

LESSON ONE

BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINES

(These are not in depth studies.)

Doctrine = The word doctrine in the Greek New Testament comes from two Greek words *didaskalia* which is instruction; learning; (the function of, or information) teaching and *didachee* which is instruction; been taught; (the act or the matter)

DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

Who needs it? According to the Bible all humanity needs salvation because there is no one righteous, or good enough to live in the presence of God.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (ref. also Romans 3:10 Psalm 14:1-3 53:1-3 Isaiah 53:6)

Why are we all sinners? Because of Adam and Eve's failure in the garden sin has been transferred to all humanity. In Genesis 3:1-5 Eve was deceived by Satan (ref. also 2 Corinthians 11:3 1 Timothy 2:13,14)

She took the fruit God commanded not to eat and gave to Adam and he ate the fruit. (ref. Genesis 3:8-13)

However, it is important to note that Adam was the one God commanded not to eat the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:17) And then God created Eve. Therefore it was Adam who disobeyed the command and became responsible for the sin upon all mankind. (Genesis 3:6 Romans 5:14,17 1 Corinthians 15:21,22)

God's part in His plan of salvation. Since God knew man would fail He already had a plan of salvation prepared. It requires shedding of innocent blood. Therefore God Himself would take on flesh and blood, and shed His blood for the sins of mankind.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This prophecy has been partially fulfilled. Satan, the old serpent bruised the heel of Jesus

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Christ when he had Him nailed to the cross. Someday Christ will bruise his head and it will be permanent.

God has done His part in the plan of salvation. He was born to a virgin. (Isaiah 7:14 9:6 with Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 2:1-14) He was God manifest in the flesh. (John 1:1,2,18 1 Timothy 3:16)

Jesus Christ went to the cross willingly. He was the only sinless person who ever lived. (ref. Matthew 27:4 Mark 10:18 Luke 18:19 23:39-41 Romans 5:18,19 2 Corinthians 5:21 1 Timothy 1:15 Hebrews 4:15)

In Genesis 3:21 God made coats of skin for Adam and Eve. In order to do this He had to shed the blood of an innocent animal. This was a type of the shed blood of innocent Jesus Christ the Lord.

The gospel - Throughout the gospels the gospel (good news message) was presented and fulfilled by Christ. The gospel is that Christ would die, be buried, and rise again for the forgiveness of sin. (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

When He went to the cross He provided salvation for all mankind.

Man's Part -

John 3:16 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.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

God has done His part. He died, was buried, and rose again. All man has to do is believe in, trust in, Jesus Christ as payment for sin. (ref. Acts 10:43 13:39 16:31)

Faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ as payment for sin is all man must do.

This completes part one of lesson one.

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QUIZ FOR PART ONE: THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION

1. According to Romans 3:10-12, 23 what is man's spiritual condition before God?
2. According to these verse how many people need to be saved?
3. According to 1 Timothy 1:15 and John 3:14-16 what part did God play in His plan of salvation?
4. According to John 3:15-18 6:47 and Acts 16:31 what is man's part in the plan of salvation?
5. From a good concordance define the word believe

DOCTRINE OF WORKS

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

There are two kinds of work mentioned in these verses. The labor and heavy laden mentioned in verse 28 is those who are trying to work their way to heaven. It is trying to follow mans religious rules and regulations. It is labor and heavy laden and will not work. It is trying to please God by mans efforts.

Romans 3:20 Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Salvation is a free gift by simple faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:15 6:23)

There is no work involved in salvation. (Romans 3:20 Ephesians 2:8, 9 Titus 3:5)

It is the first rest of Matthew 11:28 Our work is after we are saved. It is our service to Christ. It is the yoke of Matthew 11:29, 30. It is the second rest of verse 29. It is called our reasonable service in Romans 12:1, 2

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This completes part two of lesson one

QUIZ FOR PART TWO: DOCTRINE OF WORKS

Complete the following

1. Galatians 2:16 Knowing that _____ but by the _____ Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by _____
2. Ephesians 2:8,9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, _____ Vs. 9 _____.
3. What does Titus 3:5 tell us?
4. What does Titus 3:8 tell us?
5. What does works not do and what does our work do?

DOCTRINE OF WORKS AND FALSE RELIGION

Salvation is a free gift. It is provided by Jesus Christ the Lord who shed His blood on the cross. He died, was buried, and rose again for the forgiveness of sin, to all who believe in Him.

However, man is a religious animal. Man says that is just not good enough. "We must do something."

There is nothing wrong with good works, but not as part of the salvation process. Salvation is by faith not works.

Titus 3:9 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

The problem is mixing works with the salvation message is calling Jesus Christ, and all the authors of the Bible, who were divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, liars!!!

Jesus said, "Whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life." When we add anything to

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that simple message we call God a liar.

The church at Galatia was founded on the simple gospel. (Galatians 1:4 3:1) However, Paul condemned them for not adhering to the simple gospel. Paul said they had perverted the gospel, and made it another gospel. Paul stated that if anyone preach another gospel they should be accursed. (Galatians 1:6-9)

Some perversions of the modern day gospel. 'Ask Jesus into your heart.' 'Make Jesus the Lord of your Life.' 'Walking the aisle.' We call it things like the mourners-bench salvation. Or, the altar of repentance.' 'Repent of your sins.' (If repenting of your sins were part of the salvation process, salvation would be works and not grace)

Water baptism as part of the salvation plan is a perversion of the gospel. We call these things 'doctrines of demons.' (1 Timothy 4:1, 2)

Works and false religion is man's way of trying to please God and therefore being accepted by God. If that were true, God would be indebted to us and we not indebted to Him.

QUIZ FOR WORKS AND FALSE RELIGION

In 100 words or less list how many things our religious organizations do that are not according to the Bible.

DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

The Bible claims to be the Word of God. It is the truth.

The word Bible comes from a Greek word '*biblos*', and it means book; letter; scroll. In reality the Bible is a series of letters, or books, which make up the whole book. It is made up of two parts; The Old and the New Testaments. When studied together as a whole, it gives us the complete plan of God throughout the ages. It tells us how He feels and thinks

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about His creation. It proves itself to be the Word of God and the truth if we study it thoroughly.

There are 66 books in the Bible written by over forty different men over a period of 1500 years. (some books have no authors mentioned)

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

The word inspiration is the Greek word *theopneustos*. It comes from two Greek words, *theos* = God and *pneo* = to breathe. The Bible is inspired by God, or, literally God breathed.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The Bible is God breathed by the Holy Spirit of God. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17 2 Peter 1:19-21)

We are told to study the Bible and grow by what it teaches. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17 2 Tim. 2:15 1 Peter 2:2 Hebrews 5:11-6:1)

The Bible tells us that if we study the Word of God we will KNOW we have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

The Theme of the Bible

The theme that weaves the Bible together is faith. Faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ is what saves us from our sin. When we believe, have faith in, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, as payment for our sin we are forgiven.

Then we must have faith to serve. That comes from Bible study. (1 John 5:13) The more we study the Bible the more it proves itself, and our faith is increased.

Faith is what pleases God!!! (Hebrews 11:1-39)

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The Old Testament

There are thirty nine books in the Old Testament. Some have unknown authors. They are divided into three basic groups by Jesus Christ. (Luke 24:44) They are the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms.

The first five books are called the law, or the law of Moses. We call them the Pentateuch. These were written around 1400 B.C. The last book in the Old Testament is MALACHI. It was complete around 400 B.C.

The entire Old Testament was translated into the Greek language, and completed by 100 B.C. This is called the Septuagint.

The birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ fulfilled some 300 prophecies.

NOTE: The fact that the Old Testament was completed in 400 B.C. and was translated into the Greek by 100 B.C., and Jesus Christ was a literal historical figure, who fulfilled all these prophecies, proves the Bible can only be the Word of God, and Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah.

The Jews have their own translation of the Bible which is called the *Tanakh*. They call the first five books the *Torah*, *Nevi'im* = *the prophets*, the *Kethuvim* = *the writings*.

NOTE: Because the Jews were scattered around the world, and there were no vowels in the Jewish language, their language was becoming extinct. However, during 700 to 600 A.D. a group of people called the Masorites added accents and vowels to the Jewish language and preserved it. Their writings became known as the Masoretic text, which means Masar, or to hand down.

The New Testament

The New Testament may also be divided into three parts. The gospels; The book of Acts, which is the transitional book of the church age, and the rest of the New Testament. The last book of the new Testament, Revelation, was inspired to the Apostle John, and completed around 95 A.D.

The New Testament was written in Greek. There are 27 books in the New Testament. All

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have their authors mentioned except Hebrews.

The four gospels.... All four gospels are New Testament books giving Old Testament events. The birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, are fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. It is the fulfillment of the Messiah promised to Israel.

The book of Acts.... Acts records the transition from the age of the law (OT) into the church age, or the age of grace. (NT)

The rest of the NT is for exhortation, doctrine, revelation and etc.

God's Word Sent

The Bible is God's word sent to man in order to reveal the attributes of God. The Word of God is.....

Truth .. Psalm 138:2 John 17:17

EternalIsaiah 40:8

Not to be added to or taken away from....Deuteronomy 4:2 12:32 Proverbs 30:5,6

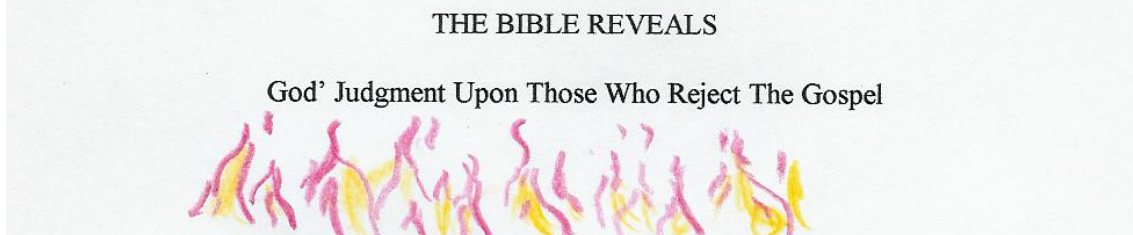
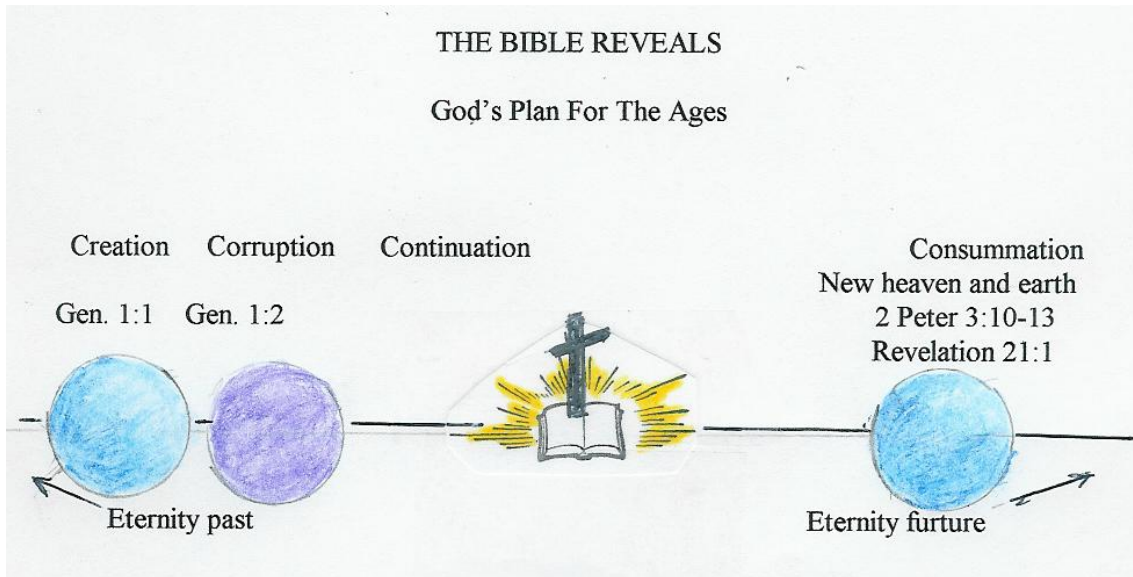
Revelation 22:18,19

Living Hebrews 4:12

Jesus Christ the Lord is referred to as the Word of God. John 1:1,2,14 1 John 1:1 5:7
He is eternal..... He is truth.... He is not to be added to or taken away from... (false religion) He is alive....

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QUIZ FOR DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE

1. According to Psalm 138:2 and John 17:17 the Word of God is?
2. According to Luke 24:44 the Old Testament reveals?
3. According to 2 Timothy 2:15 we must do what with the Bible? _____
4. According to 1 Peter 2:2 the Word will help us to...?
5. Explain 2: Timothy 3:16,17

DOCTRINE OF ETERNITY

According to the Bible there are only two ethnic groups in society. There is only Jew and Gentile. (Romans 10:12 1 Corinthians 1:22-24)

Out of those two groups there are only two kinds of people who leave this earth; the saved and the lost. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Both of these groups of people who leave this world will spend eternity somewhere. It is based on what a person does with the gospel. Either believe the gospel or reject it.

Eternity For The Believer

Eternity with Christ is guaranteed for the believer because of the following Biblical reasons.

1. Guaranteed by the words of Jesus Christ ----- Jesus said, ‘Whosoever believeth in me hath everlasting life...’ (John 6:47 with John 3:14-16 3:36) The words eternal and everlasting come from the Greek word *aionos*, and it means perpetual.
2. Guaranteed by the Bible which is inspired by the Holy Spirit.----- I.E. Eternal and everlasting life. 1 Peter 1:4,5 states that we have a home in heaven and it is kept by the power of God.
3. Guaranteed by the resurrection of Christ. ----- (Psalm 118:17,18 Hosea 6:2 John 14:19 1 Corinthians 15:21-23, 54-57)

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4. Guaranteed by the new birth. ----- John the Baptist said concerning Christ, “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost,” (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8 Luke 3:16 John 1:33)

In John 3:3,5-7 Jesus said, “You must be born again.” The new birth and the baptism of the Holy Spirit are the same thing. When we trust Christ as our Savior we are born again with the Holy Spirit.

NOTE: Baptize means to immerse. The Holy Spirit immerses all Christians.

In John 14:16,17 Christ said the Holy Spirit, who He calls the Comforter, would ---’abide with you forever’...’dwelleth with you, and shall be in you..’

If He is with you, and in you, and it is forever, then your eternity is forever.

In Ephesians 1:13,14 and 4:30 we are told the Holy Spirit seals every believer and He is the ‘earnest’ of our inheritance.

He is also called the promise of the Father according to John 14:16 and Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4 with Ephesians 1:13 and 1 John 2:25

The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of eternal life promise God the Father has kept His promise.

Every person who has trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior is guaranteed eternal life. It is because of the promise of the Father. It is the baptizing of and the indwelling and sealing of the Holy Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 3:13-17 tells us that the christian will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ. We will gain or lose rewards according to the life we lived on this earth. Yet each one ‘will be saved.’ (vs.15)

Eternity For The Unbeliever

Eternity for the unbeliever is eternal separation from God. It is called the ‘second death’ in Revelation 2:11 and Revelation 20:14.

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Everyone who has never trusted Jesus Christ as their Savior will ultimately be judged at the great white throne and cast into the 'lake of fire.' (the lake of fire --ref. Matthew 25:41 Revelation 19:20 20:6-15)

QUIZ FOR DOCTRINE OF ETERNITY

Using the following verses explain the importance of the Holy Spirit and the new birth.

John 3:3-7 3:16 John 14:16,17 Ephesians 1:13,14 Ephesians 4:30

Explain the significance of 1 Corinthians 3:16,17 with the new birth

DOCTRINE OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

GOD--Father .. Son.. Holy Spirit

God Revealed in the Old Testament

God is revealed in the Old Testament by His names, His actions, and inspired statements concerning Him. Following are a list of His names that reveal His personality.

Primary English form

Hebrew

God

El, Elah, or Elohim

LORD

Jehovah

Lord

Adon, or Adonai

Primary/ compound with EL = God

Almighty God

El Shaddai

Most High, or most high God

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El Elyon

El Olam

Primary / compound with Jehovah= LORD

LORD God

Jehovah Elohim

Lord GOD

Adonai Jehovah

Lord of Hosts

Jehovah Sabaoth

Translation of the Hebrew word El

El - As a name of Deity El is translated God in the Old Testament Scripture roughly 225 times. The primary meaning of El as God is the *strength, or the strong one*. (ref. Genesis 31:29 Psalm 73:4 Proverbs 3:27 Ezekiel 32:21 Micah 2:1)

Elah - Elah, intermediate between El and Elohim is presented as an object of worship through strength. *or, the strong one who is to be worshipped.*

Elohim - This Hebrew word printed as God in the Old Testament is a plural noun. It is used and translated as God 2300 times in the Old Testament. The meaning of Elohim is *the strong faithful one*.

Although the trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are not expressly declared in the Old Testament, the significance of Elohim is clear.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image

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The word God in both passages is the word Elohim and is a plural noun.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image.....

The word God in this passage is Elohim. Therefore, the Hebrew plural noun is used identifying God as the trinity.

El - Elah - Elohim = the strong faithful one who is to be trusted, obeyed, and worshipped.

Translation of the Hebrew word Jehovah

Jehovah as the Hebrew name for Deity is translated as LORD is *the self existent One who reveals Himself.*

Exodus 3:14,15 Thus thou shalt say to the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me.....

NOTE: The word almost always translated with a capitol letter and small caps LORD.

Jehovah is used as the distinctive redemptive name of Deity.

Seven Compound Names of Jehovah in Redemptive Relation to Man

Jehovah Jireh = The Lord will provide (ref. Genesis 22:13,14 with John 1:29 8:56 and Hebrews 11:17-19)

Jehovah Rapha = the Lord heals (ref. Exodus 15:26 with many N.T. references to the healing of Christ)

Jehovah Nissi = the Lord my banner (ref. Exodus 17:8-15 the name is interpreted by the context)

Jehovah Shalom = The Lord is peace (ref. Judges 6:24)

This is seen in the New Testament. In Romans 5:1 There is peace with God through Jesus Christ. That is the peace of salvation. Our sin separates us from God. (Rom. 5:9-11)

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Ephesians 2:11-15) But Christ breaks down the wall of separation and we have peace ‘with God.’

Then there is the ‘peace of God,’ which every Christian may enjoy throughout their lives. And that is the peace of serving Him. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Jehovah - Ra-ha = The Lord, my Shepherd (ref. Psalm 23:1-6)

The 23rd Psalm represents our past, present, and future relationship with Christ our Savior. He is the Shepherd of His sheep. (ref. also Psalm 80:1 Isaiah 63:11 John 10:14)

Jehovah - Tsidkenu = The Lord our righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

No man has any righteousness on his own merit or good works. Religion will not make a person righteous. The only righteousness we have is given to us by Christ when we trust Him as our Savior. (ref. Genesis 15:16 with Romans 4:1-5 Galatians 3:6 and Romans 3:20-22)

Lord

Hebrew = Adonai = ‘Master

The primary meaning of Adonai is master. In the Old Testament it is applied to Deity and man. (ref. Genesis 23:6 32:4 Numbers 12:11 Ruth 2:13)

It is used of master and servant and husband and wife.

In the New Testament it shows the relationship between Christ and the believer. (ref. John 13:13 2 Corinthians 11:2,3)

Almighty God

Hebrew = El Shaddai = ‘the strong sufficient one who gives

It is formed from the Hebrew word ‘shad,’ the breast. (consider a babe who derives comfort

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from the mothers breast)

Therefore, El Shaddai is the one who gives comfort, the satisfier, the nourisher, and etc.
(ref. Genesis 49:25 Psalm 22:9 Isaiah 28:9)

NOTE: Jesus Christ is referred to as Mighty or Almighty God; *Isaiah 9:6 Revelation 1:8*

Most High, or most high God

Hebrew = El Elyon

Elyon simply means highest. (ref. Genesis 14:1-17 Deuteronomy 32:8 Daniel 4:34,35)

Everlasting God

Hebrew = El Olam

The God of hidden or secret things. (translated as hidden in Lev. 5:2 as 'hid' in 2 Kings 4:27 as 'hidest' in Psalm 10:1)

LORD God

Hebrew = Jehovah Elohim

In the use of these names of deity we see.....

In relation to man 1. As Creator - Genesis 2:7-15 2. Morally in authority over man - Genesis 2:16,17 3. As creating and governing earthly relationships of man - Genesis 2:18-24 3:16-19 22:24 4. As redeeming man - Gen 3:8-15,21

In relation to Israel Genesis 24:7 28:13 Exo. 3:15 and many more

Lord GOD

Hebrew = Adonai Jehovah

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When these references to God are used together they represent the attributes of God.

LORD of Hosts

Hebrew = Jehovah Sabaoth

Psalm 24:10 The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory.

QUIZ FOR DOCTRINE OF GOD IN OLD TESTAMENT

Considering the Hebrew word for Jehovah is spelled with a capital 'L' and the rest is small 'caps,' do a study of Jeremiah chapter 50 and notice how many times the words Lord and God are used and the significance of each use.

This completes lesson one for Bible doctrines. Use the following procedure for completion.

1. Type the questions. Then answer the questions in type or legibly hand written.
2. Mail to Christian Bible Institute/ or Christian Bible Church 27 South Lake St. Madison, Ohio 44057
3. A King James Bible must be used and a good concordance is required, such as a Strongs Concordance.
4. Then proceed with next lesson.
5. Tests will be graded and sent back with notes

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DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

The Bible teaches that God is a trinity. False doctrine denies the trinity. Any religion that denies the trinity is contrary to the Bible and therefore cannot be considered biblical.

The trinity is seen in the very first verse of the Bible Genesis 1:1

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

The word God is translated from the word *elohim*, and is plural. (I.E. more than one)

However, since God the Father is not visible to man because of His perfection, He has made Himself visible in His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, and the Holy Spirit. Also since the Holy Spirit is not visible He is also made visible in various ways.

Jesus Said, *“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (Spirit).*

According to Jesus Christ God is a trinity. Jesus also made two more statements concerning the Father.

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; he hath declared him.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

What does all of that mean? It means.....

1. God the Father and God the Spirit are not visible to the human eye. The only way for any one to see God is through the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.
2. Even though Jesus Christ was physically visible in human flesh He was still “in the bosom of the Father.”
3. The only way to worship the Father is by the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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GOD THE SON

Jesus Christ the Lord is the center of all Bible prophecy. The Old Testament gives a picture of Him throughout. The Bible proves He is God. Notice the many truths concerning Him.

1. Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created. John 1:1-3,10 Colossians 1:15-17 Hebrews 1:2

2. God is eternal. Isaiah 44:6 with Revelation 1:8,11,17 22:13 John 17:5

3. Christ is one with the Father. John 8:56-59 10:30 12:44,45 16:28 17:1-26

4. He is the Savior of the world. 2 Kings 13:5 Isaiah 19:20 45:21 49:26 with Luke 2:11 1 Timothy 4:10

He is God manifest in the flesh. John 1:14,18 1 Timothy 3:16 Titus 2:11. Before He was born preparation was made for His divine birth. Hebrews 10:5-9

His names prove He is God

Jesus = the Greek translation of Jehoshua which is from the Hebrew Joshua, which means Jehovah is salvation, or, Jehovah is the Savior.

Christ = Christos; which means anointed, or, the anointed one. In the Old Testament the anointed was the priest or the king. (Psalm 105:15)

Lord = kurios; which means Lord, master, Sir, or anyone of authority.

Therefore, Jesus Christ the Lord.

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NOTE: The word Messiah also means the anointed one. The word is only used four times in the Bible. Twice in Daniel 9:25, 26 and in the New Testament in John 1:41 and 4:25

CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Since no man has seen God at any time, and He, Jesus Christ has revealed Him, then the Old Testament saints must have seen God in Christ.

Adam and Eve did when they hid from Him in the garden. He made coats of skin and clothed them. (Genesis 3:8-21)

Noah had to commune with Christ when he built the ark and God shut them in. (Genesis 7:1-16)

Abraham met with Christ. (Genesis 12:1-4 17:1-3 18:1-33)

Jacob met Christ. (Genesis 32:1-30 notice vs.30)

All of the Old Testament saints and prophets had a personal relationship with God in Christ.

Moses and seventy of the elders of Israel met God in Christ. (Exodus 24:9-12)

NOTE: When Christ appeared to people in the Old Testament it is called a theophany, or, the appearance of God.

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FIRST AND SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

When Christ came the first time His birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection, fulfilled a multitude of prophecies. Some say as many as 300. Listed below are just a few of those prophecies.

Genesis 3:15 49:10 Exodus 12:1-13 (the Passover Lamb) In Leviticus 23 Christ fulfilled the first four feasts of the Lord. The remaining three will be fulfilled at His second coming. Psalm 22 Isaiah 7:14 9:6 52:10 52:13-15 53:1-10 Daniel 9:24-26 Zechariah 9:9 and to many more to mention.

TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE COMING OF CHRIST

Testimony of the Scriptures ... The Old Testament predicted the coming of Christ the Savior, the Messiah. The New Testament confirmed it. (Luke 24:25-47 John 1:45 2:22 5:39, 46, 47)

Testimony of John the Baptist ... John the Baptist was a testament to Christ and the Scriptures since he fulfilled OT prophecy. (Matthew 3:1-17 Luke 1:5-25 3:1-20 with Isaiah 40:3-5 and Malachi 4:5, 6)

1. John the Baptist came to reveal Christ to Israel. (Isaiah 40:1-5 Malachi 3:1 with Matthew 3:- Luke 1:16 John 1:29-34)
2. He was last of Old Testament prophets. (Malachi 3:1 4)
3. He was not Elijah but came in the spirit and power of Elijah. (Matthew 11:1-15 17:2, 3 Luke 1:17 7:24-29 John 1:21-26)
4. He first declared Christ. (Matt. 3:1-16 John 1:15-32)

Testimony of the Father ... The Father has born witness of His Son Jesus Christ through the manifestation of Christ in the Old and New Testament. He has born witness of Christ through creation and fulfillment of prophecy. When Christ was baptized by John, the

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Father proclaimed, *“this is my beloved Son.....”* (Matt. 3:17)

John 5:37 And the Father himself, who hath sent me, hath born witness of me.....

The Father gave witness of His Son by offering Him on the cross for the sins of humanity and raising Him from the dead. (John 3:16)

Testimony of the Apostles and the O.T. Prophets

The apostles were, and are a testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His resurrection, their faith became solid, and they wrote of Him throughout the New Testament.

In the New Testament the preachers led many to Christ by proving the Old Testament prophecies concerning Him, and proving He was God in the flesh. (Acts 10:42, 43 Hebrews 2:3,4 1 Peter 1:10-12 2 Peter 1:14-18 1 John 1:1-4 Jude 17)

Testimony of His Brothers

Two of the books in the New Testament were written by brothers of Christ, or by children of Mary and Joseph. They are James and Jude. (James 1:1 Jude 1:1, 4, 21, 25)

Old and New Testament

Robert L. Sumner in his books *Jesus Christ is God* and *Personal Evangelism*, gives a list of Old and New Testament names showing Christ is God. Listed are just a few of his many references.

1. Isaiah 44:6 and 48:12 with Revelation 1:8, 11, 17, 18 and Revelation 2:8
2. Jeremiah 17:10 with John 2:24, 25 and Revelation 2:18, 23
3. Deuteronomy 31:8 with Matthew 28:20
4. Malachi 3:6 with Hebrews 13:8
5. Genesis 17:1 with Revelation 1:8
6. Isaiah 43:3 with Acts 3:14

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This is just a few of the literally hundreds of passages in the Old and New Testament relating Christ to the Jehovah of the Old Testament

QUIZ THE TRINITY / GOD THE SON

1. There are those who say Jesus Christ is not God. (Muslim, Jehovah Witness, Mormon, etc.) They claim He was a prophet, or a good man, but not God.
Compare Titus 1:3, 4 2:10,13 3:4, 6 with Isaiah 43:3,11 45:18,21, 22 49:26 and prove Jesus Christ is God.
2. There are those who claim He might be a god but not the mighty God.
Compare Isaiah 9:6 44:6 with Revelation 1:8 22:13 to prove they are wrong

DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is one with God the Father and God the Son.

NOTE: Matthew 3:16, 17 and Luke 3:21, 22 we have Jesus being baptized by the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” (The trinity)

The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead. The word Godhead is used three times in the New Testament.

1. Acts 17:29 = Greek *theios*
2. Romans 1:20 = Greek *theiotes*
3. Colossians 2:9 = Greek *theotes*

All three words originate from the Greek word *theos* which is the Greek form of the Hebrew for deity; divine; divinity; exceeding God.

The Holy Spirit has all the attributes of God the Father and God the Son.

1. He is *omnipresent* = Everywhere at all times (Psalm 139:1-13)

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2. He is *omniscient* = All knowing (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)
3. He is *omnipotent* = All powerful (Luke 1:35 Romans 15:13-19)

He took part in creation. Genesis 1:2

NOTE: If God the Father created, (Job 38:1-7) and God the Son created (John 1:3, 10 Colossians 1:16,17) and God the Holy Spirit, (Genesis 1:2) then God must be a trinity. Three, yet one.

He miraculously conceived Jesus Christ in the womb of Mary. (Matthew 1:18-21 Luke 1:26-35)

He baptized Christ (literally came upon Him and filled Him and immersed Him (Matthew 3:16, 17 Luke 3:22 and filled Him Luke 4:1) Once again the trinity

WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Baptizes all believers

The Holy Spirit baptizes all believers. (Matthew 3:11 Mark 1:8 Luke 3:16 John 1:33 John 3:3,5-8)

The word baptize means to immerse. The Holy Spirit immerses all believers

Promise of the Father

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father. The Father promised all believers they would be baptized by the Holy Spirit the second they believed in God the Son, Jesus Christ the Lord, as their Savior. (Luke 24:49 Acts 1:4)

Guarantee of eternal life

The promise of the Holy Spirit guarantees the believer of eternal life. You cannot lose your salvation after trusting Christ as our Savior. (2 Corinthians 1:18-22 1 Timothy 4:8 2 Timothy 1:1 Hebrews 9:14, 15 2 Peter 1:4 1 John 2:25)

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The Holy Spirit seals all believers

When anyone trusts Christ as their Savior they are sealed with the Holy Spirit. We are told He will.....

1. Dwell in us (John 14:17)
2. It is forever (John 14:16)
3. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13, 14)
4. He is the earnest of our inheritance (Ephesians 1:14 4:30)
5. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father and God the Son also dwell in every believer.
(Romans 8:9 1 Corinthians 2:12 3:16, 17 6:19,20 2 Corinthians 6:16 Ephesians 2:19-22 Colossians 1:27)

He gives wisdom and understanding

The Holy Spirit gives divine wisdom so the believer may have all understanding. (1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

He teaches us the Bible

The Holy Spirit will teach every believer the Bible if that person will study the word of God. (John 14:26 15:26 16:12-15)

He glorifies Christ

The Holy Spirit glorifies Christ (John 16:14)

He inspired the Bible

The Holy Spirit divinely inspired all the authors of the Bible in the Old and New Testaments (Luke 24:44 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 1 Peter 1:10-12 2 Peter 1:19-21)

The restrainer

The Holy Spirit is the one who restrains the works of evil. Even though He allows Satan and man to have a free will, He still restricts sin and the operation of Satan. If He did not, the world would be intolerable. (John 16:7-11 2 Thessalonians 2:6, 7)

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To the Christian He

1. Gives power (Matt. 12:28 Luke 11:20 Acts 19:11 Romans 15:19)
2. Gives gifts in order to serve Christ. Teaches us how to behave in this present evil world.
(Romans 12:1-13:14 Galatians 5:1-6:9 Ephesians 4:17-6:18)

Two of the most important things He does is indwell every Christian guaranteeing eternal life and glorifying Jesus Christ.

QUIZ THE HOLY SPIRIT

Do a brief commentary on 1 Corinthians chapter two. Explain the difference between the wisdom of man and the wisdom of God.

Give at least two modern day examples

DOCTRINE OF SATAN

HIS PAST

Creation

Satan is a created being. (Psalm 148:1-6 Ezekiel 28:13-15) He is one of the angels created by his Creator, who is God the Trinity.

He is not God. He has none of the attributes of God. (omniscient; omnipotent; omnipresent)

His failure

Originally his name was Lucifer. (Isaiah 14:12) which means *dawn; early; light*.

However because of pride and rebellion against God, (Isaiah 14:12-14 Ezekiel 28:12-19) he was cast out of the third heaven, (Isaiah 14:12 Luke 10:18) which is the throne, or eternal presence of God.

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His army Satan has a large army. He has one third of all the angels created. They followed him and were cast out of heaven. (Revelation 12:3,4) In the Old Testament they are called 'sons of God.' (ref. Job 1:6 2:1) In the New Testament they are called demons. Or devils.

Satan also has a large following of humanity. There are pastors who do not believe the Bible and what we call unsaved. (2 Corinthians 4:3,4 11:13,15) There are politicians, and leaders from all walks of life. They are called the seed of Satan. (Genesis 3:15)

Satan is called their father. (John 8:44)

His famous words

The four words he is most famous for are, "yea hath God said." (Genesis 3:1 Nothing has changed since he deceived Eve with those four words in the garden. "Yea hath God said," has founded every religion since the beginning of man.

His goal

To destroy humanity by making them either to reject the Lord Jesus Christ altogether or causing them to believe in a religious lie. In either case man will ultimately end up in hell for eternity.

He would also love to be worshipped. And. He is, although most do not even know they are worshipping him.

His main goal is to destroy the Word of God, the Bible. Or at least to distort it that it cannot be recognized. Thereby, he accomplishes all his goals. "Yea hath God said?"

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HIS PRESENT

For his present we will be concerned with his relationship to man from Adam and Eve to the end of the seven year tribulation.

Satan is not God and his attributes are the opposite of God. For example; God is love. (John 3:16) Satan is hate. (John 15:18, 19, 23, 24, 25)

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Because Satan is the opposite of God, so are his thoughts and actions, and the actions of his followers. It is called the ‘spirit of antichrist.’ (1 John 4:1-3)

Listed below are some of the attributes of Satan which are manifest in the antichrist society.

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| 1. Rejects the truth | John 8:40, 44, 45 |
| 2. Rejects Christ | John 8:13, 52, 53 |
| 3. Hypocrisy and false witnesses | Matthew 23 John 8:1-6 |
| 4. Does not understand the Bible | John 8:37, 38, 43 1 Corinthians 2:14 |
| 5. Worldly in thought and deeds | John 8:23 |
| 6. Liars | John 8:44, 55 |
| 7. Murderers | John 8:44 |
| 8. Think they know God | John 8:54, 55 |
| 9. Call evil good and good evil | Isaiah 5:20 Micah 3:2 |
| 10. Wise in their own sight | Isaiah 5:21 |
| 11. Reward the wicked | Isaiah 5:23 |
| 12. Take from the righteous | Isaiah 5:23 |
| 13. Perverts justice | Habakkuk 1:4 |
| 14. Deny creation | Romans 1:19-24 |
| 15. Deny Christ is God.... | 1 John 2:21-23 4:1-6 |
| 16. Has a works righteousness | Romans 10:1-4 |

And that is just the beginning!!!

He is called the.....

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| Prince of this world | John 12:32 14:30 |
| Prince of demons (devils) | Matthew 12:24 |
| Prince of the power of the air | Ephesians 2:2 |
| The adversary | 1 Peter 5:8 |
| The accuser | Revelation 12:10 |
| The deceiver | Revelation 12:9 |

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He enticed (provoked) David to sin 1 Chronicles 21:1

His many names

Satan = in the O.T. *Satan* = (Aramaic or Hebrew) attack; accuser

Satan = in the N.T. *Satanas* = (Greek form of the Hebrew) adversary

Devil = *Diabolos* = accuser; slanderer; to malign

Serpent = *in the O.T. nachash* = hiss; whisper; to cast a spell

Serpent = *in the N.T. ophis* = sly; cunning; with the idea of sharp vision

Dragon = *drakon* = a large serpent; to see

Beast = *therion* = a wild beast; from the root word meaning a beast of prey, or a beast that hunts. In the New Testament, the word is used of the Antichrist and the false prophet who is ruled by the power of Satan and have the mind of Satan.

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HIS FUTURE

Immediately following the rapture of the church a man who will be called the Antichrist will arise on the scene. (1 John 2:18) He is called the beast. (Revelation 13) He is also called the man of sin and the son of perdition. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

He is also called that wicked one whose coming is after the working of Satan. (2 Thessalonians 2:8, 9)

It will Satan's moment to shine. However, it will only last for seven years. At the end of the seven years Satan will be chained in a bottomless pit for 1000 years. (Revelation 20:1-3) At the end of the 1000 years he will be set loose to deceive humanity for one last

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time. (Revelation 20:7-9) Then he will be cast into the lake of fire for eternity. (Rev. 20:10)

QUIZ THE DOCTRINE OF SATAN

There are those who say the original sin began with Adam. It is true sin was transferred to man through Adam. However, is that where sin actually began (Ezekiel 28:15,16)

1. Do a brief study on Satan and his followers using Genesis 3:1 with 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 and determine how the gospel is distorted.
2. In Revelation 12:13, 17 and 13:2 how does the word dragon fit into the context?
3. This completes lesson two on Bible doctrines. Follow the procedure for lesson one
4. In Revelation 12:12, 15 how does the word serpent fit into the context?

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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 its individual charts is 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 manmade global warming are another lie of Satan. Someday the evolutionist and the E.P.A. will be out of a job.

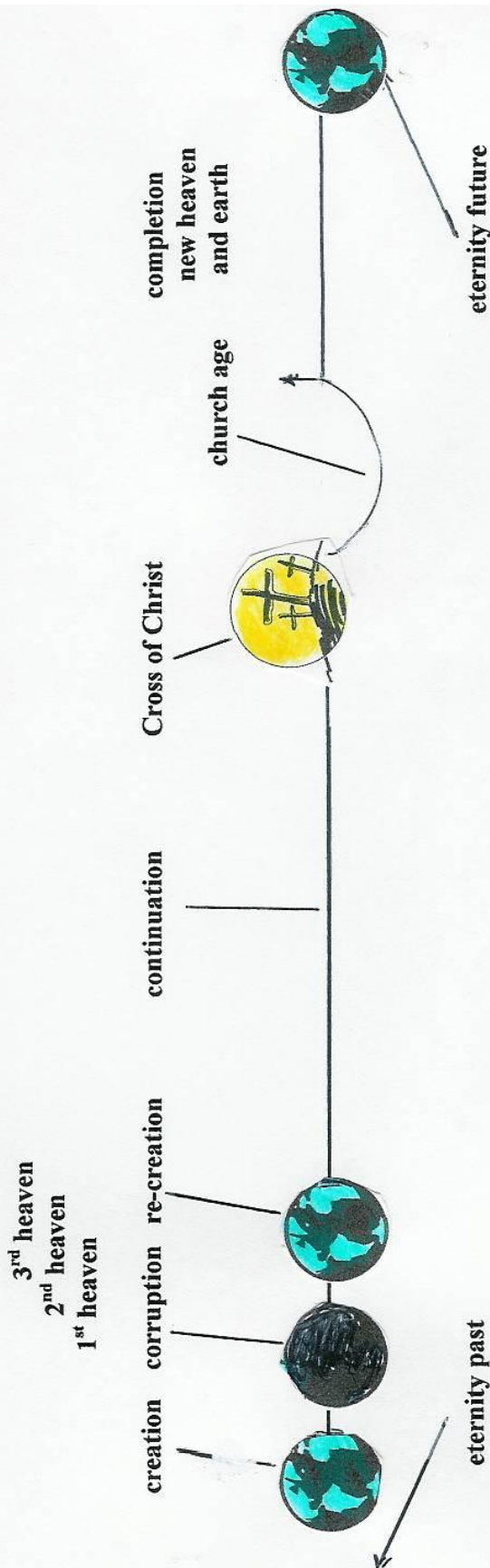
Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

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 he was cast out of the presence of God and the third heaven.

PROPHECY CHART # 1
FROM CREATION TO THE COMPLETION



all charts are based on this concept

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Doctrine of Creation

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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Doctrine of Major Judgments

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 everything in between is part of God's plane for the ages. If we put everything on one chart it would not be distinguishable. Therefore, we have provided 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.

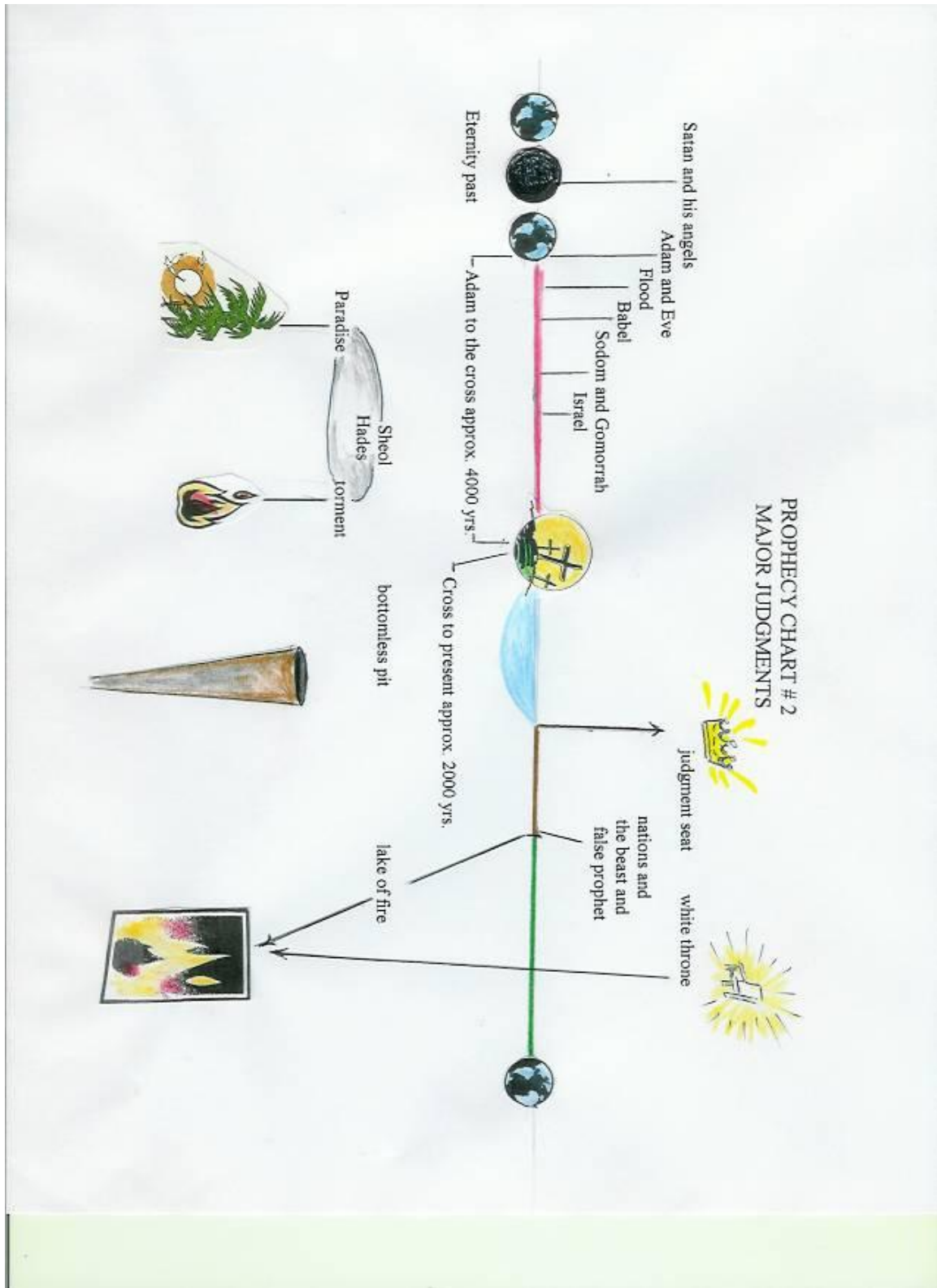
It is prophetic. It is declared in God's word, and He always keeps His word. There is no sin allowed in the presence of God. Therefore if man wants to live in the presence of God mankind must be sinless.

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

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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 let's 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, Zeboiim, 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. Everyone 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. (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 or 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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Doctrine of Major Judgments

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).

Doctrine of the Resurrections

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)

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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 reign 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.

“Every man in his own order.”

State of Being

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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 of 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.

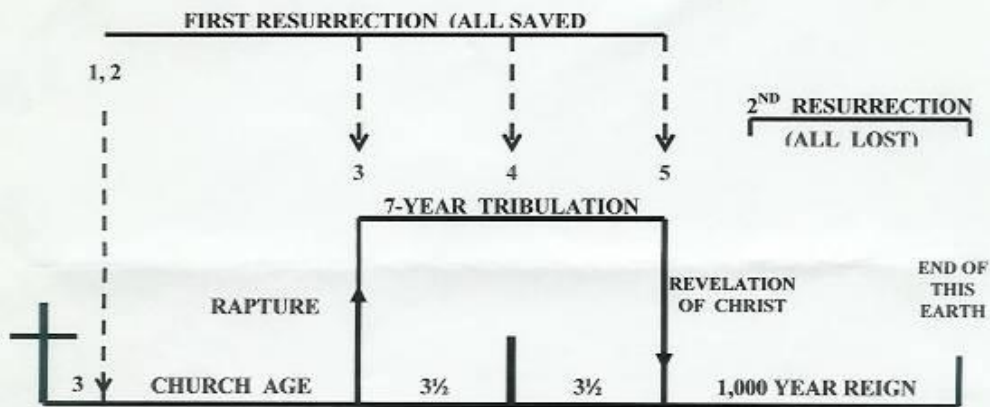
They will be judged according to their works and receive various degrees of punishment. The false prophets will probably receive the greater degree of punishment, because they taught a lie.

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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II. THE FIRST RESURRECTION

1. Christ resurrected.
(First Fruits) (I Cor. 15:20, 23)
2. Matthew 27:52,53, some resurrected after His resurrection.
(Sheaf Offering to God.).
3. Rapture. Those who have died and those alive. (The Harvest).
(I Cor. 15:49-54 & I Thess. 4:13-18).
4. Two Witnesses resurrected.
(Rev. 11:9-12).
5. Old Testament and Tribulation Saints resurrected to reign with Christ in the Kingdom. (The Gleanings). (Matt. 25:31-41).

III. SECOND RESURRECTION

All lost resurrected to the Great White Throne Judgment, then cast into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)

1. TWO RESURRECTIONS:

1. Daniel 12:2 (Saved & Lost)
2. John 5:29 (Saved & Lost)
3. Acts 24:15 (Saved & Lost)

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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.

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

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

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

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

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Man's state at the beginning | Genesis 7:1 Heb. 11:7 |
| b. His responsibility | Genesis 9:1, 6 |
| c. His failure | Genesis 11:1 – 4 |
| d. The judgment | Genesis 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. Genesis 12:1-3 13:14-17 15:1-6
- b. His responsibility. Genesis 26:2, 3
- c. His failure. Genesis 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 Chron. 36:16 Acts 2:22,23
- d. The judgment. 2 Kings 17:16-20 25:1-11 2 Chron. 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. 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
- h. After the 1000 years Satan will be let loose for a short time. -- Revelation 20:1-3,7-9

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PROPHECY CHART # 3

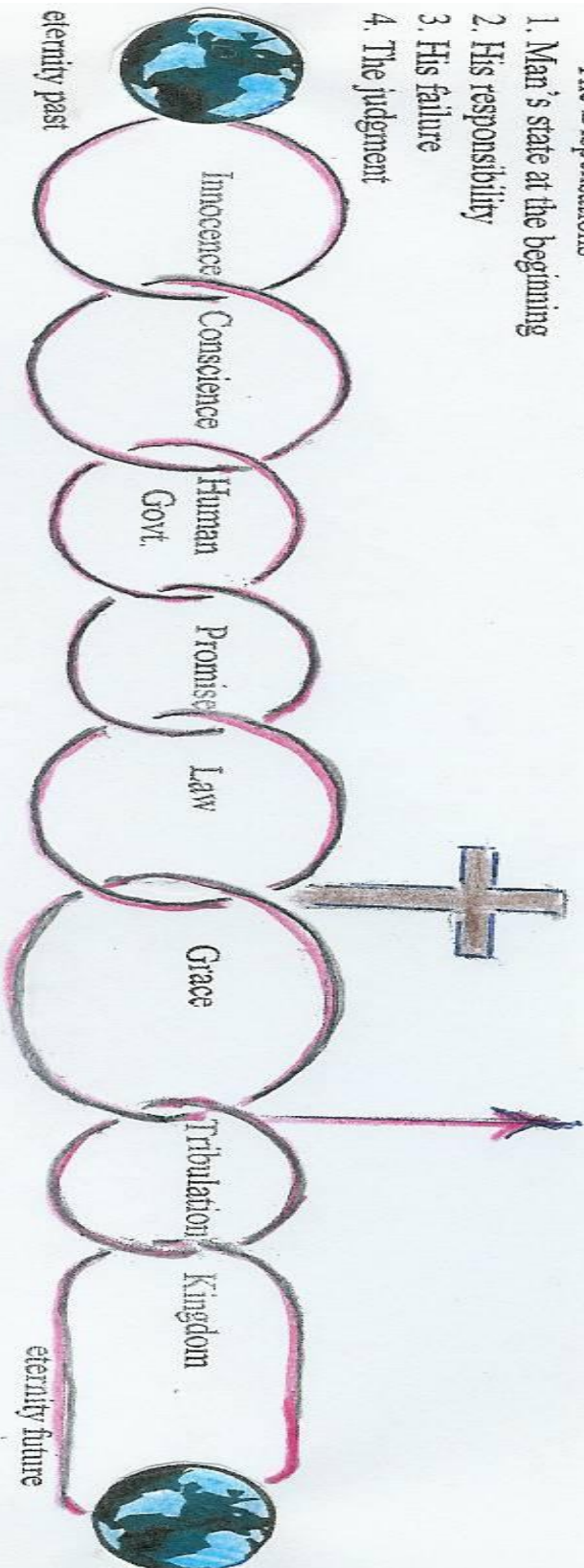
THE DISPENSATIONAL DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE

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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Bible Doctrine # 3

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 - Genesis 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. Genesis 2:16,17 3:1-7 3:15

Adamic covenant - Genesis 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 Genesis 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 – Genesis 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. Genesis 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. (Genesis 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. (Genesis 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

	Nathan ----- Luke 3:31 -----	Joseph
David		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.

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Israel and the Church

Israel is not the church and the church is not Israel. The church is not spiritual Israel as many seem to believe. The 144,000 mentioned in Revelation are not Gentiles as many ignorantly believe. They are male virgins taken out of the twelve tribes of Israel.

For more information concerning the church and the rapture see the book *The Rapture of the Church* by Dr. Dan Arbogast available online in pdf format.

QUIZ FOR BIBLE DOCTRINE THREE

Do a prophecy chart showing.....

1. The call of Abraham and use Scripture.
2. The Davidic covenant with Scripture reference
3. The new covenant, the church age, the rapture, the seven year tribulation, and the 1000 year kingdom
4. Do at least a 100 word essay giving your understanding of lesson three.