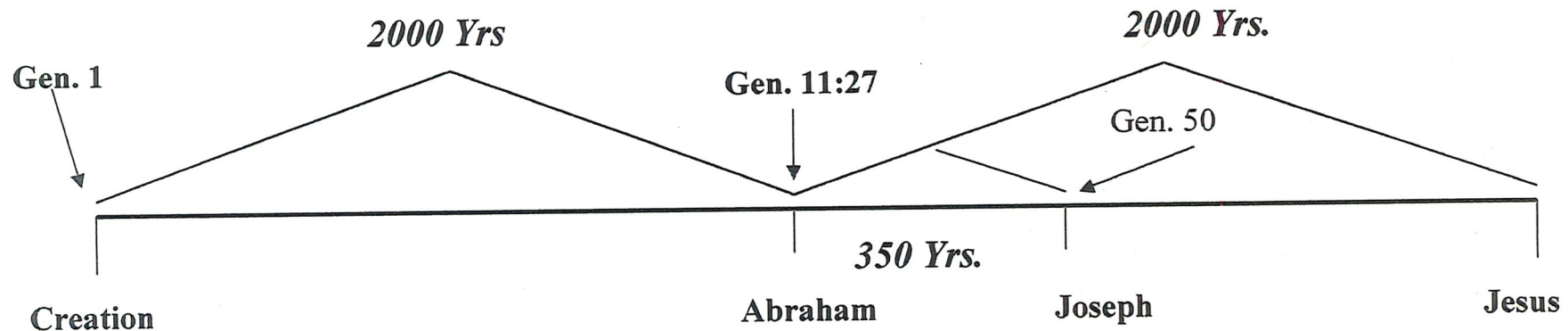


AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF GENESIS



4 Major Events

1. Creation, Gen. 1-2
2. The Fall, Gen. 3
3. The Flood, Gen. 6-8
4. The Tower, Gen. 11

4 Personalities

1. Abraham, Gen. 12-25
2. Isaac, Gen. 21-35
3. Jacob, Gen. 25-49
4. Joseph, Gen. 30:21-50

THE "FIRSTS" OF GENESIS

- The first mention of God, 1:1
- The first mention of God the Spirit, 1:2
- The first mention of God the Son, 1:3
- The first day, 1:5
- The first man, 1:27; 2:7
- The first woman, 1:27, 2:22
- The first time God rested, 2:2
- The first garden, 2:8
- The first command, 2:16
- The first warning, 2:17
- The first time something was said to be not good, 2:18
- The first marriage, 2:24
- The first temptation, 3:1-7
- The first time an animal spoke to a human, 3:1
- The first time God's Word was called into question, 3:4
- The first time man disobeyed God and sought to be independent, 3:6-7
- The first time man hide from God, 3:8
- The first time God brought judgment upon man, 3:16-19
- The first time God cursed anything, 3:14
- The first promise of a coming Savior, 3:15
- The first promise to destroy Satan, 3:15

THE "FIRSTS" OF GENESIS

- The first time an animal was killed, 3:21
- The first murder, 4:8
- The first development of the earth, 4:17-22
- The first genealogy, 5
- The first man taken to heaven, 5:24
- The first time God described the condition of man's heart, 6:5
- The first time God brought global judgment upon mankind, 6:13
- The first time God made a covenant with a man, 6:18
- The first time it rained, 7:4, 17
- The first time human government was established, 9:4-7
- The first time the human race banded together against God, 11:1:9
- The first time God promised to bless one man with personal prosperity, 12:1
- The first time a man's faith is reckoned as righteousness, 15:6
- The first time God spoke to someone in a dream, 15:12
- The first time God ratifies a covenant, 15:9-21
- The first time circumcision is introduced to the Hebrews, 17:10
- The first time God changed anyone's name, 17:5
- The first time God's judgment came in the form of fire and brimstone, 19:24
- The first time God asked for a human sacrifice, 22:1-2
- The first twins, 25:23
- The first act of genocide, 34:25

THE "FIRSTS" OF GENESIS

- The first interpretation of a dream, 40;8
- The first time a patriarch was told to leave the Promised Land, 46:2-3
- The first prophet of God, 49

THE THEMES OF GENESIS

- **The Origin of Life**
- **The Meaning of Life**
- **The Institution of Marriage**
- **The Honor of Labor**
- **The Need For Rest**
- **The Origin of Death**
- **The Establishment of Sacrifice**
- **The Institution of Family**
- **The Institution of Government**
- **The Formation of Nations**
- **The Formation of Israel**
- **The Meaning of a Covenantal Relationship**
- **The Motifs of Blessing and Cursing**
- **The Genealogies of the Chosen People of God**
- **The Son of Promise**
- **The Suffering of the Patriarchs**
- **The Failures of the Patriarchs**
- **The Faith of the Patriarchs**
- **The Fear of the Lord and Obeying Him is the Beginning of Wisdom**
- **The Hope in the Promises of God**

THE TITLES OF GOD IN GENESIS

- **God – Elohim = Strong One, Mighty Leader, Supreme Deity, 1:1**
- **Lord God – Yahweh = The Active, Self-Existent One, 2:4**
- **The God Who Sees, 16:13**
- **God Almighty 17:1**
- **God of Laughter, 21:6**
- **God Who Provides, 22:8**
- **God of Heaven and Earth, 24:3**
- **God of Abraham, 26:24**
- **God of Abraham and Isaac, 28:13**
- **God Who Remembers, 30:22**
- **God of My Fathers, 31:5**
- **The Angel of God, 31:11**
- **The God of Bethel, 31:13**
- **The God of Nahor, 31:53**

THE DOCTRINES OF GENESIS

- **The Veracity of the Word of God (Bibliology)**
- **The Nature of God (Theology Proper)**
 - **The love of God**
 - **The grace of God**
 - **The omnipotence of God (holding all power)**
 - **The omniscience of God (knows all actual and possible things)**
 - **The Immutability of God (unchanging and unchangeable)**
 - **Sovereignty of God (supreme ruler)**
 - **Holiness of God (set apart from His creation and righteous)**
 - **Justice of God (no respecter of persons)**
 - **The Trinity of God (one God in three persons)**
 - **The Truthfulness of God**
 - **The Faithfulness of God**
 - **The Judgment of God**
 - **The Beauty of God**
 - **The Goodness of God**
- **The Depravity of Man (Anthropology)**
- **The Promise of a Messiah (Soteriology)**
- **The Redemption of God (Soteriology)**
- **The Election of God (Soteriology)**
- **The Providence of God in History (Theology Proper)**

JESUS IN GENESIS

- **Jesus spoke the creation into existence, 1:3; John 1:1-3.**
- **Jesus was pictured through the flood and the safety of the ark, 6:14-8:22**
- **The preincarnate Christ visited Hagar when she felt hopeless in the desert 16:11-13.**
- **The preincarnate Christ visited Abraham before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, 18:1-33.**
- **In Abraham's obedience to offer Isaac as a sacrifice we have a picture of God the Father sacrificing God the Son at Calvary 22:1-24.**
- **Abraham sending his servant to a far away land to get a bride for his son Isaac is a picture of God the Father sending the Holy Spirit to earth to get a bride for God the Son, chap. 24.**
- **When Jacob wrestled with God in 32:24-30 he was wrestling with the preincarnate Christ.**
- **Joseph's entire life is a picture of Christ being sent from heaven to a hostile world to be killed and raised to glory to make a way for many to be saved 37-50.**

THE IMPORTANCE OF GENESIS

- **To Humanity**

The book of Genesis answers mans' most profound question of life.

- Who am I?
- Where did I come from?
- What is my purpose in life?
- The first eleven chapters of Genesis explains:
 - ❖ The Creation – the answer to where we came from who we are and what life is about
 - ❖ The Fall – the answer to how evil came into the world
 - ❖ The Flood – the answer to why government is important
 - ❖ The Tower – the answer to why globalism is wrong

- **To Christianity**

Christianity rests upon the Old Testament, thus without the book of Genesis the New Testament has no framework of reference and becomes meaningless. The ideas such as a Savior for the world, a King for Israel, and a future kingdom would not make sense apart from Genesis. This is why there is such an attack today on what is contained in the book of Genesis, regarding creation, marriage, the value of life, etc.

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- To the Bible

Genesis is the one book that is tied to every other book in the Bible.

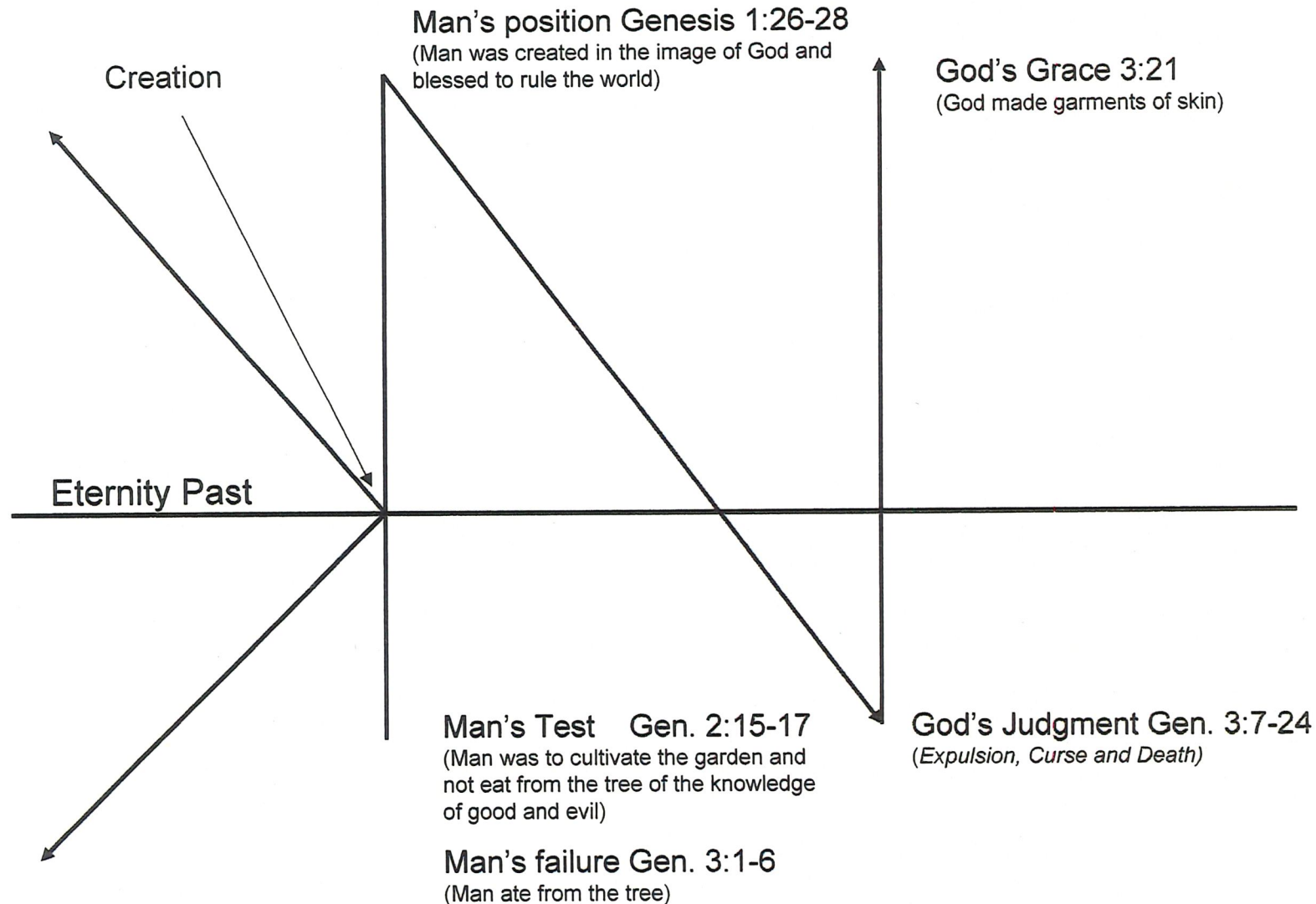
- Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, I & II Sam, I & II Kings, Ezra, and Nehemiah all chronicle the history of God's promise to make a great nation of Abraham.
- Job, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Ruth, I & II Chronicles, and Esther either fill in the gaps of Israel's national identity as Abraham's seed and God's chosen people, or they reveal the nature of the God of Genesis.
- Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon reveal how relational the God of Genesis is to mankind.
- The Major and Minor Prophets, of which there are 17 books, all address God's future promise to Adam to send a Savior and to Abraham to give him national and universal blessings.
- The Gospels are the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Savior to the world through the seed Abraham.
- The book of Acts and the Epistles are a partial fulfillment of the promise to Abraham to bless all the families of the earth through him
- The book of Revelation is the story of how God finally takes back what was affectively lost by sin in the Garden of Eden.

CHART OF THE AGES

A Dispensational Chart of the Ages

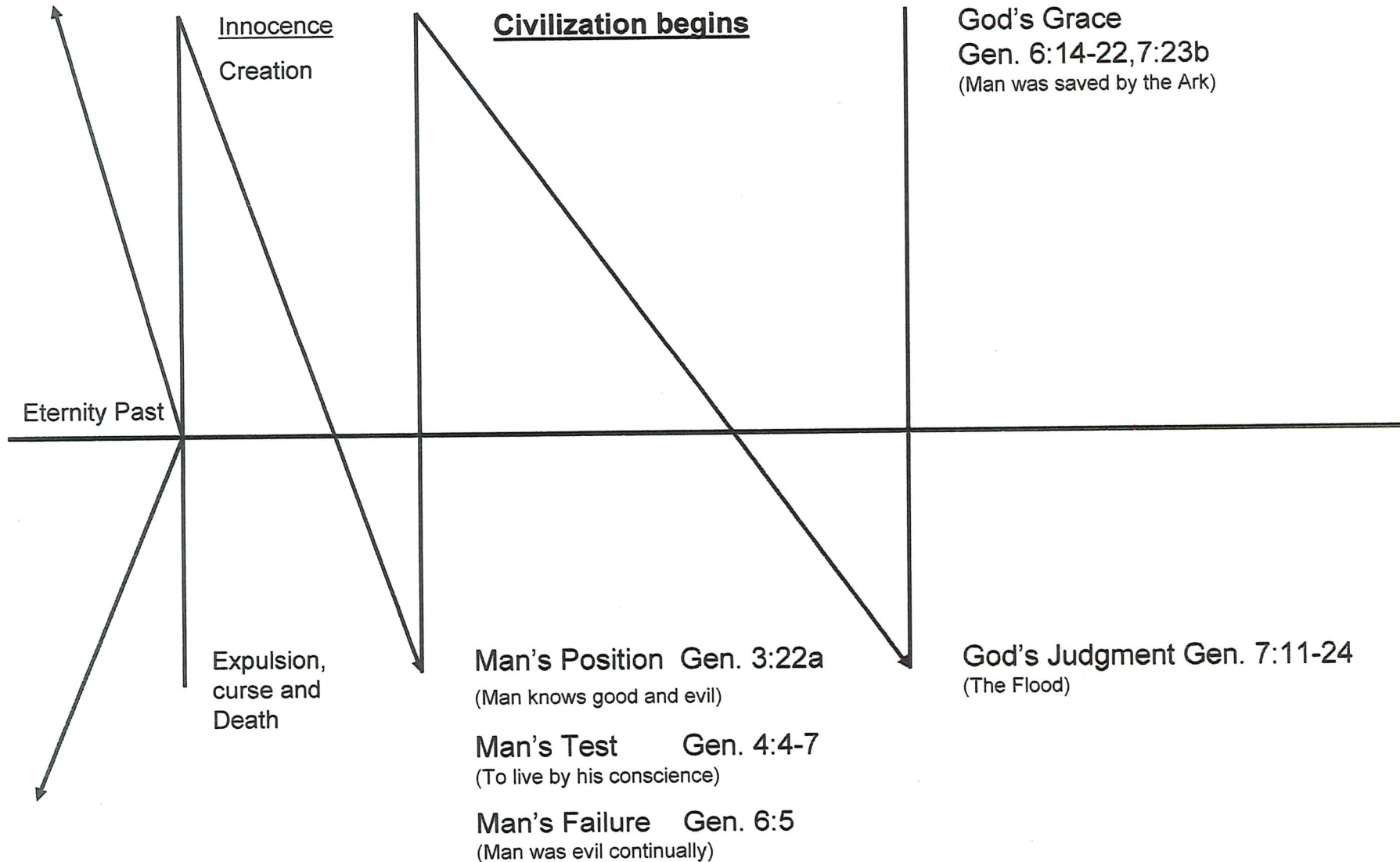
THE AGE OF INNOCENCE

Genesis 2:25



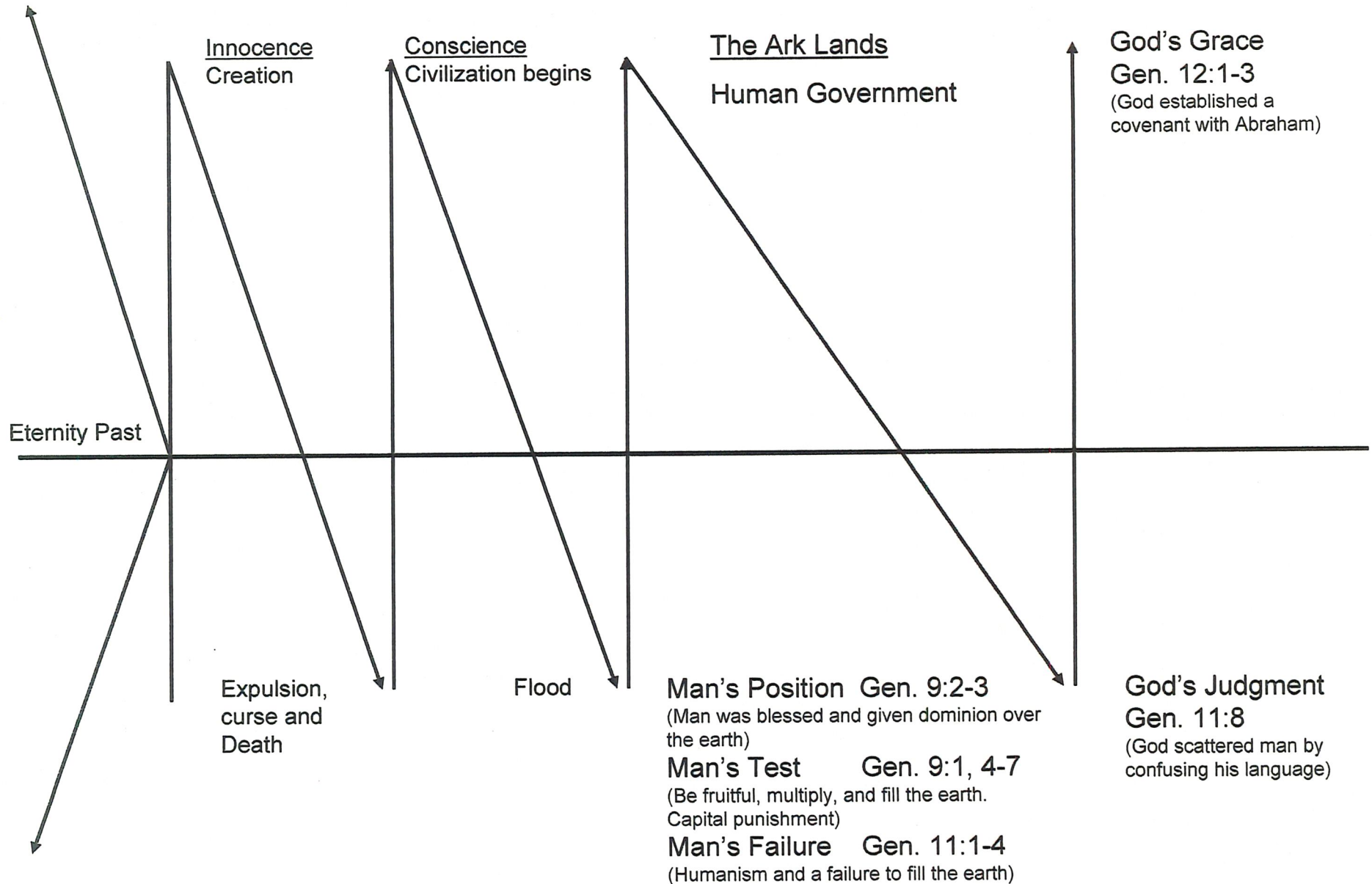
THE AGE OF CONSCIENCE

Genesis 4:9



THE AGE OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

Genesis 9:6



THE AGE OF PROMISE

Genesis 12:1-3

