

Genesis 10–11

National Dispersion



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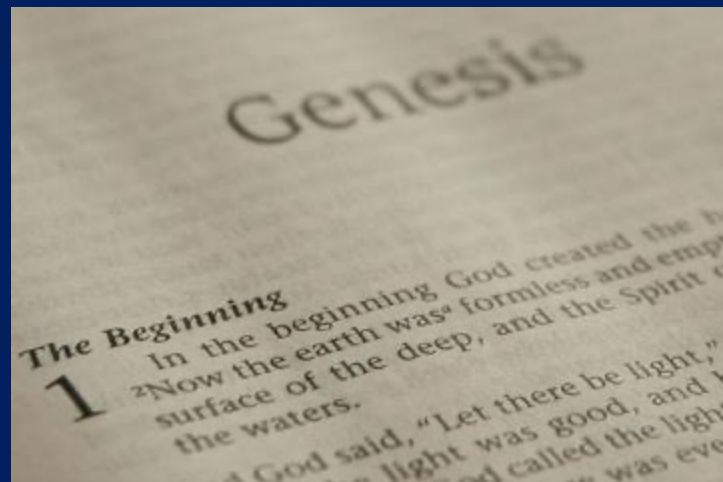
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GENESIS STRUCTURE



I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)

II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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I. Genesis 1-11 (four events)

A. Creation (1-2)

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Genesis 3:15

“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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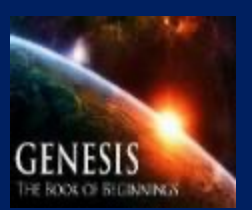
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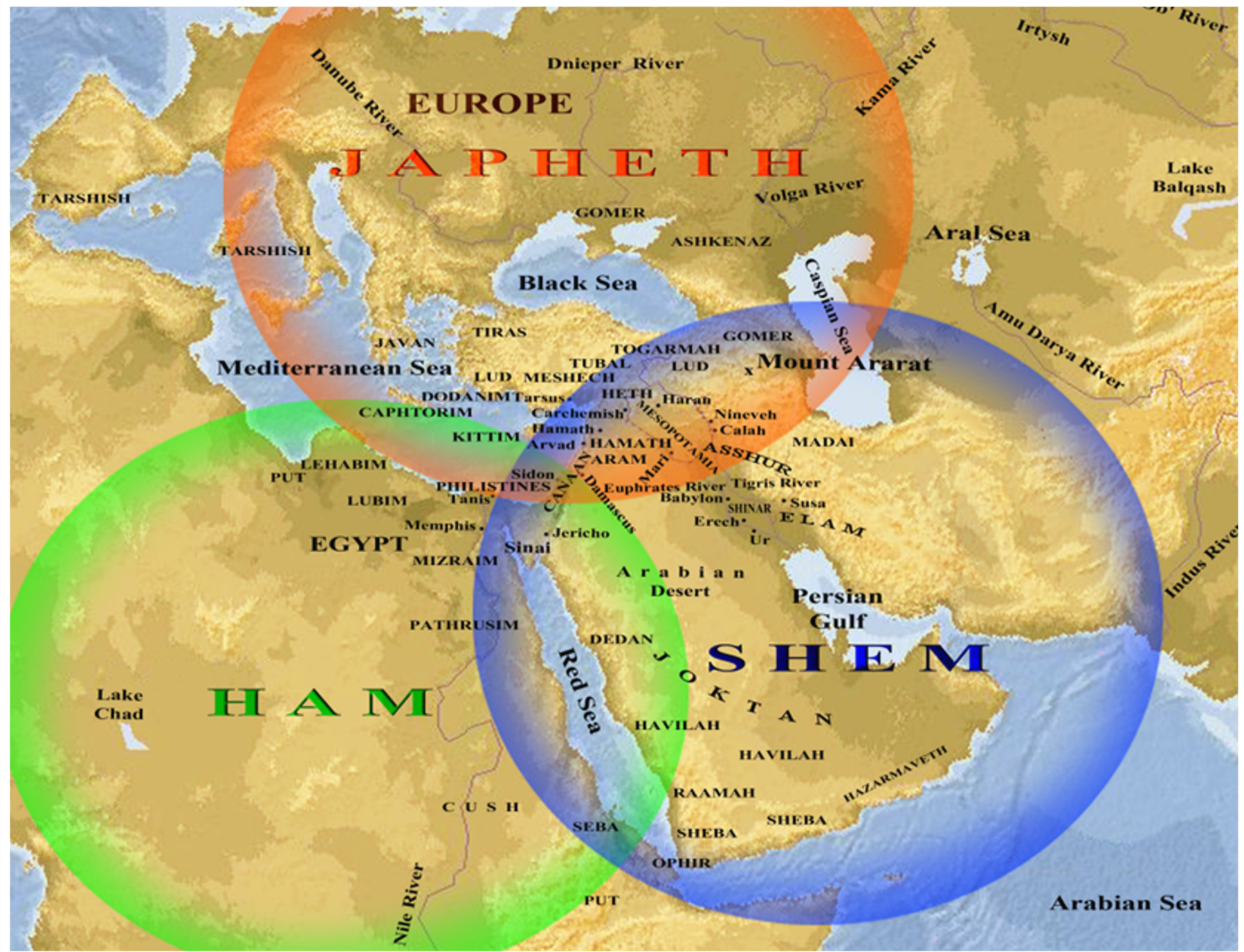


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Genesis 10–11

Questions & Answers



- Origin of the nations?
- Dispersal of the nations?
- Corruption of the nations?
- What happened in the days of Peleg? (Gen. 10:25)
- Nimrod's empire in Shinar? (Gen. 10:10)
- How did Nimrod get to Assyria? (Gen. 10:11-12)

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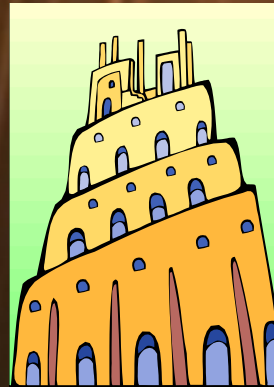


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Genesis 11:6

The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”



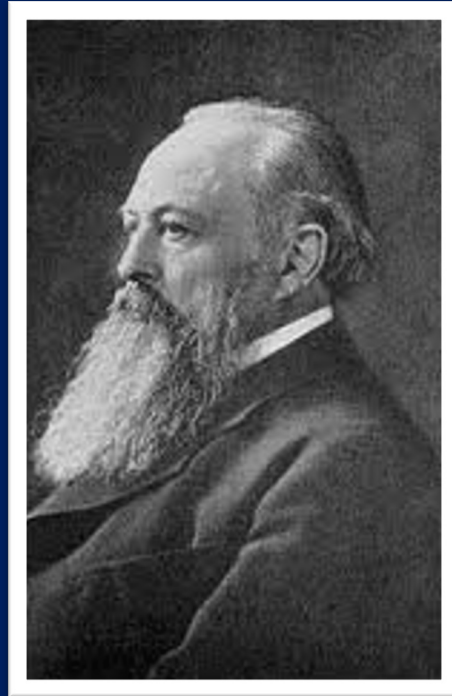
Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.



Lord Acton

“All power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.”



God's Doctrine of Nations



Since Babel

Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26

Millennium

**Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech.
14:16-18; Rev. 12:5; 20:3**

Eternal State

Rev. 21:24, 26

Founders' Sources

- I. 34% Bible
- II. 8.3% Baron Montesquieu
- III. 7.9% William Blackstone
- IV. 2.9% John Locke



Donald S. Lutz, *The Origins of American Constitutionalism*
(Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 1988), 141.

Federalist # 45



“The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government, **are few and defined**. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.”

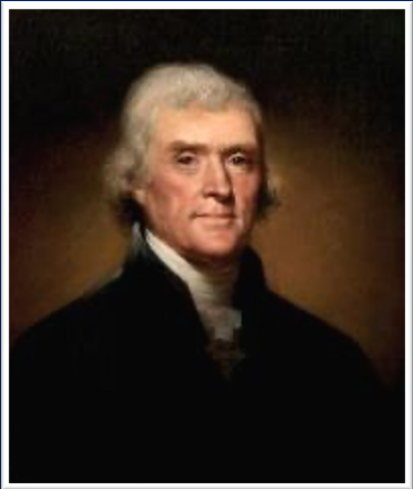
Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, *The Federalist Papers*, trans. Clinton Rossiter (New York, NY: Penguin, 1961), 292.

Tenth Amendment

“The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively or to the people.”

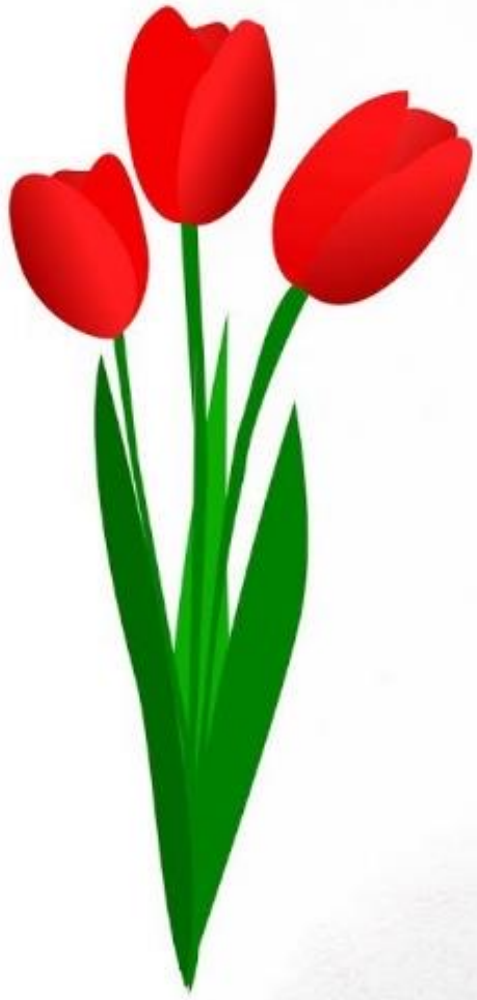


Thomas Jefferson



Kentucky Resolutions of 1798: "...in questions of power then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the constitution..."

(from draft)



Total Depravity

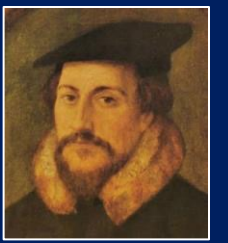
Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

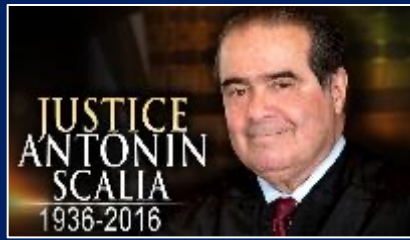
Perseverance of the Saints

John Calvin



Bancroft “...simply calls Calvin ‘the father of America’ and adds: ‘He who will not honor the memory and respect the influence of Calvin knows but little of the origin of American liberty.’”

Lorraine Boettner, *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*
(Philipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 1932), 398-90.



“Every tin horn dictator in the world today, every president for life, has a Bill of Rights...That’s not what makes us free; if it did, you would rather live in Zimbabwe. But you wouldn’t want to live in most countries in the world that have a Bill of Rights. What has made us free is our Constitution. Think of the word ‘constitution;’ it means structure. That’s why America’s framers debated not the Bill of Rights during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia...but rather the structure of the federal government. The genius of the American constitutional system is the dispersal of power...Once power is centralized in one person, or one part [of government], a Bill of Rights is just words on paper...A constitution is about setting structure; it is not about writing the preferences of special interest groups.”



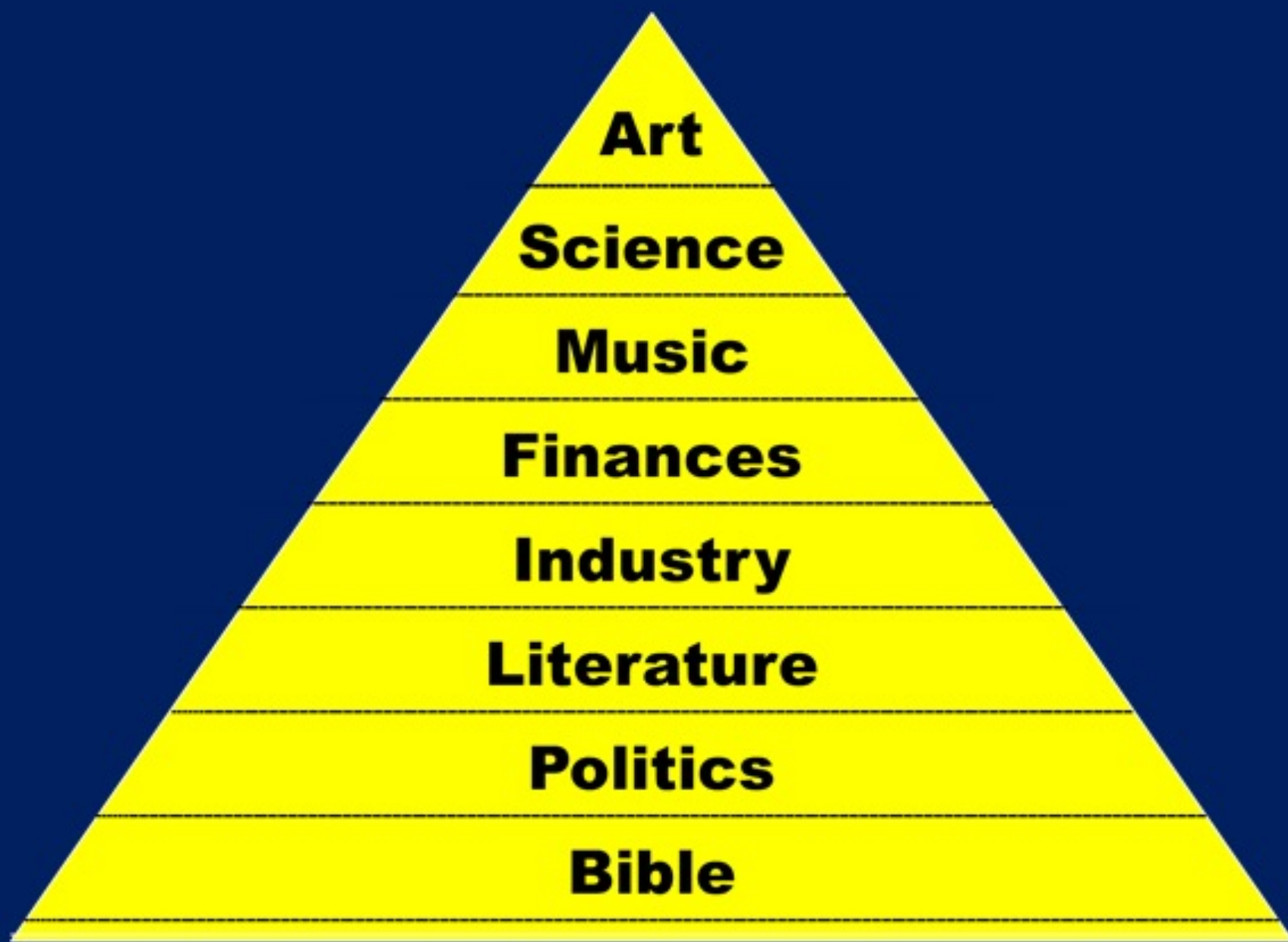
The Divine Institutions

- Conscience (Gen. 3:22)
- Marriage and family (Gen. 1:26-28; 2:18-25)
- Labor (Gen. 2:15; 3:19)
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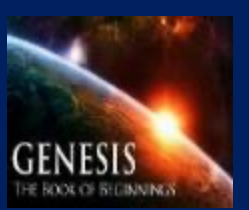


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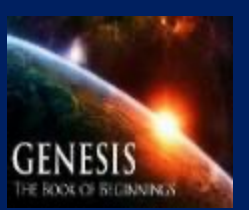
Humanist Manifesto II (1973)



“We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community... a system of world law and world order based upon transnational federal government.”



Open Borders



“In a private, paid speech to a Brazilian bank on May 16, 2013, Hillary Clinton said: ‘My dream is a hemispheric common market, with open trade and open borders, some time in the future with energy that is as green and sustainable as we can get it, powering growth and opportunity for every person in the hemisphere.’ This secret speech was released as part of the Podesta emails obtained by Wikileaks.”



Open Borders



“We’re going to be increasing the requests that we’re making of our allies in the United Nations, Harris said. Harris continued, insisting that the United States must ‘institutionalize and internationalize’ the migration issues. ‘This has to be a function of an American priority...but we are a neighbor in the Western Hemisphere,’ she said, noting that she has been working with...the U.N...to obtain help from the international community.”

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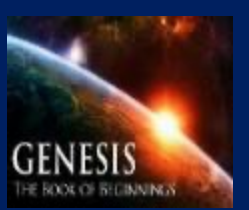
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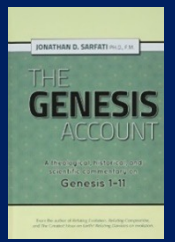
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Dr. Jonathan D. Sarfati

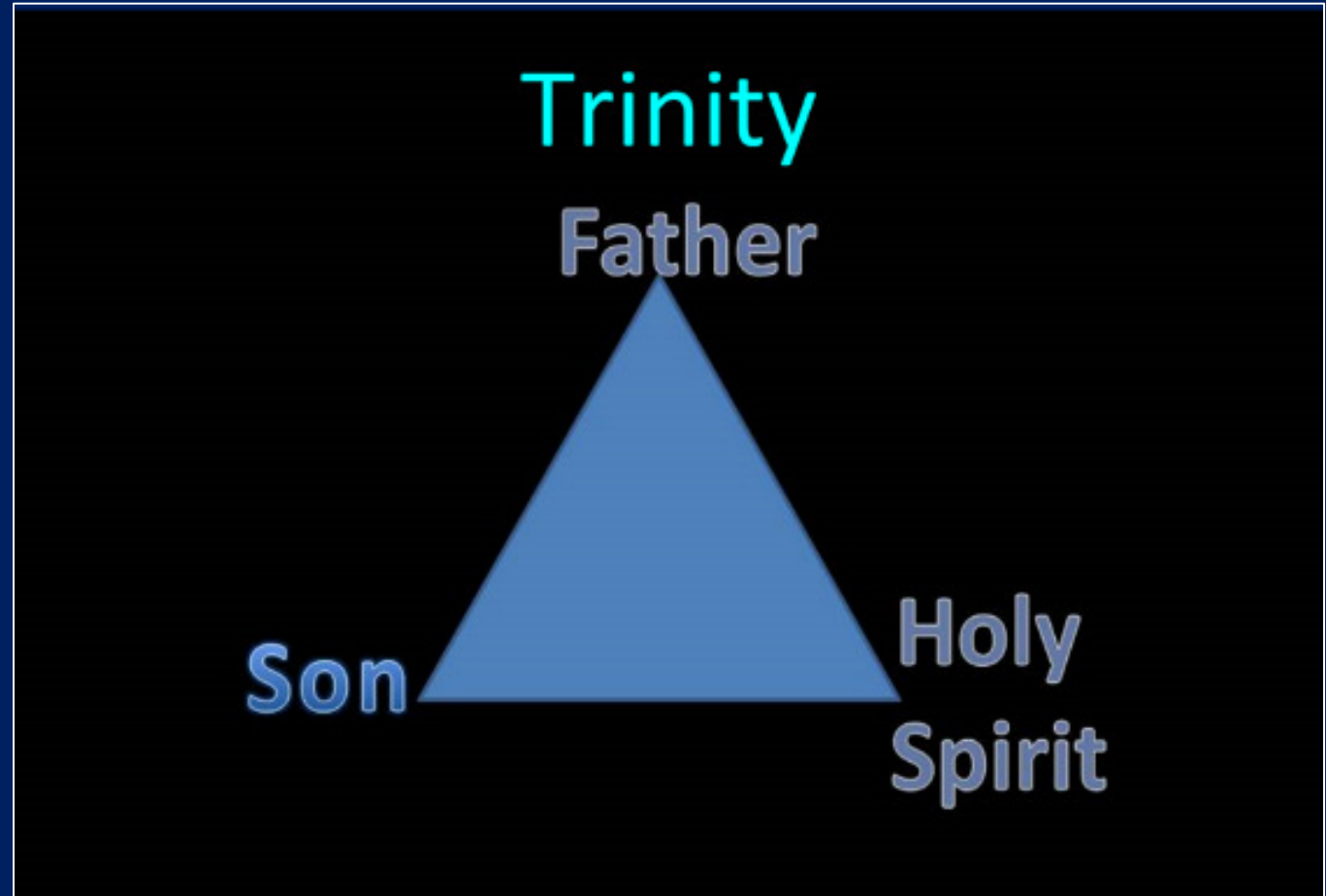
Jonathan D. Sarfati, *The Genesis Account: A Theological, Historical, and Scientific Commentary on Genesis 1–11* (Powder Springs, GA: Creation Book Publishers, 2015), 660.



“In this case, the account emphasizes the greatness of God and the puniness of man by comparison. Although man vainly tried to build this immensely high tower, God was still described as ‘coming down’ to see this comparatively tiny venture.”

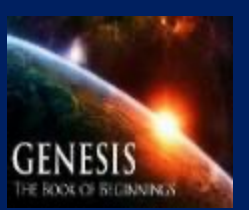
TRINITARIANISM IN GENESIS

- Gen 1:26
- Gen 3:22
- Gen 11:7
- Isa 6:8



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THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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The Book of Genesis, 225



“...because Jehovah did there confound the language of all the earth. This is the origin of the multi-language world. The one-world language will be restored in the Messianic Kingdom (Zeph. 3:9).”



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Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. ² It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will . . .





• HARRAN

ASSYRIA

• NINEVEH

CYPRUS

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• SIDON
• TYRE

• DAMASCUS

• SAMARIA

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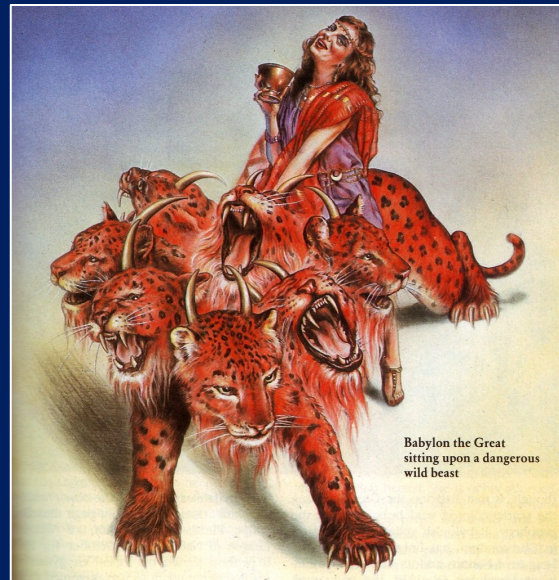




Satan's Goal

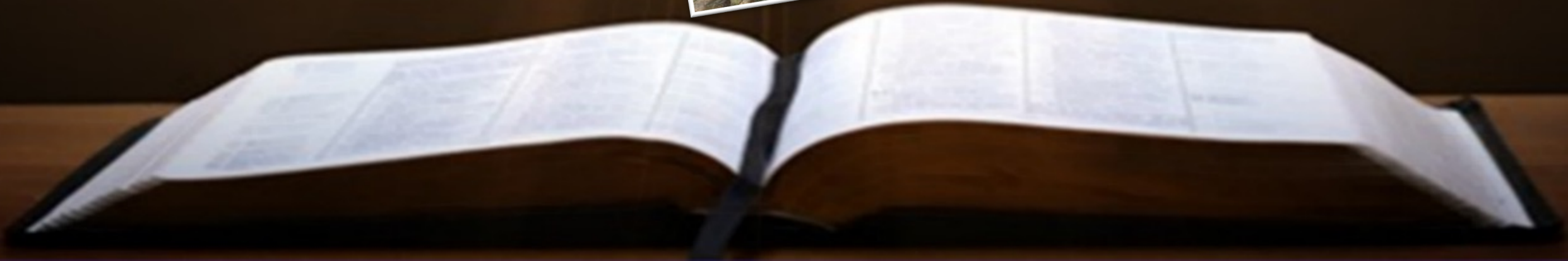
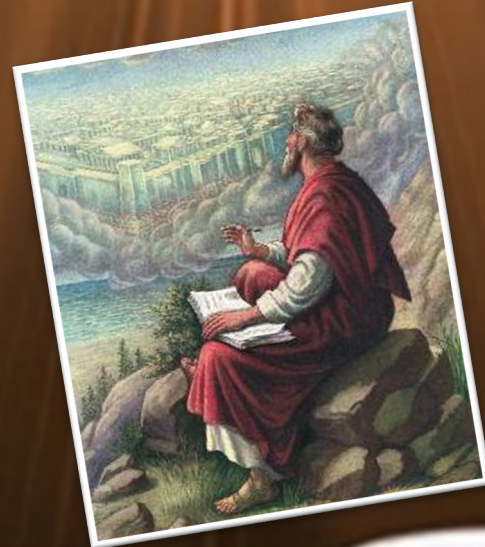
Mark Hitchcock, *The Second Coming of Babylon* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah, 2003), 43.

Thus, Satan's ambition has always been "to bring man back to Babylon under His rule. This will finally happen according to Revelation 17–18. Both the city of Babylon and the false religious system of Babylon will be resurrected in the end times."



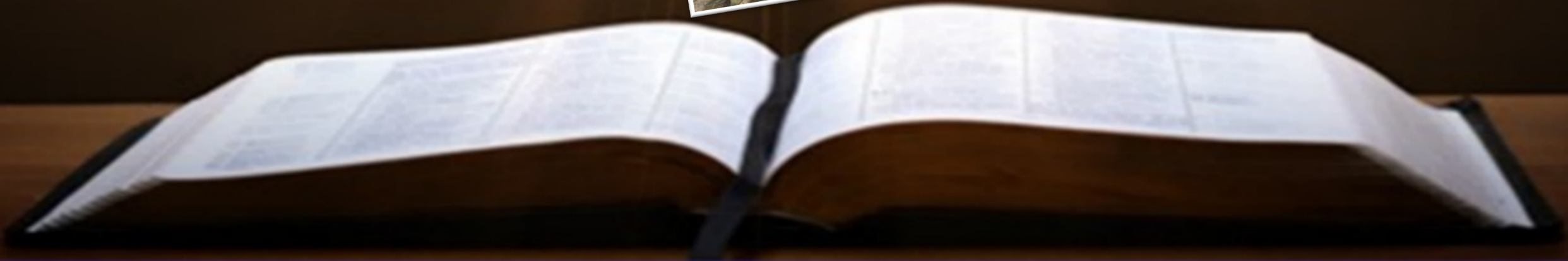
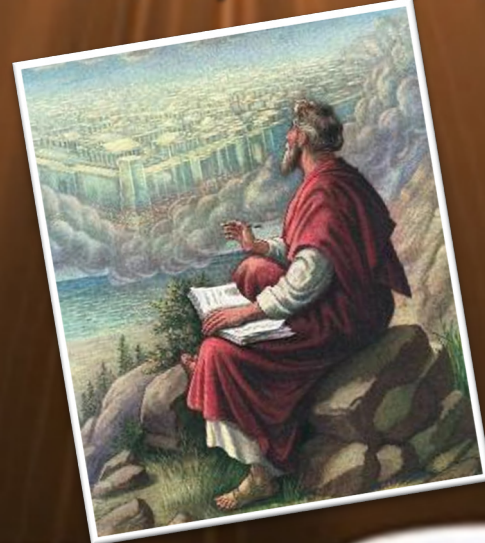
Revelation 17:18

“The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.



Revelation 18:10

“standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’”



Bullinger

The Apocalypse or "The Day of the Lord", 509

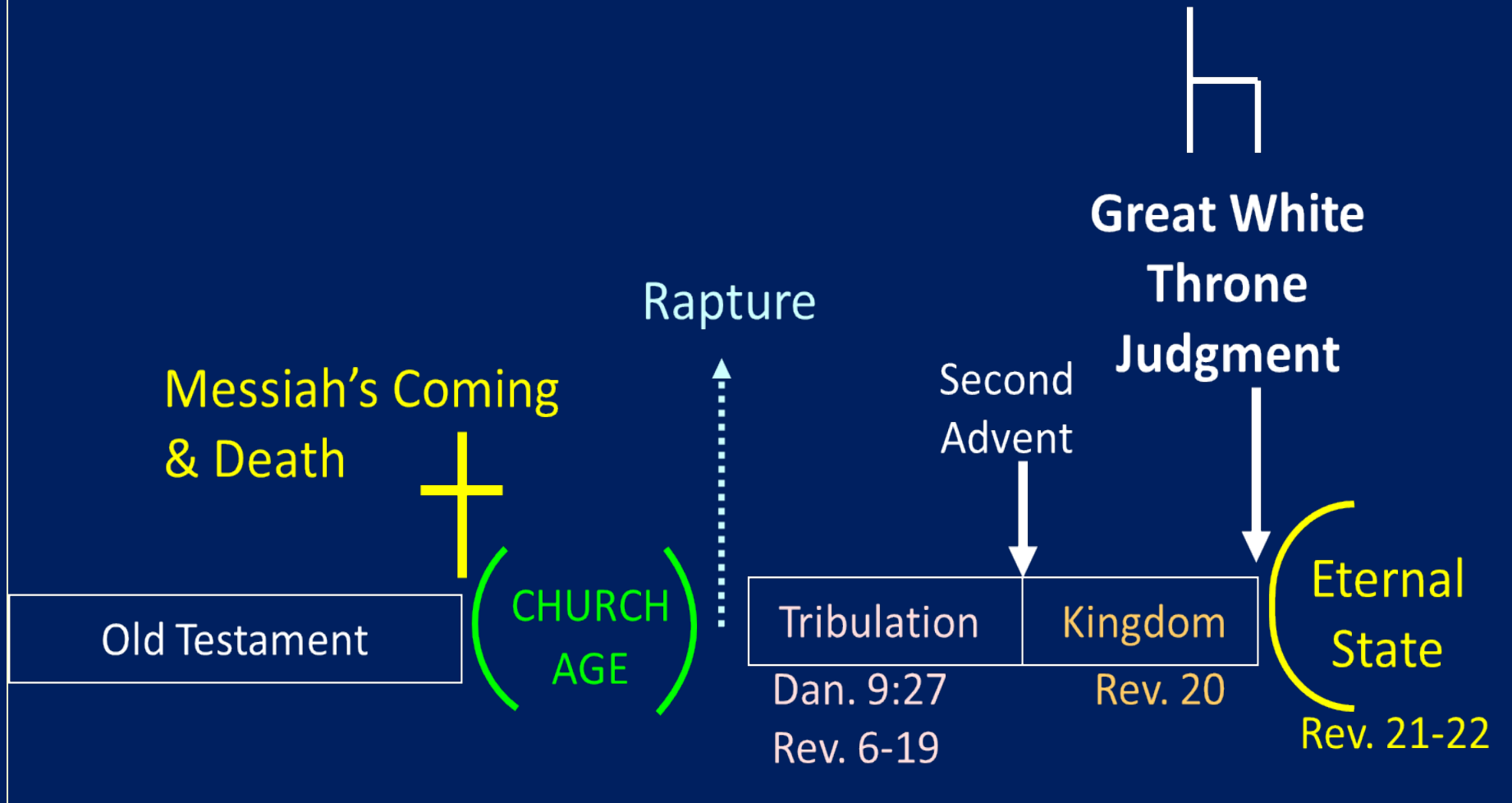
“It is indeed surprising how any mistake could have been made in the identification of this woman. For the Holy Spirit first shows us her very name upon her forehead. Then, in verse 18, He tells us as plainly as words can tell anything, that ‘the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reignest over the kings of the earth’, and chap. xvi. 19, as well as xvii. 5, identifies this city with Babylon. God says it is a ‘city.’ He does not say *a system or a religion, but a ‘CITY.’*”

“MYSTERY” IN HARLOT’S TITLE? REV. 17:5

**And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY,
BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (KJV, NIV)**

**... and upon her forehead a name was written, a
mystery, “BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF
HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE
EARTH.” (NASB)**

Prophecy Panorama



2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

⁶And you know what restrains [*katechon; neuter*] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [*katechōn; masculine*] will do so until he is taken out of the way.





2 Thessalonians 2:3, 7

“...the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction...For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.”



1 John 4:3

“and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit of the antichrist*, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”





David Rockefeller

cited in Memoirs, page 405.

“For more than a century ideological extremists...have seized upon well-publicized incidents...to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure--one world, if you will. *If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.*”

Henry Steele Commager

cited in *The New World Order*, page 147



“The inescapable fact, traumatized by the energy crisis, the population crisis, armaments race, and so forth, is that nationalism as we have noted in the 19th and much of the 20th century is as much of an anachronism today as with States Rights when Calhoun preached it and Jefferson Davis fought for it.”

Henry Steele Commager

cited in *The New World Order*, page 147



“Just as we know, or should know, that none of our domestic problems can be solved within the artificial boundaries of the states, so none of our global problems can be solved within the largely artificial boundaries of the nations.”

John Lennon

Song "Imagine"

... imagine a time when there will be "no countries," "no religion," "no heaven," "no hell," "no possessions," everyone "living for today," and the world "as one."



VI. The Results

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The Book of Genesis, 225



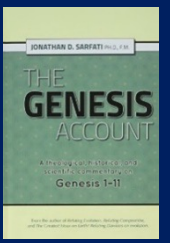
“The contrast is from ‘the gate of God’ to ‘the gate of confusion.’ While the people called it Babel, the gate of God, God made a babble of it.”





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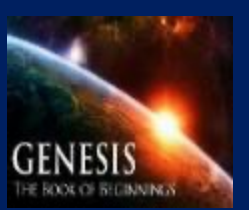


“That is, the rebellious people proposed to build a tower that would be a gateway to the gods in heaven, but instead, it became the site of the confusion of languages and man’s ignominious dispersion.”



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Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	MOTHER	CHILD
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

Larkin, *The Book of Revelation*, 151.

“The river Euphrates, on which the city of Babylon was built, was one of the four branches into which the river that flowed through the Garden of Eden was divided, and Satan doubtless chose the site of Babylon as his headquarters from which to sally forth to tempt Adam and Eve. It was doubtless here that the Antediluvian apostasy had its source that ended in the flood. To this centre the ‘forces of Evil’ gravitated after the Flood, and ‘Babel’ was the result. This was the origin of the nations, but the nations were not scattered abroad over the earth until Satan had implanted in them the ‘Virus’ of a doctrine that has been the source of every false religion the world has ever known.”





Isaiah 43:1

“But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!'”



2 Peter 3:3-6

“³ Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.’ ⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water.”



HISTORY

2 Pet. 3:5-7

- Creation (5)
- Flood (6-7)
 - ◆ God will judge again via fire



UNIFORMITARIANISM IS NOT BIBLICISM

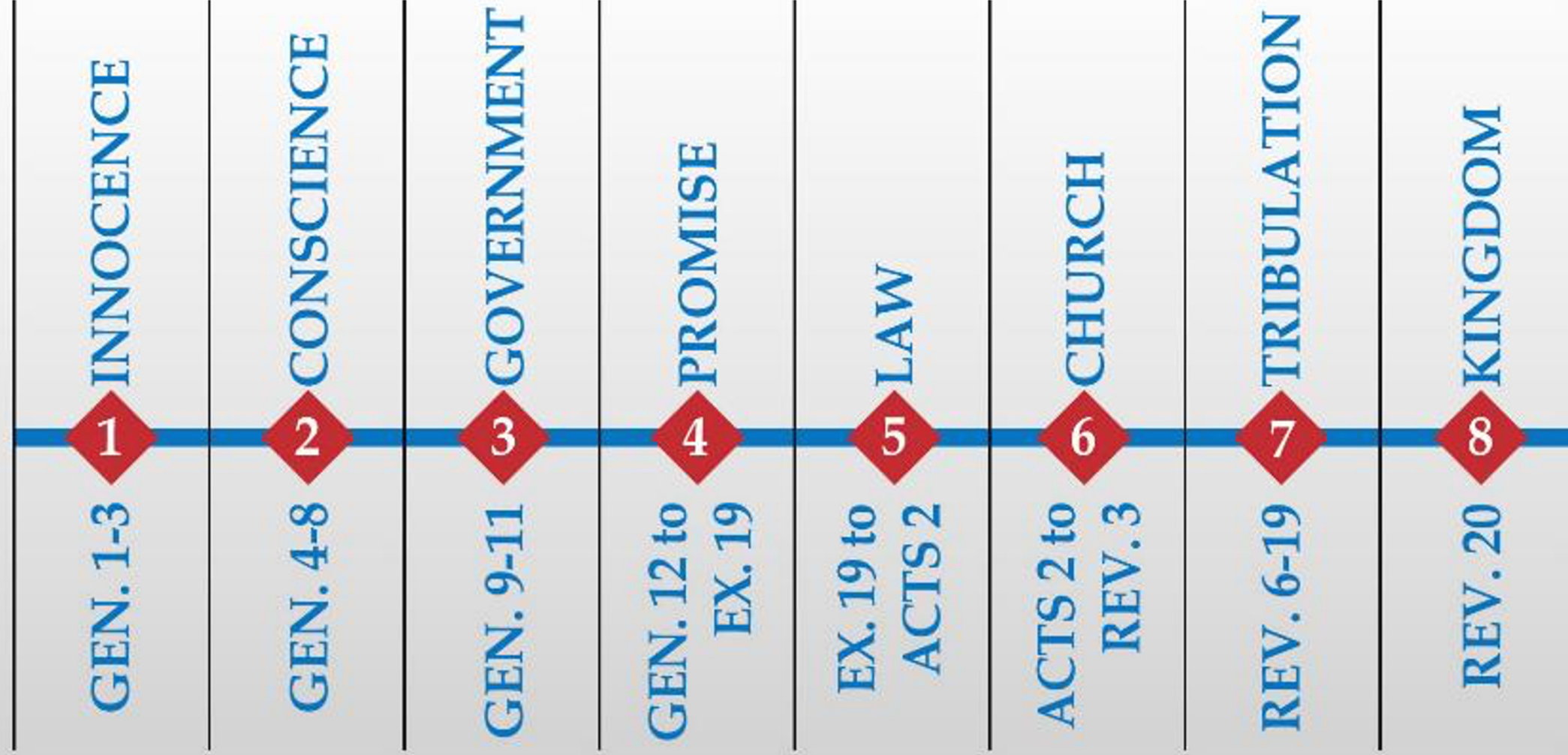
	ERA	SCRIPTURE	DISTINCTIVES
1.	CREATION	Genesis 1-2	No death
2.	FALL	Genesis 3-6	Death, painful pregnancy & toil, long life spans, no human government
3.	FLOOD	Genesis 7-10	Shorter life spans, human government, one language, no nations
4.	<u>BABEL</u>	<u>Genesis 11-present</u>	<u>No global government, multiple languages, nations, ethnicities</u>
5.	ANTICHRIST	Rapture to 2nd Advent	Global government, restrainer removed
6.	KINGDOM	Rev. 20:1-10	Long life spans, kingdom conditions, reality of death, renovated earth
7.	ETERNAL STATE	Rev. 21-22	No death, new earth

Ephesians 1:10; 3:2 (KJV)

“¹⁰ That in the dispensation [oikonomia] of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him...^{3:2} If ye have heard of the dispensation [oikonomia] of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:”



THE DISPENSATIONS



Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, 1995, p.44

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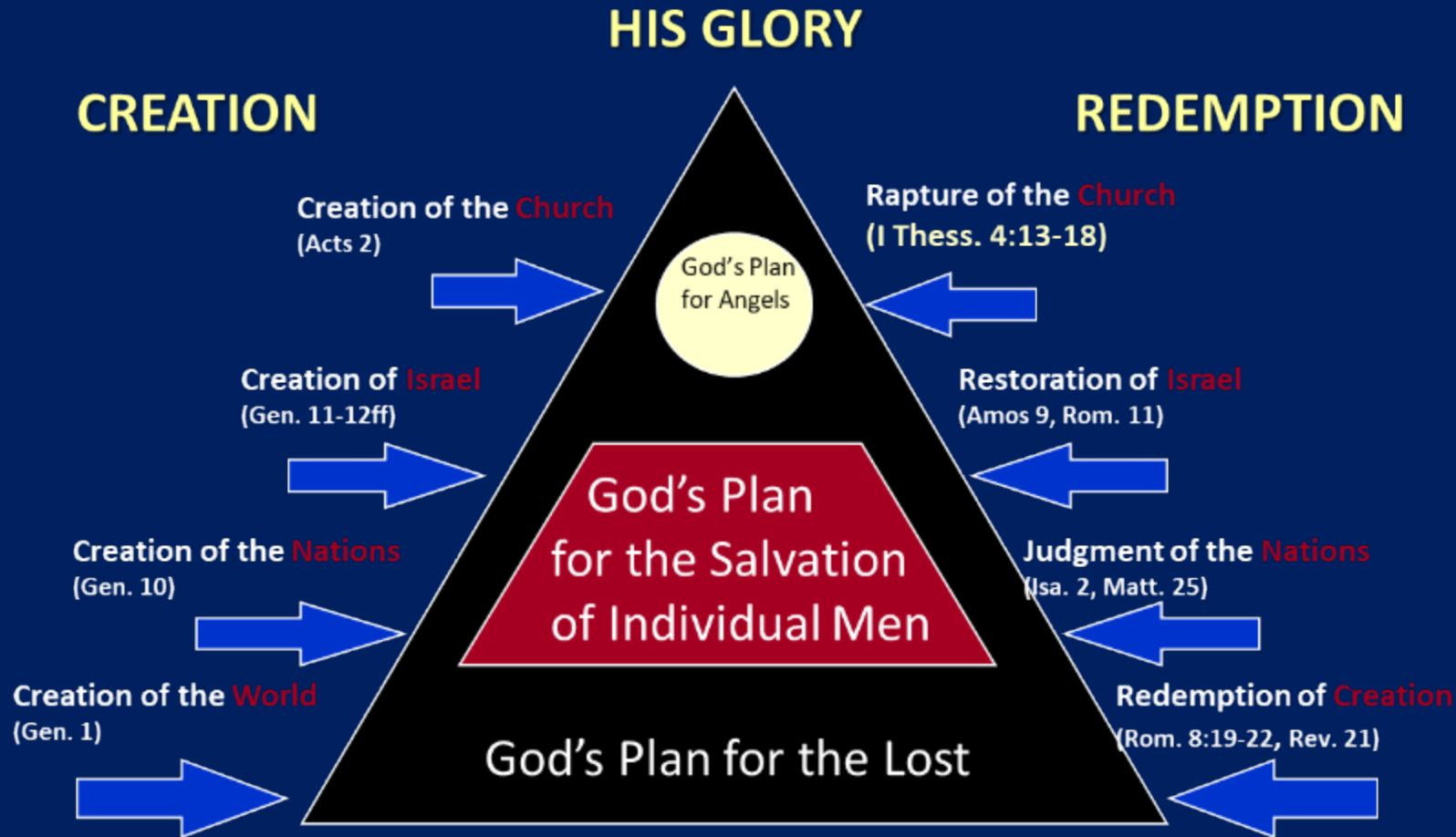
Name	Scripture	Responsibilities	Judgment(s)
Innocency	Genesis 1:3-3:6	Keep Garden Do not eat one fruit Fill, subdue earth Fellowship with God	Curses, and physical and spiritual death
Conscience	Genesis 3:7-8:14	Do good	Flood
Civil Government	Genesis 8:15-11:9	Fill earth Capital punishment	Forced scattering by confusion of languages
Patriarchal Rule	Genesis 11:10-Exodus 18:27	Stay in Promised Land Believe and obey God	Egyptian bondage and wilderness wanderings
Mosaic Law	Exodus 19:1-John 14:30	Keep the law Walk with God	Captivities
Grace	Acts 2:1-Revelation 19:21	Believe on Christ Walk with Christ	Death Loss of rewards
Millennium	Revelation 20:1-15	Believe and obey Christ and His government	Death Great White Throne Judgment

Doxological Purpose

- A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.

- B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



Conclusion

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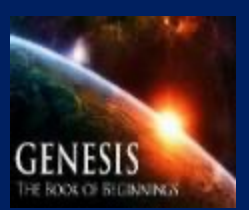
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)