

BIBLE DOCTRINE #3

Introduction

For the lessons on Bible doctrine three we will use a series of what we call prophecy charts. Every chart will be based on the first chart, which we call the creation chart.

Each lesson with it's individual charts are as follows.

1. Doctrine of creation
2. Doctrine of judgments
3. Doctrine of resurrections
4. Doctrine of dispensations
5. Doctrine of covenants
6. Doctrine of Israel and the church

Doctrine of Creation

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever, nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

The word God in Genesis 1:1 is the Hebrew word *Elohim*, and it is the plural of God. In other words, God is a trinity. He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. They are one.

In Genesis 1:26 God said, "let us make man in our image." Throughout the New Testament are references to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 28:19)

God's creation is also eternal. (more on this later) The heavens and the earth are created to be everlasting, and so is mankind.

However, because of sin, there must be a judgment. (to be discussed later in another portion)

In the chart (page 3) you will notice the original creation, the corruption, the re-creation, and finally, the new heavens and earth.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the Lord who created the heavens, God himself who formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited;

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Job 38:4a Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?.....

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

When God created the heavens and the earth the sons of God (angels) shouted for joy.

NOTE: Therefore He must have created the angels, including Satan, who was called Lucifer, first.

Also the word *vain* in Isaiah 45:18 is the Hebrew word *tohuw*, and it means, *to lie waste; desolate; a worthless thing*.

God said He did not create the earth in vain and worthless, He created it to be inhabited. He also created the earth to be eternal.

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Concerning His creation (Psalm 148:1-5) God said.....

Psalm 148:6 He hath also stablished them forever and ever; he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

NOTE: Because God created, then evolution and man made global warming are another lie of Satan. Someday the evolutionist and the E.P.A. will be out of a job.

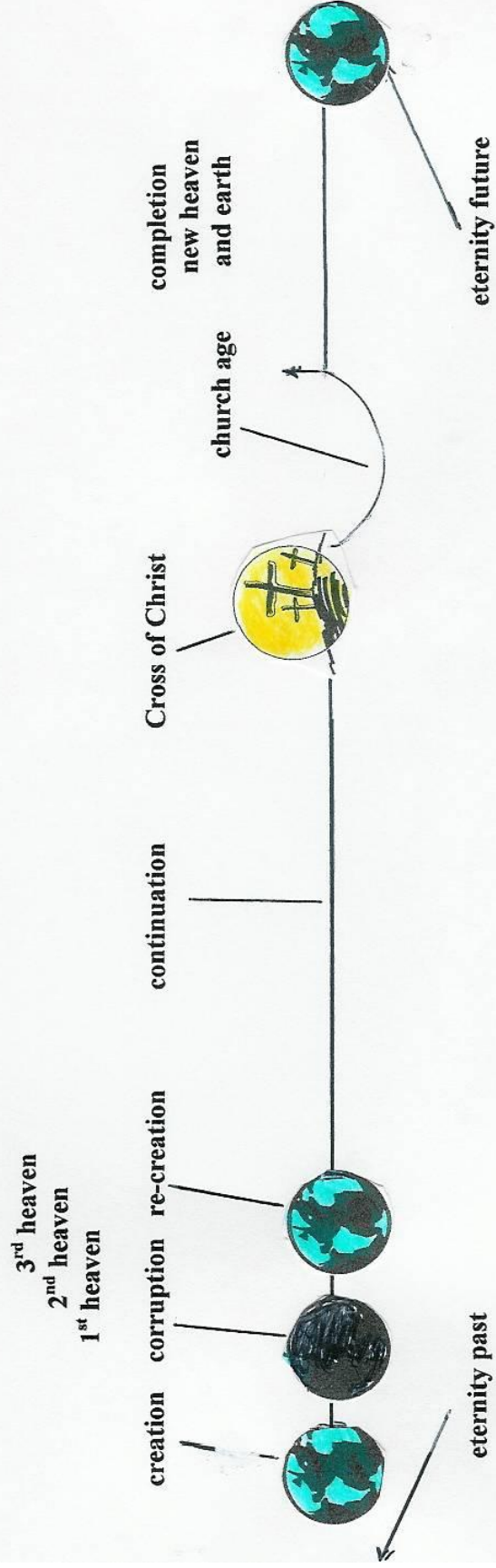
Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

The Hebrew word *without form* is the same word found in Isaiah 45:18; *tohuw*. The Hebrew word for void is *bohuw*, and it means *empty, ruin, undistinguishable*. The Hebrew word for *darkness* is *choshek*, and it means, *misery, death, destruction, ignorance, wickedness*.

Yet, God said He did not create it that way. He created it perfect and to be inhabited. The Bible states that there is no darkness in Him and He is light. (1 John 1:5)

On the chart we call it corruption. The earth became dark, misery, void, without form, and wickedness. WHY!!! The answer, we believe is with the fall of Lucifer, who became Satan. When Satan was cast out of the presence of God, the third heaven.

PROPHECY CHART # 1
FROM CREATION TO THE COMPLETION



all charts are based on this concept

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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. It was a playground for Lucifer and the angels. (Job 38:1-7 Ezekiel 28:11-13)

A period of time elapsed, we are not told how much time, and Satan along with 1/3 of the angels rebelled against God and were cast out of heaven, (Isaiah 14:12-17 Ezekiel 28:11-19 Revelation 12:1-4 with Luke 10:18)

We believe God withheld His light and the earth became dark and void and misery and etc.

Then , as recorded in Genesis 1:2b, the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God brought the earth back into existence, and created man and woman. (Genesis 1:3thru 2:25)

Once again however, Satan, who is the originator of original sin, caused Adam and Eve to sin, and once again the entire earth is under the curse of sin. (Genesis 3:17-19)

The Earth Redeemed

All is not lost however, Jesus Christ has prevailed against the curse. He took on flesh and blood just like man, lived for 33 years, died on a Cross and rose in three days. E did all of that in order to redeem man and His creation, the earth.

In Revelation chapter five we see Jesus Christ in heaven holding the scroll. This is the title deed to the earth and His creation. Someday He cause His word to come into effect and the process of redemption will begin.

NOTE: The process begins with the rapture, then the seven year tribulation, then there will be a 1000 year reign of Christ upon this earth, then

New Heaven and Earth

God states that He will create a new heaven and earth. (Isaiah 65:17 66:22,23 2 Peter 3:10-14 Revelation 21:1-22:5)

The earth will be cleansed by fire and renewed. (2 Peter 3:10-14)

The earth is eternal.

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NOTE: Before we begin it is important to note that every chart is based on chart number one. There is eternity past, eternity future, and every thing in between is part of God's plane for the ages. If we put everything on one chart it not would not be distinguishable. Therefore, a variety of charts with the same theme.

There are various judgments. As we have already seen the earth has been corrupt by sin. We have also seen that God will create new heavens and earth.

Humanity is also corrupt by sin and therefore must be judged. Christ also has provided redemption for humanity by His death, burial, and resurrection. However, there are judgments pronounced upon humanity until the plan of God has taken complete effect. (The Word of God is completely fulfilled.)

There is the judgment of Satan and his angels. Individual judgment; National judgment; Self judgment, and so forth.

On the chart provided with the doctrine of judgments we have given only the major judgments.

Each judgment of God is because of rebellion against God and sin. The first sin recorded in the Bible is the sin of Lucifer when he rebelled against God.

On prophecy chart #2 we see the original creation, the corruption, the re-creation, when God created Adam and Eve, and the new heavens and earth.

Everything in between is our study on judgments. On the chart the red line represents the Old Testament from Adam to the cross. The blue represents the church age from the cross to the present.

The arrow pointing upwards represents the rapture of the church. The rapture of the church and everything that follows is yet future.

After the rapture there will be seven years of tribulation, represented by the brown line, and the green line represents the 1000 year reign of Christ upon the earth.

Then the white throne judgment and the lake of fire and finally, eternity future.

Judgments

The first judgment recorded is against Lucifer and the angels who followed him against God. The earth was their playground until they were cast out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12-17 Ezekiel 28:11-19 with Luke 10:18 and Revelation 12:1-4)

Then God withheld His light and the earth became dark and void.

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As we have already seen in the doctrine of creation, God re-created and made all things as we know them, including man.

We do not know how much time elapsed from the original creation until the fall of Satan and his angels, and the re-creation. We do know that roughly 6000 years have elapsed since the fall of Adam.

Matthew 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels;

The first major judgment:

Therefore the first major judgment is against the devil, who is Satan, and his angels. The lake of fire is prepared for their final dwelling place.

The second major judgment:

The second major judgment is against Adam and Eve. God told Adam not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. When he did he would die. (Genesis 2:15-17)

However, Satan enticed Eve and she ate. Then Eve enticed Adam and he ate. (Genesis 3:1-6)

Because of Adam's disobedience sin fell upon all humanity. No one is immune from the curse of sin and death. (Romans 3:9-23 Romans 5:14,19 1 Corinthians 15:20,21 1 Timothy 2:12-14)

This judgment, because of sin, is the reason Jesus Christ the Lord had to die on a cross and pay for the sins of all mankind.

It is prophetic. It is declared in God's word, and He always keeps His word. There is no sin allowed in the presence of God. Therefore if man wants to live in the presence of God mankind must be sinless.

The only way to be sinless is by faith in Christ. If we believe He died, was buried, and rose again, for our sins, He gives us His righteousness and marks our sin paid.

In Genesis 3:15 God pronounced a curse of death upon Himself. He said Satan would bruise His heel, and he did when he nailed Christ to the cross. God had declared in His word He would suffer for mankind, His creation. (Genesis 3:15 Psalm 22:1-22 Isaiah 52:13- 52:12 Matthew 12:39,40 26:56 Revelation 13:8 and many more)

The first major judgment is the judgment against Satan and his angels. They were cast out of the third heaven, which is the presence of God

Satan



Eternity

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The Third Major Judgment

The third major judgment is recorded in Genesis 6:1 through 8:14 God brought a flood on the earth to destroy all humanity. The only survivors were Noah and his family. The reason for the flood, as with all judgment, is because of sin. It is recorded in Genesis 6:1-7.

The sons of God, who were the fallen angels, took wives of mankind. The only way to do this is by what we call 'demon possession.'

The fallen angels possessed men and women. This influence caused humanity to reject the gospel of Christ.

Noah preached the gospel. (1 Peter 3:18-20) But they would not listen. Therefore, God brought the flood and destroyed humanity.

These fallen angels who possessed men and women in the days of Noah were judged and condemned to a place called Tartaros in the Greek. (2 Peter 2:4,5)

Jude states they, "kept not their first estate," and, "left their own habitation." (Jude 6)

NOTE: The Greek word *Tartaroo* found in 2 Peter 2:4 is a verb, and signifies a state of being as well as a place. Jude states they were reserved in darkness. Personally, this writer believes they were confined to the bottomless pit, which is not Hell or Hades or the Lake of Fire.

Nevertheless, they were judged and chained and the world was judged by a flood. The record of the flood and the ark of Noah is recorded in Genesis 6:1 through 8:14.

The flood took place roughly about 1650 to 1660 years after the creation of Adam.

The Fourth Major Judgment

The next major judgment was at the tower of Babel. When Noah got off the ark God told him to be fruitful and replenish the earth. (Genesis 9:1) However, man said lets build a city and a tower and make a name for our self. (Genesis 11:1-4)

God came down and saw what they were doing and confounded their language and scattered them on the face of the earth. (Genesis 11:5-9)

However, the idea of Babel still exists. It is called Babylon. .

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If you visit many churches today you will see the idea of Babel. It is confusion. It is babble and babble and babble.

The Fifth Major Judgment

The fifth major judgment was at Sodom and Gomorrah. (probably 1840-1850 B.C.) Lot left Abraham and dwelt in Sodom. Sodom was overrun by homosexuality, along with Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim, and Zoar. (Genesis 14:2,3)

Because of this evil practice God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Because of the plea of Abraham God spared Lot and his two daughters. Every one else in these wicked cities God destroyed. (Genesis 18:1 – 19:38)

We are told the world will be in the same condition when the Lord returns. (Jude 7)

The Sixth Major Judgment

Israel is a chosen people. God called out Abraham to be the father of the nation of Israel. Israel was chosen to represent God in a heathen, Christ rejecting world. Yet, Israel was a total failure.

Throughout the Old Testament God warned Israel by His prophets. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and so many others.

Finally, God sent Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon and took Israel captive. This was the beginning of what is none as the *diaspora*, or the dispersion of Israel, as prophesied in Deuteronomy 28 and 29.

Jeremiah confirmed the prophecy in Jeremiah 25:8-11.

Then it came to pass in around 600 B.C. Israel has been in captivity ever since. When they were taken captive into Babylon the times of the Gentiles began.

Times of the Gentiles...

Since they rejected the God of their fathers, and asked to be part of the world, (1 Samuel 8:1-18) God has given the world over to be ruled by the Gentiles. Israel will not be completely in their land until the times of the Gentiles come to an end at the end of the seven year tribulation.

For a commentary on Israel and their destruction, judgment, read Deuteronomy 28 and 29 with Daniel chapter nine and Acts chapter seven.

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Israel, like most religious people today rejected salvation by grace through faith.

Romans 10:3,4 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

Because Israel continually refused to accept God's righteousness by faith, they temporarily lost their place as God's chosen nation.

The Seventh Major Judgment

Roughly 2000 years ago Jesus Christ went to the cross in order to judge sin. He took upon Himself the sins of the world. He does not judge sin, it is judged by what a person does with the gospel of Christ.

The gospel is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin to all who believe in Him. Therefore, each individual is judged by his or her own decision concerning the gospel.

The cross of Christ is the center of all prophecy. Old Testament saints looked forward to the cross and new Testament saints look back to the cross.

Abraham was saved by believing the gospel. (Genesis 15:1-6 with Romans 4:1-4 and Galatians 3:6-9)

Someday every human being will be judged according to the gospel of Christ (ref. Romans 2:1-16)

The Eighth Major Judgment

The arrow on the chart pointing up represents the rapture of the church. The church is everyone who has trusted Christ as their Savior since the church began on the day of Pentecost. (Acts chapter two / roughly 2000 yrs. Ago)

Not one Christian will be left behind. When that event takes place, those who have died, and those who are still alive at the time, will be gathered together unto Christ. (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Ephesians 1:various verses)

NOTE: see The Rapture of the Church by Dr. Dan Arbogast

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The saved Christian will stand at the judgment seat of Christ. Every saved Christian will give account of themselves for what they did after they were saved. (ref. Romans 14:10-12 1 Corinthians 3:11-17 2 Corinthians 5:8-10 Revelation 4:1-11)

The saved child of God will not be judged saved or lost, that was sealed when we trust Christ as our Savior. We will be judged according to our service for Him after we are saved. It is called 'crowns.'

Judgment of the Saved and the Lost

There are only two kinds of people who die and leave this world. They are saved or lost. God does not chose who goes to heaven or hell, it is man's decision. Jesus Christ has provided a way for everyone to have eternal life. Eternal life means eternally saved, or eternal death, which means eternally lost.

John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

On the chart provided notice the graphic Sheol and Hades. Sheol is the Old Testament word for the New Testament place called Hades. Before the cross every person who died went to Hades. (Luke 16:19-31)

Hades had two compartments. The saved went to the Paradise side, the lost went to the torment side.

The saved were not condemned, and the lost were condemned already. It was a decision they made concerning the Son of God.

"Abraham believed God (the gospel) and it was counted to him for righteousness,"

After the cross, when Christ ascended into heaven, He took the Paradise side with Him into heaven. The torment side remains in Sheol, Hades.

Today every saved person goes to heaven when they die and the lost go to Hades. It is self judgment. Everyone is judged according to the word of God. (Romans 1:15-17 2:1,2,16)

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

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Major Judgment Number Nine

Immediately following the rapture of the church Christ will usher in the seven year tribulation. The church will be in heaven receiving their rewards or lack of rewards.

The only people left behind will be those who rejected the gospel, the cross, and the sacrifice of Christ. They will be religious; the self righteous; or the Bible denying degenerates. They will be left behind to endure what is called the 'wrath of God. or the day of wrath.' (Psalm 2:4,5 Isaiah 13:9 Matthew 3:7 24:21 1 Thessalonians 1:10 5:9 Revelation 6:17)

They will be faced with the Antichrist, who will be a manifestation of Satan revealed in the flesh. (a man)

It will be the worse time in the history of the world. No one will be immune from the devastation of hunger, wars, murder, and hatred for one another.

At the end of the wrath, the tribulation, Christ will judge the world.

Armageddon

It is at this time the battle of Armageddon takes place. (Joel 2:1 – 3:3 Zechariah 12:1 – 14 Matthew 24:29 – 51 25:31 – 46 Revelation 14:14 – 20 16:13 – 16 19:11 – 19)

It will not be a battle at all. Christ will simply speak His word and it will come to an end. Then He will gather the nations together and they will be judged and cast into the eternal lake of fire. (Matthew 25:41)

This is the first time the Bible records anyone cast into the eternal lake of fire.

At the same time Jesus Christ will cast the beast (the Antichrist) and the false prophet into the lake of fire along with all humanity that is alive on the earth at that time. (ref. Revelation 19:20,21)

Also at this time Satan will be chained in the bottomless pit for 1000 years. (Revelation 20:1 – 3) He will rule the kingdoms of the world no longer.

Major Judgment Number Ten

After all this is done Christ will rule from His throne in Jerusalem for 1000 years. It will be a time of perfect peace.

Satan will no longer rule the kingdoms of this world as he does now.

After the 1000 years are ended Satan will be loosed for a short time. (Revelation 20:3)

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During the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ the Lord, many people will reject Him. It seems hard to believe, yet, people will live under the authority of God and reject it.

After the 1000 years are over Satan will be let loose and gather a multitude against Christ.

Of course it will not work. Fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. (Revelation 20:7 – 9)

Then Satan is cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:10) The Lord stated in Matthew 25:41 that the lake of fire was, “prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Satan, the beast, the false prophet, and those who followed Satan in the seven year tribulation, and in the 1000 year kingdom, are all cast into their final abode.

Major Judgment Number Eleven

At the present time those who die and are saved, enter into eternal glory in heaven. Those who die without Christ go to a place called Hades. In the Old Testament it was called Sheol. At one time Hades had two compartments. The torment side and the comfort side, or Paradise.

When Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, (Luke 24:50 Acts 1:9) He took Paradise with Him.

Only the lost are left in Hades. They will be judged at the great white throne, and cast into the lake of fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Revelation 20:7 – 15).

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John 5:28,29 Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

(ref. also Daniel 12:2)

There are two resurrections coming. A resurrection unto eternal life, and a resurrection unto eternal death.

They are called the first and second resurrections, and the second resurrection is called the second death. (Revelation 20:6)

The Importance of a Resurrection

Man and woman are created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26,27) God is eternal and a trinity. He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God created mankind to be eternal and a trinity. In His image!

However, because of Adams sin, he lost the right to eternal life and an eternal trinity, like a God.

Therefore, God condemned Himself to die for the sins of man. (Genesis 3:14,15) Being God however, death could not hold Him, and He rose again, guaranteeing a resurrection.(Psalm 16:10 Matthew 12:39,40 with Matthew 27:63 and 28:6 John 2:18 – 21 with John 20:9)

Man, in the image of God, is a body, soul, and Spirit (spirit), and must be eternal, like God.

Therefore, a resurrection.

Part of the Gospel

The gospel is that Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin to all who believe. (john 3:16 6:47 Acts 10:34 – 43 13:27 – 39 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 5)

The Promise of a Resurrection

Abraham was aware of a resurrection. (Genesis 22:1 – 16) Job saw a future resurrection. (Job 19:23 – 27) David saw a resurrection. (Psalm 3:7 16:10 17:15)

The Old Testament spoke of Christ reigning as King. In order to do that He had to rise again.

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The First Resurrection

The first resurrection is the resurrection of the saved. It is made up of five parts.

1. The resurrection of Christ. (Matthew 28:51 – 53) Jesus Christ had to rise first. No one at any time received a new resurrected body until Christ rose first. It is called Christ the first fruits. (1 Corinthians 15:20 – 23)
2. The second part of the first resurrection was some of the Old Testament saints came out of their graves and appeared to many after Christ arose first. (Matthew 27:52 – 53) This is in accordance with Leviticus 23:10 – 12. It is called the sheaf offering.
3. The third part of the first resurrection is the rapture of the church. (1 Corinthians 15:51,52 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18 Note see the lesson on the rapture of the church by Dr. Dan Arbogast)
4. The fourth part of the first resurrection will be the two witnesses who are resurrected in the middle of the seven year tribulation. (Revelation 11:3 – 13)
5. The fifth part will be the resurrection at the end of the seven year tribulation. This will include all the Old Testament saints who did not have a resurrection after Christ rose. (Matthew 27:52,53) Those who were killed during the tribulation because of their testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. (Revelation 6:9 – 11 and 20:4).

In Order

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

1 Corinthians 15:20 – 23 But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive;

But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

There have been two parts of the first resurrection complete. That is the resurrection of Christ and some of the Old Testament saints.

The third part, which is the next part, will be at the rapture of the church.

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“Every man in his own order.”

State of Being

Even though we all die, and leave our sinful earthly bodies behind, we do not cease to exist.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

In Luke 16:19 – 31 the rich man and Lazarus died. Lazarus was taken to the Paradise side Sheol/Hades, and the rich man was taken to the torment side. They could see one another, hear, and communicate, even though they had not received their resurrected bodies as yet.

Paradise in Heaven

Christ told the thief on the cross, “Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

He also said He would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matthew 12:40)

Then when Christ ascended into heaven later He took Paradise with Him into heaven. The saved no longer go to the comfort side of Hades they go to heaven. (2 Corinthians 12:1 – 4)

The reason the saved were put into a temporary place of comfort, or Paradise, is because Christ had to die for the sins of man, and rise again; the first fruits of a resurrection.

Then He had to anoint the mercy seat in heaven. He became our priest. He had to be the fulfillment of all Old Testament types. (Hebrews 8,9, and 10)

There needs to be a resurrection. God Himself took on flesh and blood like mankind, and died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. His resurrection guarantees a resurrection.

Faith in Christ guarantees a part in the first resurrection. No matter what period of time in history a person believes in Christ, that person is guaranteed a resurrection unto eternal life; “IN THEIR OWN ORDER.”

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The Second Death

The second resurrection is made up of the lost. They will receive a resurrected body, but it will be eternally lost. (unto the resurrection of damnation)

Revelation 20:6a Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power.....

Jude 12b Trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell (hades) were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

At the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ on the earth, There will be what the Bible calls, 'a great white throne.'

Everyone who has never trusted Christ throughout the years will be resurrected and stand at the white throne.

They will be judged according to their works and receive various degrees of punishment.

The false prophets will probably receive the greater degree of punishment, because they taught a lie.

They will be cast into the lake of fire, which is the final abode of all the lost. It will also be the final abode of Satan, his angels, the beast, and the false prophet.

On the next page is a chart prepared by Dr. Max D. Younce of Heritage Baptist Bible Church in Walnut Grove Minn.



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Doctrine of Dispensations

Definition.....

A dispensation is a period of time during which God deals with man in respect to sin and man's responsibility.

These dispensations are divided into seven dispensations (time periods) of unequal length.

Every dispensation points to the cross. Salvation in every dispensation is by grace through faith.

NOTE: Most Bible scholars do not include the seven year tribulation as a dispensation. If it were there would be eight dispensations. This writer considers the seven years as a dispensation, even though we do not count it in this study.

1. Innocence -- From the creation of Adam to the expulsion from the garden. Included in the consequence of Adam's failure is the sinful nature of man.

- a. Man's state at the beginning – Gen. 1:26 – 29
- b. His responsibility -- Gen. 2:16,17
- c. His failure – Gen. 3:6
- d. The judgment – Gen. 3:24
- e. The consequences – Gen.3:14-19 Rom. 5:12,18,19

2. Conscience – From the fall of Adam to the flood.

- a. Man's state at the beginning Gen. 3:23
- b. His responsibility Gen. 4:7
- c. His failure Gen. 6:5,11,12
- d. The judgment Gen. 7:11,12,23

3. Human government – From the end of the flood to the dispersion at Babel

- a. Man's state at the beginning Gen. 7:1 Heb. 11:7
- b. His responsibility Gen. 9:1,6
- c. His failure Gen. 11:1 – 4
- d. The judgment Gen. 11:5 – 8

4. Promise – The call and promise to Abraham. The promise was A land.. A natural seed... a spiritual seed... In fact the promise to Abraham pointed to Jesus Christ. All the promises made to Abraham pointed to Christ. God promised a Savior would be born in the Genealogical line of Abraham. Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. (he believed the gospel Gen 15:1-6 Romans 4:3 Galatians 3:6-9,16)

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The dispensation of promise lasted from the call of Abraham to the giving of the law at Sinai. In that period of time the mighty nation of Israel was born, beginning with Abraham.

- a. Man's state at the beginning. Gen. 12:1-3 13:14-17 15:1-6
- b. His responsibility. Gen. 26:2,3
- c. His failure. Gen. 47:1
- d. The judgment. Exodus 1:8-14

5. The law - From the giving of the law to Israel to the cross of Christ. The law pointed to Christ. The Bible gives a historical account of the failure of Israel.

- a. Man's state at the beginning. Exodus 19:1-4
- b. His responsibility. Exodus 19:5,6 Romans 10:1-5
- c. His failure. 2 Kings 17:7-17 2 Chronicles 36:16 Acts 2:22,23
- d. The judgment. 2 Kings 17:16-20 25:1-11 2 Chronicles 36:16 Luke 21:20-24

6. Grace – From the cross to the rapture. In the dispensation Jesus Christ is calling out His church. Israel has been set aside temporarily as a chosen people. (a nation) The church is made up of all those who put their faith and trust in Christ as their Savior.

Anyone, whether Jew or Gentile, is a member of the church, which is called the Bride, and the Body of Christ.

This dispensation will end at the rapture of the church.

- a. Man's state at the beginning. Romans 3:10-23
- b. His responsibility. John 3:15,16 6:47 Acts 10:43 13:39 16:31
- c. His predicted, or probable, failure. John 3:17-21
- d. The judgment. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

7. The 1000 year kingdom – Will begin at the end of the tribulation. When it ends Jesus Christ will set up the great white judgment.

Facts concerning the kingdom.

- A. It was prophesied in the Old Testament - 2 Samuel 7:10-16 1 Chronicles 17:3-15 Daniel 2:44,45 7:18,27
- B. A King would rule the kingdom in righteousness. Isaiah 32:1 33:17 Jeremiah 23:1-5
- C. Israel and the apostles expected the Lord Jesus Christ to set up the kingdom. Luke 19:11,38 with Acts 1:6
- D. They expected it because Psalm 24:7-10 29:10 Jeremiah 23:1-5
- E. The kingdom will last for 1000 years Revelation 20:3,4 and 20:7

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F. The kingdom will be inhabited at the beginning with saved only because the lost will be judged at the end of the seven year tribulation. Revelation 19:11-21 Matthew 25:31-46

G. A remnant (1/3) of Israel shall be saved. Isaiah 1:9 11:11 Ezekiel 6:8 with Ezekiel 5:12 and Zechariah 13:8,9

F. After the 1000 years Satan will be let loose for a short time. Revelation 20:1-3,7-9

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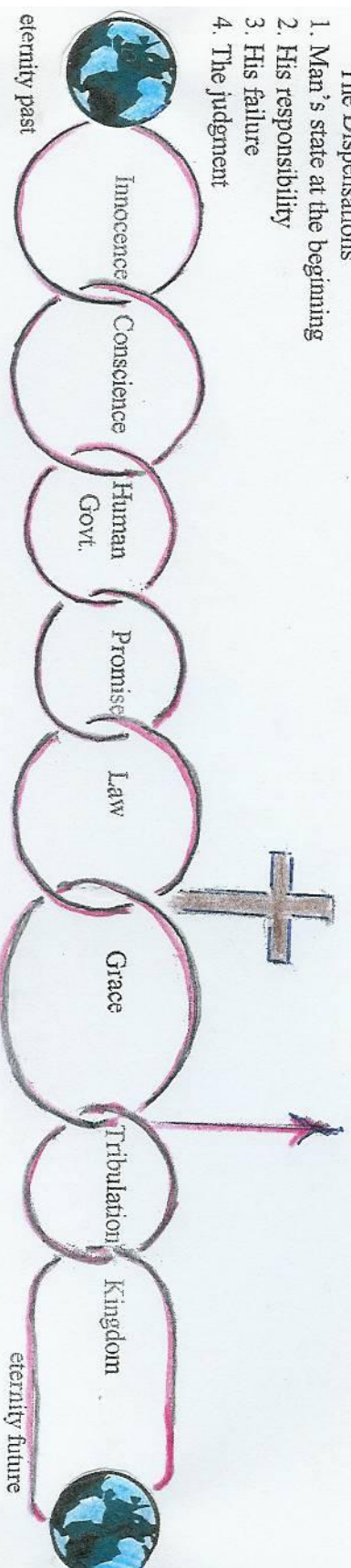
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PROPHECY CHART # 3 THE DISPENSATIONAL DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE THE CROSS IS THE CENTER OF ALL PROPHECY IN EVERY DISPENSATION SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

The Dispensations

1. Man's state at the beginning
2. His responsibility
3. His failure
4. The judgment



1. Innocence - From creation of Adam to his judgment
2. Conscience - From the fall of Adam to the flood
3. Human Govt. - From the end of the flood to the judgment at Babel
4. Promise - From Abraham to the giving of the law
5. The Law - From the law of Moses to the cross of Calvary
6. Grace - From the cross to the rapture
7. The Kingdom - From the end of the tribulation to the great white throne

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Doctrine of the Covenants

Definition Hebrew *beriyth* = a compact; a league; (in the sense of a cutting because made by passing between pieces of flesh)

A covenant is an agreement God made between Himself and man. The significance of the idea of a cutting between pieces of flesh is that God had to take on flesh and shed His blood for humanity.

There are two kinds of covenants. 1. Conditional; based on “if thou will.” It is up to man to keep the conditions. 2. Unconditional; based “I will” which means God will perform the covenant regardless of what man does.

Edenic covenant - Gen. 2:16 Adam was to live forever in the garden if he did not eat of the forbidden fruit. (conditional)

The consequences - Adam would die spiritually and begin to die physically. Also, sin and death were passed on to all humanity.

The result - Adam failed and the result is sin and death and God was condemned to die on the cross for the sins of man. Gen. 2:16,17 3:1-7 3:15

Adamic covenant - Gen. 3:14-19 This is really an unconditional covenant. It is the result of Adams sin. It reveals the hardships of life as a result of sin.

Even more it describes the ‘enmity,’ (warfare) between Satan and humanity.

- a. The seed of the woman is ultimately Christ, and the seed of Christ are all the saved.
- b. The seed of Satan are all who reject Christ
- c. Genesis 3:15 reveals Christ death (bruise) and the defeat of Satan at the cross. (bruise his head)

Noahic covenant - Covenant formed Gen. 8:20-9:27 God would not destroy humanity by a flood. Man’s part was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.

In Genesis chapter ten we see the nations formed out of the seed of Noah. In this account of the flood we see Christ who is our Ark of divine protection.

Abrahamic covenant – Covenant formed Genesis 15:1-18 This covenant is unconditional (‘I will’)

The call of Abraham – Gen. 12:1-3 13:14-17 17:1-8 with Acts 7:3

This could also be called the covenant of promise because in this covenant God promised to Abraham a seed who is Christ, (Gal. 3:6-9,16) This seed would come in the genealogical line of Israel, (Matt. 1:1-17 Luke 3:23-38 John 4:22)

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In this covenant God promised a Savior would be born in the line of Israel. God also preached the gospel to Abraham and Abraham believed God. Gen. 15:1-6 with Romans 4:3 Gal. 3:6-9

Mosaic covenant – The covenant formed Exodus 19-30 This covenant is conditional, ‘if ye will obey’ Exodus 19:5

The law, besides the basic ten commandments, is divided into three parts.....

- a. The moral law
- b. The civil law
- c. The ceremonial law

Who the law was given to Israel Romans 3:1,2 9:4,5

Why was it given So they would be an example to the world..... Exodus 19:5,6

What the law would do Reveal the righteousness of God ... Exodus 19:5 Deuteronomy 4:6-9 Give long life and prosperity..... Deuteronomy 4:1 6:1,2,23-25

What the law did not do ... Save anyone ... Acts 13:39 Galatians 2:16

The law revealed the righteousness of God, when no man could meet, and therefore revealed my need of a Savior. Christ is the only one who ever fulfilled the law. The law pointed to Christ.

Christ and the law....

- a. He was under it. Matt. 3:13,15 Luke 17:12-14 22:8 Gal. 4:4
- b. He kept it. John 8:46 15:10
- c. He bore the curse of the law for sinners. 2 Cor. 5:21 Gal. 3:10-13 4:4,5
- d. His sacrifice took the place of and fulfilled all sacrifices and the priesthood. Heb. 9:11-15 10:1-12,20,27

Palestinian covenant - The covenant formed Deuteronomy 30:1-9 This covenant is historical and prophetic together.

It is basically a re-gathering of Israel and placing them in the promised land. At the present time Israel is in what is called the dispersion, (diaspora) which means they are not in their land as yet. Israel is scattered throughout the world. They long to be in their promised land.

Someday God will gather Israel and place them in their land.

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Davidic covenant - The covenant formed 2 Samuel 7:4-19 1 Chronicles 17:3-15

The promise to David that a King would sit on his throne in Jerusalem. According to this covenant this King and His kingdom would be forever.

Concerning the King

- a. He is the King of glory Psalm 24:7-10
- b. Born to a virgin and called Immanuel Isaiah 7:13,14
- c. Called 'the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6,7
- d. He will be called a 'Righteous Branch, the Lord our Righteousness.' Jeremiah 23:5,6
- e. He will establish the kingdom. Isaiah 11:10-12 Jeremiah 23:3-8 33:14-21 Ezekiel 37:22-28

The Kings first coming

- a. Confirmed to Mary Luke 1:30-33
- b. Born in Bethlehem Micah 5:2 Matt. 2:1-6
- c. The King at hand, or made manifest Zechariah 9:9 Matt. 3:1,2 4:17

The Davidic covenant will see the fruition of this covenant when Christ sets up His kingdom. At that time every covenant will be complete. Christ will rule from Jerusalem and Israel will be back in their land.

It is all because Christ went to the cross for redemption.

The New Covenant - The sacrifice of Christ formed the new covenant. All covenants point to the new covenant.

New covenant mentioned in prophecy. Jeremiah 31:31-40

New covenant in the New Testament. Hebrews 8:1 – 10:18

The new covenant includes Israel and the church. Ephesians 2:11 – 22 3:1 -8 Hebrews 11:1 – 22

Under the new covenant we have received two commandments. That is that we believe in Christ and love one another. 1 John 3:22,23

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Israel and the Church

According to the Bible God only sees two ethnic groups of People; they are Jew and Gentile. If you are not a Jew, you are a Gentile

There is no racial, color, place of birth, or status divisions, in the eyes of God.

There are only two kinds of people who live on the face of the earth; They are the Jew and the Gentile.

There are only two kinds of people who die and leave this earth; they are the saved and the lost. Throughout history humanity has been given the opportunity of putting their faith in the salvation provided by God.

The gospel: Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. Anyone who looked forward to the cross, and anyone who looks back to the cross, and believes He paid for their sin, has eternal life, and is saved. Anyone who does not believe that is lost.

Israel

Definition .. Israel = Hebrew *yisrael* = *He will rule as God*

The first time the word Israel is used in the Bible is in Genesis 32:28 when God renamed Jacob Israel.

After the flood man began to populate the earth. Out of that mass of humanity called Abraham to be the father of the Israel. (Gen. 12:1-3 15:1-6 17:1-3)

God told Abraham in Isaac his seed would be called and He would continue His covenant with Abraham through Isaac. (Gen. 15:3,4 17:20,21 21:12)

Isaac begot Jacob and Jacob was re-named Israel. Jacob had twelve sons and the mighty nation of Israel was established.

Their Responsibility

God promised Abraham a land. Israel was supposed to dwell in that land as a nation of God's people, and represent Him. They were supposed to shine forth as an example to all nations. (Exodus 19:3-8 Deuteronomy 18:9-14)

When God took Israel out of Egypt He gave them the law at Sinai. The law was not designed to save anyone. It revealed God's perfection and man's need of a Savior. It also pointed to their Savior; Christ.

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However, Israel used the law in order to be righteous before God.

A Peculiar Treasure

When God gave the law He stated that Israel would be a peculiar treasure. The word *peculiar* means wealth, jewel, treasure, and special. They were to be special above all nations. (Exodus 19:5,6)

Quite simply, they were given the responsibility of giving the gospel. They failed!!!

The King and the Kingdom

Israel's only concern was looking for their King, the Messiah, and the promised kingdom.

When their King did come, they rejected Him.

The Church

Just fifty days after Christ rose from the dead, on the day of Pentecost, he sent down the Holy Spirit, and a new dispensation began. We call it the church age, or the age of grace.

Israel has been temporarily set aside. In this present dispensation Christ is calling out His church. The word church means 'a called out assembly.'

The church is made up of Jew and Gentile. Anyone who hears and believes the gospel is made part of the church

Jesus Christ is the seed promised to Abraham in the genealogical line of Israel. He is the King Israel has been waiting for. They just do not know it.

Genealogical Line of David to Christ

David	Nathan -----	Luke 3:31 -----	Joseph	Christ
	Solomon -----	Matthew 1:1,6 -----	Mary	

Someday the church age will end at the rapture. When it does God will once again deal with His people Israel. They will go through the wrath of God. It is called the tribulation.

After the seven year tribulation, Christ will set up the kingdom promised to Israel in the Old Testament. It will last for 1000 years.

