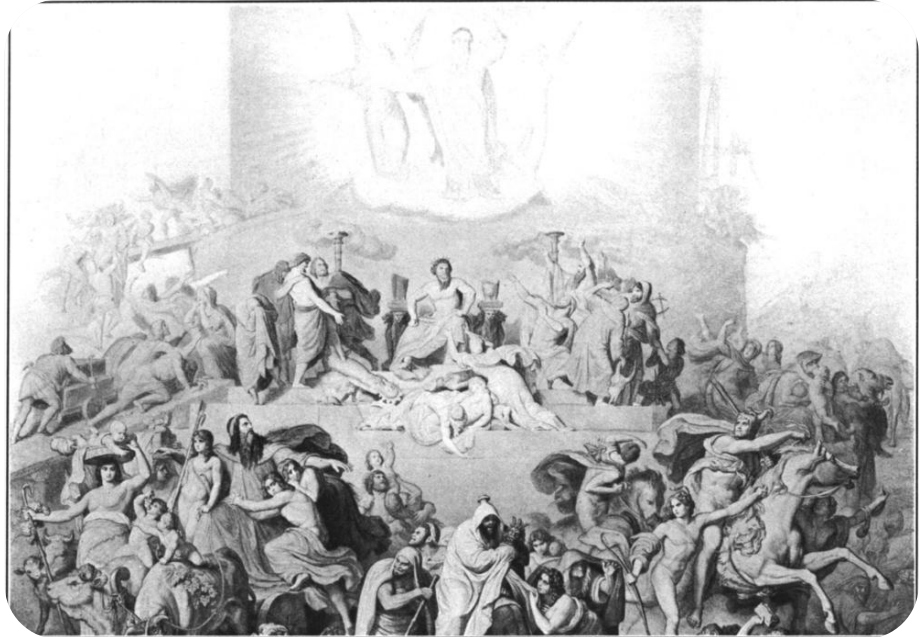
- Man's responsibilities were to fulfill the Noachic covenant. Mankind was to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Mankind was to govern itself with the full authority of capital punishment.

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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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

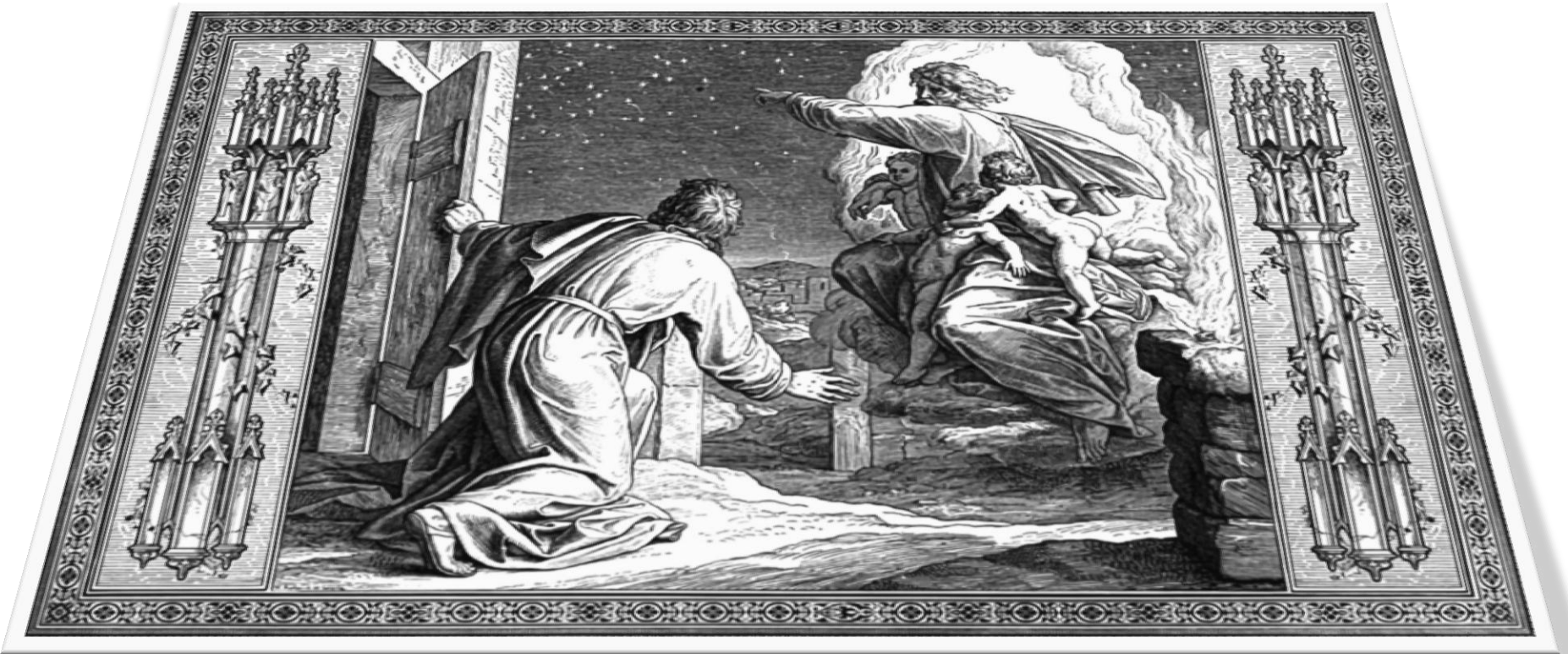
- Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, 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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Review of past lessons

Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

Parties to the Covenant

- God and Abram as the father of the Jewish race

Conditions of the Covenant

- Fourteen provisions including the token of circumcision

Token of the Covenant

- Circumcision



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Review of past lessons

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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Review of past lessons

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. The people of the promise; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the children of Jacob (Israel) were to stay separate from the nations around them.

Man's Failures

- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons continued to intermingle with the Canaanites and surrounding nations.

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.



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Review of past lessons

Approaching God in the Dispensation of Promise

Approach God by Faith

- Genesis 15:5–7 And He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. And He said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it.”

Blood sacrifice as example of faith

- Genesis 31:54 Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his kinsmen to the meal; and they ate the meal and spent the night on the mountain.



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Review of past lessons

At The End Of The Fourth Economy

Promise of Redemption Maintained - Exodus 15:18–19

- “The LORD shall reign forever and ever.” For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them, but the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea.

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

- Paganism continued to spread throughout the world. The populations were coming together as powerful nations were formed. God’s chosen, the Israelites, were in the protective womb of Egypt yet Satan influenced the first cycle of young Jewish boys to be put to death in an attempt to block the birth of the Messiah.

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The Fifth Economy



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Review of past lessons

Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 20:1 – Deuteronomy 28:68)

Parties to the Covenant

- God and Israel with Moses acting as a representative

Conditions of the Covenant

- Law of Moses which contained a total 613 commandments. Being a conditional covenant, it provided blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. (Ex. 15:26) The key element of the entire Mosaic Law was the blood sacrifice. (Lev. 17:11)

Token of the Covenant

- Sabbath

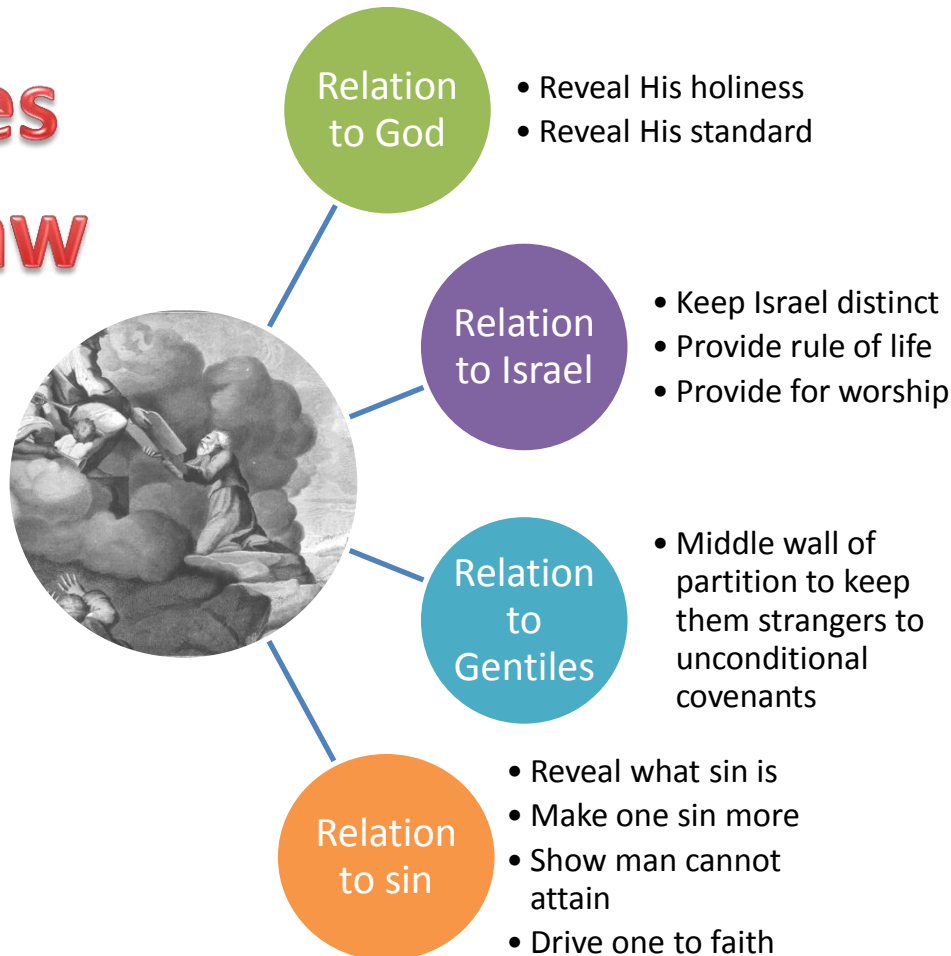


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Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 20:1 – Deuteronomy 28:68)

Purposes of the Law

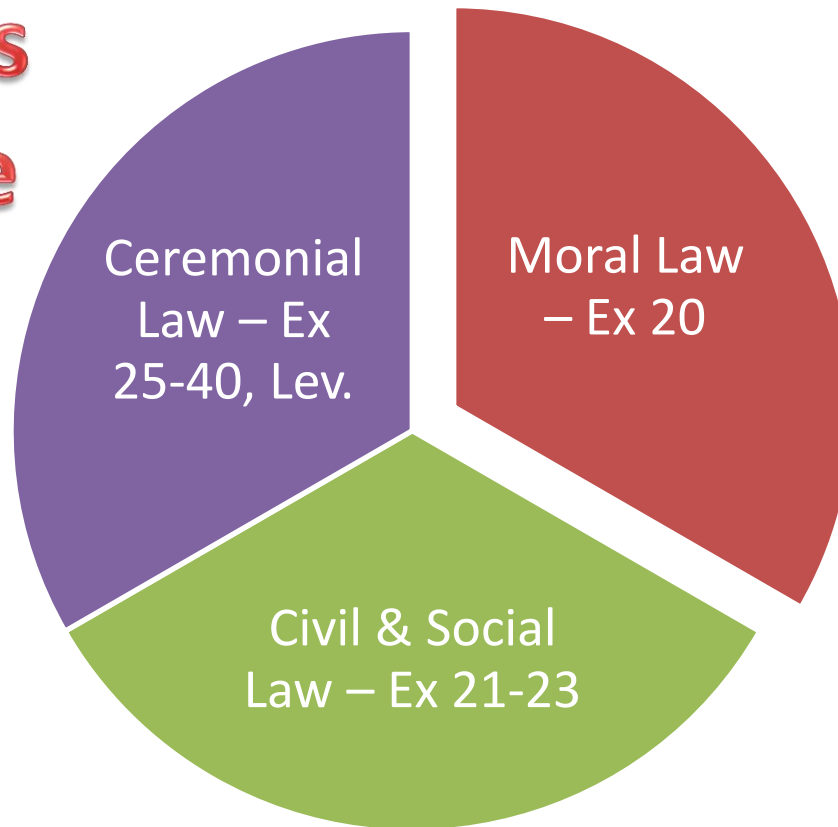


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Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 20:1 – Deuteronomy 28:68)

**The Law is
the Entire
Pie!**



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Review of past lessons

Dispensation of Law (Exodus 19:1 – Acts 1:26)

Man's Responsibilities

- The responsibility of the Nation of Israel along with Gentile proselytes was to keep the Mosaic Law.

Man's Failures

- The Nation of Israel was continually disobedient and God continued to bring them back through discipline. They continued to reject the ordinances of God. (2nd Kings 17:7-23)

The Resulting Judgment

- As a result, there were many judgments throughout this long period. The ten tribes were carried into Assyrian captivity; the two tribes were carried into Babylonian captivity; and later, because of their rejection of Jesus of Nazareth, the people were dispersed into all the world (Matt. 23:37-39).



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The Abrahamic Covenant



Land

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

Seed

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

Blessing

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

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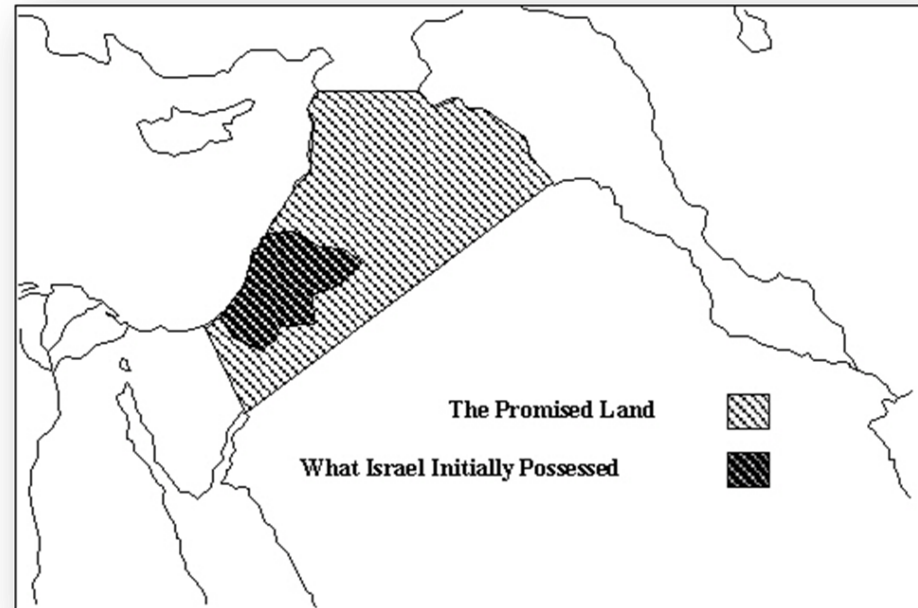
Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 29:1 – 30:20)

Parties to the Covenant

- God and Moses as the representative of National Israel

Conditions of the Covenant

- The nation will be plucked off the land for its unfaithfulness (Deut. 30:1-3)
- There will be a future repentance of Israel (Deut. 30:1-3)
- The Messiah will return (Deut. 30:3-6)
- Israel will be restored to the land (Deut. 30:5)
- Israel will be converted as a nation (Deut. 30:4-8)
- Israel's enemies will be judged (Deut. 30:7)
- The nation will then receive her full blessing. (Deut. 30:9)



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Seed (Davidic) Covenant (2 Sam. 7:10-14)

Parties to the Covenant

- God and David as the representative for the House of Israel

Conditions of the Covenant

- David's child, yet to be born, shall succeed him and establish his kingdom.
- This son, Solomon, shall build the temple instead of David.
- The throne of his kingdom shall be established forever.
- The throne will not be taken away from him (Solomon).
- David's house, throne, and kingdom shall be established forever.



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Blessing (New) Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Parties to the Covenant

- God and the houses of Israel and Judah

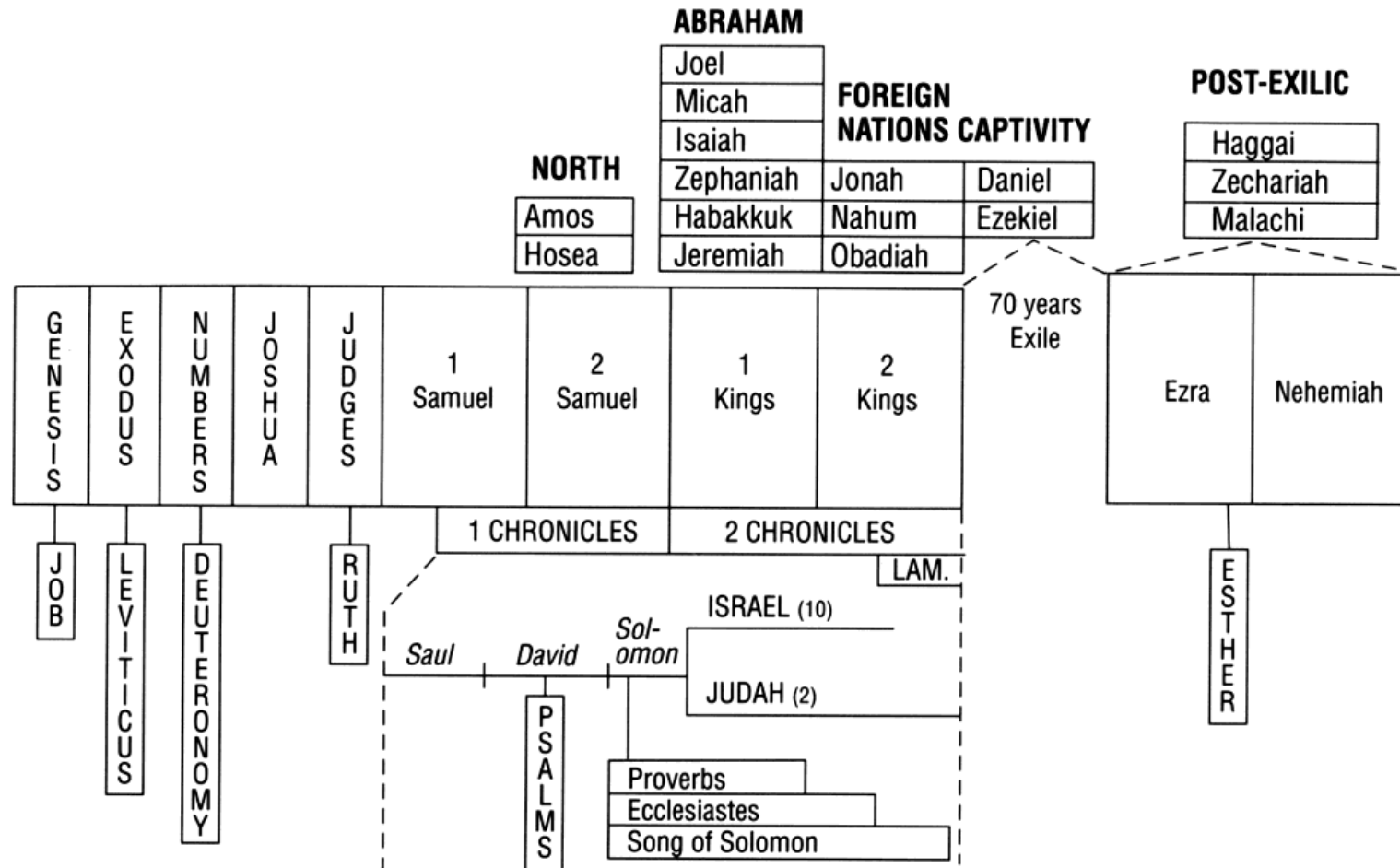
Conditions of the Covenant

- The new covenant is an unconditional, grace covenant resting on the “I will” of God.
- The new covenant is an everlasting covenant.
- The new covenant also promises the impartation of a renewed mind and heart which we may call regeneration.
- The new covenant provides for restoration to the favor and blessing of God.
- Forgiveness of sin is also included in the covenant.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is also included.
- The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit will be manifested, and the will of God will be known by obedient hearts.
- As is always the case when Israel is in the land, she will be blessed materially in accordance with the provisions of the new covenant.
- The sanctuary will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.
- War shall cease and peace shall reign according to Hosea 2:18.
- The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is the foundation of all the blessings of the new covenant.

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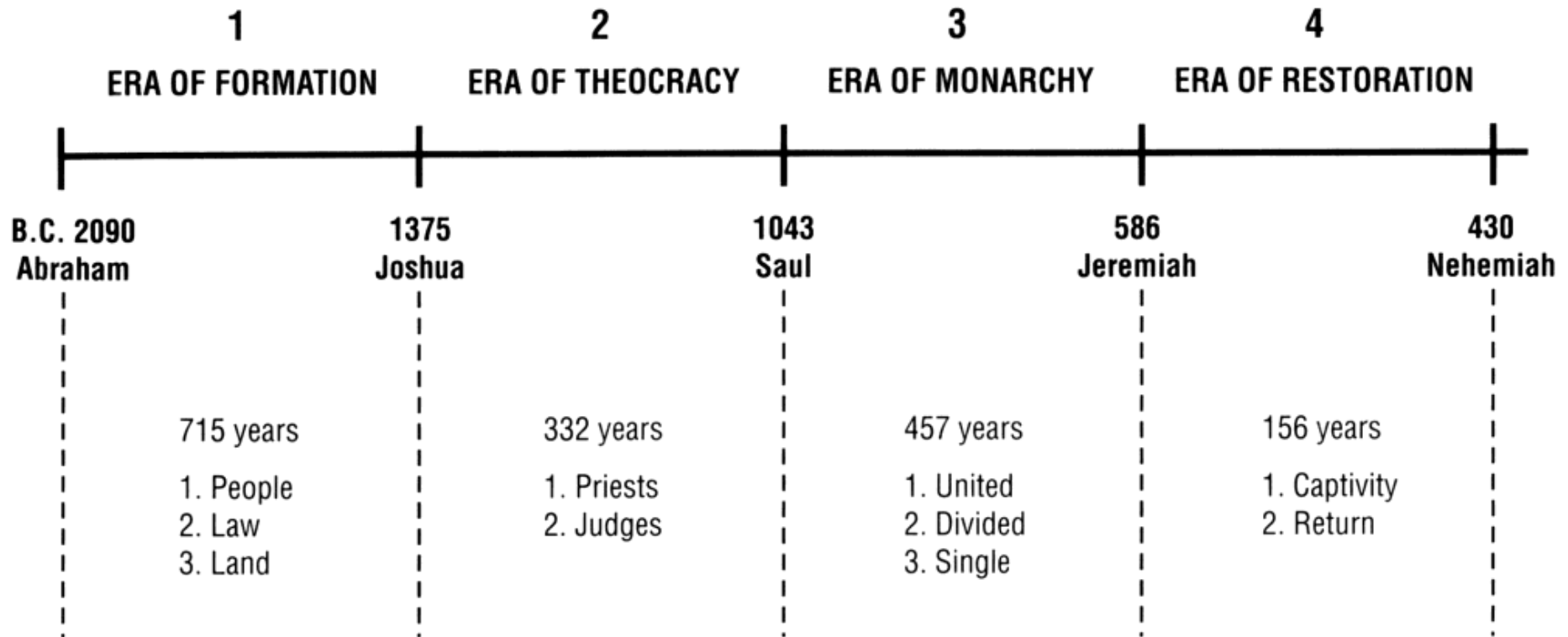
Chronological Relationships of Old Testament Books



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Eras of Old Testament History



XXXX years after creation

2513

Dispensation of Promise

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

The first Passover.
Moses led the exodus out of Egypt.
God gave Moses the 10 Commandments at Sinai

Nation of Israel

Nahshon born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

1491 BC

2533(?) years after creation

2553

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Moses dies 2553 years after creation
Joshua appointed leader of Israel

Nation of Israel

Salmon born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1471(?) BC

1451 BC

2633(?) years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Nation of Israel

Boaz born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

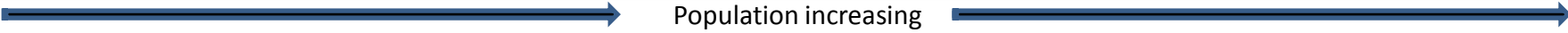
Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1371(?) BC

2733(?) years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing



Nation of Israel

Obed born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1271(?) BC

2833(?) years after creation

2909

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Saul is anointed as Israel's first king

Nation of Israel

Jesse born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1171(?) BC

1095 BC

2919 years after creation

2941

2949

2956

2957

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Samuel anointed David as king

At Saul's death, David becomes king over Judah

David becomes king over all of Israel's 12 tribes

Nation of Israel

David born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Jerusalem becomes the capitol of Israel

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1085 BC

1063 BC

1055 BC

1048 BC

1048 BC

2969 years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Solomon born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1035 BC

2988 years after creation

2989

2990

3001

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Solomon anointed as king, Zadok confirmed as High Priest

David dies 2990 years after creation

Nation of Israel

Rehoboam born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Dedication of the first temple in Jerusalem

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

1016 BC

1015 BC

1016 BC

1004 BC

XXXX years after creation

3029

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Solomon dies 3029 years after creation
Rehoboam becomes king over Judah
Kingdom divided into Southern Kingdom (Judah & Benjamin) and
the Northern Kingdom (remaining 10 tribes)

Nation of Israel

Abijah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Jeroboam becomes king over Israel

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

975 BC

XXXX years after creation

3046

3049

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Rehoboam dies 3046 years after creation
Abijah becomes king of Judah

Abijah dies 3049 years after creation
Asa becomes king of Judah

Nation of Israel

Asa born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

958 BC

955 BC

3055 years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing



Nation of Israel

Jehoshaphat born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

949 BC

3079 years after creation

3090

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Asa dies 3090 years after creation
Jehoshaphat becomes king of Judah

Nation of Israel

Jehoram born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

925 BC

914 BC

3096 years after creation

3115

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jehoshaphat dies 3115 years after creation
Jehoram becomes king of Judah

Nation of Israel

Ahaziah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

908 BC

889 BC

3118 years after creation

3119

3126

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jehoram dies 3119 years after creation

Ahaziah becomes king of Judah. After one year he died and his mother Athaliah took over Judah

Athaliah killed by the high priest
Joash becomes king of Judah

Nation of Israel

Joash born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

886 BC

885 BC

885 BC

3140 years after creation

3165

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jehoram dies 3119 years after creation
Ahaziah becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Amaziah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

864 BC

839 BC

3178 years after creation

3194

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Ahaziah dies 3194 years after creation
Uzziah becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Uzziah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

826 BC

810 BC

3221 years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jotham born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

783 BC

3242 years after creation

3246

3256

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Uzziah dies 3246 years after creation
Jotham becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Ahaz born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Rome founded by Romulus

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

762 BC

759 BC

748 BC

3253 years after creation

3262

3278

3283

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jotham dies 3262 years after creation
Ahaz becomes king of Judah.

Ahaz dies 3278 years after creation
Hezekiah becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Hezekiah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Northern kingdom (Israel) is taken into captivity by the Assyrians

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

751 BC

742 BC

726 BC

721 BC

3295 years after creation

3306

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Hezekiah dies 3306 years after creation
Manasseh becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Manasseh born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

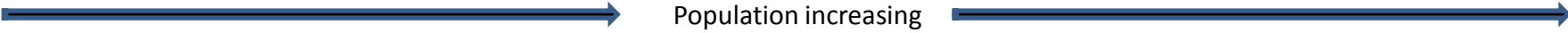
709 BC

698 BC

3340 years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing



Nation of Israel

Amon born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

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Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

664 BC

3356 years after creation

3361

3363

3371

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Manasseh dies 3361 years after creation
Amon becomes king of Judah.

Amon dies 3363 years after creation
Josiah becomes king of Judah.

Nation of Israel

Josiah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Jehoiakim born to Josiah. In the 1 Chronicles 3:16 lineage of Jesus

Mosaic Covenant

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648 BC

643 BC

641 BC

633 BC

3387 years after creation

3393

3407

3418

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Josiah dies 3394 years after creation

The people anointed Josiah's youngest son, Shallum (Jehoahaz) as king. After three months Pharaoh imprisoned him in Egypt and installed Jehoiakim as king of Judah.

Jehoiakim dies 3407 years after creation

Nation of Israel

Jeconiah born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Jeconiah installed as king. He was anointed to succeed his grandfather Josiah at 8 yrs old, however didn't sit on throne until 18 yrs old. Highly likely Josiah adopted him in attempt to bypass Jehoiakim. Riegned for three months, taken to Babylon. Replaced by Zedekiah

2nd Babylonian captivity.
1st in 607 BC

Walls of Jerusalem and the temple leveled.
Judah (Southern Kingdom) ends.

Mosaic Covenant

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617 BC

609 BC

597 BC

586 BC

XXXX years after creation

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Nation of Israel

Shealtiel born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

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XXXX BC

XXXX years after creation

3468

3488

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Cyrus, king of Persia, gave Jews permission to return to Israel and ordered the rebuilding of the temple
Zerubbabel was appointed captain of the returning Jews.

Second temple completed and dedicated.

Nation of Israel

Zerubbabel born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

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XXXX BC

536 BC

516 BC

XXXX years after creation

3550

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Artaxerxes Longimanus decree to rebuild Jerusalem.
Start of Daniel's "70 weeks".
Traditionally set at 444 BC.
Nehemiah appointed governor of Judah

Nation of Israel

Abiud born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

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Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

454 BC

XXXX years after creation

3562

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Nehemiah returns to king

Nation of Israel

Eliakim born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

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Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

442 BC

XXXX years after creation

3648

3654

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Alexander the Great born

Jaddua appointed High Priest

Nation of Israel

Azor born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

356 BC

350 BC

XXXX years after creation

3672

3681

3684

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Alexander the Great enters Jerusalem peacefully and gave the Jews all they requested.

Israel remains peaceful. Jews allowed to practice religion

Nation of Israel

Zadok born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Alexander dies
General Ptolemy takes over Israel and North Africa
General Seleucus gains control over Syria and northern empire

Onias I appointed High Priest

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

332 BC

323 BC

320 BC

XXXX years after creation

3714

3729

3744

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Simon I appointed High Priest

Eleazer appointed High Priest

Manasseh appointed High Priest

Nation of Israel

Akim born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

290 BC

275 BC

260 BC

XXXX years after creation

3759

3784

3807

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Seleucid ruler Antiochus of Syria captured the land of Israel.
Status of Jews remained the same.

Onias III appointed High Priest

Nation of Israel

Eliud born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Onias II appointed High Priest

Simon II appointed High Priest

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

245 BC

220 BC

198 BC

XXXX years after creation

3829

3830

3834

3837

3839

3843

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Antiochus Epiphanes (Antiochus IV) assumes power over the Seleucid kingdom. Epiphanes interrupted and Hellenized the succession of the high priest.

Epiphanes stormed Jerusalem, entered the Holy of Holies and sacrificed a swine on the alter.

Nation of Israel

Eleazar born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Start of Maccabean Revolt

Jason appointed High Priest

Judas Maccabeus and his army take Jerusalem. The temple is cleansed and consecrated

Simon II appointed High Priest

Judas dies. Brother Jonathan assumes position of General. Alcimus High Priest.

Mosaic Covenant

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Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

175 BC

174 BC

170 BC

167 BC

165 BC

161 BC

XXXX years after creation

3852

3861

3869

3897

3899

3926

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Jonathan assumes High Priest position. First High Priest since 159 BC.

Jonathan dies. Replaced by Brother Simon as General & high Priest Position

Simon dies. Replaced by son John Hyrcanus

Nation of Israel

Matthan born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

John Hyrcanus dies. Replaced by son Aristobulus (Judas)

Aristobulus dies. Replaced by brother Alexander Jannaeus.

Alexander dies. Wife assumes government, son Hyrcanus II assumes High Priest.

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

153 BC

144 BC

135 BC

107 BC

106 BC

79 BC

XXXX years after creation

3935

3938

3941

3957

3961

3963

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Alexandrea dies. Replaced by Hyrcanus II.

Aristobulus, Hyrcanus II's brother, takes kingdom and High Priest position.

Rome takes Jerusalem. Installed Hyrcanus II as non-crown king and High Priest

Nation of Israel

Jacob born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

Antipater appointed governor of Judea. Son Phasael as governor of Jerusalem and Herod prefect of Galilee.

Antipater dies. Herod avenges his fathers death

Phasael & Herod appointed as Tetrarchs over Judea

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

70 BC

67 BC

64 BC

47 BC

43 BC

41 BC

XXXX years after creation

3964

3968

3970

3987

3996

3999

Dispensation of Law

Population increasing

Phasael dies. Rome anoints Herod as king of Judea, Samaria, and Idumea

Herod appoints Ananel as High Priest, then Aristobulus his brother-in-law. Aristobulus was 17 yrs old.

Herod had Aristobulus killed and appointed Ananel as High Priest.

Nation of Israel

Joseph born

The Royal Line of the Promised Messiah

Thru Joseph the heir to David's throne

The rebuilding of the second temple started.

Dedication of the second temple.

John the Baptist born. Matthias appointed High Priest.

Mosaic Covenant

Abrahamic Covenant (Land, Seed, & Blessing) promised to Nation of Israel

Noahic Covenant (Gentiles)

XXXX BC

40 BC

36 BC

35 BC

17 BC

8 BC

5 BC

4000 years after creation

4030

Dispensation of Law

Dispensation of Grace

Population increasing

Nation of Israel in unbelief

First Coming of Messiah

Death and Resurrection of Messiah

Postponement of Messiah's second coming and Kingdom

Beginning of the church

Mosaic Covenant

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4 BC

30 AD

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

Exodus 25:21–22 (NASB95)

“You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you. **“There I will meet with you;** and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, **I will speak to you** about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

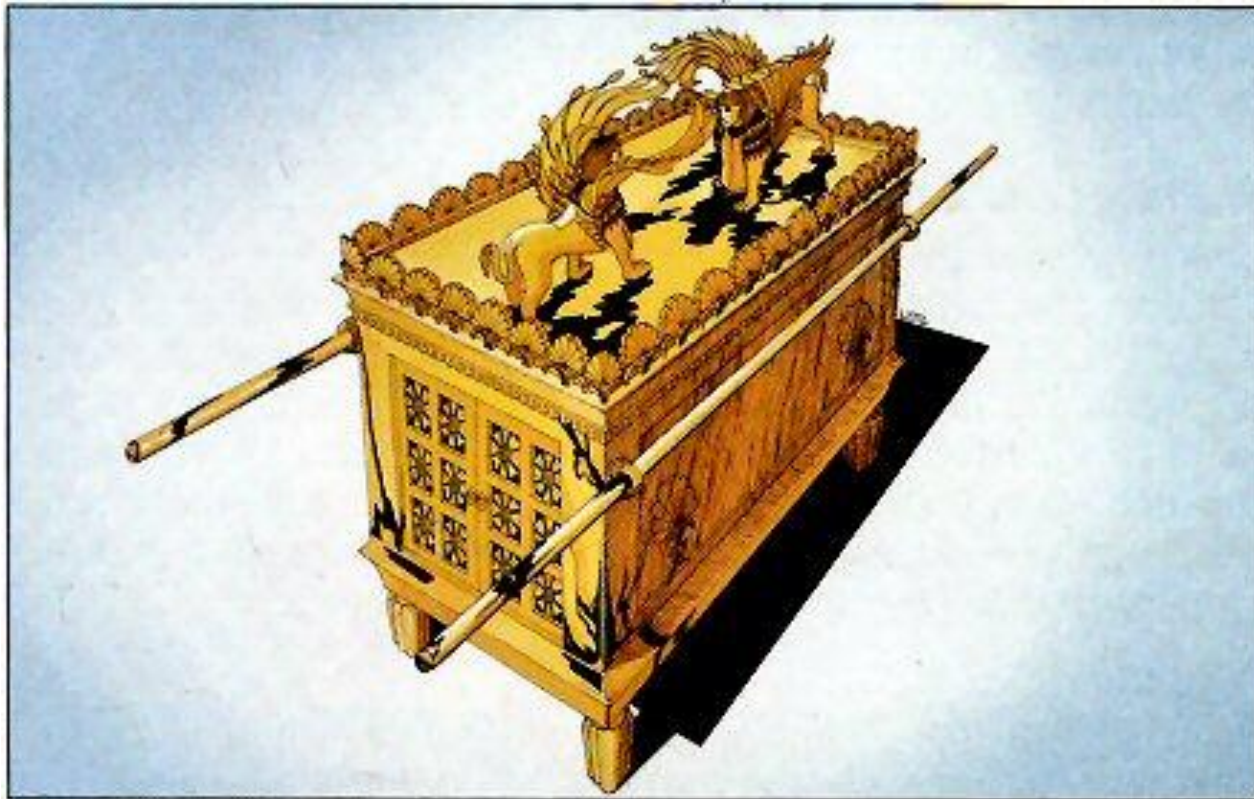
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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

Construction

- Instructions (Ex. 25:10-22)
- Craftsmen: Bezalel and Oholiab (Ex. 31:1-7)
- Specifications: acacia wood overlaid with gold 4' x 2' x 2' (Ex. 37:1-9)
- Furnishing of Tabernacle (Ex. 39:35)
- Covered by shielding curtain (Ex. 40:21) and sea cow hides and blue cloth (Num. 4:4-6)

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

Pre monarchy Period

- Tablets of the Law inside (Deut. 10:5)
- And jar of Manna and Aaron's rod that budded according to Heb. 9:4; cf. Ex. 16:32-34; Num. 17:8-10
- Levites care for it (Deut. 10:8)
- Led Israel into Canaan (Josh. 3:10-11)
- Parting of the Jordan (Josh. 3:13-17)
- Battle of Jericho (Josh. 6:8-14)
- Residing at Bethel (Judg. 20:27)
- Residing at Shiloh (1 Sam. 1-3)
- Taken into the Battle of Ebenezer by Eli's sons (1 Sam. 4:1-5)

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

Ark in Exile

- Captured by the Philistines (1 Sam. 4:11)
- Placed in Philistine temple at the feet of Dagon (1 Sam. 5:2)
- Idol of Dagon humiliated (1 Sam. 5:3-5)
- Brought plagues on Philistines (1 Sam 5:6)
- Ark returned to Israel after 7 months (1 Sam. 6:1-12)
- Residents of Beth-Shemesh struck down for looking inside (1Sam. 6:19)
- Residing at Kiriath-jearim at the house of Abinidab 20 years (1 Sam. 6:19)
- Neglected during the reign of Saul (1 Chron. 13:3)

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

Monarchy in Jerusalem

- Brought from Kiriath-jearim (2 Sam. 6:2)
- Uzzah struck down for mishandling (2 Sam. 6:6-7)
- Residing at the home of Obed-Edom the Gittite 3 months (2 Sam. 6:10-11)
- Brought to Jerusalem (2 Sam. 6:12-17)
- Taken into battle at siege of Rabbah (2 Sam. 11:11)
- Initially brought with David into exile, but returned (2 Sam. 15:24-25)
- Brought into Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 8:3-8)
- Still in Jerusalem at end of 7th century BC (2 Chron. 35:3; Jer 3:16)

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

No Ark in the Second Temple

- The Ark of the Covenant disappeared off of the pages of history by the time of the Babylonian Captivity. Nothing in the Bible is said about the Ark in the Old Testament after the return from Babylon, but the Apocrypha states that the Ark could not be found when the Jewish people rebuilt the Temple at the time of Ezra and Zechariah. The explanation in the Apocrypha was that Jeremiah hid the Ark in a cave in Mt. Nebo before the Babylonian invasion, and that its location would not be revealed until God was ready for it to be found.

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

No Ark in the Second Temple (cont.)

- Thus, the Holy of Holies in the Second Temple was an empty chamber, without the Ark of the Covenant. When the Roman General Pompey conquered Jerusalem around 63 B.C., he demanded the privilege of entering the Holy of Holies. When he did, he came out saying that he could not understand what all the interest was about the sanctuary, when it was only an empty room.

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The Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10–22)

No Ark in the Second Temple (cont.)

- The fact that the Ark of the Covenant was not used in the Second Temple has led to the speculation of where the Ark is, or if it still exists on the earth. The Ark was so important in Israel from the time of Moses through the Judges and the First Temple era, that it seems remarkable that nothing is said of it in the Bible after the Babylonian Captivity, until the Letter to the Hebrews and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. In Hebrews it is described as it was in the original Tabernacle made by Moses; and in Revelation, the Ark is seen by John in heaven. In neither case is the Ark mentioned as something that remains on the earth now.

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The Temple Solomon Built (1 Chronicles 28:1 – 29:9, 2 Chronicles 3-7)

1 Chronicles 28:2–6

I had intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool of our God. So I had made preparations to build *it*. “But God said to me, ‘You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood.’ “Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever...“Of all my sons...He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. “He said to me, ‘Your son Solomon is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him.

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The Temple Solomon Built Destroyed

2 Kings 25:8–9

Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

2 Chronicles 36:18–19

All the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon. Then they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its fortified buildings with fire and destroyed all its valuable articles.

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The Temple Zerubbabel and Jeshua Built (expanded by Herod)

Ezra 1:1–3

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ‘Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem.

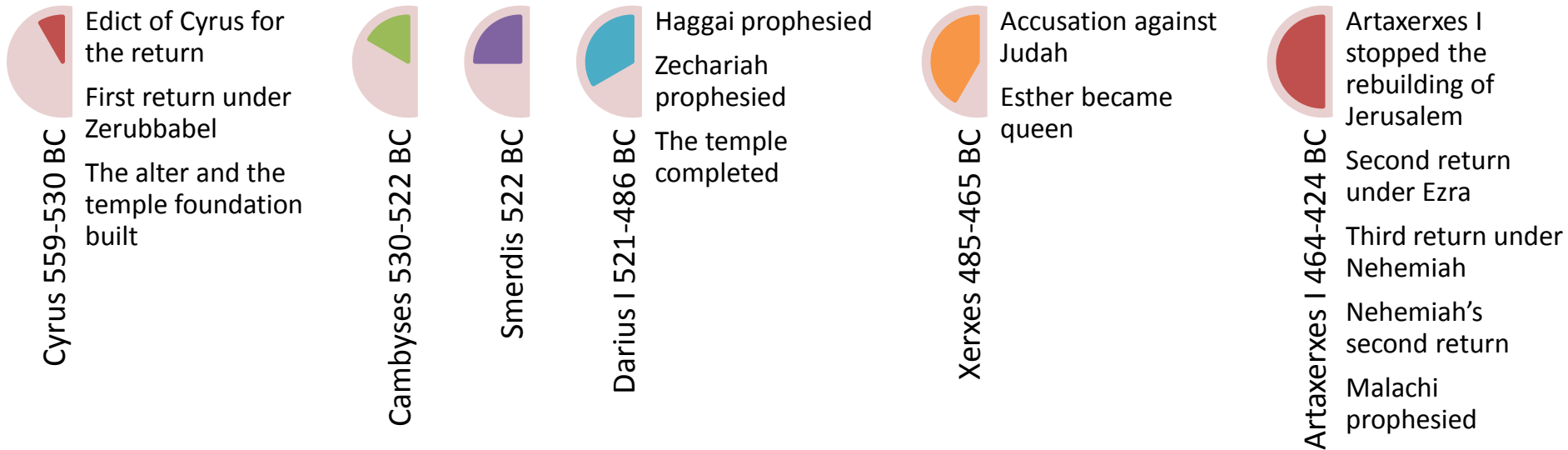
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Chronology of the Postexilic Period



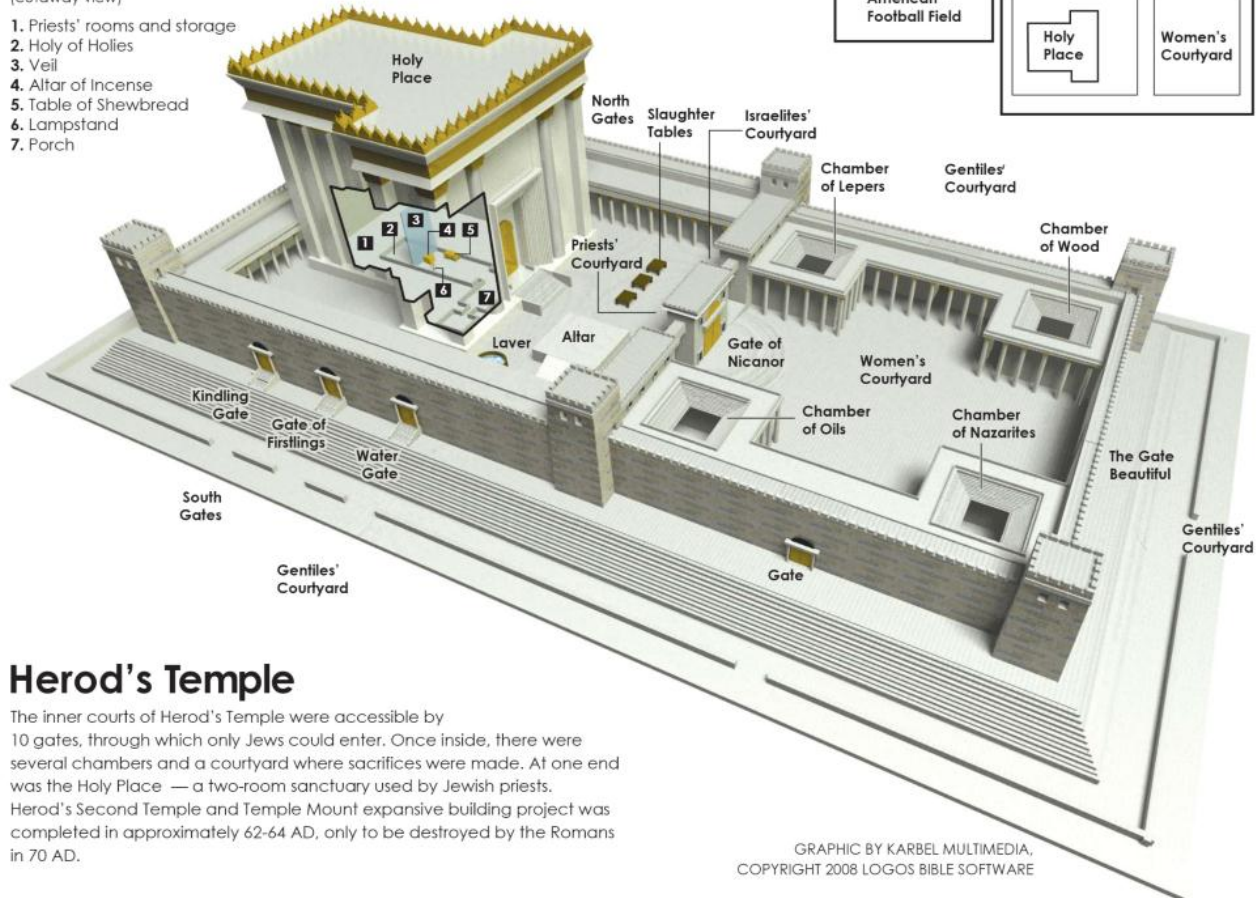
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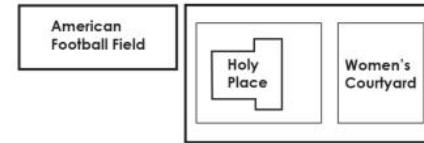
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INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE (cutaway view)

1. Priests' rooms and storage
2. Holy of Holies
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Shewbread
6. Lampstand
7. Porch



Size comparison (approximate):



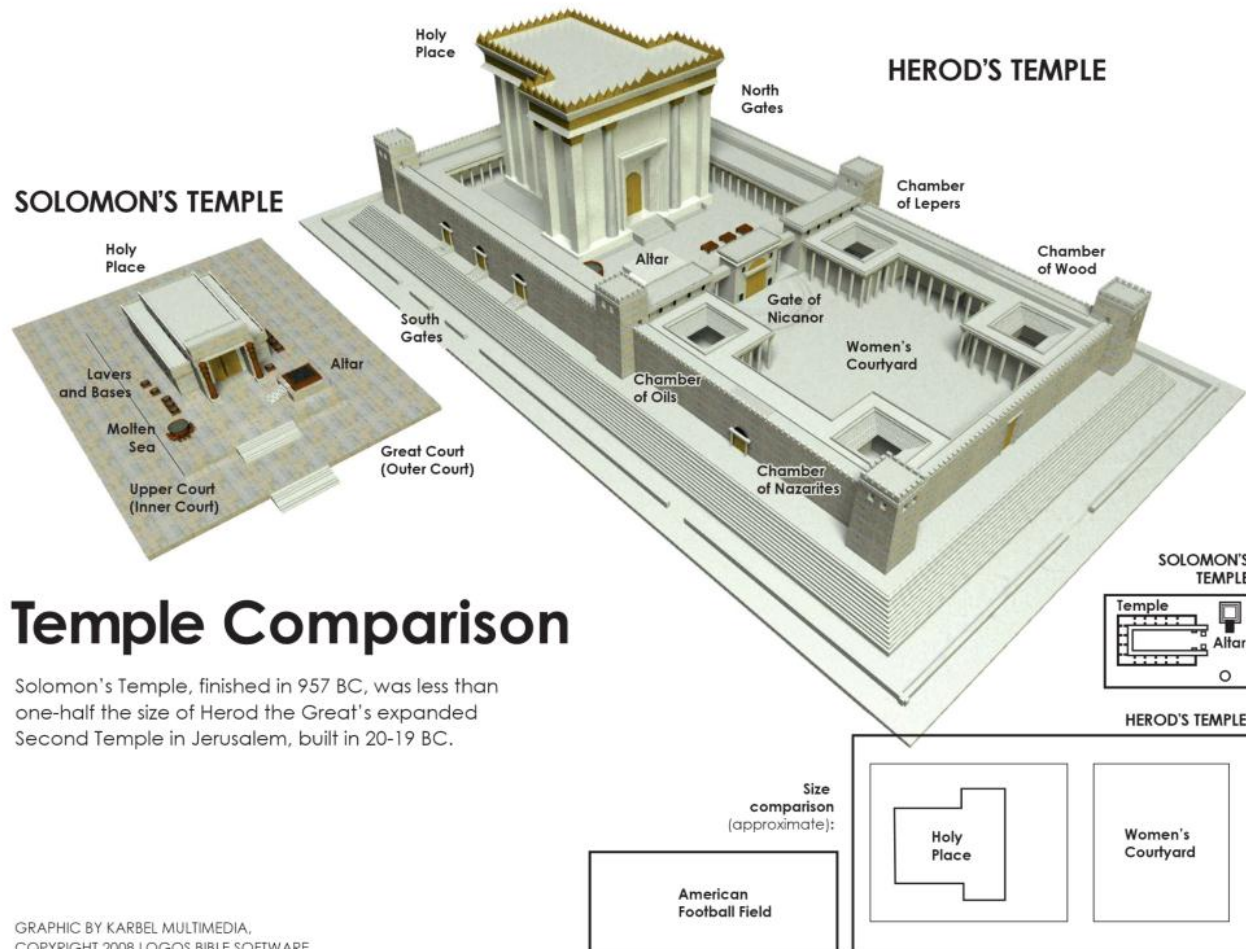
Herod's Temple

The inner courts of Herod's Temple were accessible by 10 gates, through which only Jews could enter. Once inside, there were several chambers and a courtyard where sacrifices were made. At one end was the Holy Place — a two-room sanctuary used by Jewish priests. Herod's Second Temple and Temple Mount expansive building project was completed in approximately 62-64 AD, only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

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Temple Comparison

Solomon's Temple, finished in 957 BC, was less than one-half the size of Herod the Great's expanded Second Temple in Jerusalem, built in 20-19 BC.

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Modern
day picture
of the Temple
Mount



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Modern
day picture
of the Western
Wall



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Herod's
building
projects

Masada



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Motivation in life

“To answer briefly: it was faith in divine retribution, and that retribution in the strictest juristic sense. The prophetic idea of the covenant, which God had entered into with the chosen people, was apprehended in the purely juristic sense; the covenant was a legal one, by which both the contracting parties were mutually bound. The people to observe the law given them by God, exactly, accurately and conscientiously: while God was also bound in return to pay the promised recompense in proportion to their performances. And the obligation held good not only with respect to the nation as a whole, but to every individual; performance and recompense always stood in corresponding relations to each other. He who did much had to expect from God's justice the bestowal of much reward; while on the other hand every transgression entailed its corresponding punishment.”

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Motivation in life (cont.)

“All zeal for education and the family, the school and the synagogue aimed at making the whole people a people of the law. The common man too was to know what the law commanded, and not only to know, but to do it. His whole life was to be ruled according to the number of the law; obedience thereto was to become a fixed custom, and departure therefrom an inward impossibility. On the whole this object was to a great degree attained. Josephus declares: “even if we are deprived of wealth, of towns, and of other possessions, the law remains to us forever. And no Jew will be so far from his native land, nor so much fear a hostile ruler, as not to fear the law more than him.” So faithfully did most of the Jews adhere to the law, that they willingly incurred even torture and death itself in consequence. “often already,” says Josephus, “have many of the prisoners been seen to endure the rack and all kinds of death in theaters, for the sake of not uttering a word against the law and the other Holy Scriptures.”