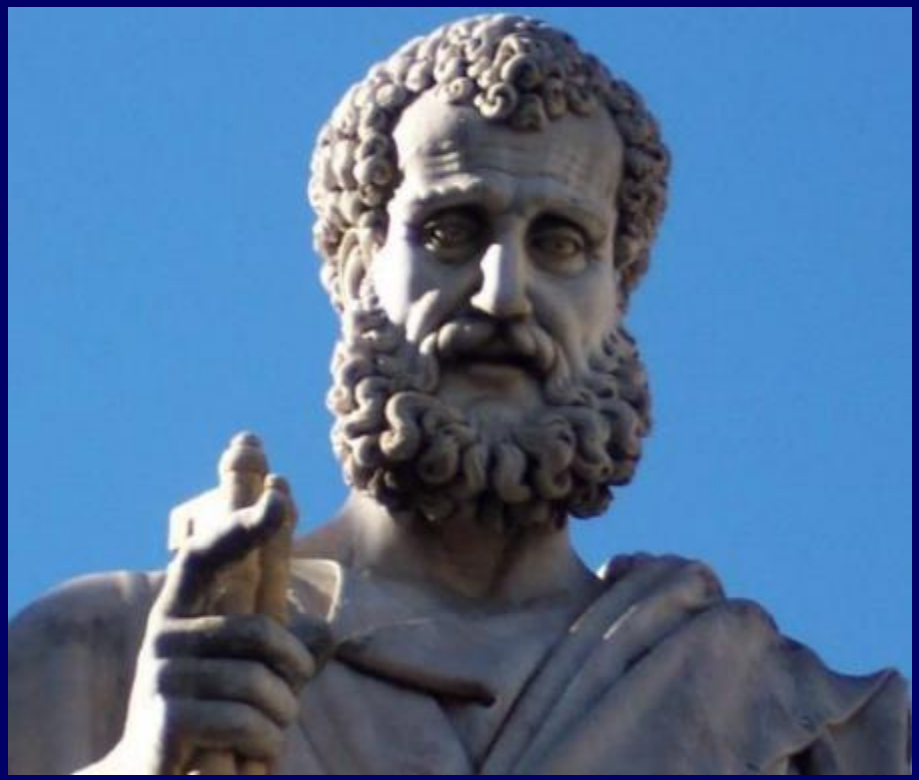
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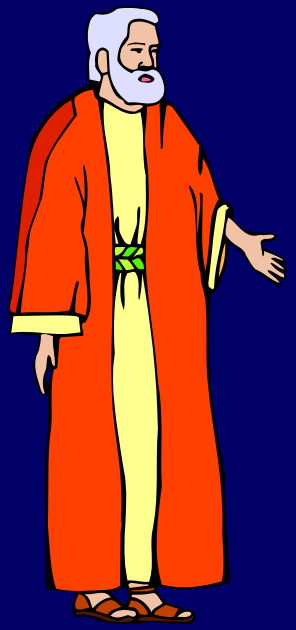
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INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

- Authorship: **Peter**
- Biography: **Gospels & Acts**
- Date: **A.D. 64**
- Recipients: **Regenerated, Asia Minor, Hebrews**
- Place of writing: **Babylon**
- Occasion for writing: **Incipient Gnosticism**
- Purpose: **Insulation from false teaching**
- Structure: **3 parts**
- Message: **Protection from false teachers**
- Unique characteristics: **Knowledge**

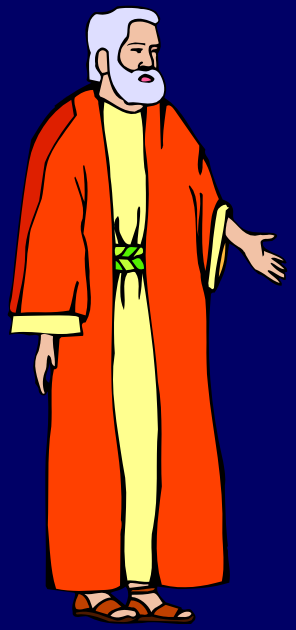


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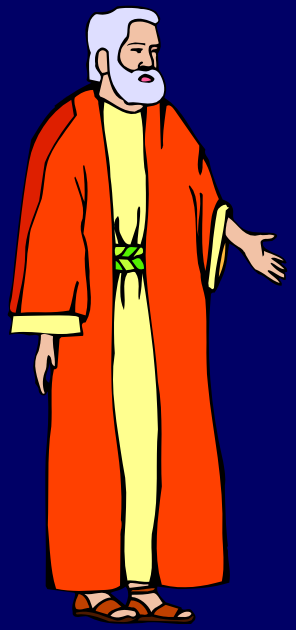
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- Call to Growth (1:3-11)
- Purpose Statement (1:12-15)
- Coming kingdom (1:16-21)

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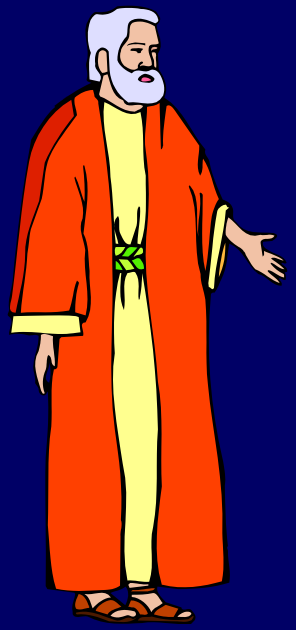
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3. Doom (2:4-9)
4. Depravity (2:10-16)
5. Emptiness (2:17-19)
6. Regression (2:20-22)



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<u>Arguments from</u>:

- History (5-7)
- Scripture (8)
- God's character (9)
- Divine promise (10)

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- Holy Living (11b, 14)
- Evangelism (12)
- Hope (13)
- Patience (15)



THREE CONCLUDING EXHORTATIONS

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REGARD THE GRACE OF GOD
(3:15)

- 2 Pet 3:9
- Paul as an example of God's grace
- God even used Paul to author Scripture

Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



Acts 8:3-4; 11:19

"[3] But **Saul** began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. [4] Therefore, those who had been **scattered** went about preaching the word…[19] So then those who were **scattered** because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone."



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BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS
(3:16-17)

- Paul's writings have given false teachers an opportunity
- Rev 22:18-19
- "Fall from your own steadfastness"?

Galatians 2:7-8

“7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, **just as Peter had been to the circumcised** 8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter **in his apostleship to the circumcised** effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles).”



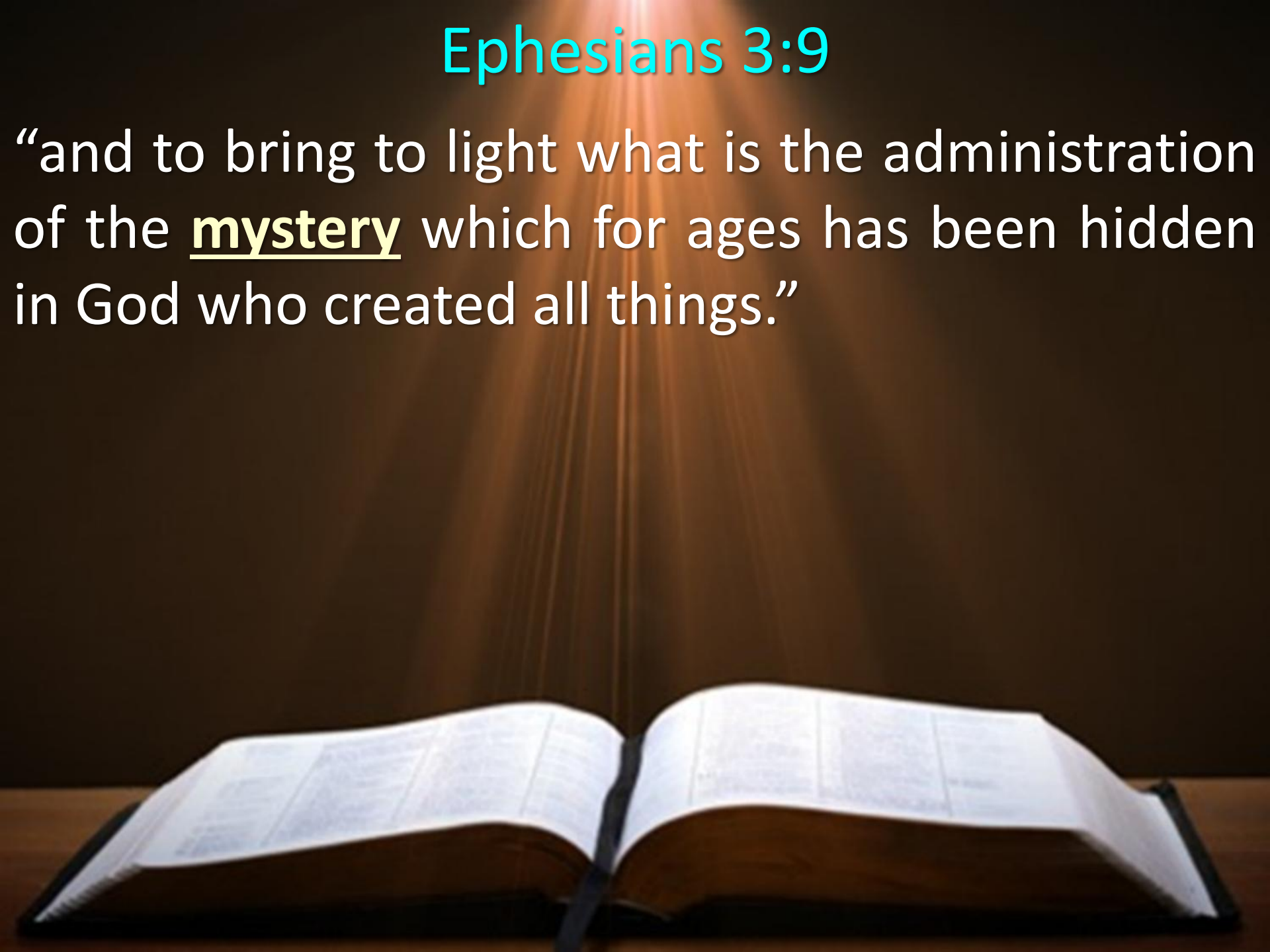
Ephesians 3:3-6

"that by revelation there was made known to me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in brief. [4] By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, [5] which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; [6] **to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus** through the gospel".



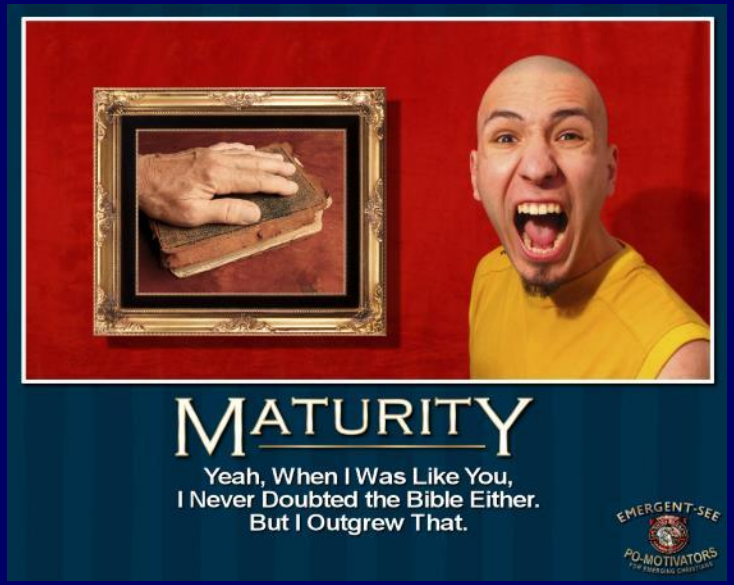
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"and to bring to light what is the administration of the **mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things."



EMERGENT EPISTEMOLOGY

"I grew up thinking that we've figured out the Bible…that we know what it means. Now I have no idea what most of it means."



Kristen Bell, wife of Rob Bell; quoted in *Christianity Today*, 11/1/04

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Revelation 22:18-19

"[18] I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; [19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will **take away his part [*meros*] from the tree of life and from the holy city**, which are written in this book."





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Shall Never Perish Forever, p. 274

"**To unbelievers who would add to God's Word in this fashion, the Lord promises to 'add to him the plagues that are written in this book.'** The plagues spoken of in the book of Revelation occur during that future period of God's judgment on the earth known as the Tribulation. If anyone reading Revelation accepts the invitation of verse 17 and becomes a believer in Christ prior to the Tribulation, that person will experience the pretribulational Rapture of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-18) rather than the plagues of the Tribulation (1 Thess. 5:1-3). **Therefore, the warning of Revelation 22:18 applies only to unbelievers**. This is not a warning to believers to stay saved or to be rewarded for their perseverance."



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"Verses 18-19 follow with a grave warning to unbelievers who would add to or subtract from the words of this book. **Either adding to or taking away from the Word of God is characteristic of unbelievers who cannot simply accept by faith what God says in His Word**. When God speaks, the response of the believing heart is simply 'Amen.' But the unbeliever does not accept what God says at face value, and so he must change the Word to suit himself."



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"A common characteristic of cults and religions that profess to be 'Christian' is that they invariably add other books, creeds, council decisions, or 'inspired' writings of their founder or leaders to the Bible, and they put these on a par with God's Word."

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Galatians 3:3

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Galatians 5:4

"You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace."



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Ephesians 4:11-16

“11 And He gave **some** as **apostles**, and some as **prophets**, and some as **evangelists**, and some as **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the **equipping** of the **saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up** of the body of Christ;” 13 until we all attain to the **unity** of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, to a **mature man**, to the measure of the **stature which** . . .



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"... **belongs to the fullness of Christ**. 14 As a **result**, we are no longer to be **children**, **tossed here and there by waves** and carried about by every **wind** of doctrine, by the **trickery of men**, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but **speaking** the **truth in love**, we are to **grow up** in **all** *aspects* into Him who is the head, even . . .



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2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
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Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

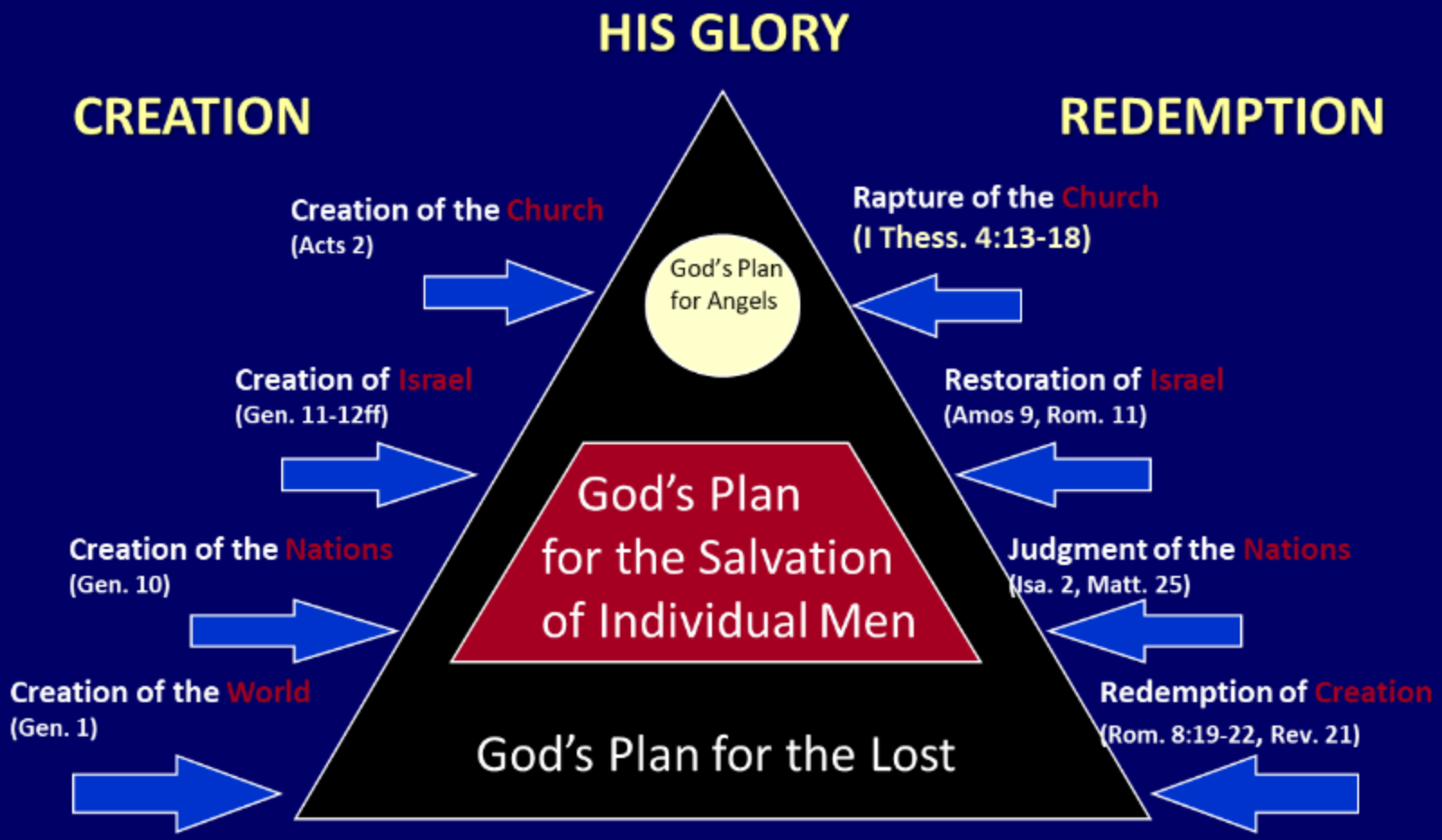
Doxological Purpose

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

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

Dictionary of Premillennial Theology, Charles Ryrie, p. 94

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



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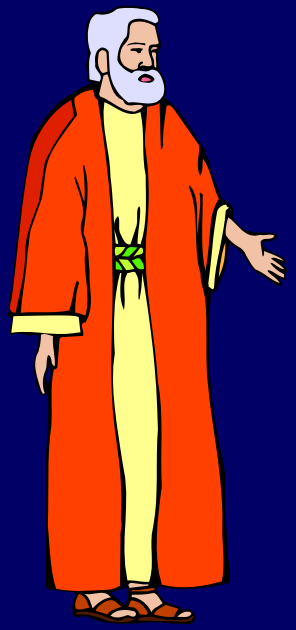
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