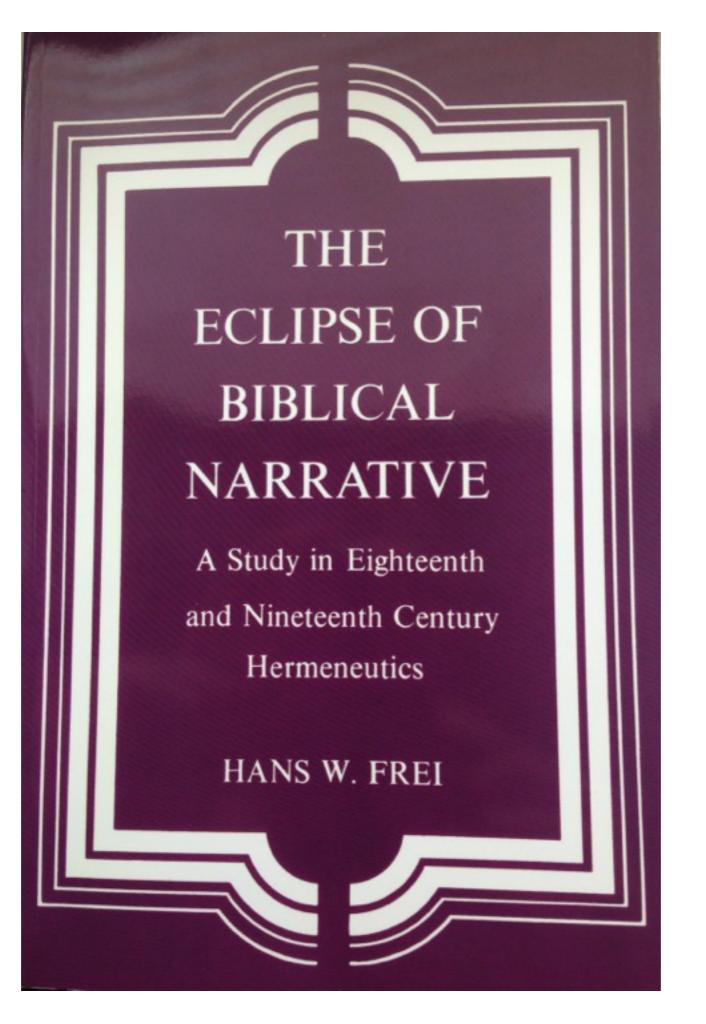
Bible as Story: From the Death of Scripture to a New 'Revelation'

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The Death of Scripture and the Rise of Biblical Studies



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Ellen White and the Question of Bible's Origins

Mental and Spiritual Culture

"BY KNOWLEDGE SHALL THE CHAMBERS BE FILLED WITH ALL PRECIOUS AND PLEASANT RICHES"

 F^{OR} the mind and the soul, as well as for the body, it is God's law that strength is acquired by effort. It is exercise that develops. In harmony with this law, God has provided in His word the means for mental and spiritual development.

The Bible contains all the principles that men need to understand in order to be fitted either for this life or for the life to come. And these principles may be understood by all. No one with a spirit to appreciate its teaching can read a single passage from the Bible without gaining from it some helpful thought. But the most valuable teaching of the Bible is not to be gained by occasional or disconnected study. Its great system of truth is not so presented as to be discerned by the hasty or careless reader. Many of its treasures lie far beneath the surface, and can be obtained only by diligent research and continuous effort. The truths that go to make up the great whole must be searched out and gathered up, "here a little, and there a little."¹

When thus searched out and brought together, they will be found to be perfectly fitted to one another. Each Gospel is a supplement to the others, every prophecy an

Effort in Bible Study

1 Isa. 28: 10.

A Perfect Whole

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explanation of another, every truth a development of some other truth. The types of the Jewish economy are made plain by the gospel. Every principle in the word of God has its place, every fact its bearing. And the complete structure, in design and execution, bears testimony to its Author. Such a structure no mind but that of the Infinite could conceive or fashion.

Intellectual Discipline 124

In searching out the various parts and studying their relationship, the highest faculties of the human mind are called into intense activity. No one can engage in such study without developing mental power.

And not alone in searching out truth and bringing it together does the mental value of Bible study consist. It consists also in the effort required to grasp the themes presented. The mind occupied with commonplace matters only, becomes dwarfed and enfeebled. If never tasked to comprehend grand and far-reaching truths, it after a time loses the power of growth. As a safeguard against this degeneracy, and a stimulus to development, nothing else can equal the study of God's word. As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined. The greatness of its themes, the dignified simplicity of its utterances, the beauty of its imagery, quicken and uplift the thoughts as nothing else can. No other study can impart such mental power as does the effort to grasp the stupendous truths of revelation. The mind thus brought in contact with the thoughts of the Infinite can not but expand and strengthen.

Spiritual Development And even greater is the power of the Bible in the development of the spiritual nature. Man, created for fellowship with God, can only in such fellowship find his real life and development. Created to find in God his

montal and Spiritual Culture 125 highest joy, he can find in nothing else that which can quiet the cravings of the heart, can satisfy the hunger and thirst of the soul. He who with sincere and teachable spirit studies God's word, seeking to comprehend its truths, will be brought in touch with its Author; and, except by his own choice, there is no limit to the possibilities of his development. In its wide range of style and subjects, the Bible has Range of something to interest every mind and appeal to every Style and Subj heart. In its pages are found history the most ancient; biography the truest to life; principles of government for the control of the state, for the regulation of the household,-principles that human wisdom has never equaled. It contains philosophy the most profound, poetry the sweetest and the most sublime, the most impassioned and the most pathetic. Immeasurably superior in value to the productions of any human author are the Bible writings, even when thus considered; but of infinitely wider scope, of infinitely greater value, are they when viewed in their relation to the grand central thought. Viewed in the light of this thought, every topic has a new significance. In the most simply stated truths are involved principles that are as high as heaven and that compass eternity. The central theme of the Bible, the theme about

which every other in the whole book clusters, is the redemption plan, the restoration in the human soul of the image of God. From the first intimation of hope in the sentence pronounced in Eden to that last glorious promise of the Revelation, "They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads,"1 the burden of every book and every passage of the Bible is the unfolding of this wondrous theme, man's uplifting,

1 Per 97:4.

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the power of God, "which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."¹

An Infinite Field

He who grasps this thought has before him an infinite field for study. He has the key that will unlock to him the whole treasure-house of God's word.

The science of redemption is the science of all sciences; the science that is the study of the angels and of all the intelligences of the unfallen worlds; the science that engages the attention of our Lord and Saviour; the science that enters into the purpose brooded in the mind of the Infinite,—" kept in silence through times eternal;"² the science that will be the study of God's redeemed throughout endless ages. This is the highest study in which it is possible for man to engage. As no other study can, it will quicken the mind and uplift the soul.

Truths Life-Begetting "The excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." "The words that I speak unto you," said Jesus, "they are spirit, and they are life." "This is life eternal, that they should know Thee the only true God, and Him whom Thou didst send."⁸

The creative energy that called the worlds into existence is in the word of God. This word imparts power; it begets life. Every command is a promise; accepted by the will, received into the soul, it brings with it the life of the Infinite One. It transforms the nature, and re-creates the soul in the image of God. The life thus imparted is in like manner sustained. "By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God "⁴ shall man live.

The mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds; and it rests with us to determine upon what it

¹ I Cor. 15:57. ³Eccl. 7:12; John 6:63; 17:3, R. V. ⁴ Matt. 4:4.

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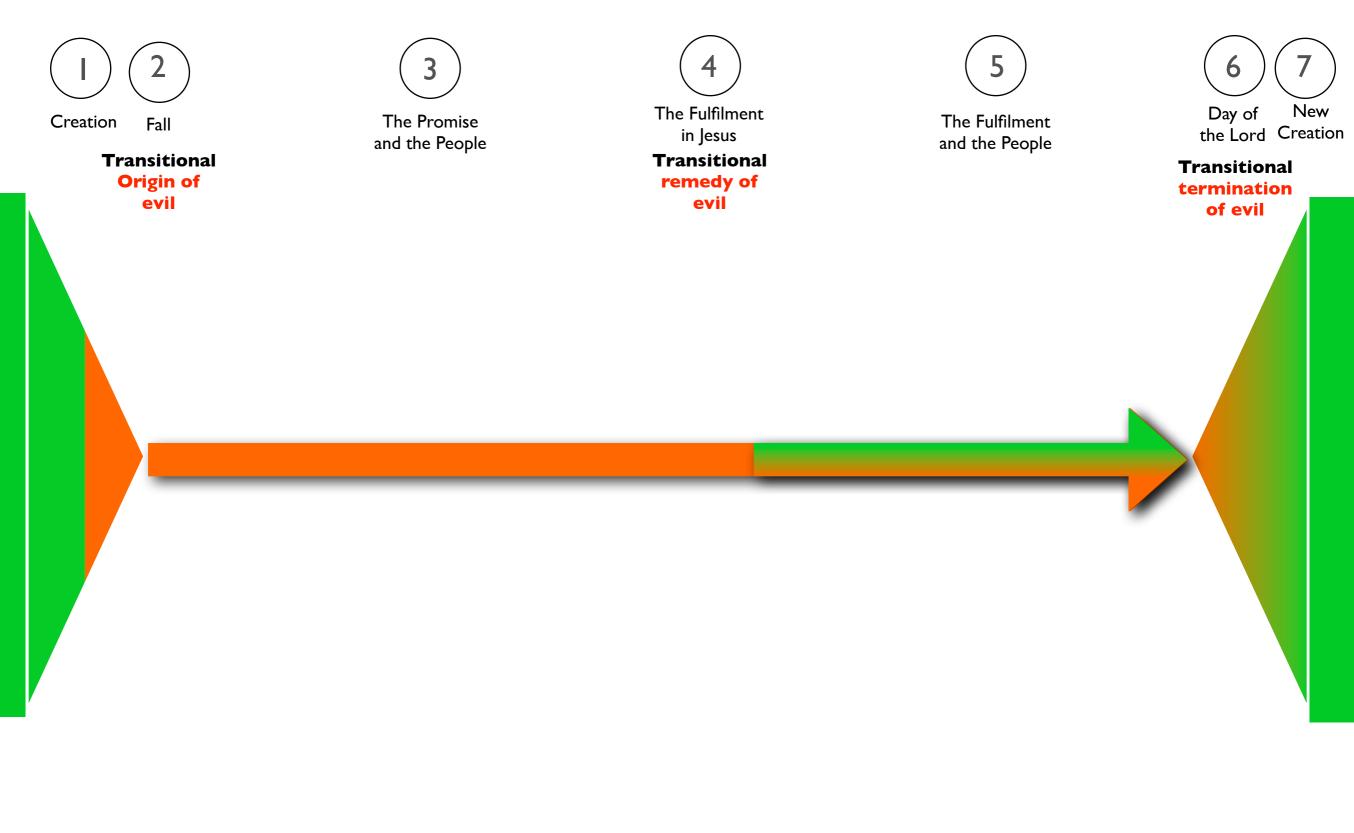
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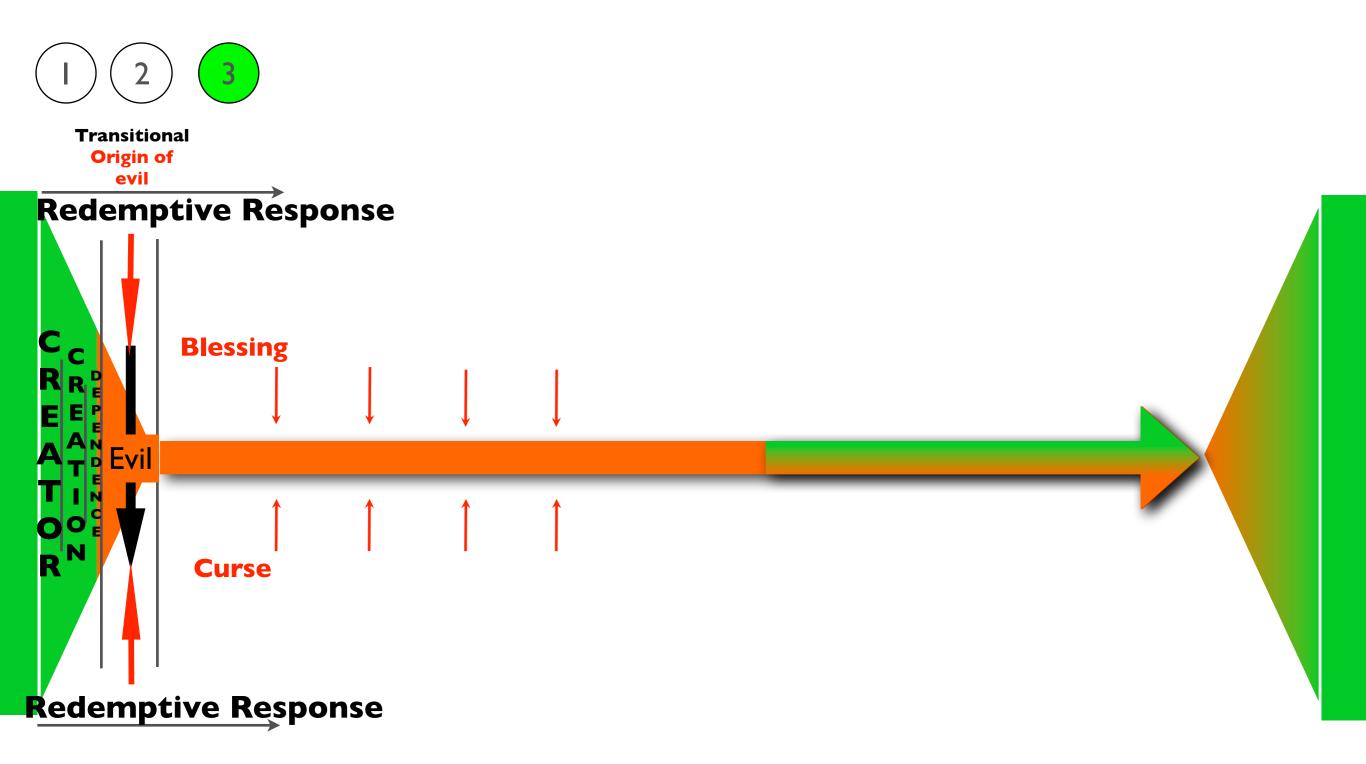
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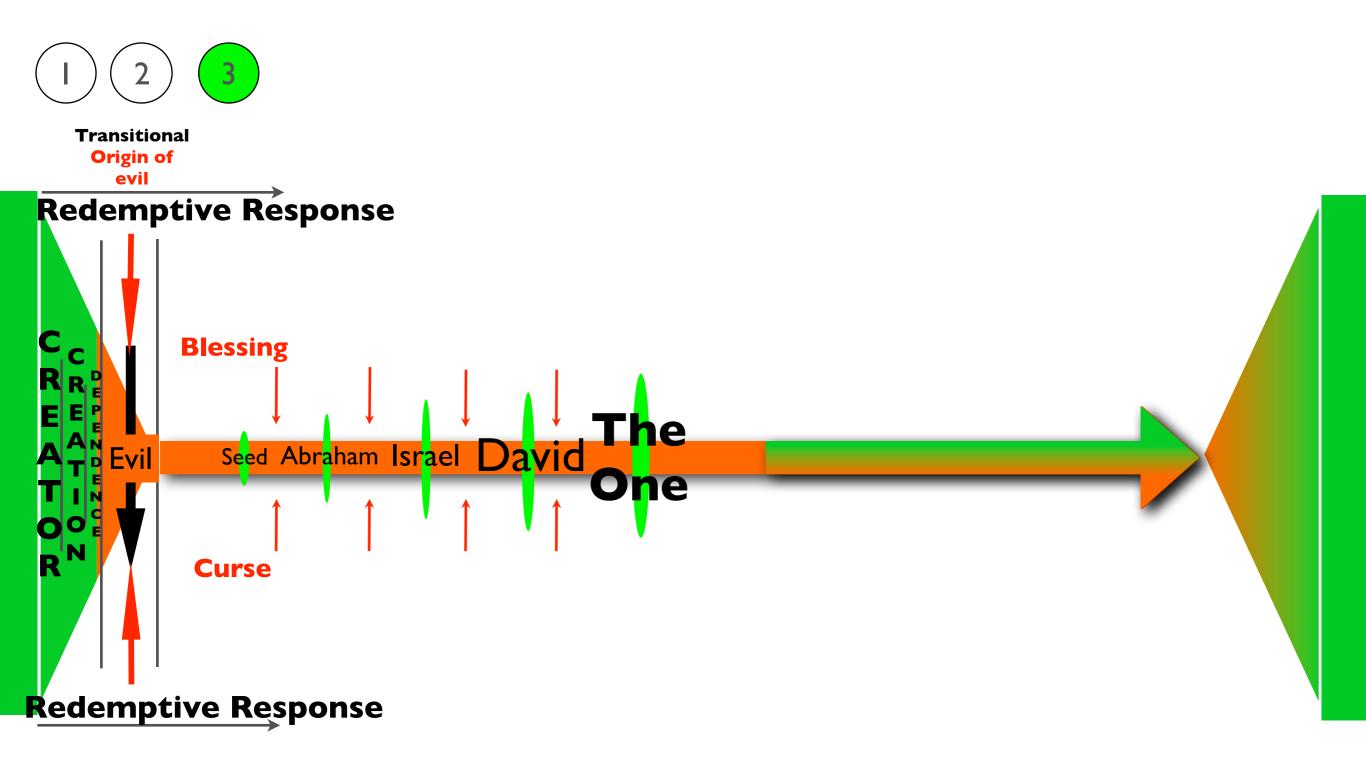
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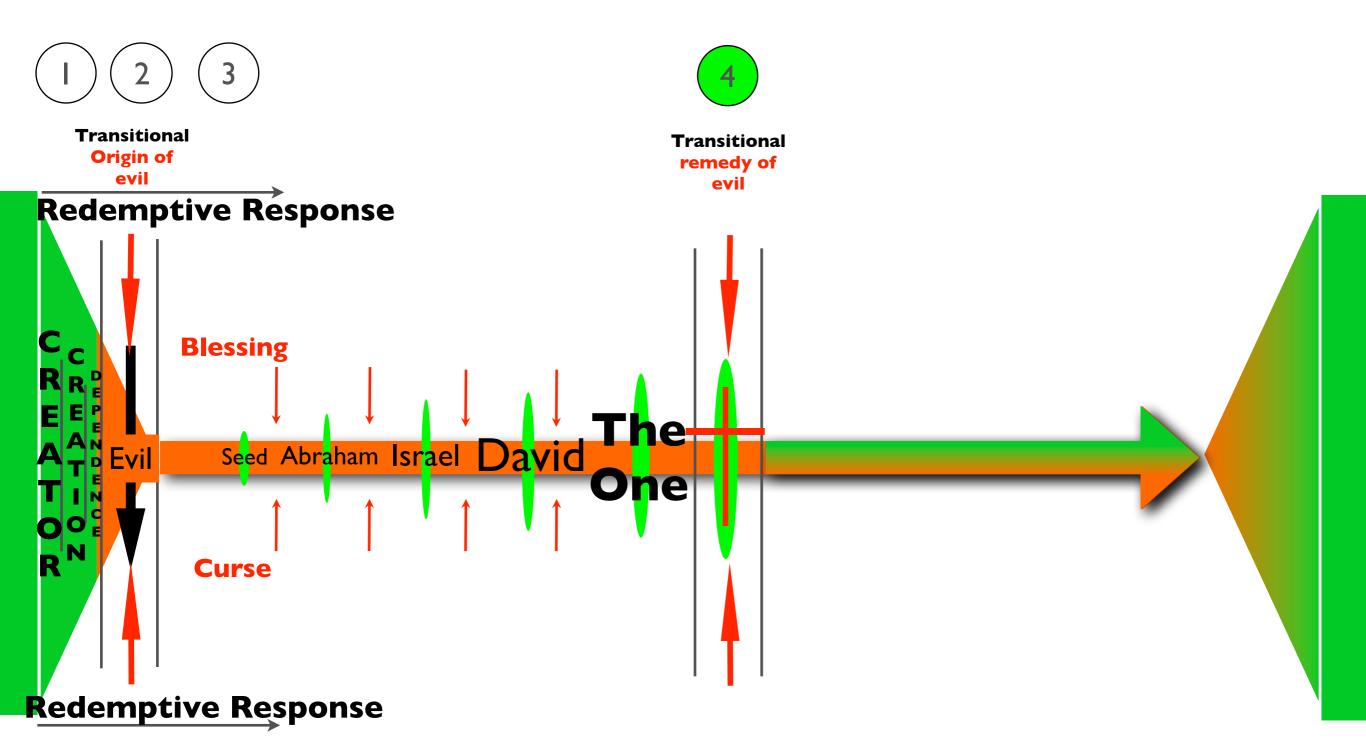


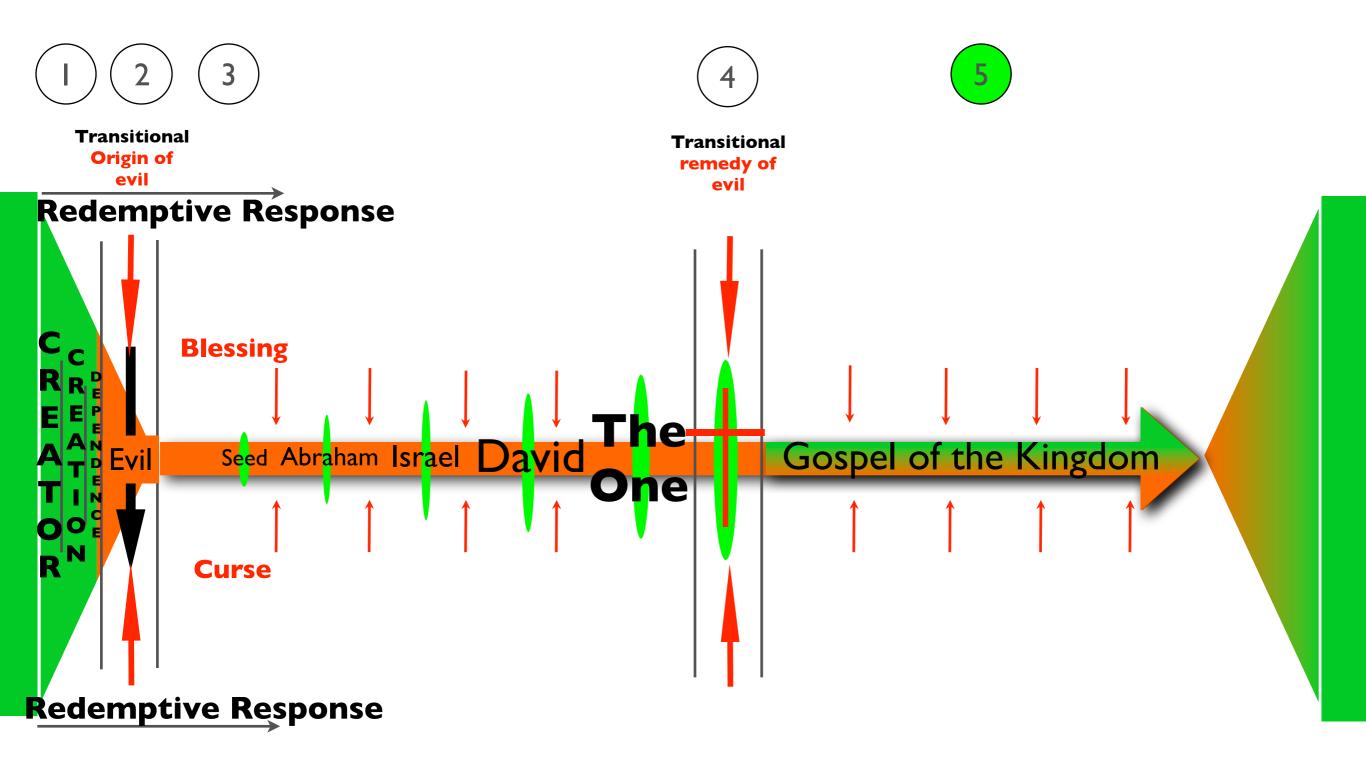


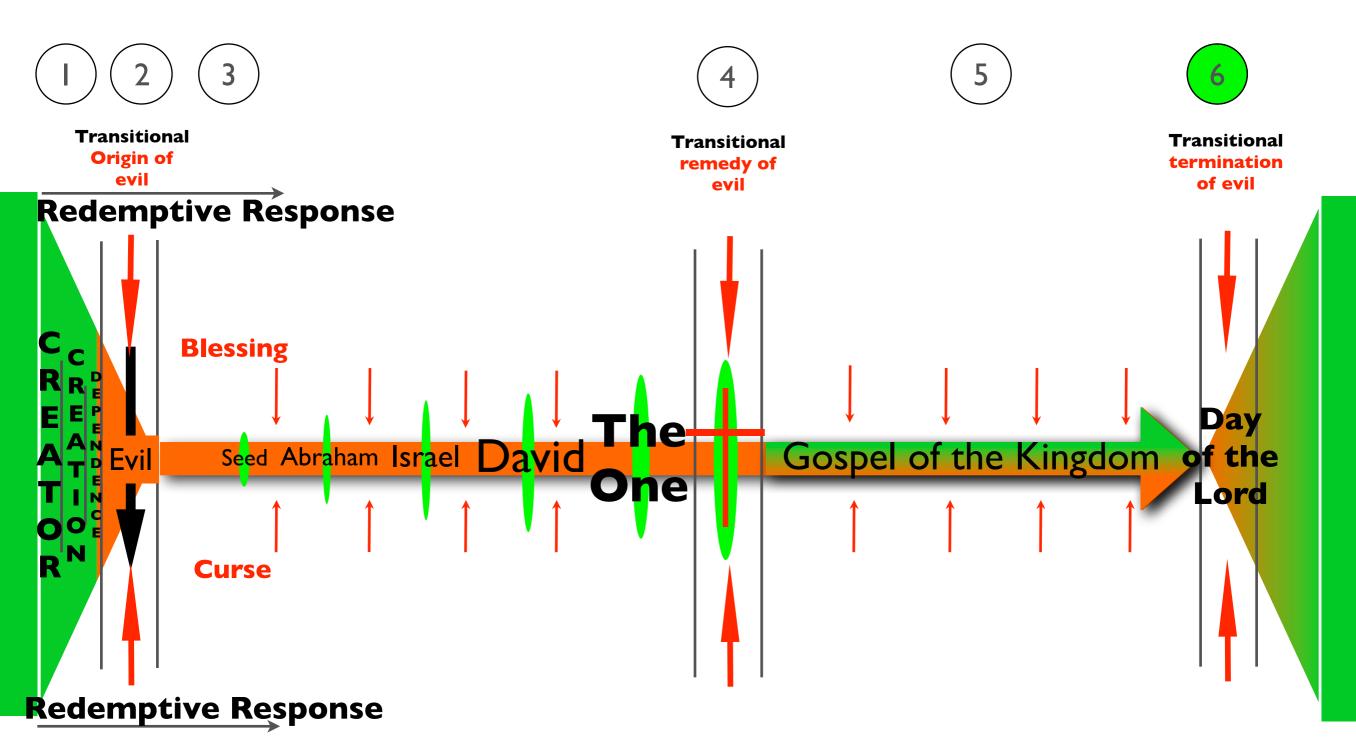


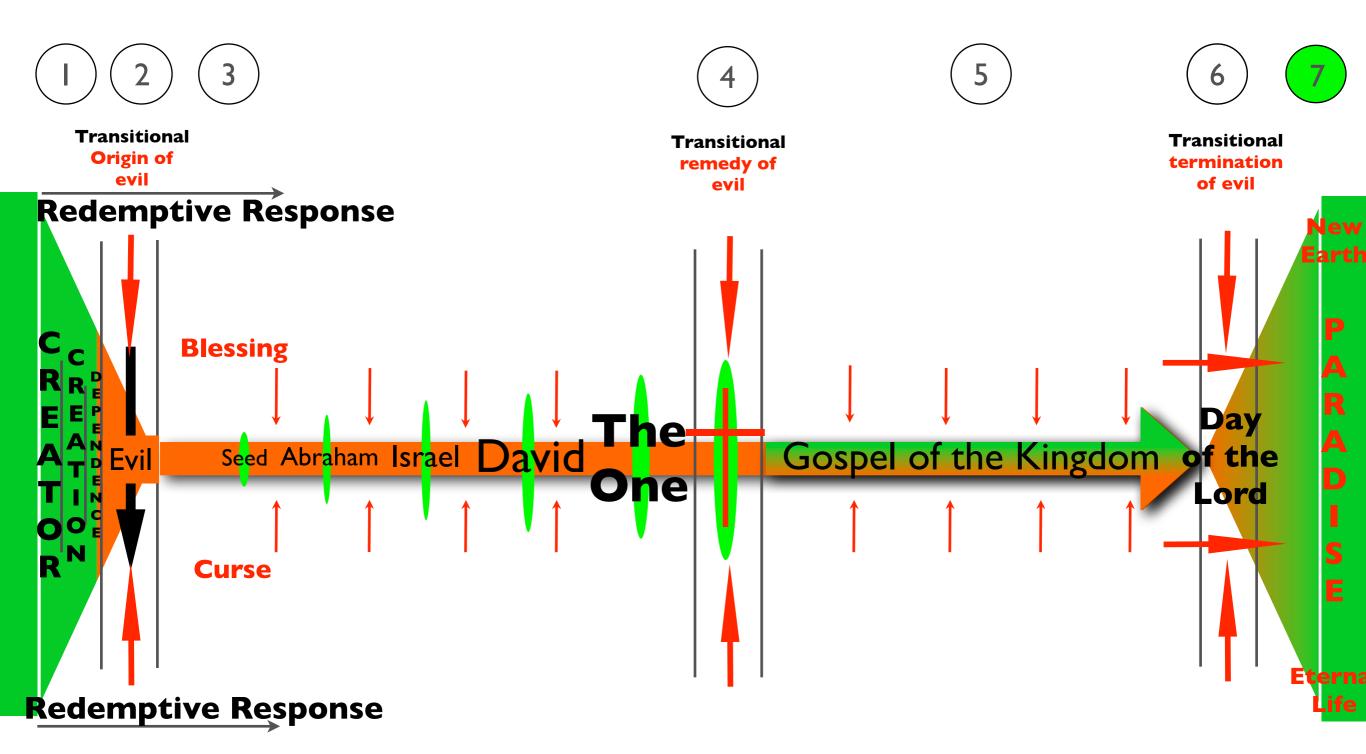






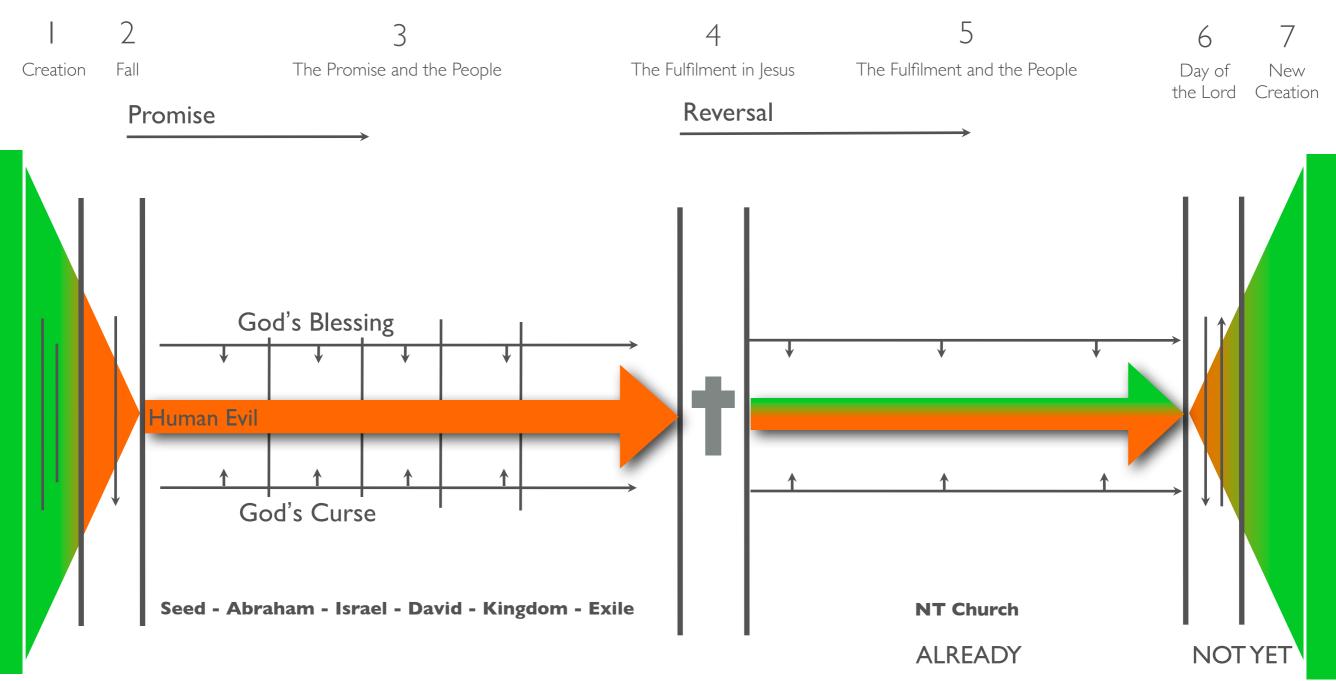


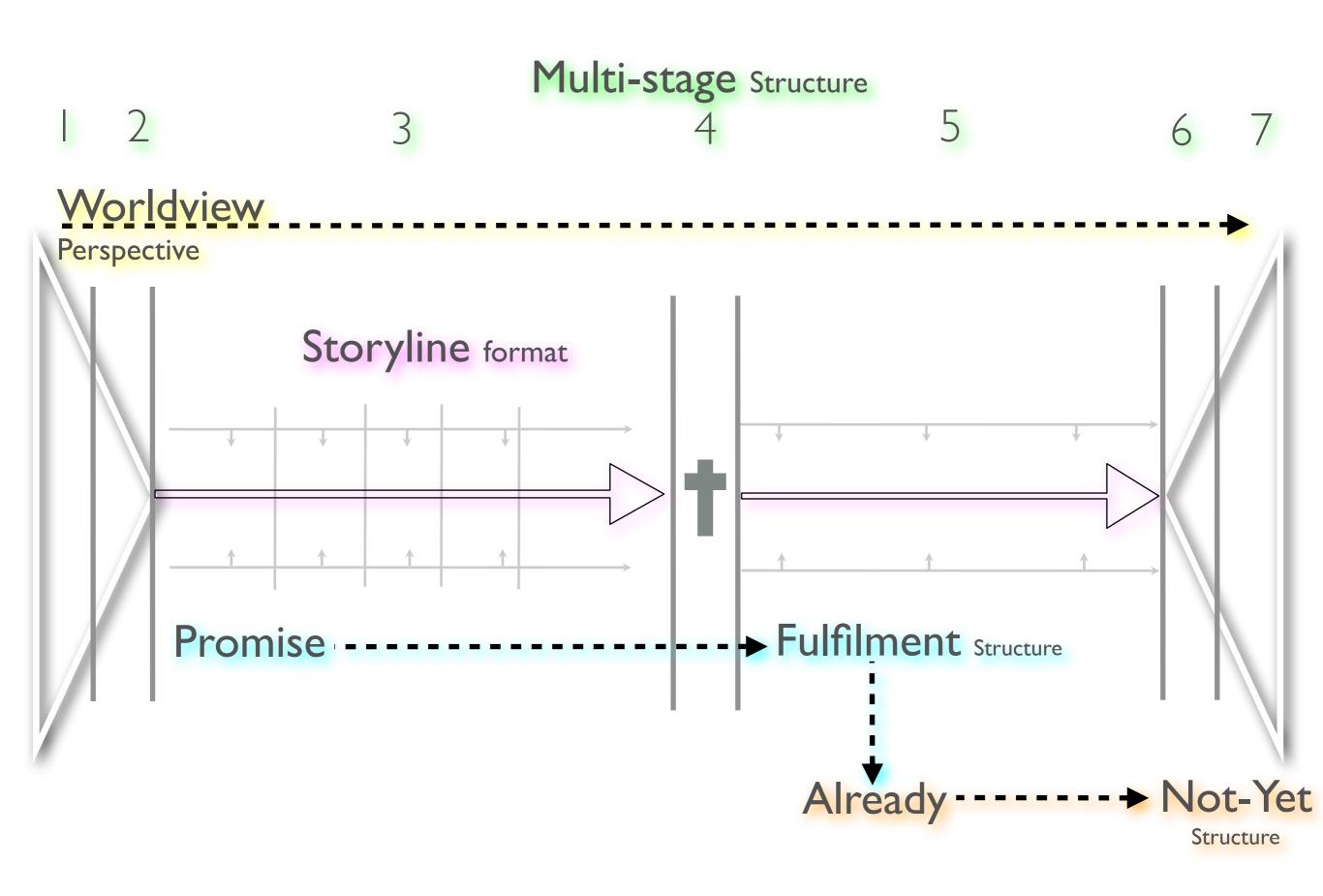




From Paradise lost to Paradise restored

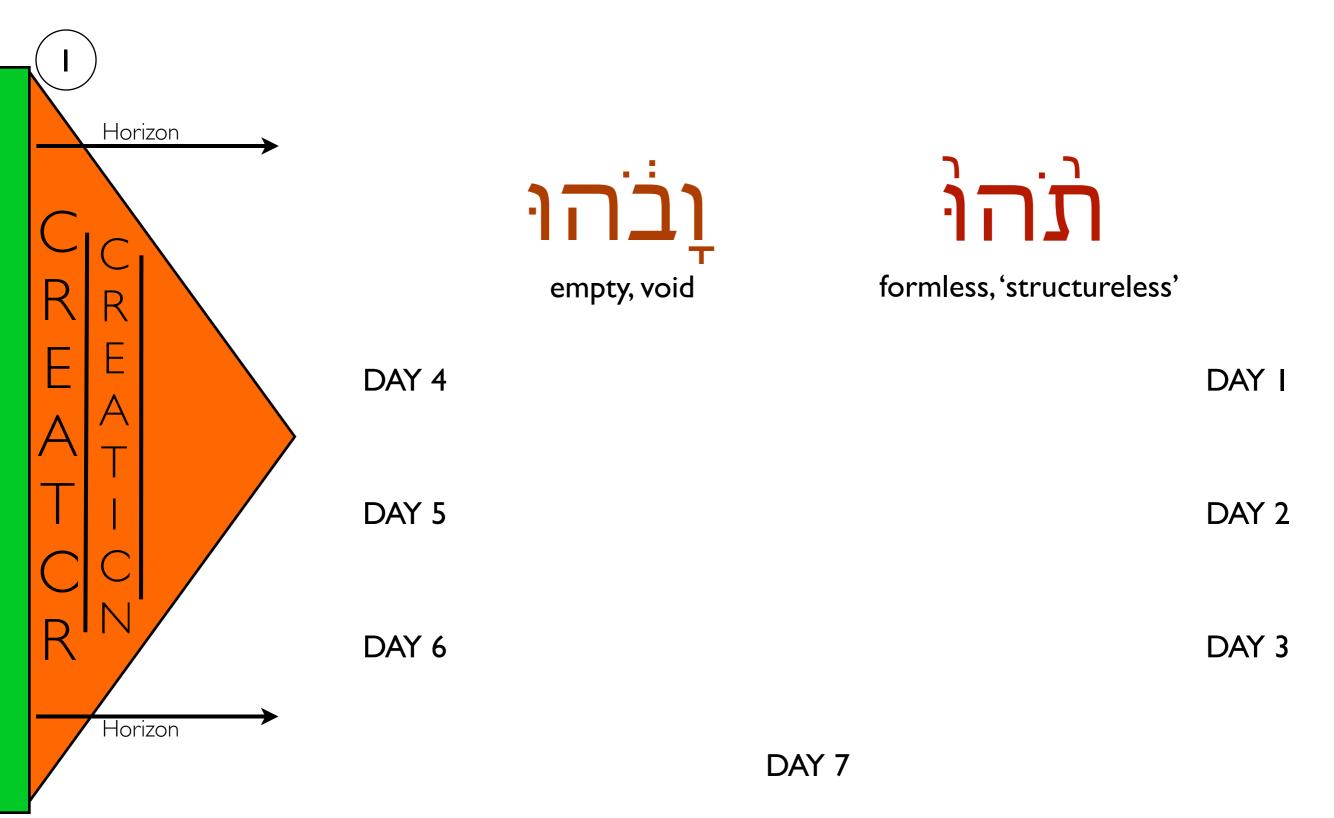
The Grand Story of the Bible

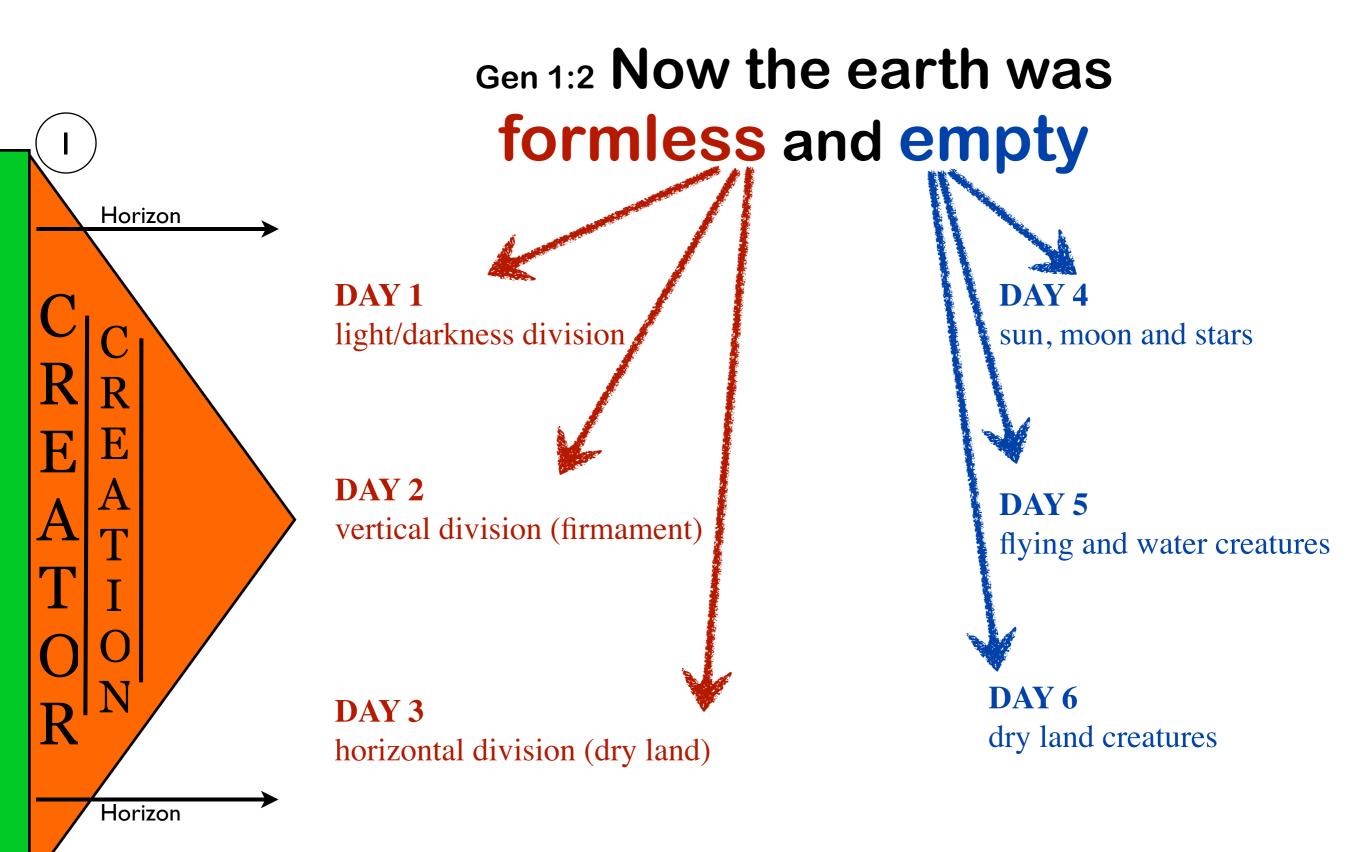




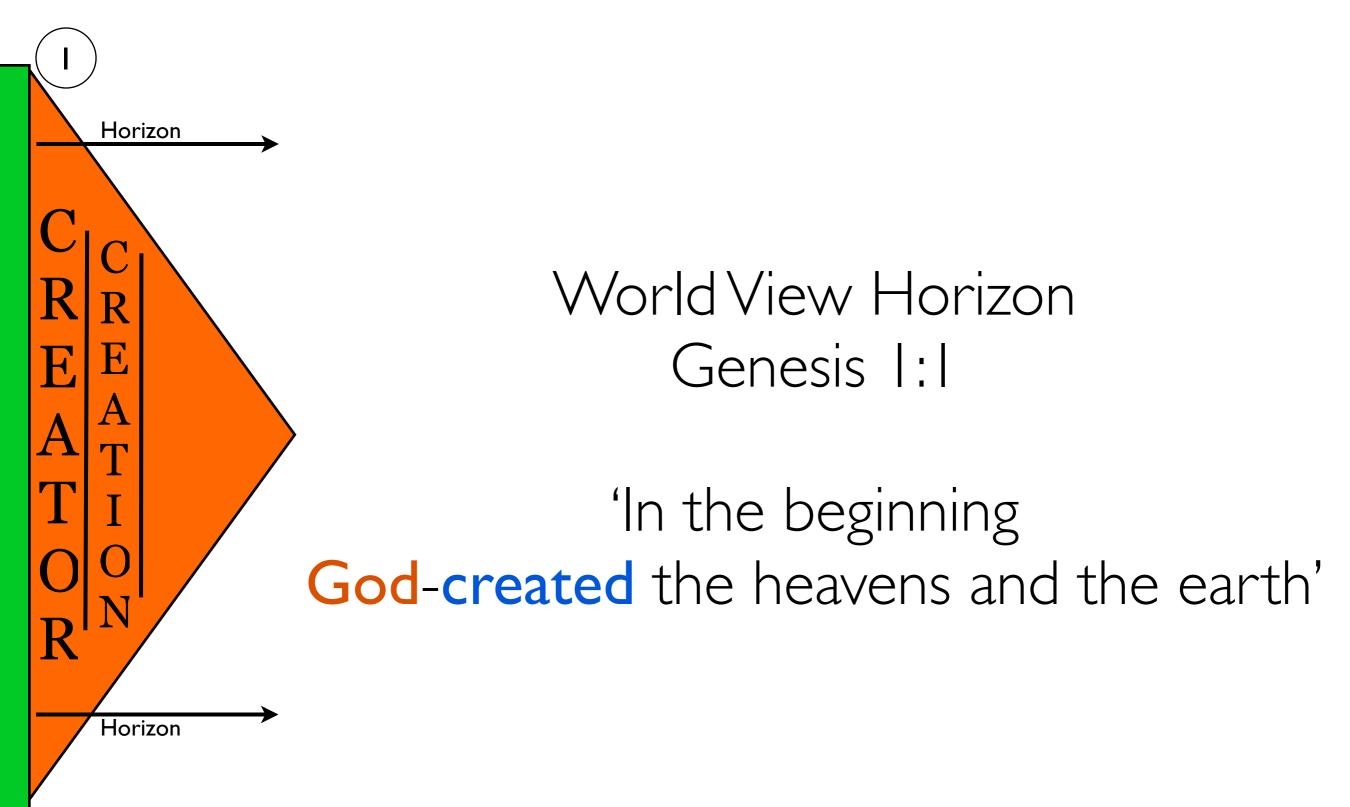
The Story of Creation Genesis 1-2

The First Creation Story





First Principles



First Principles



Two dimensional universe

'God'

'Creation'

The Ministry of Healing (1905), 112-113. Chapter 7

The Source of Healing

The Saviour in His miracles revealed the power that is continually at work in man's behalf, to sustain and to heal him. Through the agencies of nature, God is working, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, to keep us alive, to build up and restore us. When any part of the body sustains injury, a healing process is at once begun; nature's agencies are set at work to restore soundness. But the power working through (113) these agencies is the power of God. All life-giving power is from Him. When one recovers from disease, it is God who restores him.

Fundamentals of Christian Education (1923) Chapter 51 – True Education, 409-410 Originally in Special Testimonies on Education (1897) Chapter 1 – True Education, 9-10

Man alone is accountable for the strange fire which has been mingled with the sacred. The accumulation of many things which minister to lust and ambition has brought upon the world the judgment of God. When in difficulty, philosophers and the great men of earth desire to satisfy their minds without appealing to God. They ventilate their philosophy in regard to the heavens and the earth, accounting for plagues, pestilences, epidemics, earthquakes, and famines, by their supposed science. Hundreds of questions relating to creation and providence, they will attempt to solve by saying. This is a law of nature. {FE 409.1} There are laws of nature, but they are harmonious, and conform with all God's working; but when the lords many and gods many set themselves to explain God's own principles and providences, presenting to the world strange fire in the place of divine, there is confusion. The machinery of earth and heaven needs many faces to every wheel in order to see the Hand beneath the wheels, bringing perfect order from confusion. The living and true God is a necessity everywhere.

Ellen White on Theistic First Principles Ministry of Healing Chapter 35 - A True Knowledge of God MHH 235-239

The mighty power that works through nature and sustains all things is not, as some scientists represent, merely an all-pervading principle, an actuating energy. God is a Spirit, yet He is a personal Being, for so He has revealed Himself.

God is constantly employed in upholding and using as His servants the things that He has made. He works through the laws of nature, using them as His instruments. They are not self-acting. Nature in her work testifies of the intelligent presence and active agency of a Being who moves in all things according to His will. It is not by inherent power that year by year the earth yields its bounties and continues its march around the sun. The hand of the Infinite One is perpetually at work guiding this planet.

It is God's power continually exercised that keeps the earth in position in its rotation. It is by His power that vegetation flourishes, that every leaf appears, every flower blooms, every fruit develops.

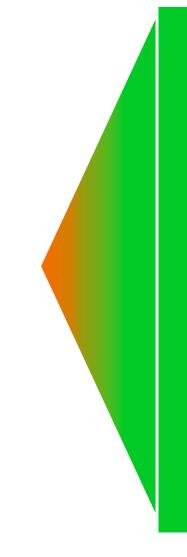
In God we live and move and have our being. The beating heart, the throbbing pulse, every nerve and muscle in the living organism, is kept in order and activity by the power of an ever-present God.

OT

Exodus 20:11 Ps 8:3 Job 38:4-10 Isa 42:5, 45:18, 44:13-21

NT

John 1:1-14 Col 1:15-19 Hebr 1:1-3 Acts 17:24-29



The Second Creation Story

Horizon

Horizon



The Garden is attached to EDEN - Gen 2:8, 10

Parallels between EDEN and later Sanctuaries

I. Both entered from the east.

2. Cherubim guarding the entrance.

3. Menorah symbolised the tree of life.

4. 'ABAD' and 'SHAMAR' together only in Sanctuary context.

5. Gold and Onyx used extensively in sanctuaries.

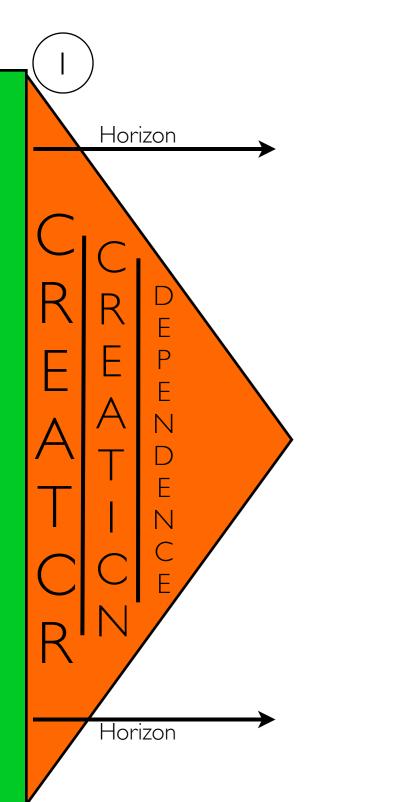
6. Parallel between the six days of creation and building the tabernacle.

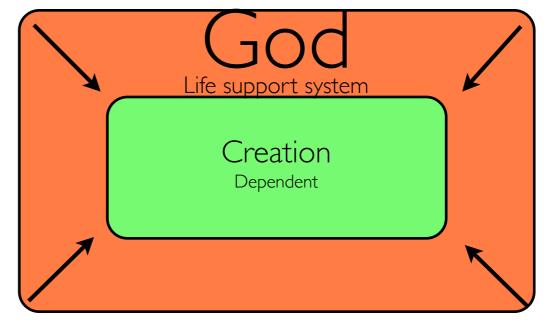
The whole earth should be a sanctuary where humans live with God - that's God's blueprint of Gen 1 and 2.

Adam and Eve therefore are seen as mediators - 'priests' of God's sanctuary - to extend it to the whole earth.

The Story of Fall and Promise Genesis 3 - ||

First Principles



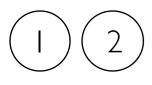


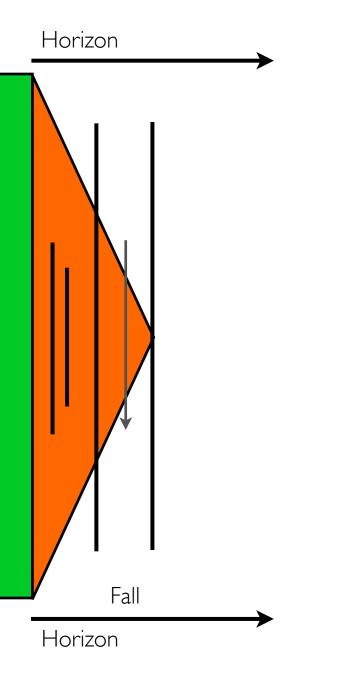
The Serpent's Plot Genesis 3:1-24

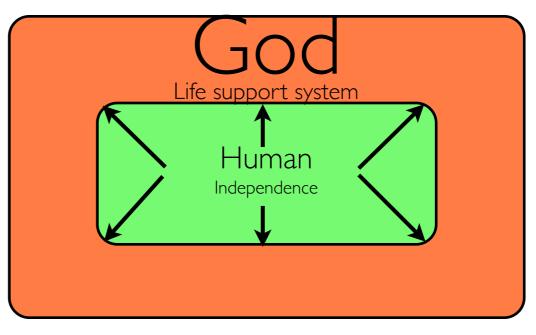
God is hiding the truth from you! You are not dependent beings! You are like God.

The transition event

The Fall Story



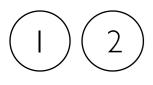


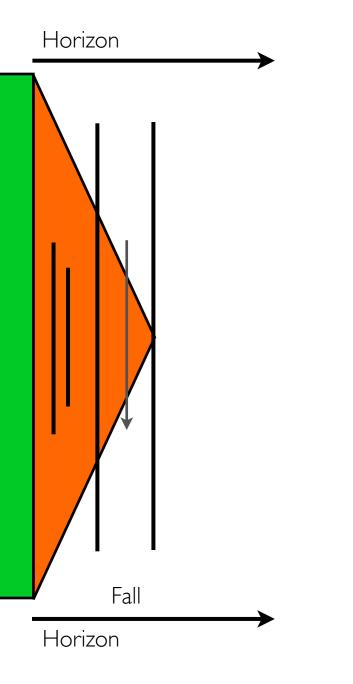


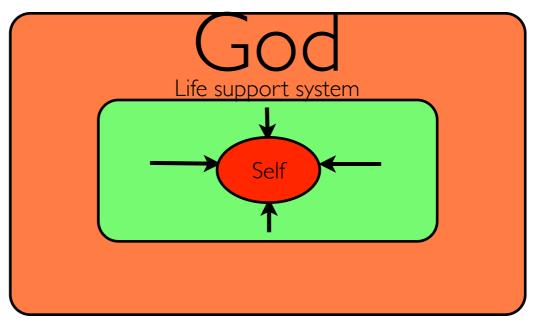
The Serpent plants an evil idea -Changing their world view, their response and actions

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Decay and Death Selfishness Ignorance

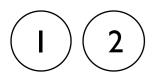
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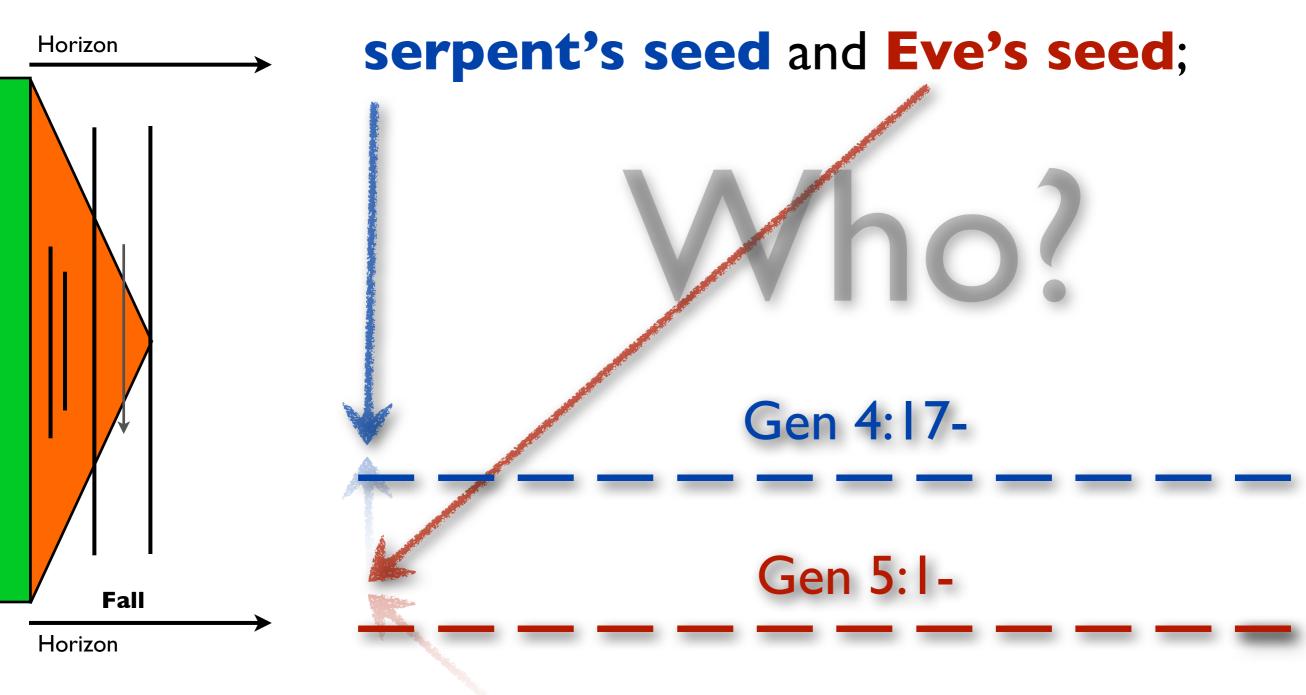
Gen 3:15 And I will put **enmity** Between you and the woman, And between **your seed** and **her seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Fall Horizon

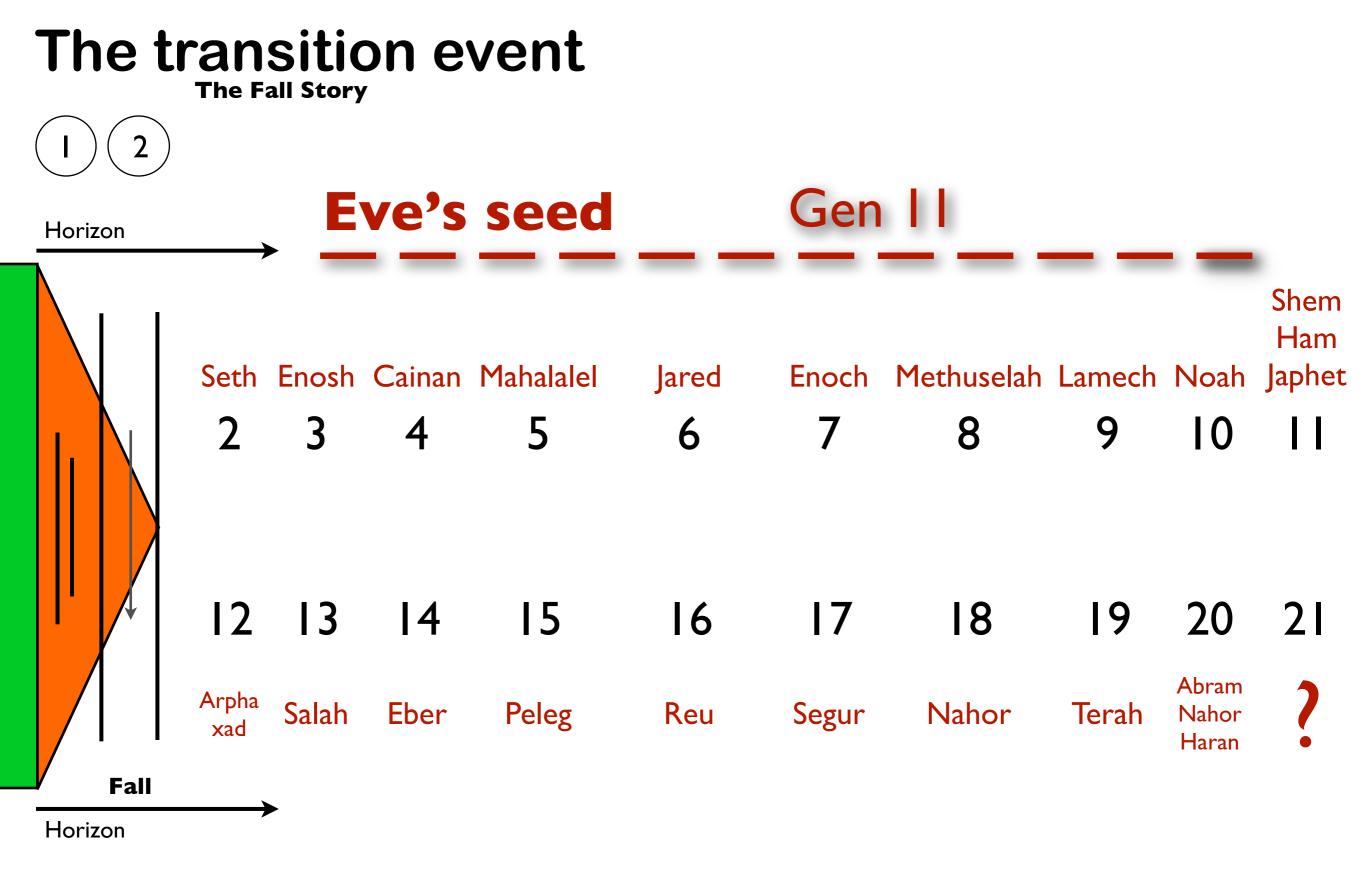
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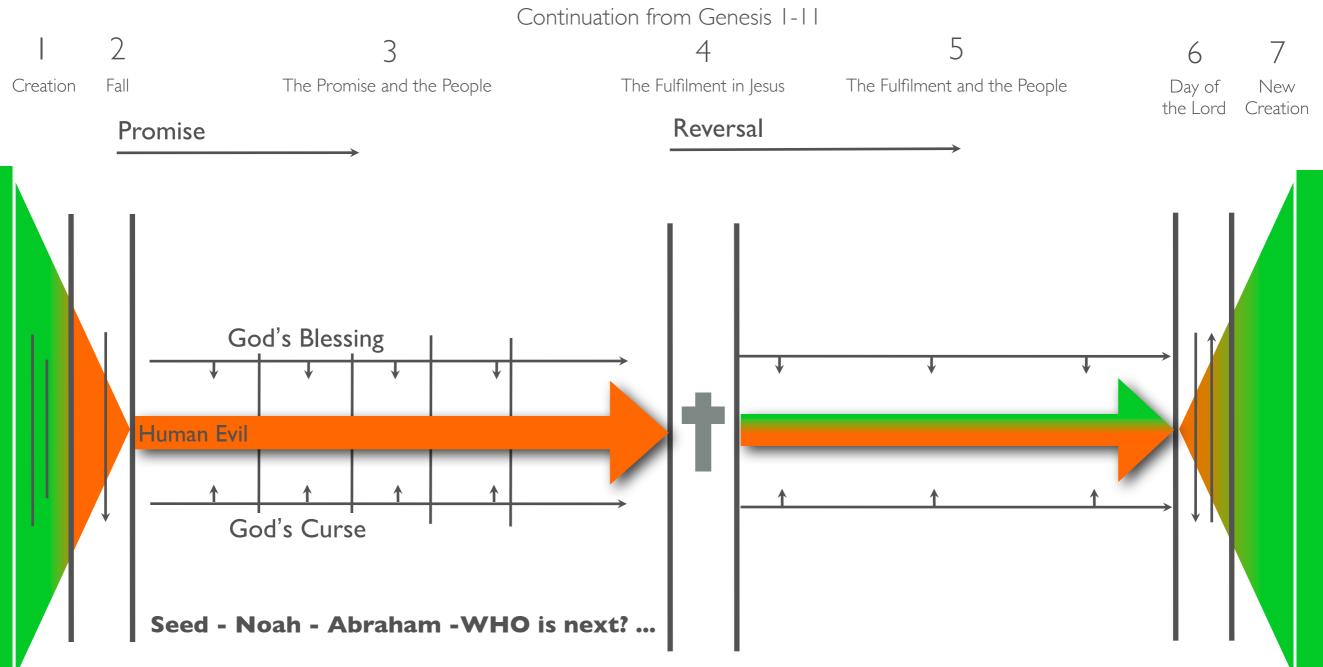


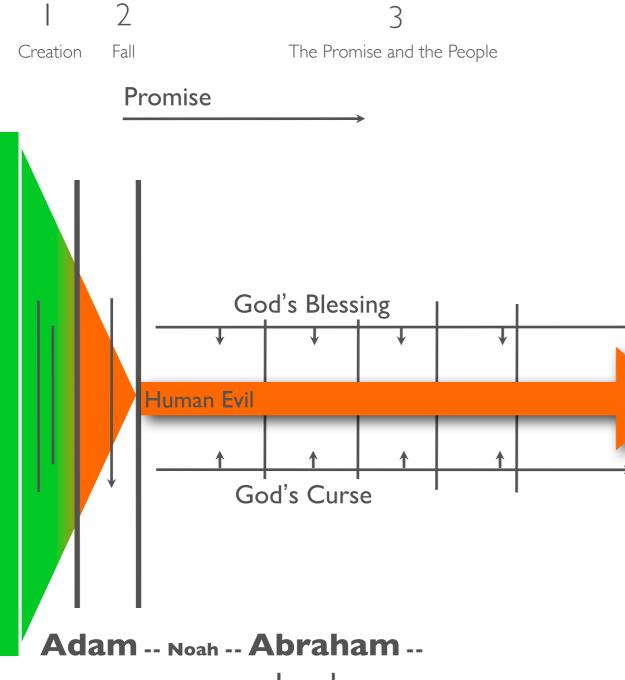
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The Story of Patriarchs Genesis 12 - 50

The Story in Genesis 12-50





Land Great nation - i.e. many seeds God will bless him Great name He will be a source of blessing Other nations are blessed in him

Genesis 12: 1-3

Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a **land** that I will show you. I will make you a **great nation**; I will **bless you** And make **your name great**; And **you shall be a blessing**. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And **in you all the families** of the earth **shall be blessed**."

Genesis 12:7

The Promise and the People Fall Creation Promise God's Blessing Human Evil God's Curse

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Adam -- Noah -- Abraham --

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Land Forever = for a long tin Great nation - i.e. many seeds many as dust God will bless him Great name He will be a source of blessing Other nations are blessed in him

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

Genesis | 3: | 4-| 7

And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the **dust** of the earth; so that if a man Forever = for a long time could number the dust of the earth, then your **descendants** also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the **land** through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

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Fall

Genesis 15: 1-7

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

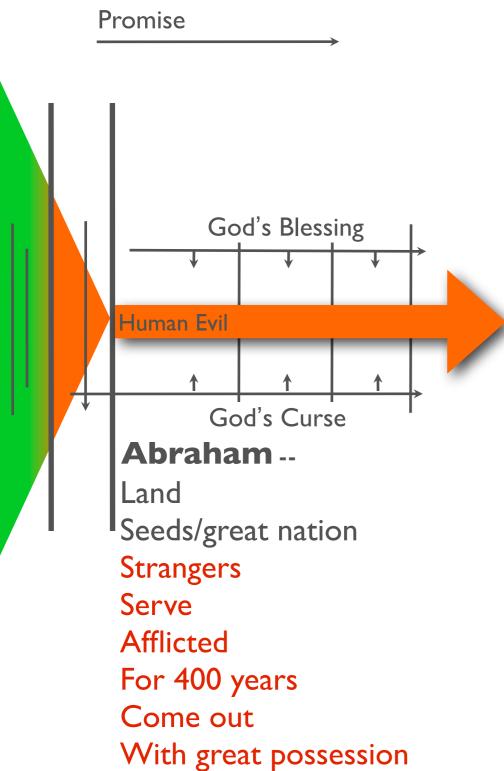
7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Fall Creation

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The Promise and the People

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The 4th generation will return to the land

Genesis 15: 13-19

Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord

made **a covenant** with Abram, saying: "To your **descendants** I have given this **land**...

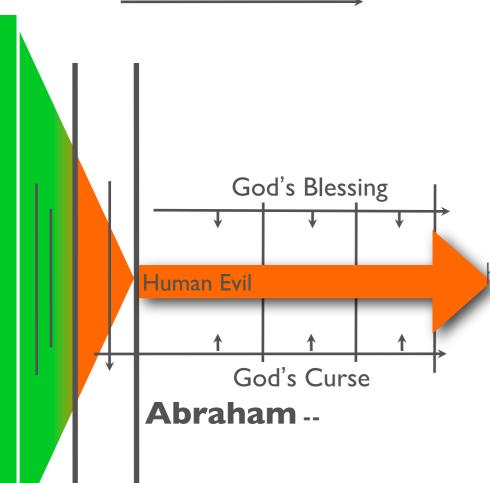
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The Promise and the People

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Promise



Genesis 16: Hagar and Ishmael

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the Lord has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 3 Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. 4 So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

15 So **Hagar** bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, **Ishmael**. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

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Genesis 16: Promise for Ishmael

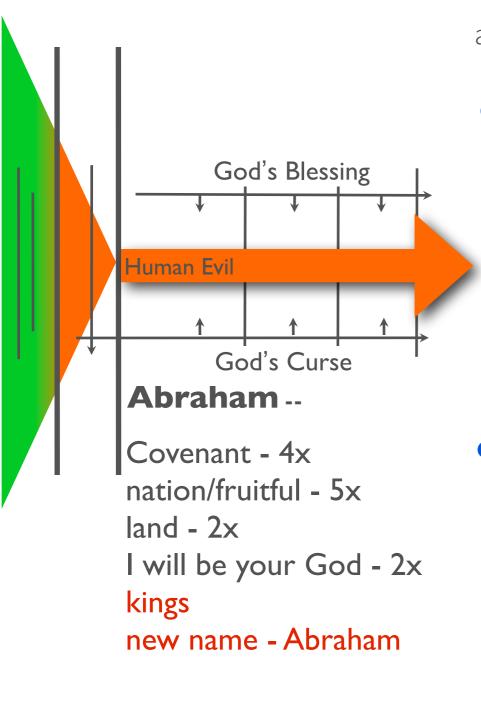
The Angel of the Lord said to her [Hagar], "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." 10 Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will multiply your **descendants exceedingly**, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." II And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

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3 The Promise and the People

Promise



Genesis 17: 1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: 4 "As for Me, behold, My **covenant** is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be **Abraham**; for I have made you a father of many nations. 6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and **kings** shall come from you. 7 And I will establish My **covenant** between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for **an everlasting** covenant, to be God to you and your **descendants** after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

The Promise and the People Creation Fall Promise God's Blessing Human Evil God's Curse Abraham -- ? Who is the next in line? Eliezer? Ishmael? It is Isaac born from Sarah Ismael is blessed - but -God's covenant of promise is with **Isaac**

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Genesis 17: 15-22

Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but **Sarah** shall be her name. 16 And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her." 17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?'' 18 And Abraham said to God, ''Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" 19 Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name **Isaac**; I will establish **My** covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have **blessed him**, and will **make** him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." 22 Then He finished talking with him, and God went up

from Abraham.

Genesis 18: Confirmation of the Promise

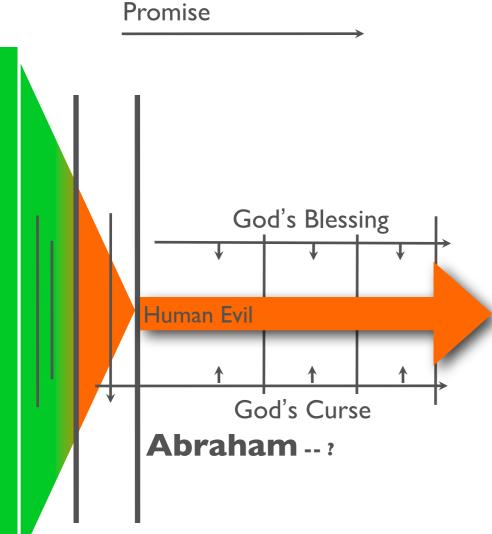
10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, **Sarah your wife shall have a son**."

I 2...Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and **Sarah shall have a son**."

17 And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?





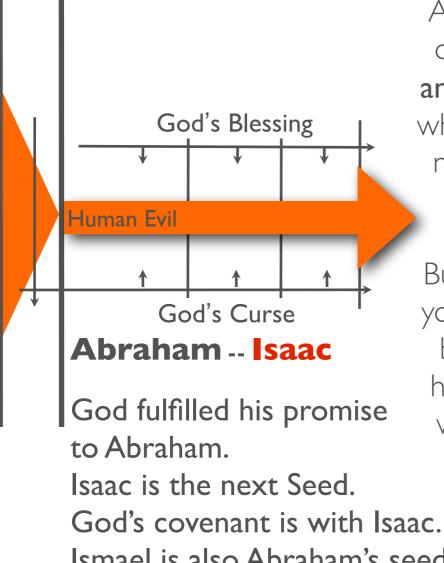
Genesis 21: Confirmation of the Promise

And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. 2 For **Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son** in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom **Sarah bore to him—Isaac**.

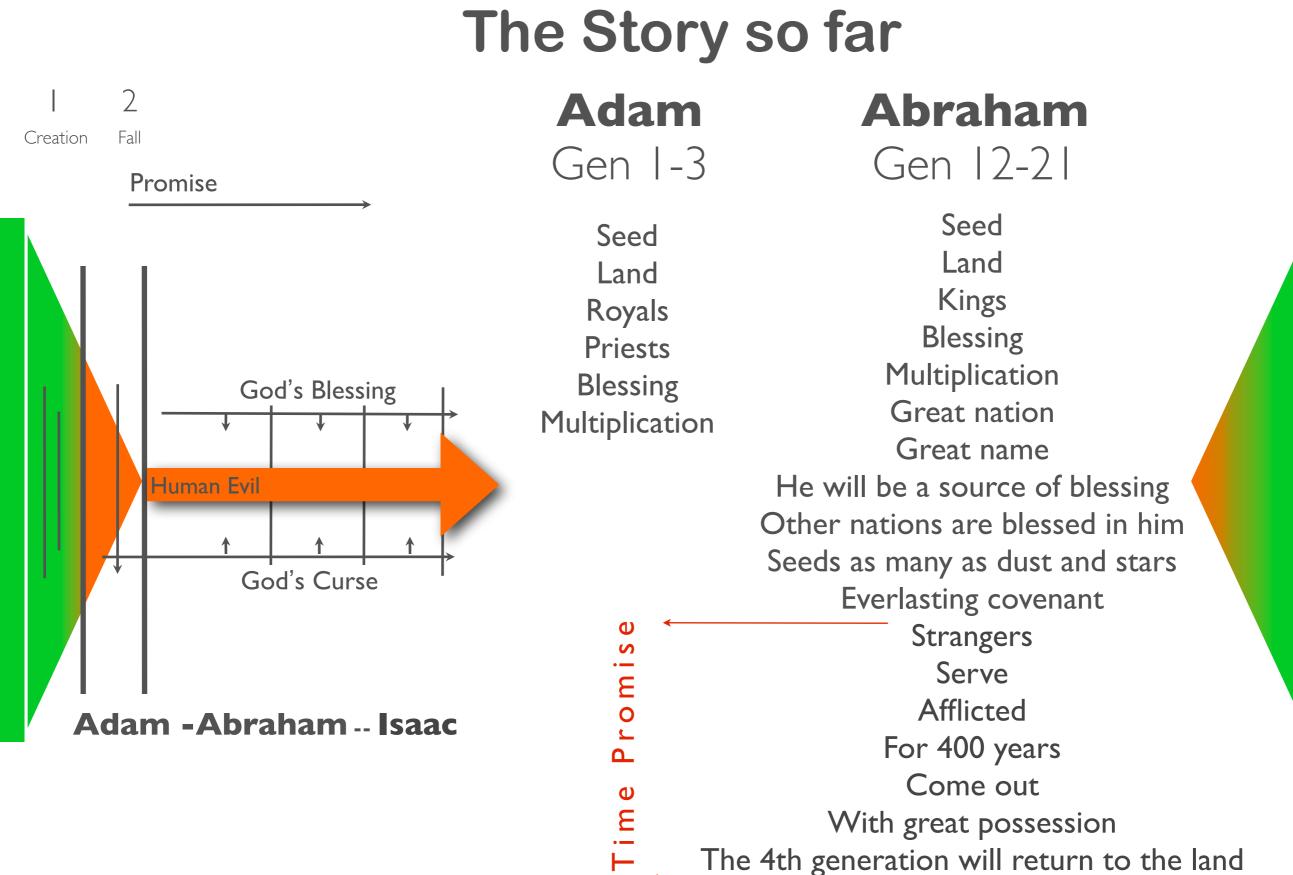
But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the **lad [Ismael]** or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; **for in Isaac your seed shall be called**. 13 Yet I will **also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman**, because **he is your seed**."

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Promise

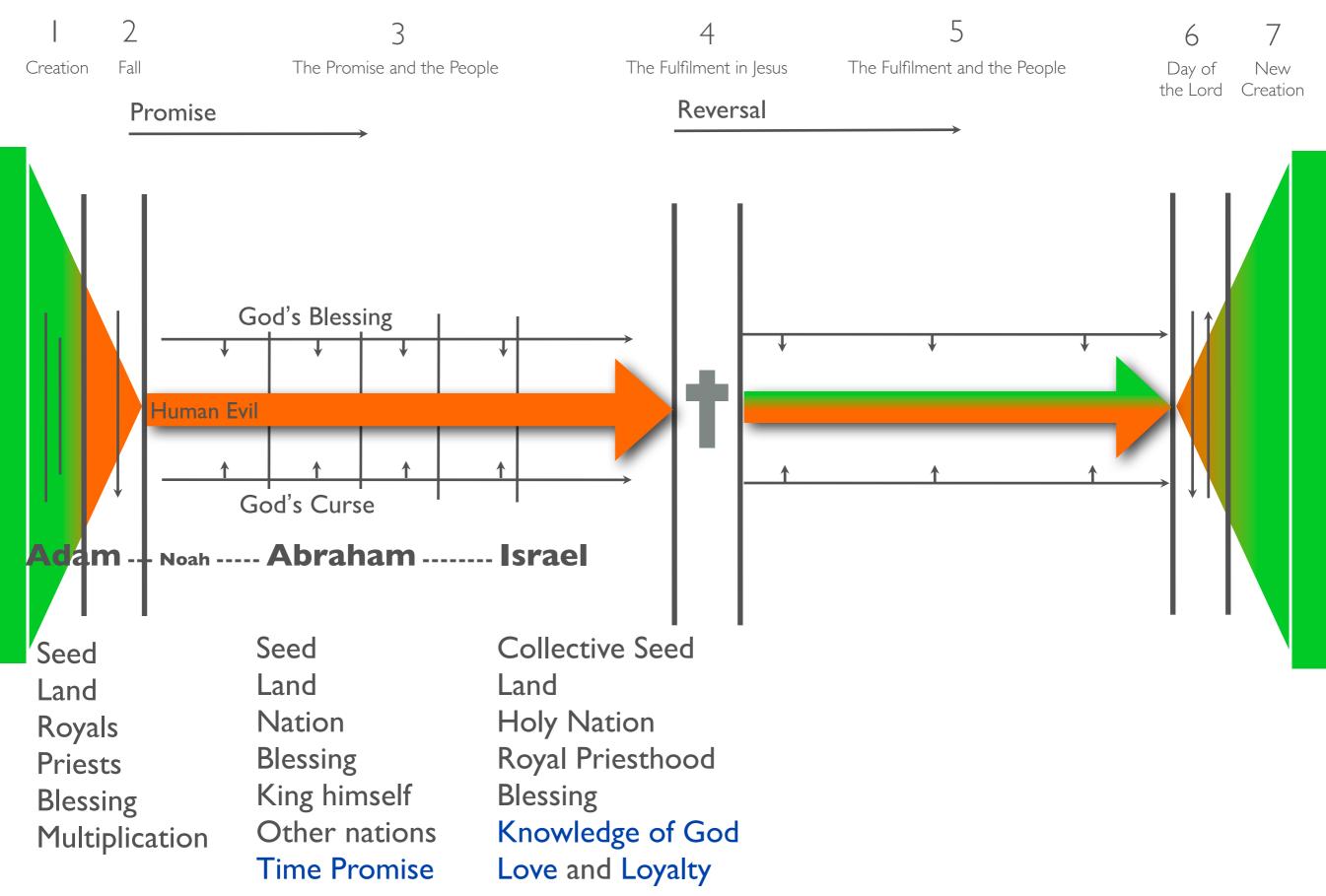
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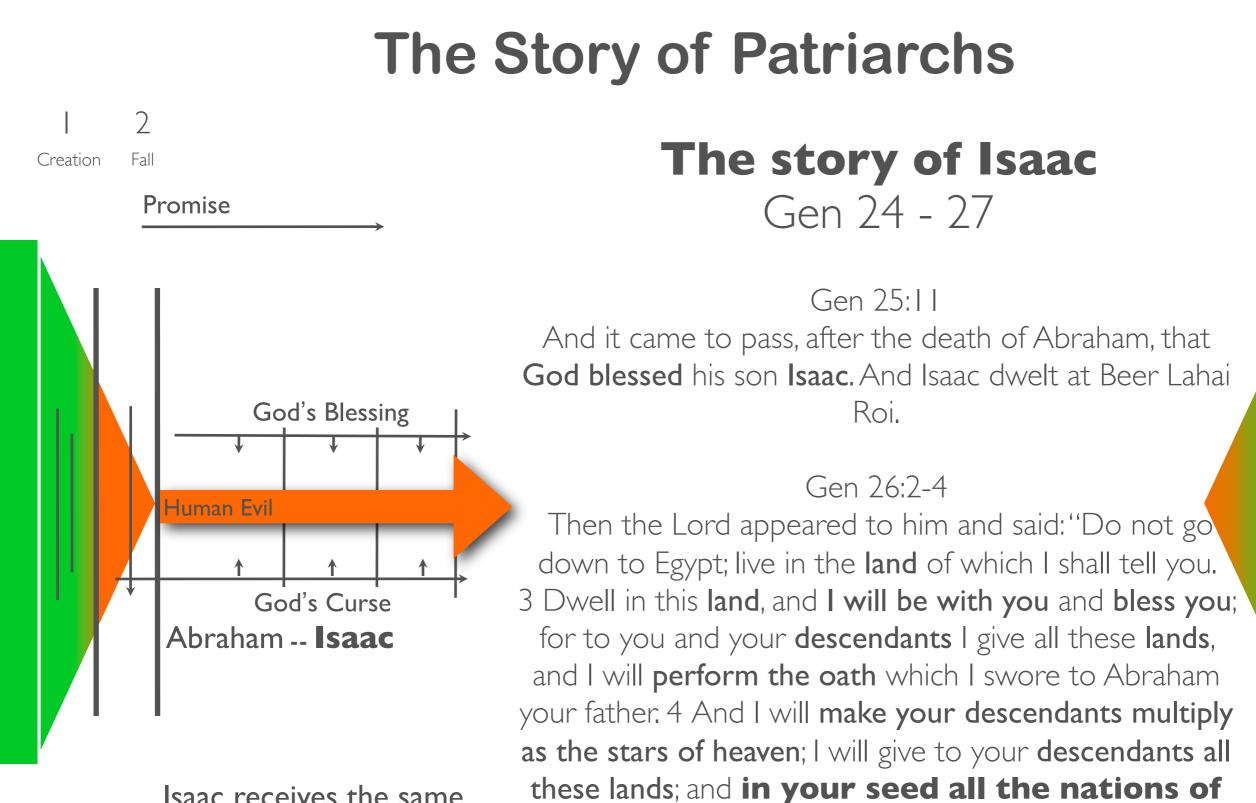


Ismael is also Abraham's seed and he will be a nation - but -God's promises will happen through Isaac.



The 4th generation will return to the land
 'I will be your God'

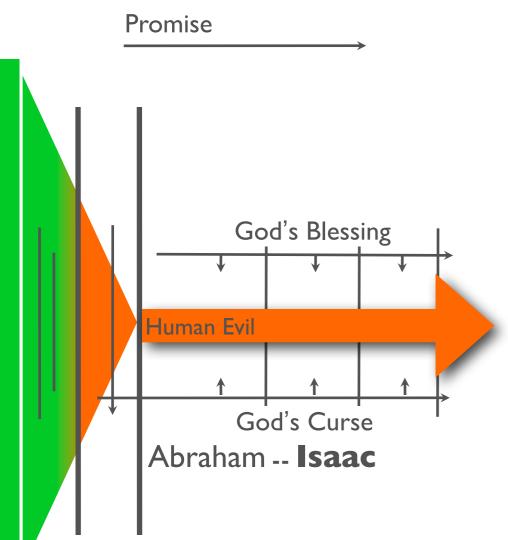




Isaac receives the same promises as his father

the earth shall be blessed;





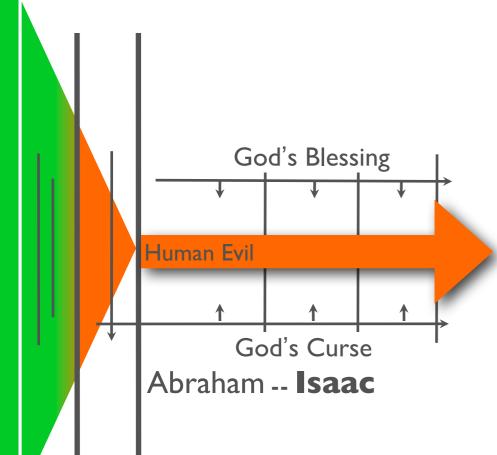
Gen 25:23-26 And the Lord said to her [Rebekah]: "**Two** nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger."

24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name **Esau**. 26 Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called **Jacob**.

WHO is the next seed ?



Promise



Who is next?

Gen 28:13-15

And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the **land** on which you lie I will give **to you** and your **descendants**.

I4 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

I 5 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this **land**; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

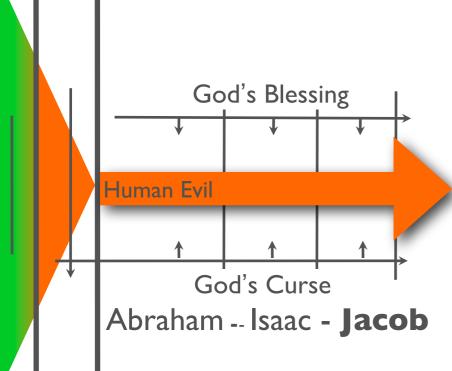


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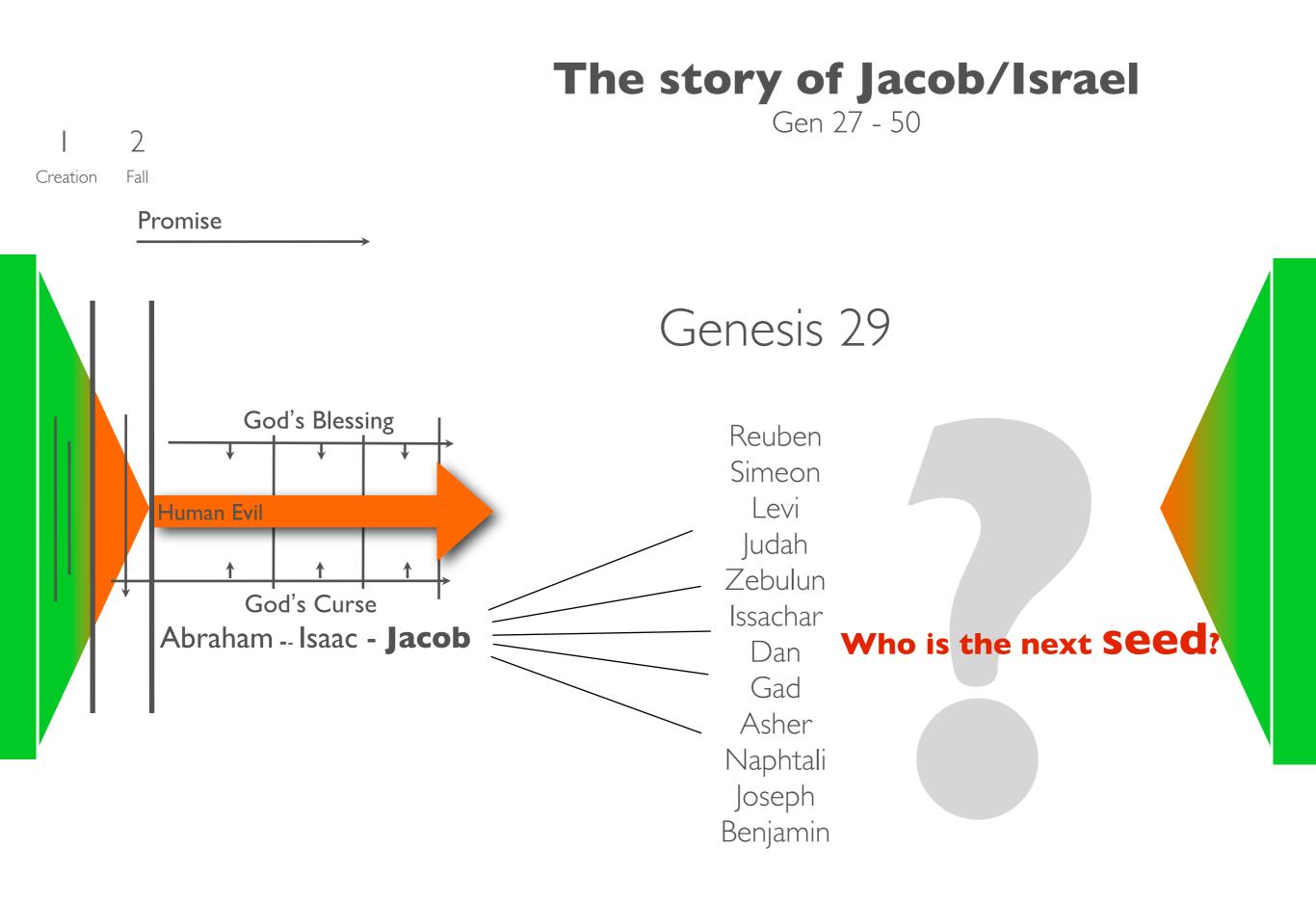
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Gen 35:9-12

Then God appeared to Jacob again, when he came from Padan Aram, and **blessed him**. 10 And God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; your name shall not be called Jacob anymore, but **Israel shall be your name**." So He called his name Israel. 11 Also God said to him: "I am God Almighty. **Be fruitful and multiply**; a **nation** and a **company of nations** shall proceed from you, and **kings** shall come from your body. 12 The **land** which I gave **Abraham** and **Isaac I give to you**; and to your **descendants** after you I give this **land**."

Jacob receives the same promises as Isaac and Abraham blessing new name like Abraham be fruitful and multiply nations will come from you kings he will have seed and land other nations will be blessed in him

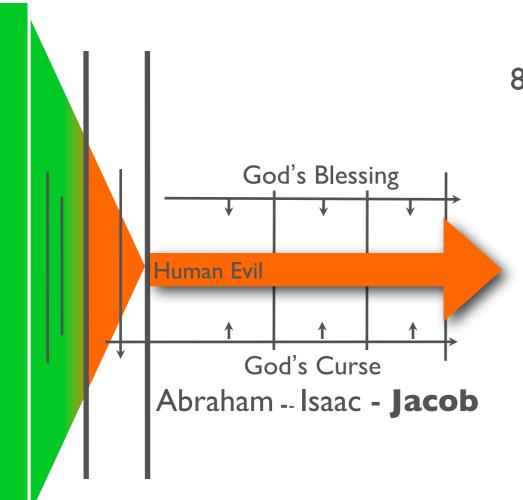


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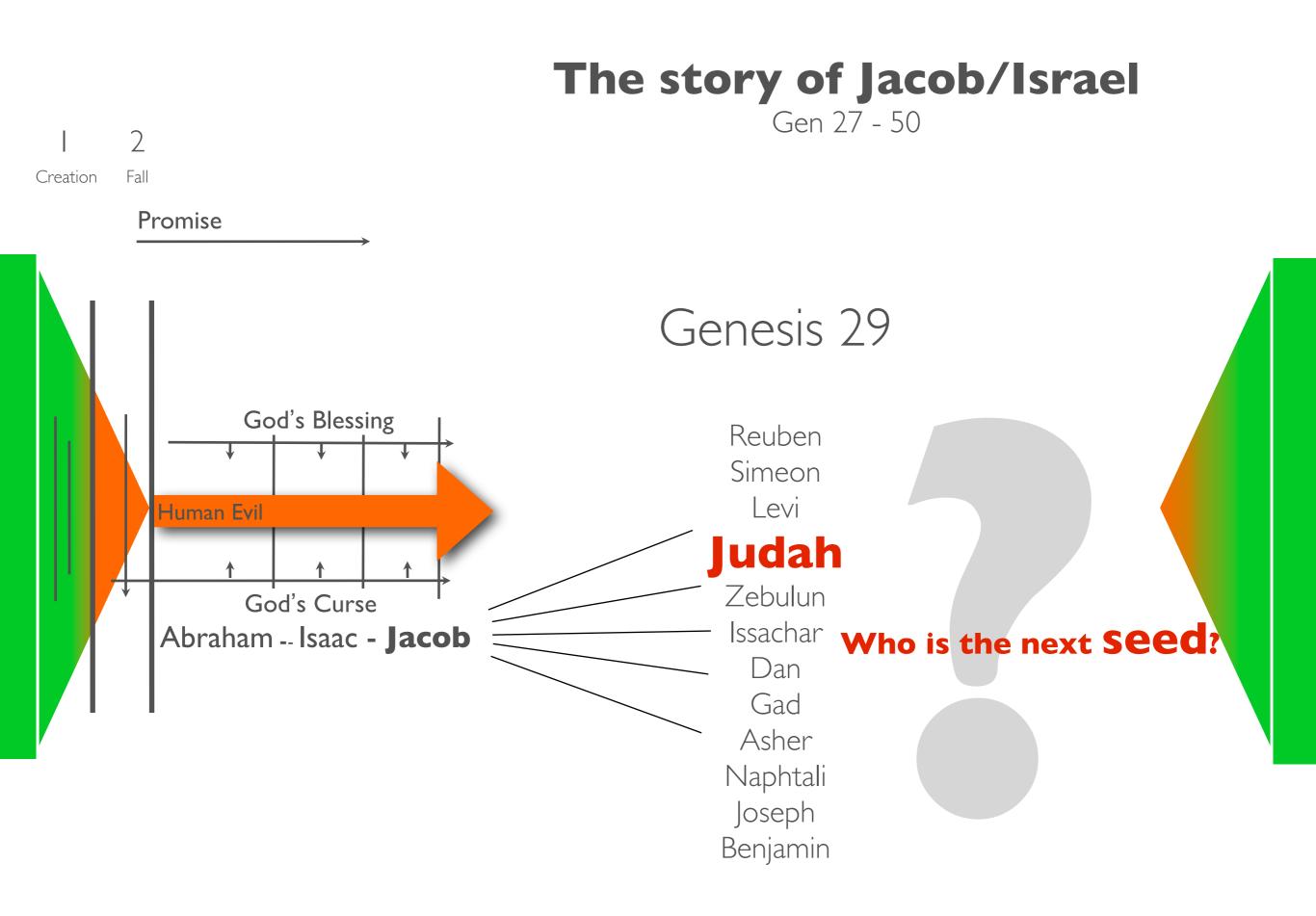
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Gen 49

8 "Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's children shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?
10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes;
And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.



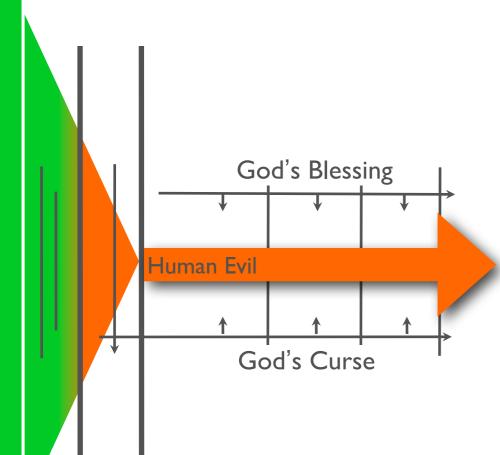
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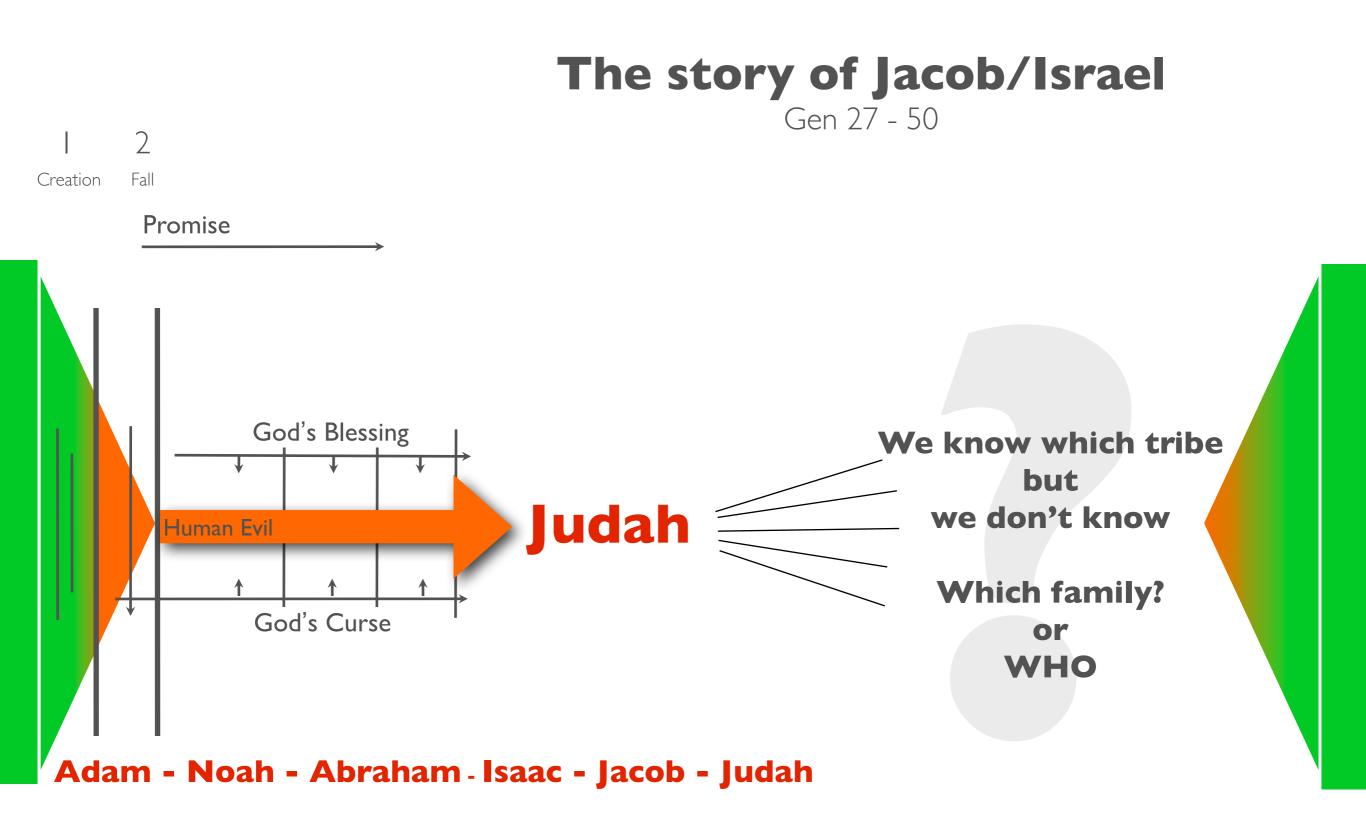


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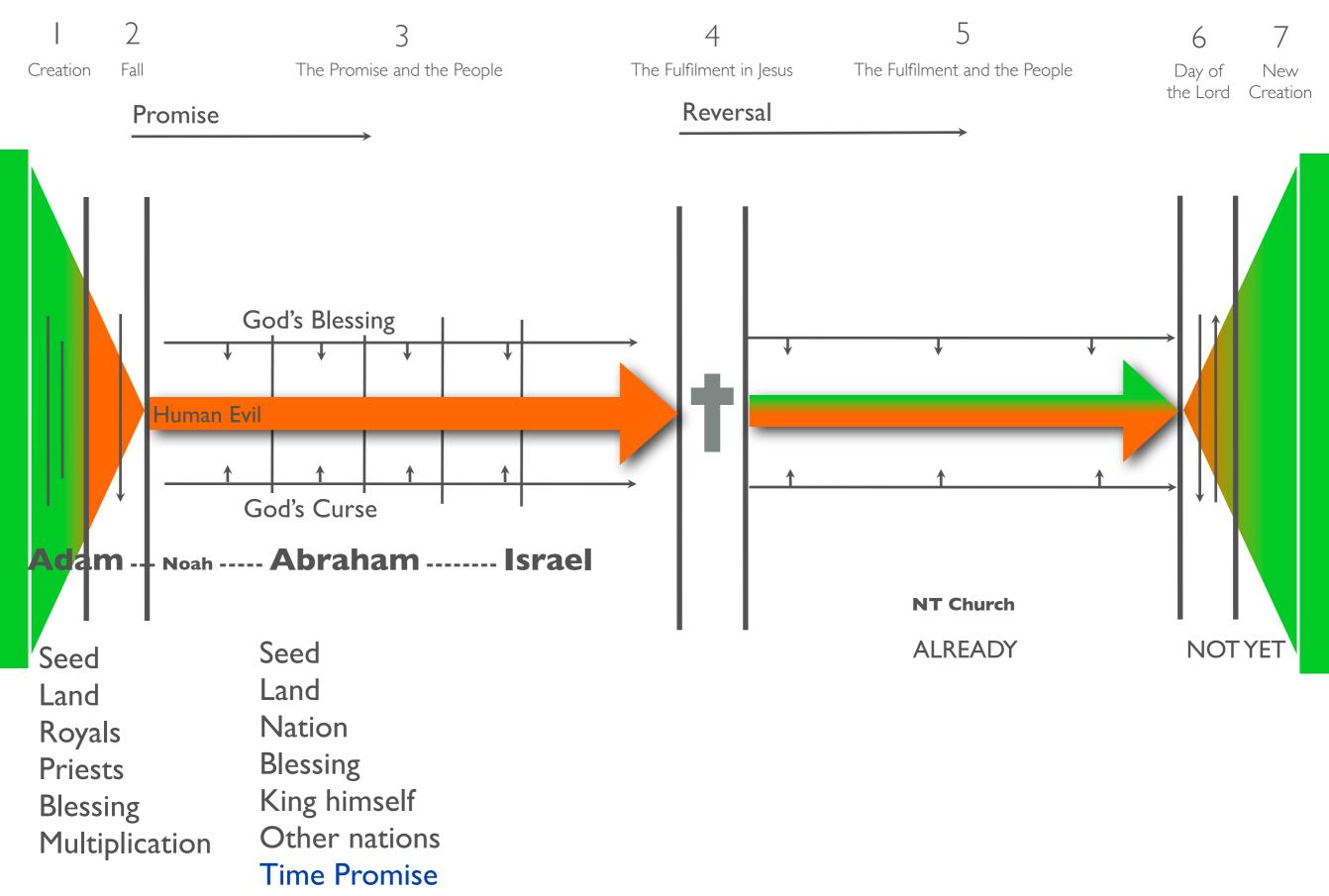
So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's household. And Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. 23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. The children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am dying; but God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph took an oath from the

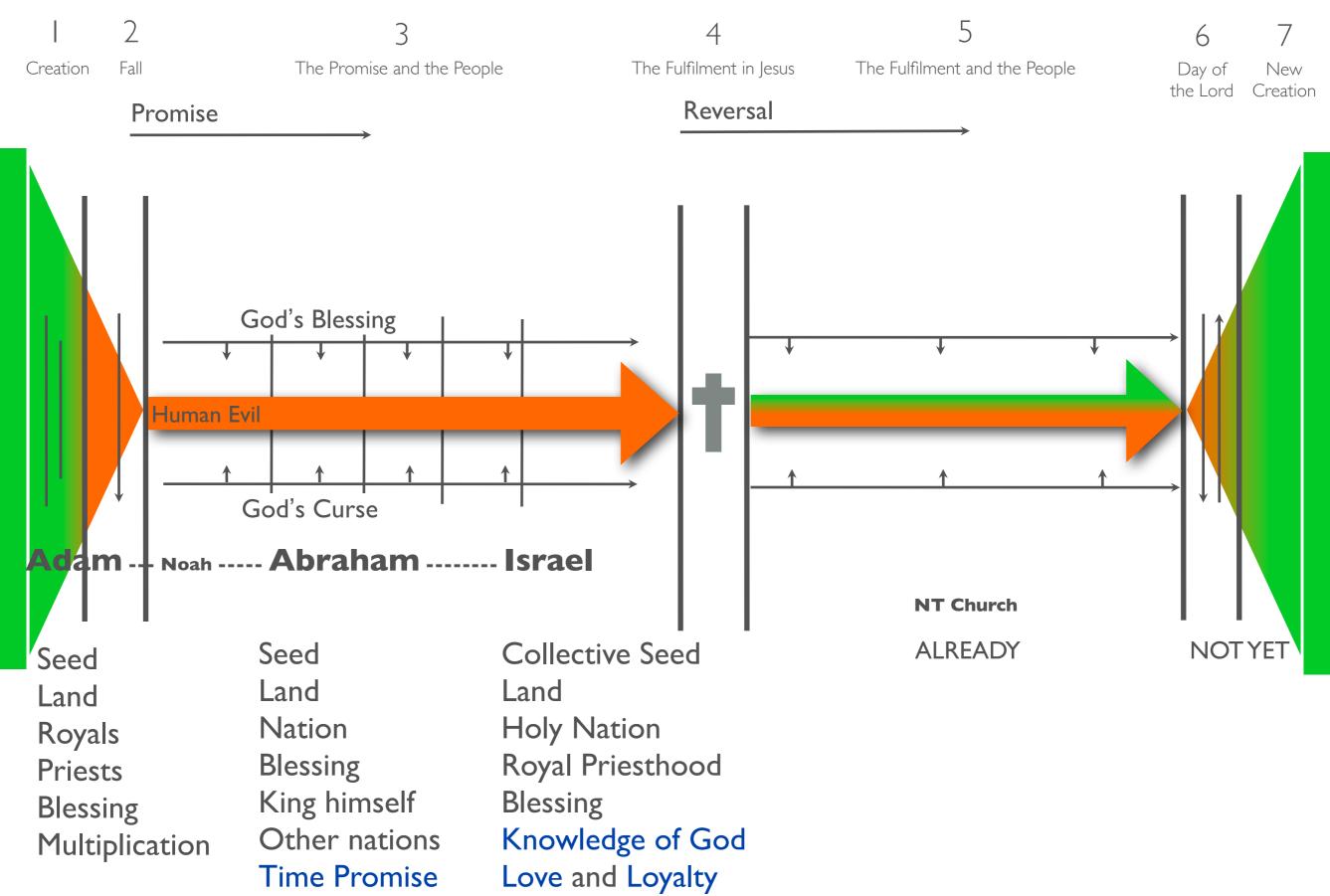
children of Israel, saying, "God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Adam - Noah - Abraham - Isaac - Jacob - Judah



The Story of Israel Exodus - Judges





Exodus - Knowing God

A. Moses narratives (first part of the book) – about personal knowledge of God

- Bush Experience Ex 3:1-4:17.
- Pharaoh who is God I don't know Him Ex 5:2.
- Signs and wonders to the Egypt Ex 14, 4, 18 they shall know God.
- Song of Deliverance Ex 15:11 who is like you majestic in holiness, awesome in glory...

The Story of Israel Exodus - Knowing God

B. Israel Narrative (second half) – about special relationship between Lord and Israel

Ex 19 – who are they and their special status and relationship as people

Ex 20:3-17 – Decalogue – principal obligations

Ex 20:22-23:33 – the Book of Covenant – detailed obligations

- a) how they should encounter God 20:23-26
- b) aspects of social life 21:1-22:20
- c) moral rules and showing exemplary behaviour 22:21-23:9
- d) Sabbath and festivals 23:10-19
- e) God helping to possess Canaan 23:20-33

Ex 25:8 – the purpose of the tabernacle. Dwelling with someone involves knowing him.

- a) It is a royal tent 25:3-7; 35;5-9, 22-27.
- b) It is a Holy tent
- c) It is a tent of meeting Ex 29:43; 40:35

Ex 40:34-38 – God now resides with his people.

Leviticus - Holiness

Three categories that describe things in Leviticus – suggesting a threefold division Holy - Clean/Pure - Unclean/impure

Visible in the layout of the camp and people:

Tabernacle - Holy – priests

Camp – Clean – Israel

Outside the camp – unclean – Non-Israel

Degrees of Holiness

High Priest

Priests

Priests with physical defects

Levites (assisted the priests)

People of Israel

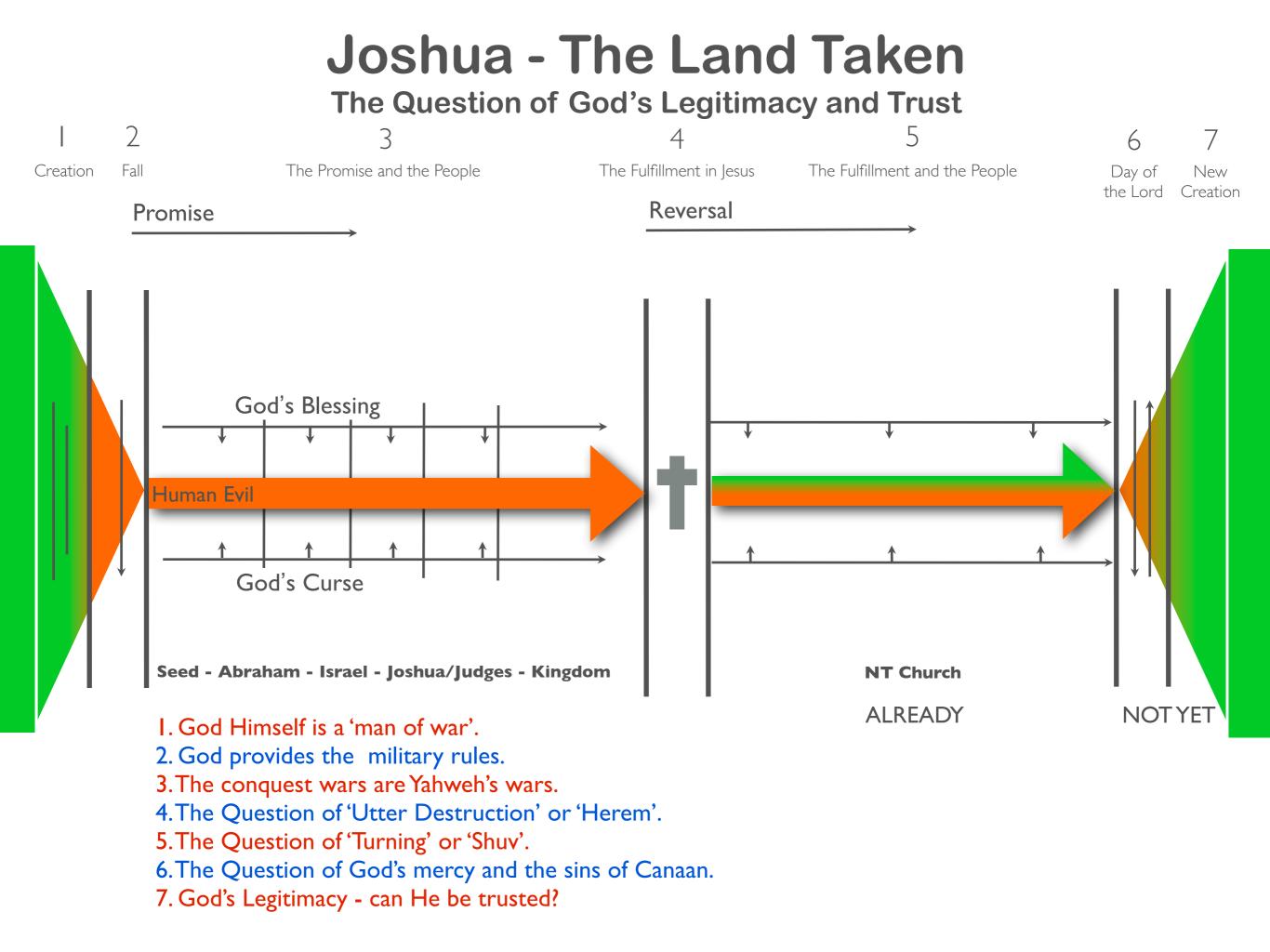
Numbers - Towards the Land

Num I-I0 – two months period around Sinai Num II-24 - 40 years in the wilderness Num 25-36 – the 40th year on the boarders of Canaan

Deuteronomy - Love and Loyalty

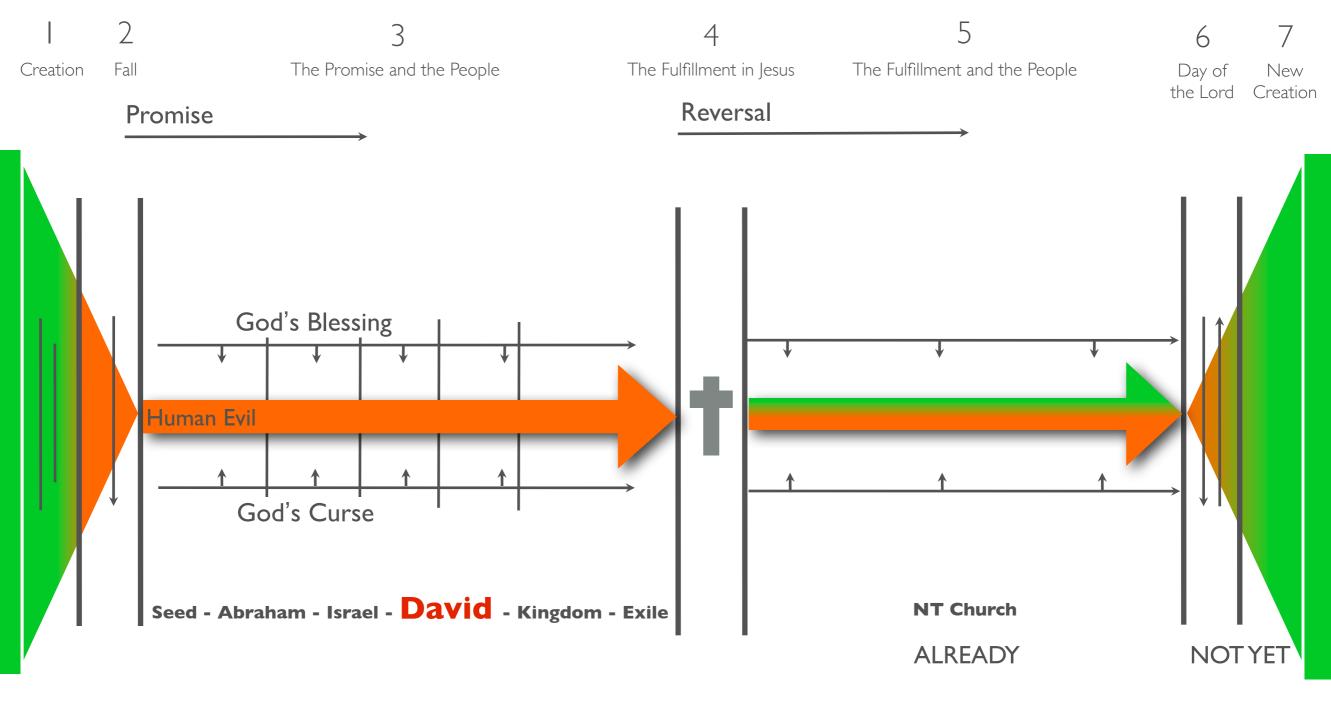
Love your God - 6:5, 11;13; 13:3; 30:6. Be Loyal to your God - 6:14 etc.

> He gives you the choice today... Blessing or Curse



Davidic Kingship Theology Ruth - 2 Chronicles & Psalms

The Grand Story of the Bible



2 Samuel 7

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The Promise and the People

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2 Samuel 7: I-7

The Promise to DAVID

Human Evil

Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a **house** of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you." But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord:"Would you build a **house** for Me to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a **house** since the time that I brought the children

of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. Wherever

I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes

of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a **house** of cedar? '"'

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2 Samuel 7: 8-16

Now therefore, thus shall you say to **My servant David**, "Thus says the Lord of hosts:'I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be **ruler** over **My people**, over **Israel**. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you (I) **a great name**, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint (2) **a place** for **My people Israel**, and will plant them, that they may dwell in **a place** of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over **My people Israel**, and have caused you to (3) **rest from all your enemies**. Also the Lord tells you that <u>He will make you a house</u>.

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, (4) I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will
(5) establish his kingdom. He shall (6) build a house for My name, and I will (7) establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be
(8) his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your (7) house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ""

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2 Samuel 7: I-I6

The Promise to DAVID

I. I have made you a great name (9)

2. Appoint a **place** for Israel (10)

3. I will give you **rest** from your enemies (II)

4. I will set up your **seed** after you (12)

5. I will establish his kingdom (12)

6. He will build a house for **my name** (13)

7. His house/kingdom/throne will be forever (13, 16)

8.1 will be his **Father** and he will be my **son** (14)

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2 Samuel 7: 18-24

My People = Israel

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my **house**, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come. Is this the manner of man, O Lord God? Now what more can David say to You? For You, Lord God, know **Your servant**. For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make **Your servant** know them. Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And who is like **Your people**, like Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as **a people**, to make for Himself a name—and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods? For You have made **Your people Israel** Your very own **people** forever; and You, Lord, have become their God

Notice the language



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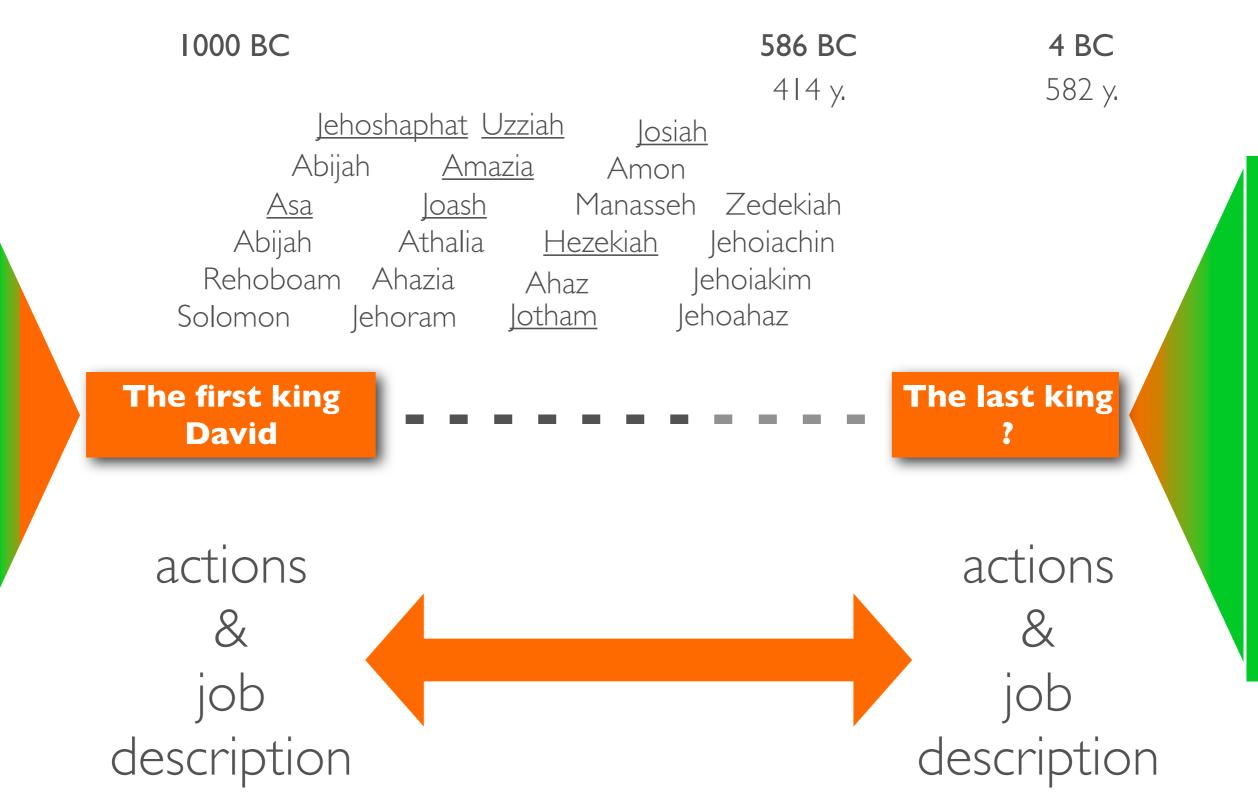
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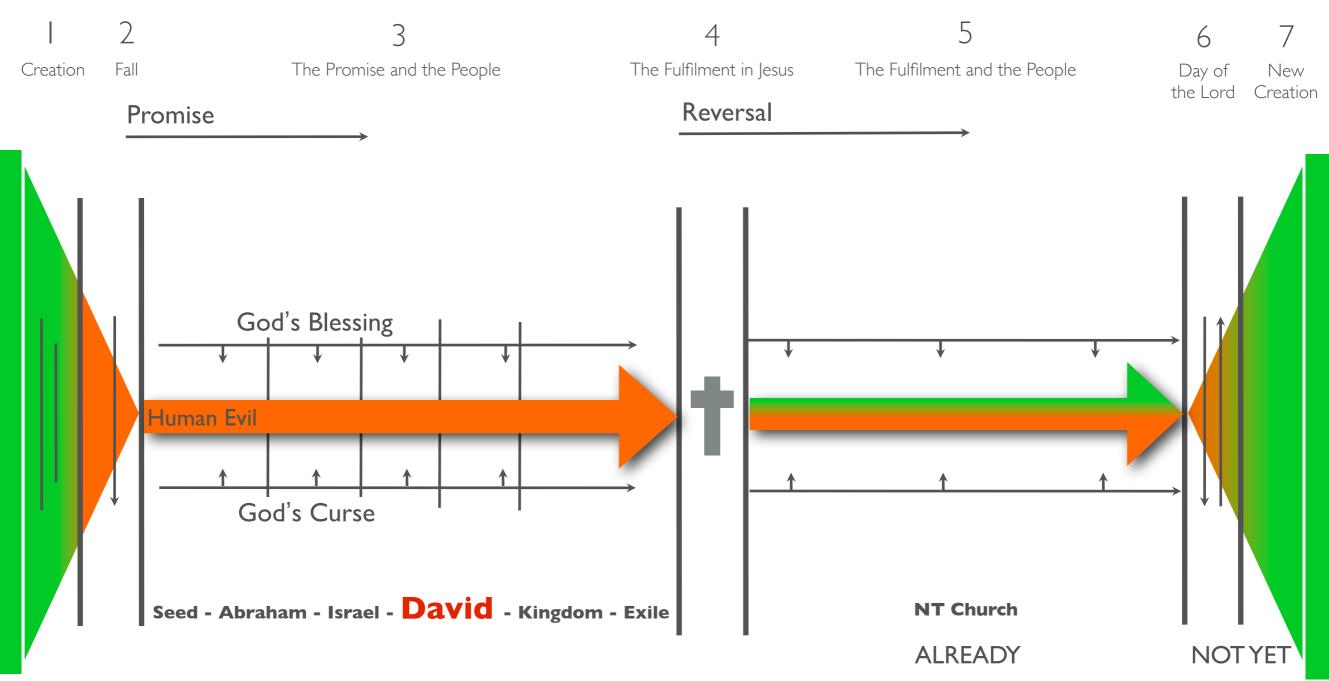
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2 Samuel 7: 25-29

"Now, O Lord God, the word which You have spoken concerning **Your** servant and concerning his house, establish it forever and do as You have said. So let **Your name** be magnified **forever**, saying, 'The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.' And let the **house** of **Your servant David** be established before You. For You, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to **Your servant**, saying, 'I will build you a **house**.' Therefore **Your servant** has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You. "And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to **Your servant**. Now therefore, let it please You to **bless the house** of **Your servant**, that it may continue before You **forever**; for You, O Lord God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the **house** of **Your servant** be **blessed forever**

> My Servant David - 11x My People Israel - 9x Forever - 8x House/Kingdom/Throne - 18x





Psalms 2, 16, 22, 69, 109, 110, 118, 132, 72, 89

Davidic Kingship Theology 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the **son of Jesse**; Thus says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And **the sweet psalmist** of Israel: "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel **spoke to me**: 'He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the **fear of God**. And he shall be like **the light** of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the **tender grass** springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.' "Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase? But the sons of rebellion shall all be as thorns thrust away, Because they cannot be taken with hands. But the man who touches them Must be armed with iron and

the shaft of a spear, And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place

Why do **the nations** rage, And **the people** plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us **break Their bonds** in pieces And cast away Their **cords** from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel. " Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son**, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him

Who is the 'son'?

It is the king = the anointed = the 'christ' = a Davidic seed

The Messianic Terminology

Hebrew	Greek	English	
Melech	Basileos	King	
Mashiach	Christos	Anointed/Christ/ Messiah	
Ben	Hios/Hios Theou	Son/Son of God	

The **LORD** said to **my Lord**,

"Sit at **My right hand**, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

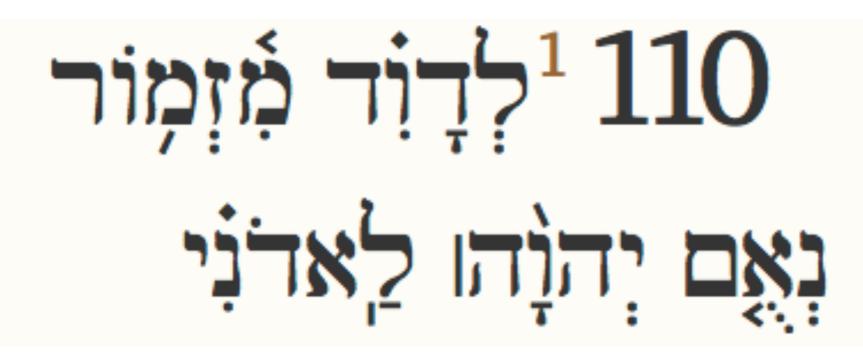
Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

> The **LORD** has sworn And will not relent,

"You are a *priest* forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head

Who is present in the text/scene?



- קיד David witness
 - LORD declares
- אדני

יהוה

My (David's) Lord - the main subject

The **LORD** said to **my Lord**,

"Sit at **My right hand**, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. **Rule** in the midst of Your enemies!

David's Lord will be a KING

The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a **priest** forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

David's Lord will be a **PRIEST**

Davidic Kingship Theology Psalm 110 - Matthew 22:41-46

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."
He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:
"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"??
If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore

What is the conversation about? What is Jesus implying? By what authority is Jesus acting like that in the Temple? Matt 21:23

Davidic Kingship Theology Psalm 72 - What kind of King?

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor (1-4)

For He will **deliver** the **needy** when he cries, The **poor** also, and him who has no helper. He will **spare** the **poor** and **needy**, And will **save** the souls of the **needy**. He will **redeem** their life from oppression and violence; And **precious shall be their blood in His sight**.

> And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised (12-15)

The first king David

Descendant (son) of David - **King/Son of God** A Servant in the midst of Israel Righteousness and Justice are the foundation Cares about poor, weak and oppressed Fights God's enemies Will be a **Priest** Calls God his Father and God calls him his son Will not retaliate his own people Will experience persecution and betrayal Choses to be a victim

actions & job description

The last king

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." "I have made a **covenant** with **My chosen**, I have sworn to **My servant David**: 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations. " Selah (1-4)

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your **righteousness** they are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord, And our king to the Holy One of Israel (14-18)

Then You spoke in a vision to **Your holy one**, And said:"I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found **My servant David**; With My holy oil I have anointed him, With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him. "But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers. He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' Also I will make him **My firstborn**, The highest of the kings of the earth. My mercy I will keep for him forever, And **My covenant** shall stand firm with him. His **seed** also I will make to **endure forever**, And his **throne** as the days of heaven (19-29)

"If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. **Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from** him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My **covenant** I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah (30-37)

But You have cast off and abhorred. You have been furious with Your **anointed**. You have renounced the **covenant** of **Your servant**; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin. All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors. You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice. You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle. You have made his glory cease, And **cast his throne down** to the ground. The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame. Selah (38-45)

How long, Lord?

Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire? Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men? What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah

Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses,

Which You swore to **David** in Your truth? **Remember**, Lord, the reproach of Your servants— How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples, With which Your enemies have reproached, O Lord, With which they have **reproached** the footsteps of **Your anointed**. Blessed be the Lord forevermore! Amen and Amen (46-52)

The OUTCOME

Oh, **give thanks** to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His mercy endures forever (1-4)

The JOURNEY

I called on the Lord in **distress**; The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me (5-6)

The JOURNEY

The Lord has **chastened** me severely, But He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord, Through which the righteous shall enter. I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. **The stone which the builders rejected** Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the Lord's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. (18-24) Davidic Kingship Theology Psalm 118 - David's journey

His Father's House - I Sam 16:5-13
 David's Brothers - I Sam 17:28, 29
 David Hunted by Saul - I Sam 18 -31
 Rejected by His own People - 2 Sam 2:4-7, 5:1-7

also

Psalm 69 - David's journey

Psalm 109 - David's journey

Lord, remember **David** And all **his afflictions**;

How he swore to the Lord, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, Until I find a place for the Lord, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods. Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool. Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy (1-9)

For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of **Your Anointed**. The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore." For the Lord has chosen Zion: He has desired it for His dwelling place: "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There I will make **the horn of David grow**; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish (10-18)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God (I-10)

Psalm 22

Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! (11-19)

Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. (20)

> **Save Me** from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen!

You have answered Me (21)

A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, **That He has done this** (30-31)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?(I)

...That He has done this (31)

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying," *Eli, Eli, Iama sabachthani?*" that is,"*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*"

Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:30

What does it mean?

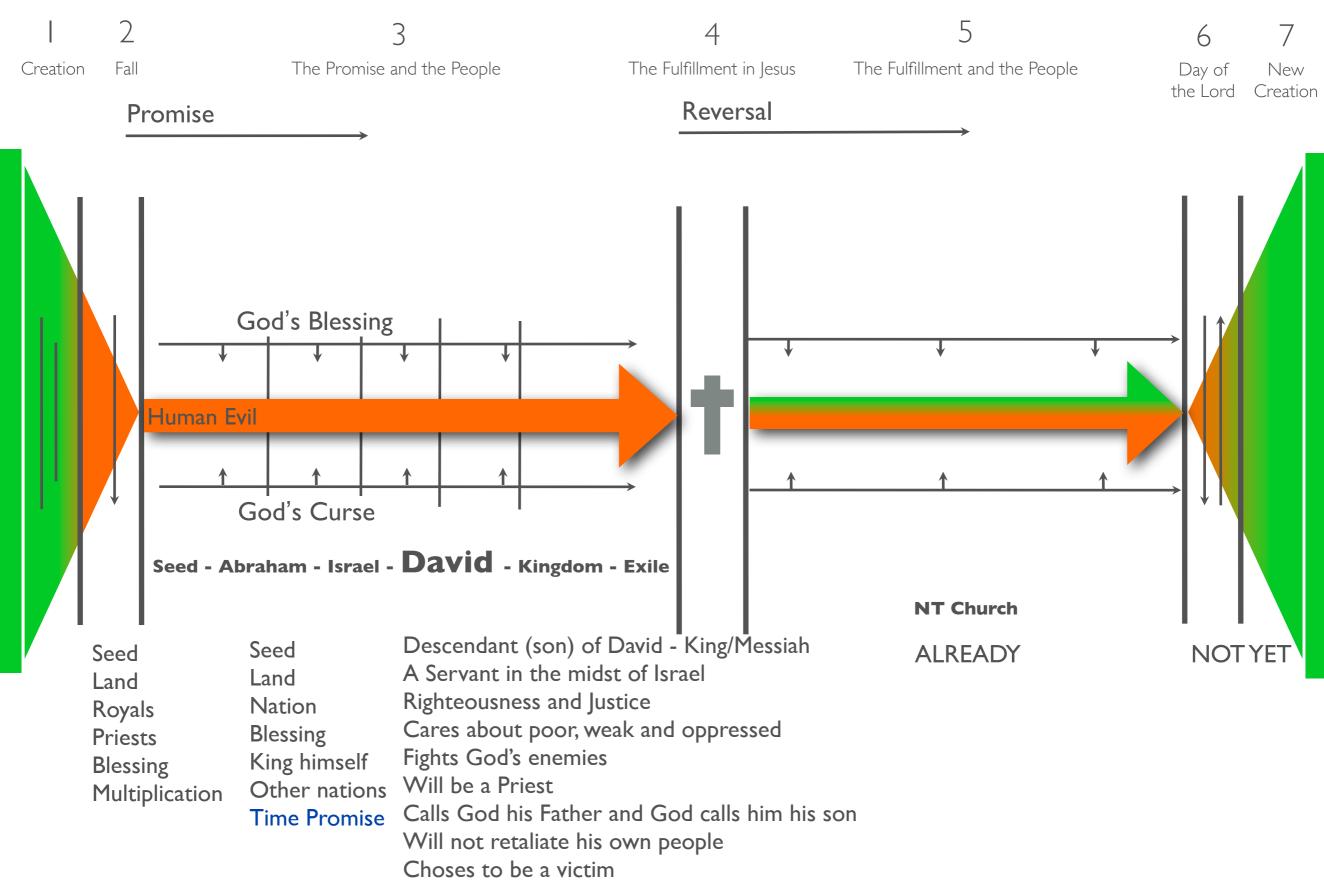
Is it a cry of **defeat** or **victory**?

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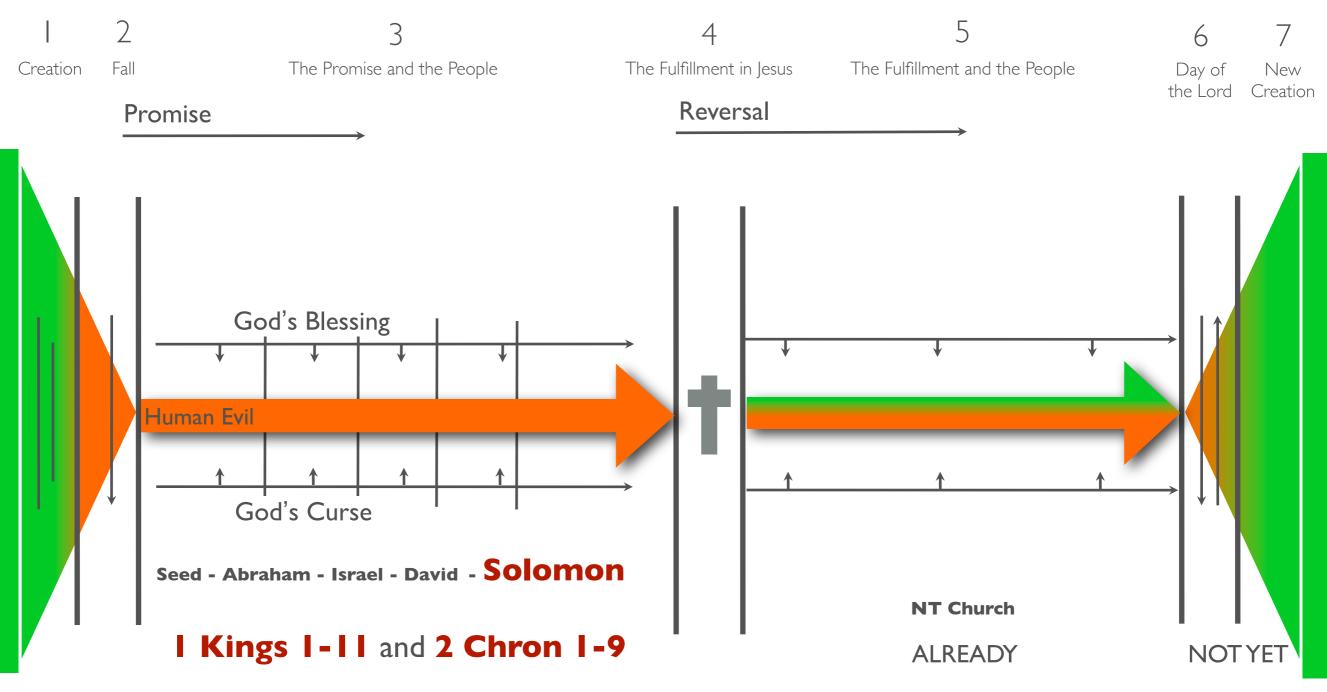
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Davidic Kingship Theology



Dt 17:14-20

- vs | Kings | 0:14-27
- Not too much gold Not many wives No horses from Egypt Should rule in humility Righteous and just
- silver counted for nothing
- 1000 of them
- many horses from Egypt
- his throne
- using 153.600 slaves

The Kingdom after David Dt 17:14-20

"When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that **his heart may not be lifted above his brethren**, that he may **not turn aside from the commandment** to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

The Kingdom after David | Kings |0:14-29

The weight of **gold** that came to Solomon yearly was **six hundred and sixty- six talents** of gold, besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country.

And King Solomon made two hundred large shields of hammered gold; six hundred shekels of gold went into each shield. He also made three hundred shields of hammered gold; three minas of gold went into each shield. The king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round at the back; there were armrests on either side of the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the armrests. Twelve lions stood there, one on each side of the six steps; nothing like this had been made for any other kingdom

The Kingdom after David | Kings |0:14-29

All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys. So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. Each man brought his present:articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year. And Solomon gathered **chariots and horsemen**; he had one thousand four hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland.

Also **Solomon had horses imported from Egypt** and Keveh; the king's merchants bought them in Keveh at the current price. Now a chariot that was imported from Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse one hundred and fifty; and thus, through their agents, they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Syria.

The Kingdom after David

But **King Solomon loved many foreign women**, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh:women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites— from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." **Solomon clung to these in Iove**. And he had **seven hundred wives**, princesses, and **three hundred concubines**; and **his wives turned away his heart**. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David (1-4)

Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the Lord had commanded (7-10)

The Kingdom after David

Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant. Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen (11-13)

The Kingdom after David Jeremiah 22:13-17

For thus says the Lord concerning Shallum [Jehoahaz] the son of Josiah, king of Judah...

"Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness And his chambers by injustice, Who uses his neighbor's service without wages And gives him nothing for his work, Who says, 'I will build myself a wide house with spacious chambers, And cut out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar And painting it with vermilion.' "Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; Then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?" says the Lord. "Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence

John 5 & Luke 24

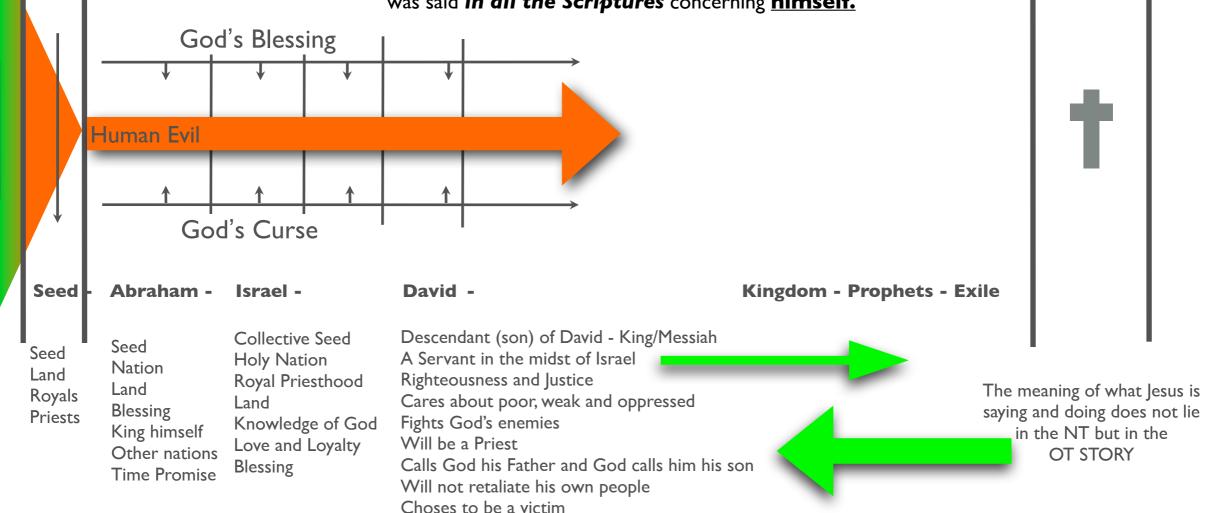
"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is **another who testifies** in my favor"

"And **the Father** who sent me has himself testified concerning me...You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are **the very Scriptures** that testify about me."

"If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, **how are you going to believe** what I say?"

"This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the *Law of Moses*, the *Prophets* and the *Psalms*."

And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,** he explained to them what was said **in all the Scriptures** concerning **himself.**



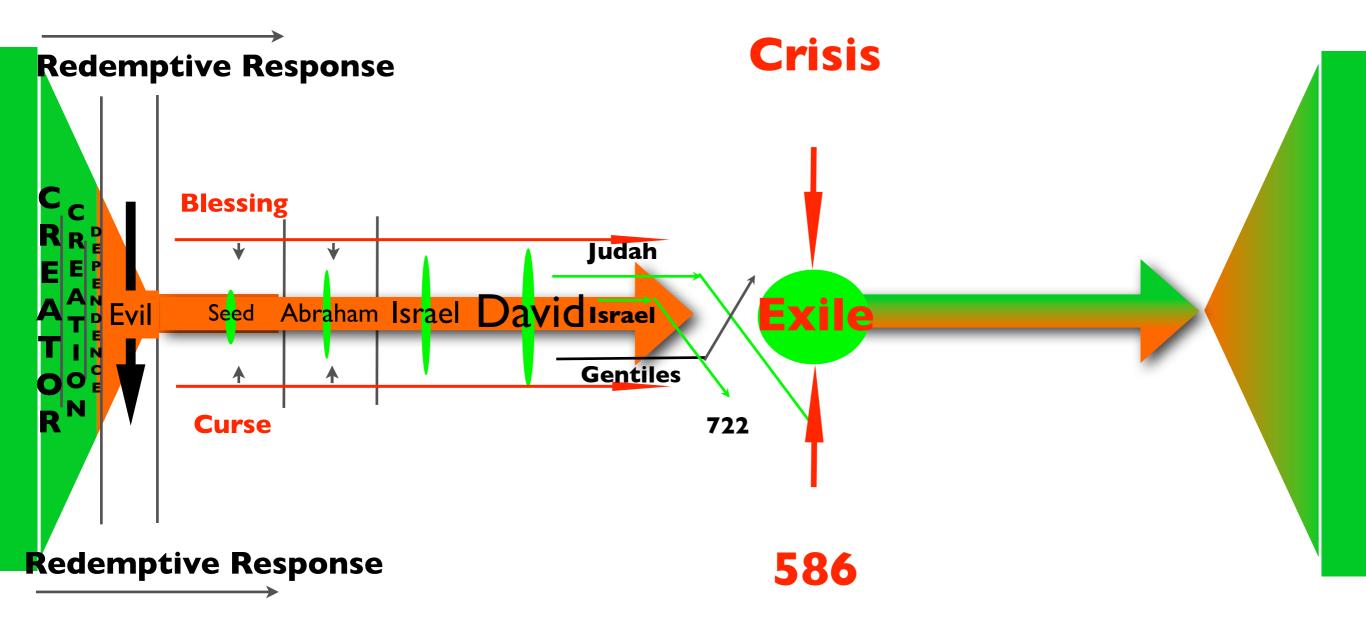
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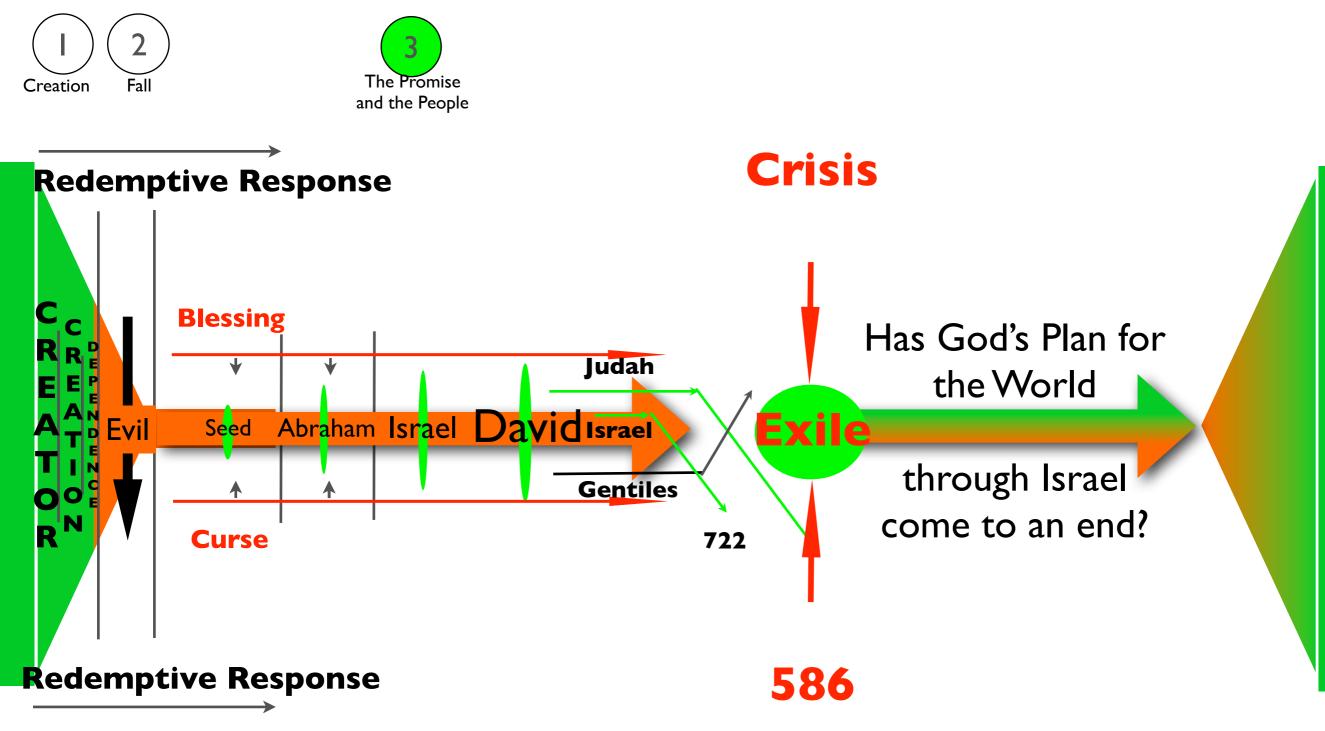
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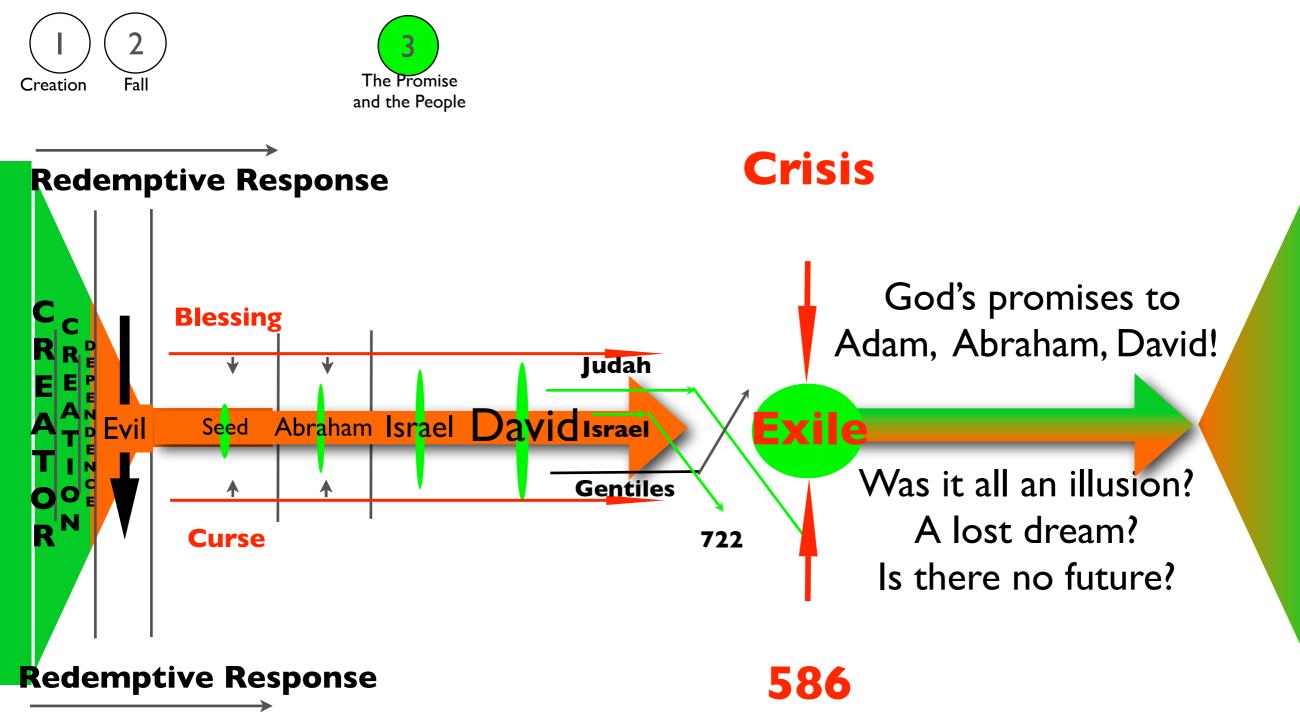


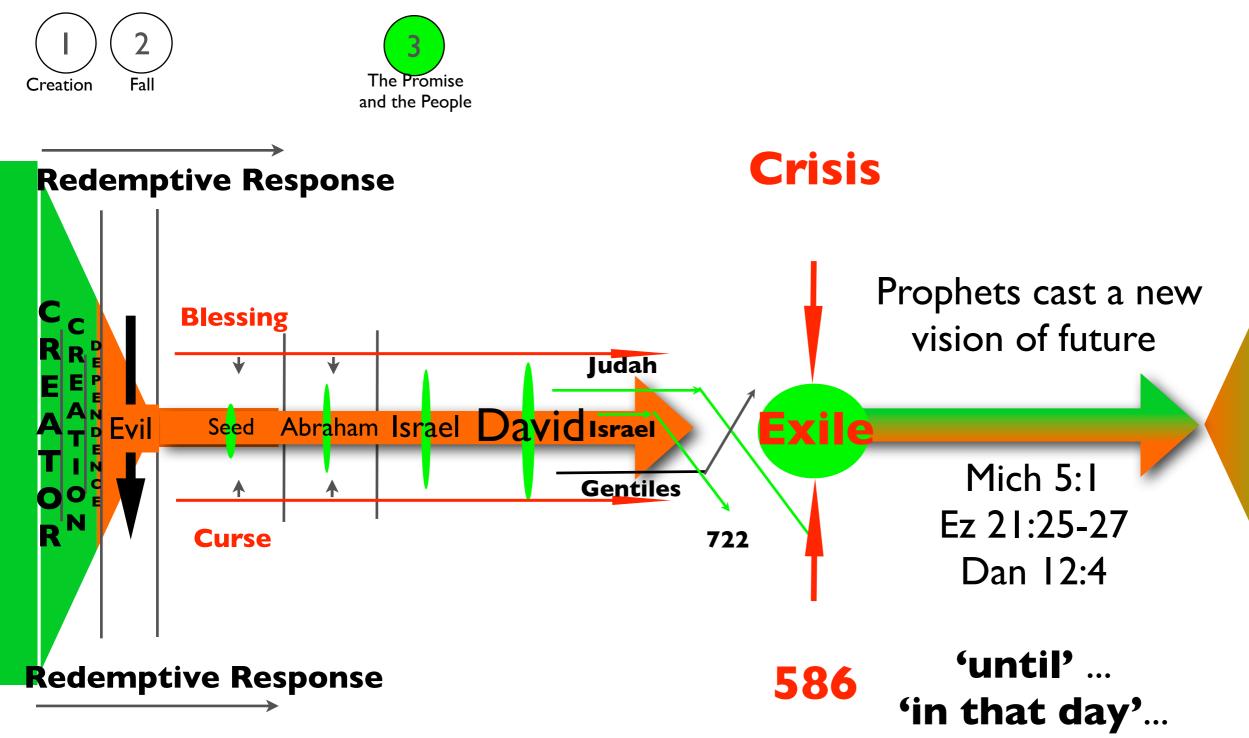
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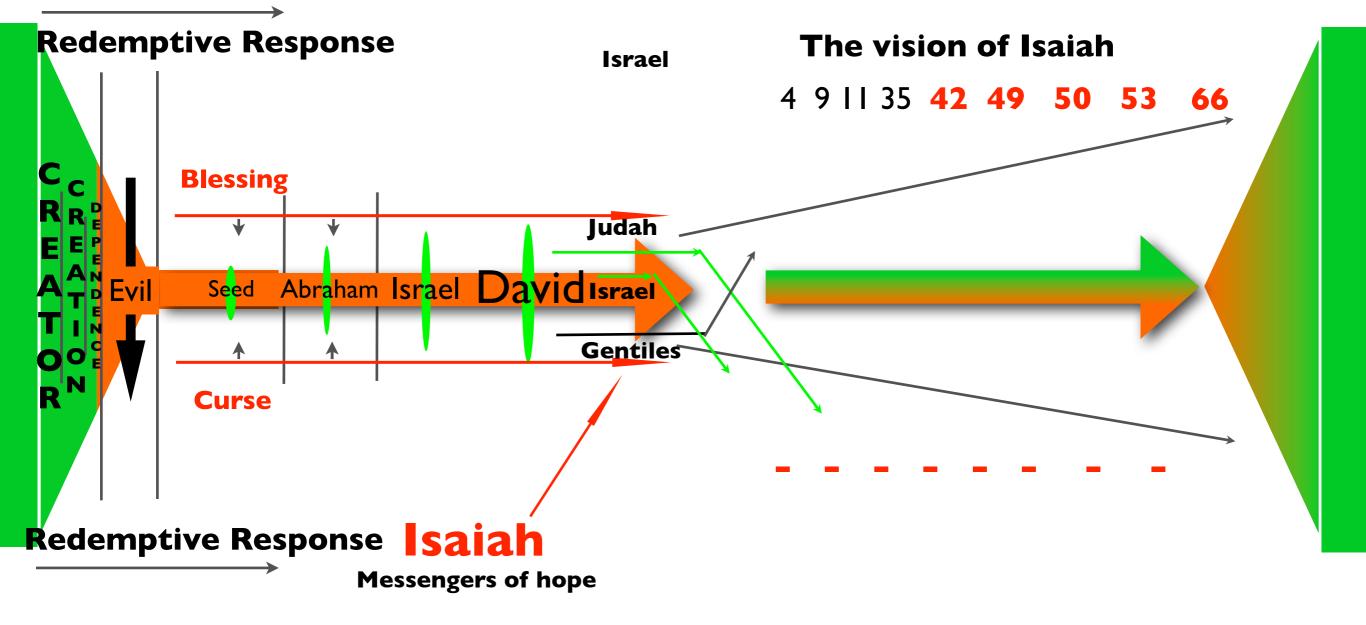






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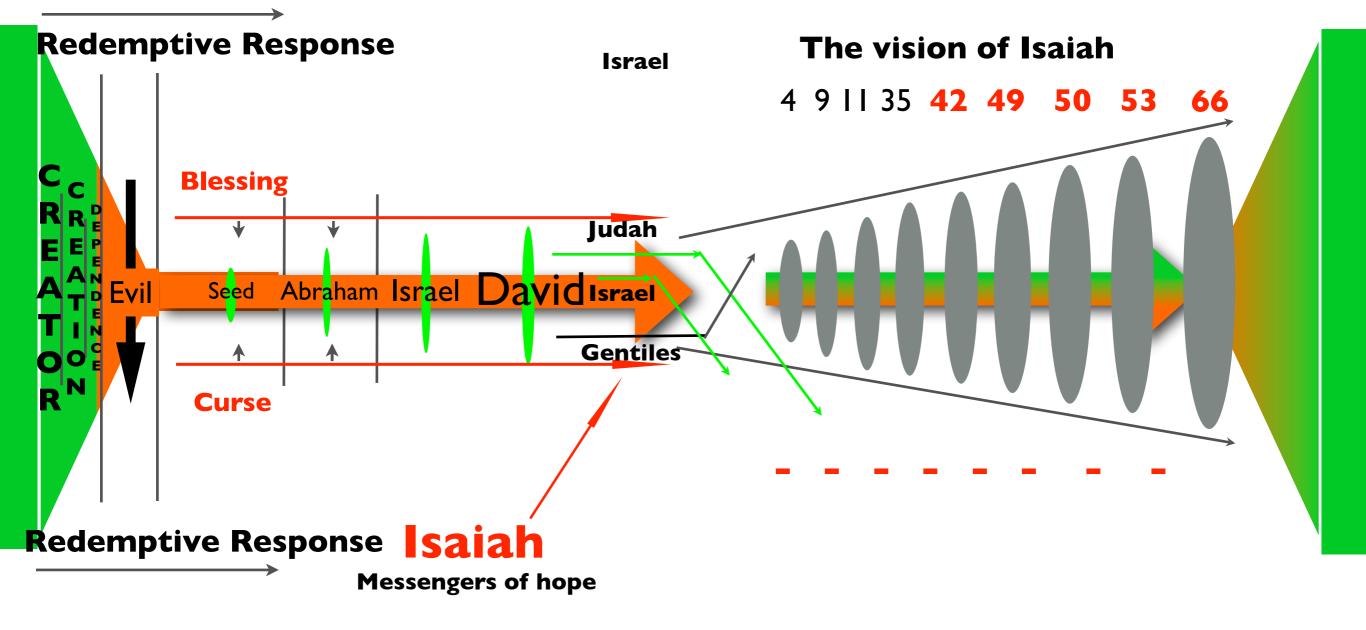
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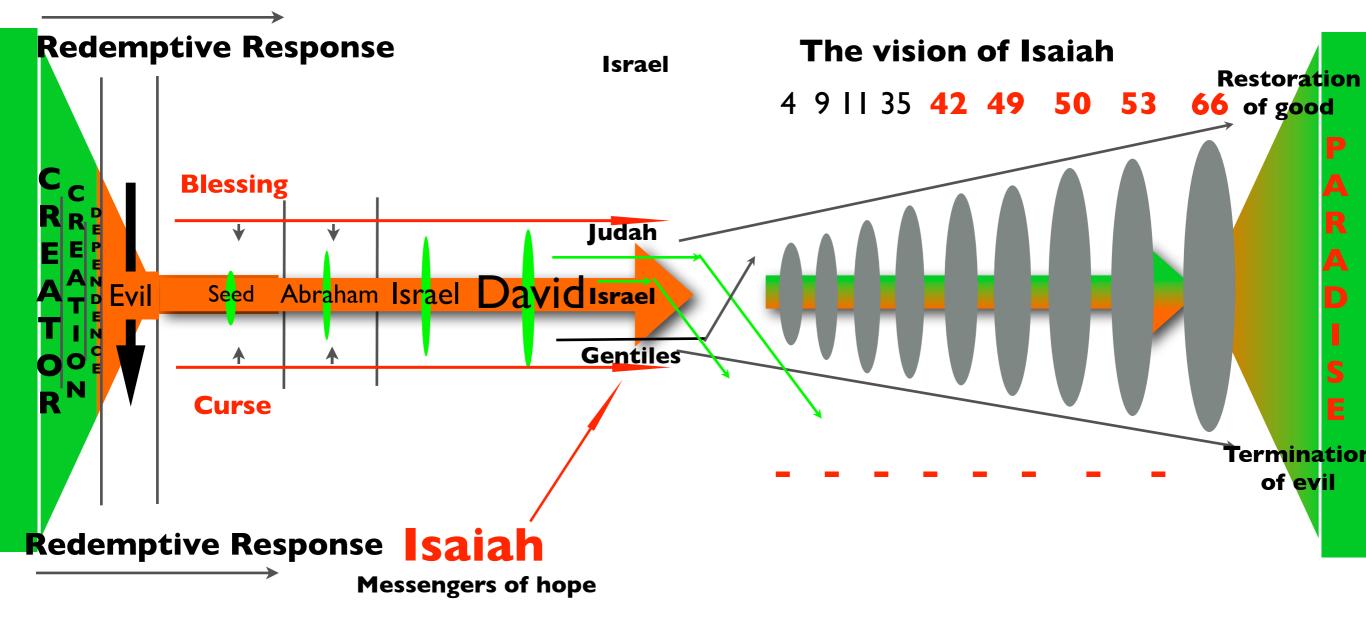
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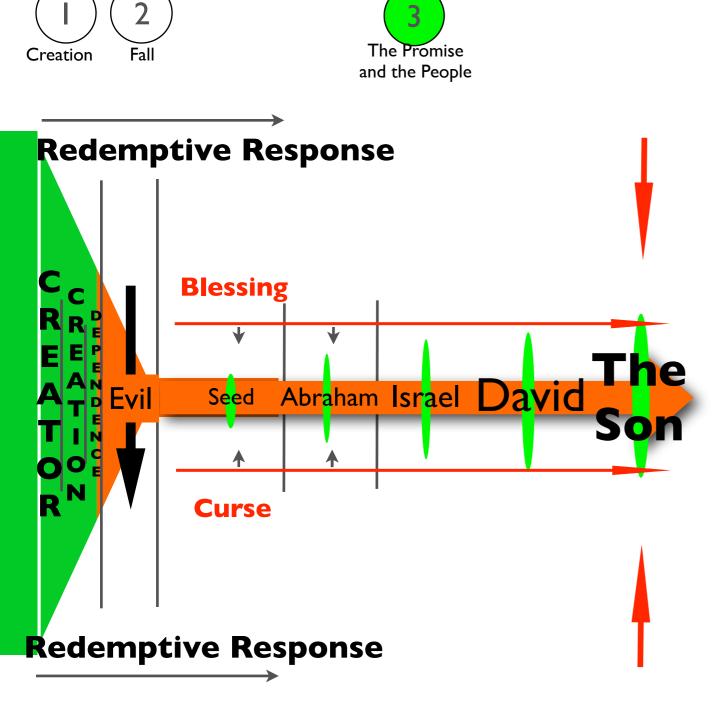
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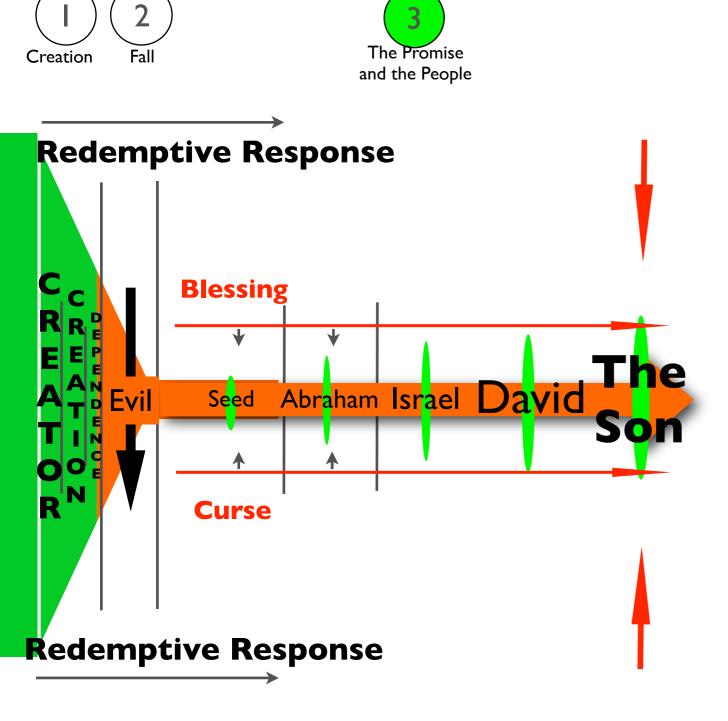
Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on Davids throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it withs justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty

will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7



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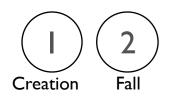
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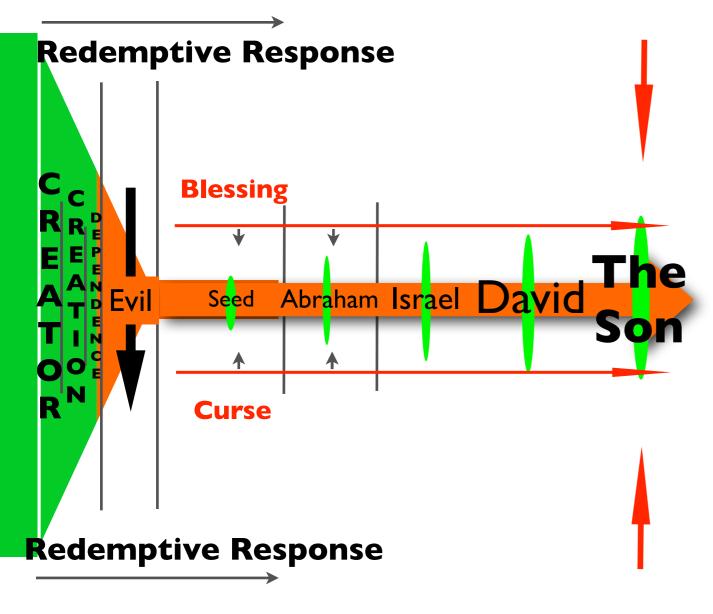
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Blessing

The son of David the ultimate ONC







The Branch Motif

In that day the branch of the Lord will be beautiful Isaiah 4:2

> Botanical image 2 Sam 23:5

The lost Blessing

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse from his root a branch will bear fruit Isaiah II:I He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root out of dry ground Isaiah 53:2

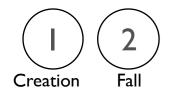
> Jeremiah 23:5-6 Zechariah 3:8; 6:12

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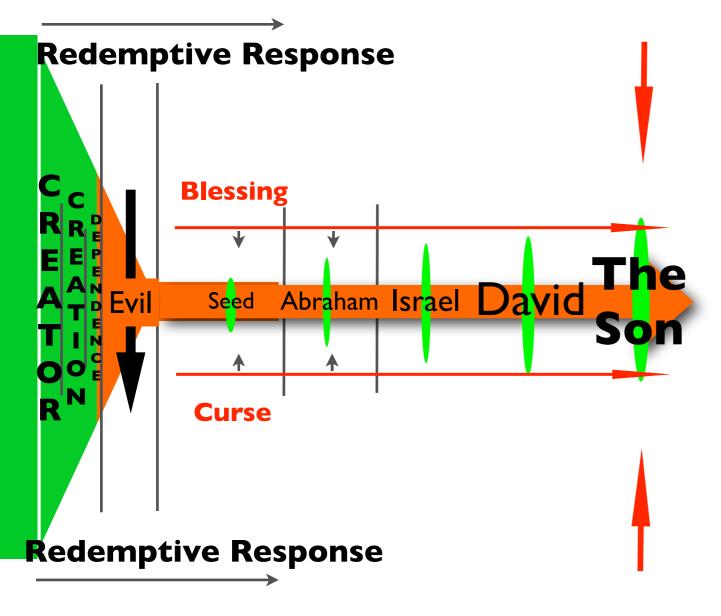
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on himthe Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of council and power, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lordand he will delight in the fear of the Lord. Isaiah II

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist. Isaiah 11:1-5

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters covers the sea.







The character

of his rule

As judge he executes God's Blessing and Curse

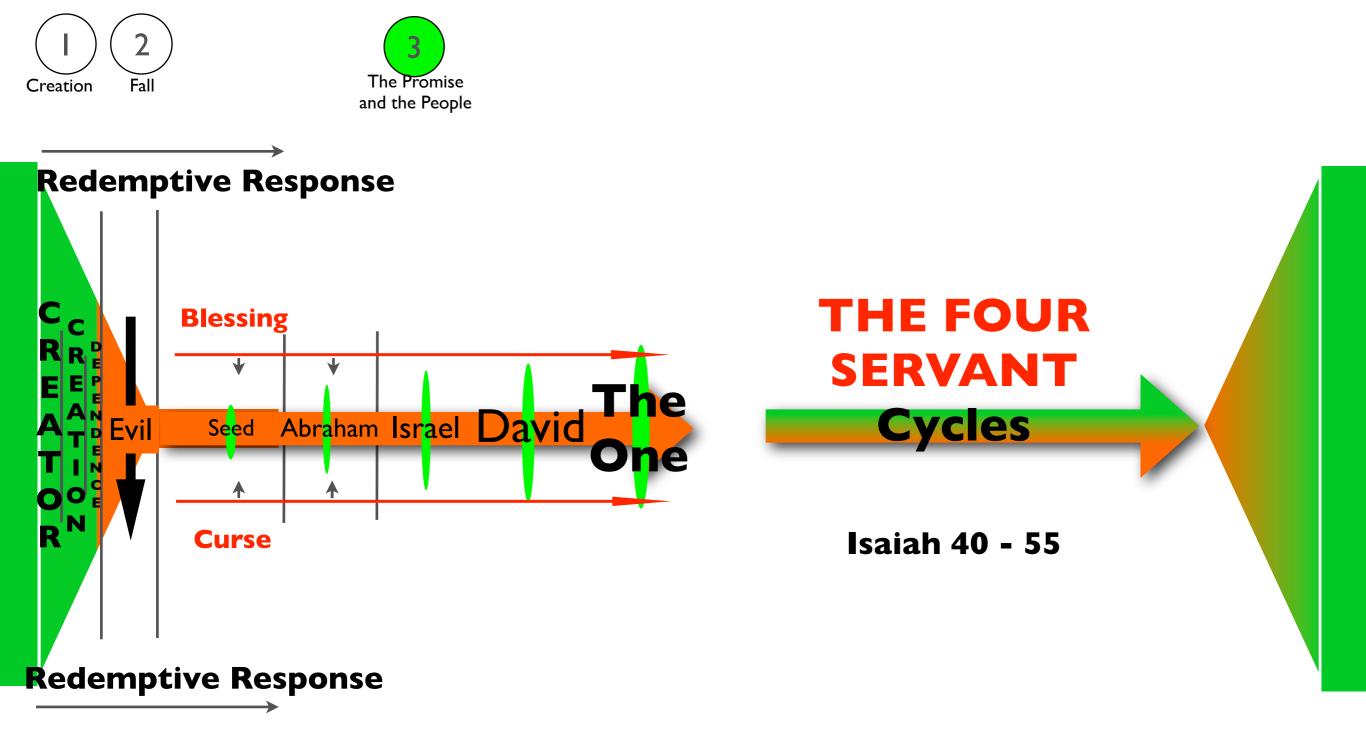
The triumph of Davidic Rule

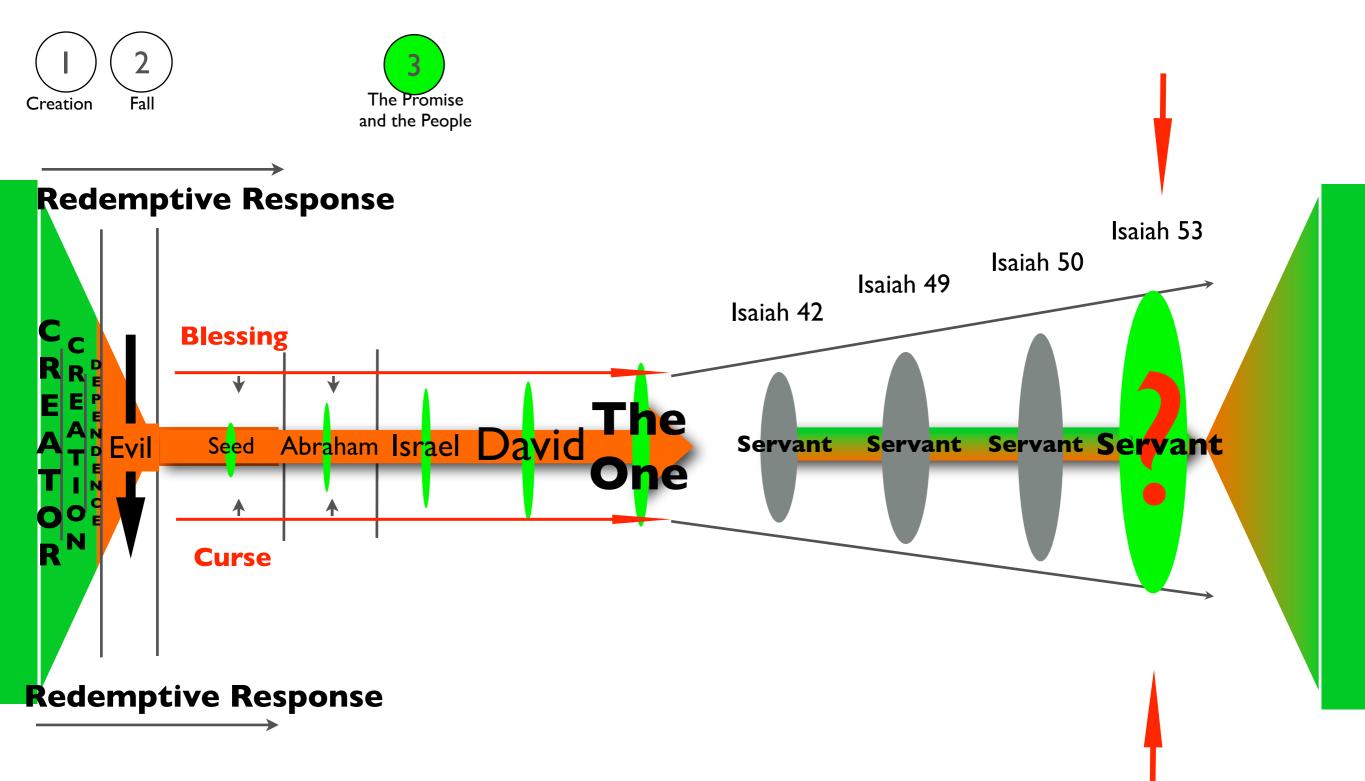
-a rule of justice--a rule of goodness--an eternal peace--an eternal rule-

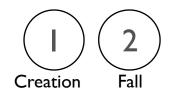
What is the secret of his rule?

Filling the earth with the knowledge of the lord

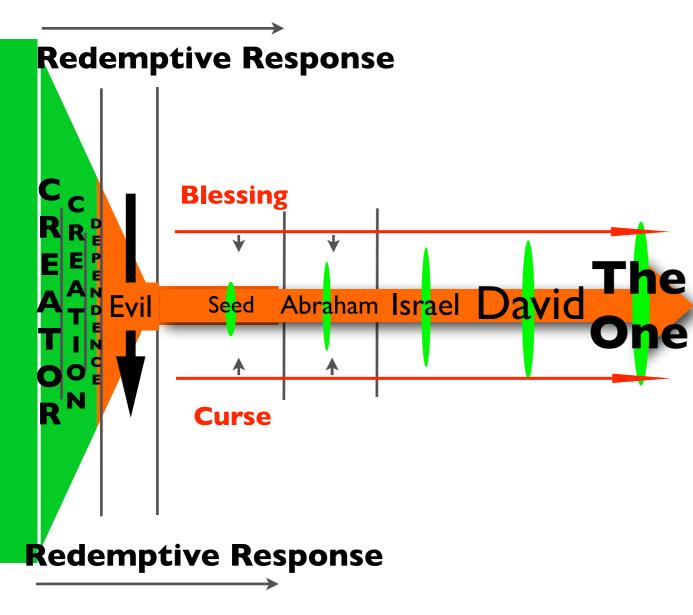
In that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim his remnant -Isaiah II:10-16







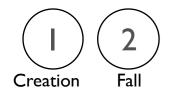




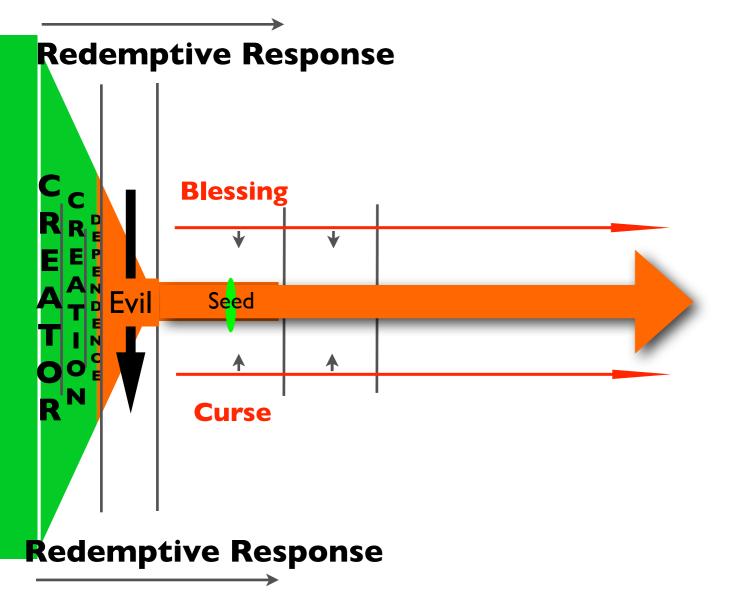
Who is the Servant

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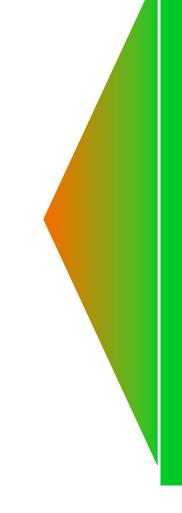
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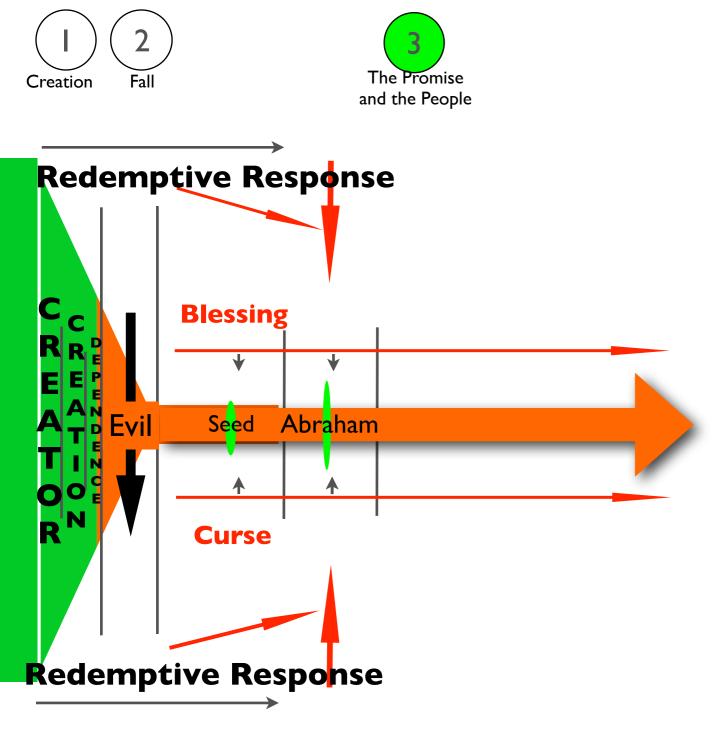






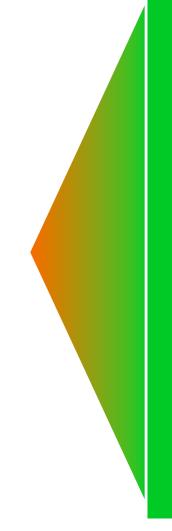
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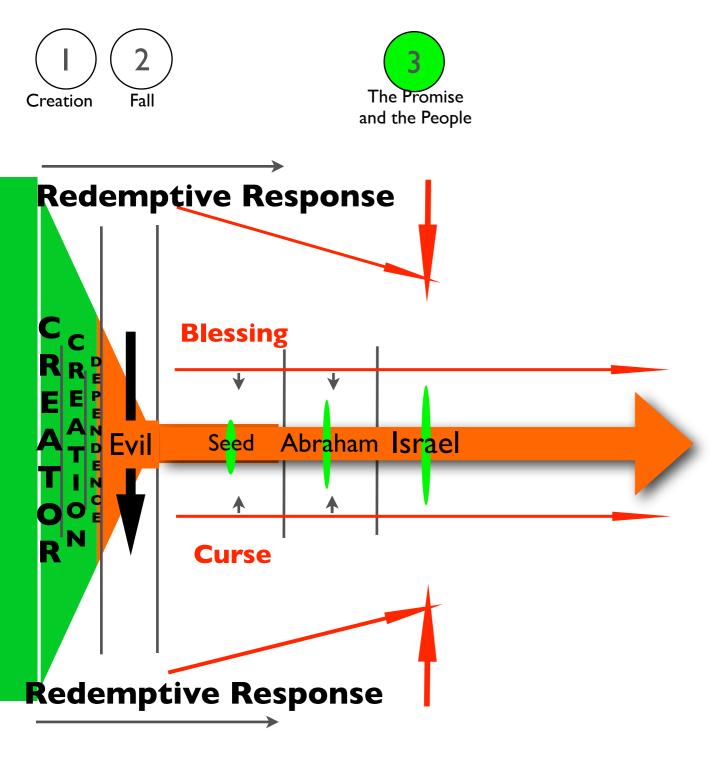




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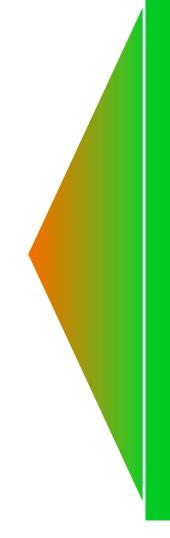
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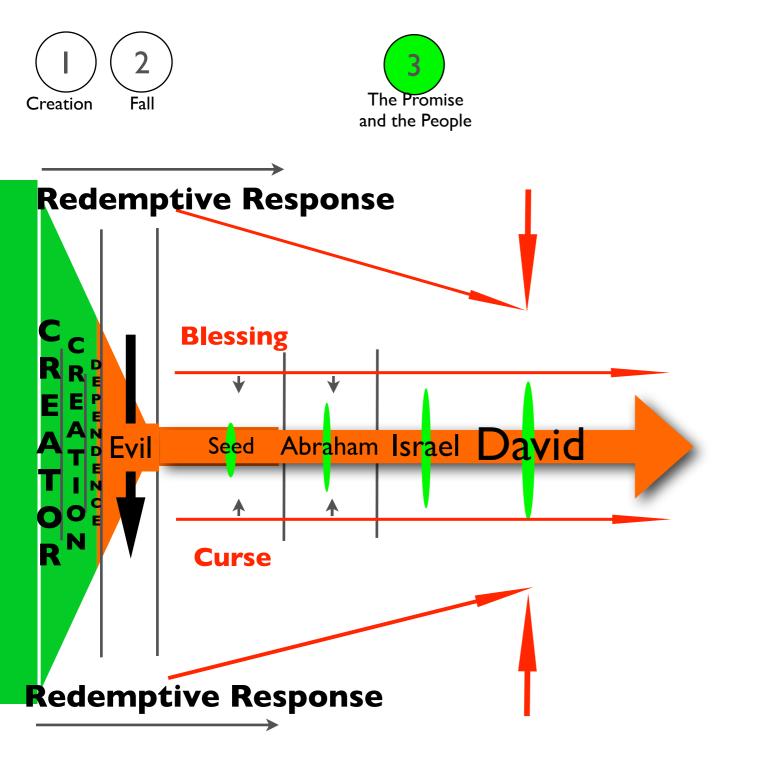




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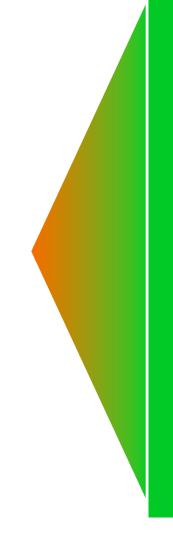
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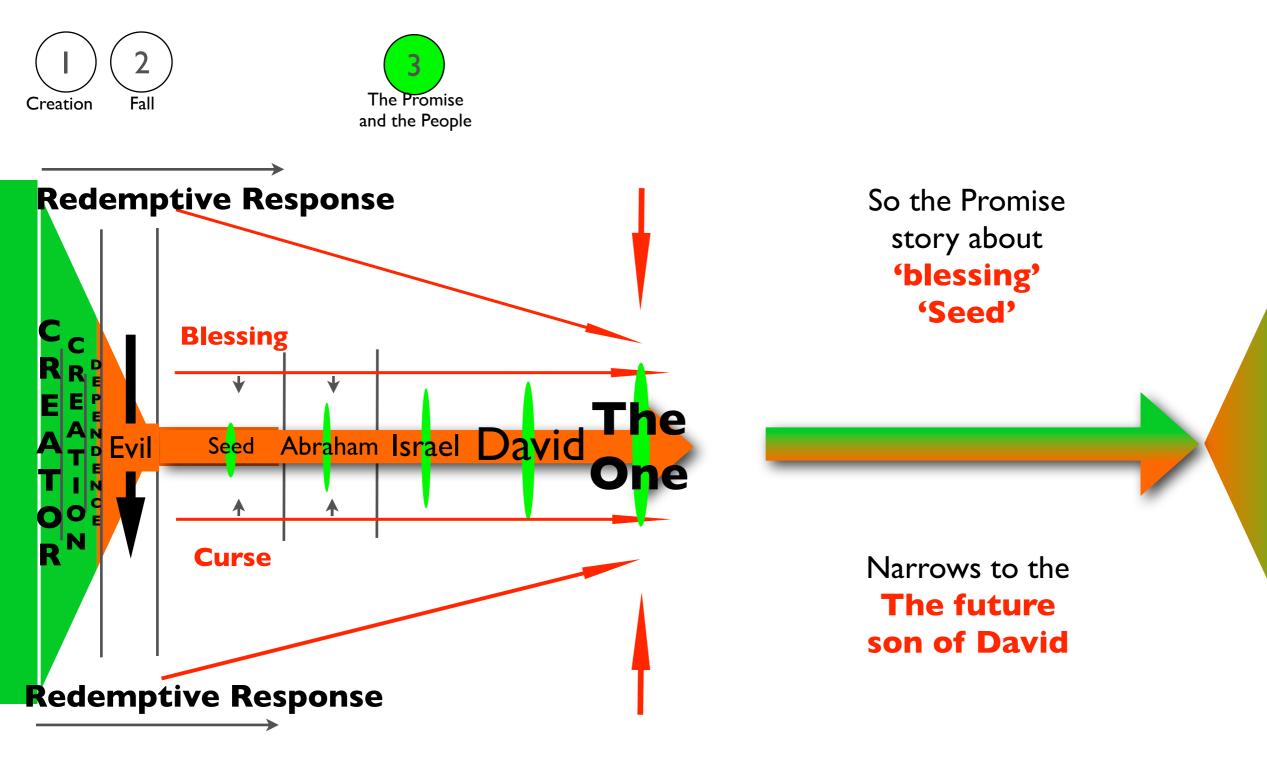


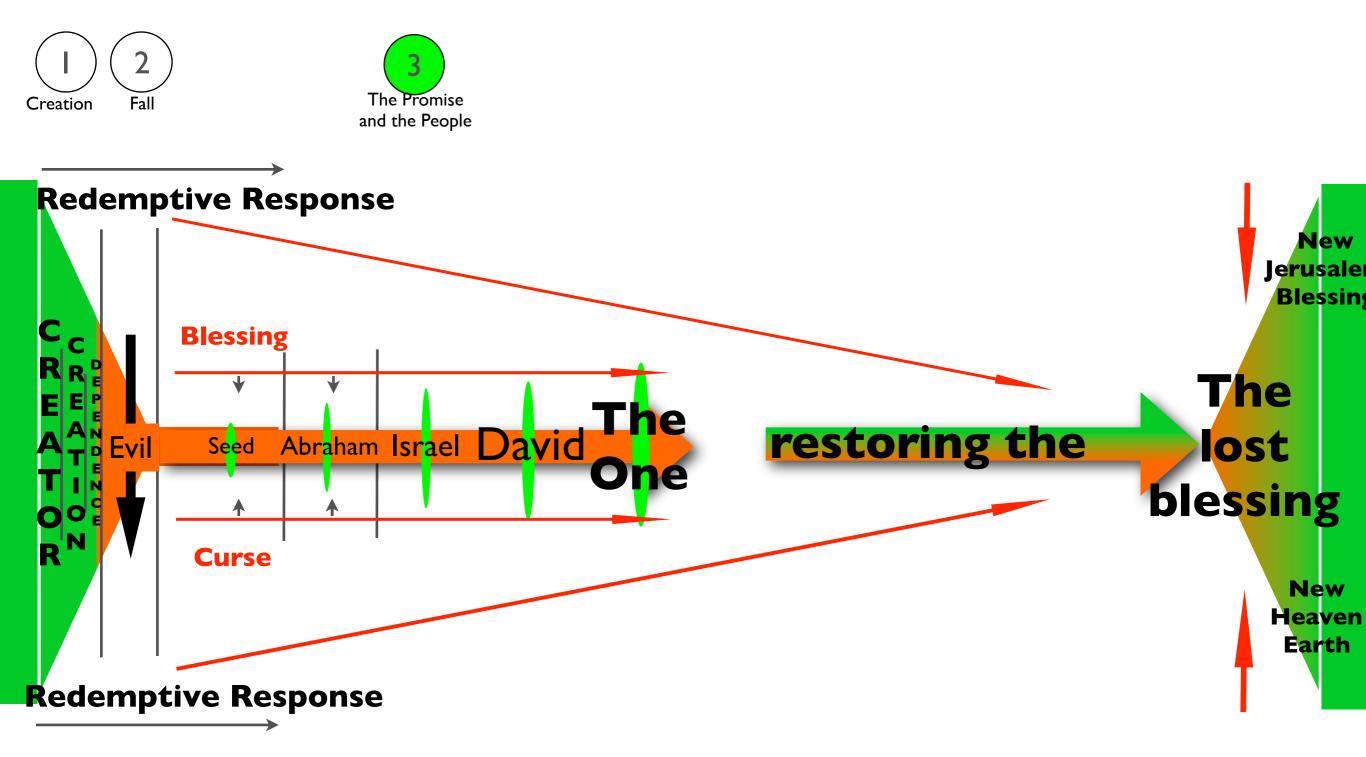


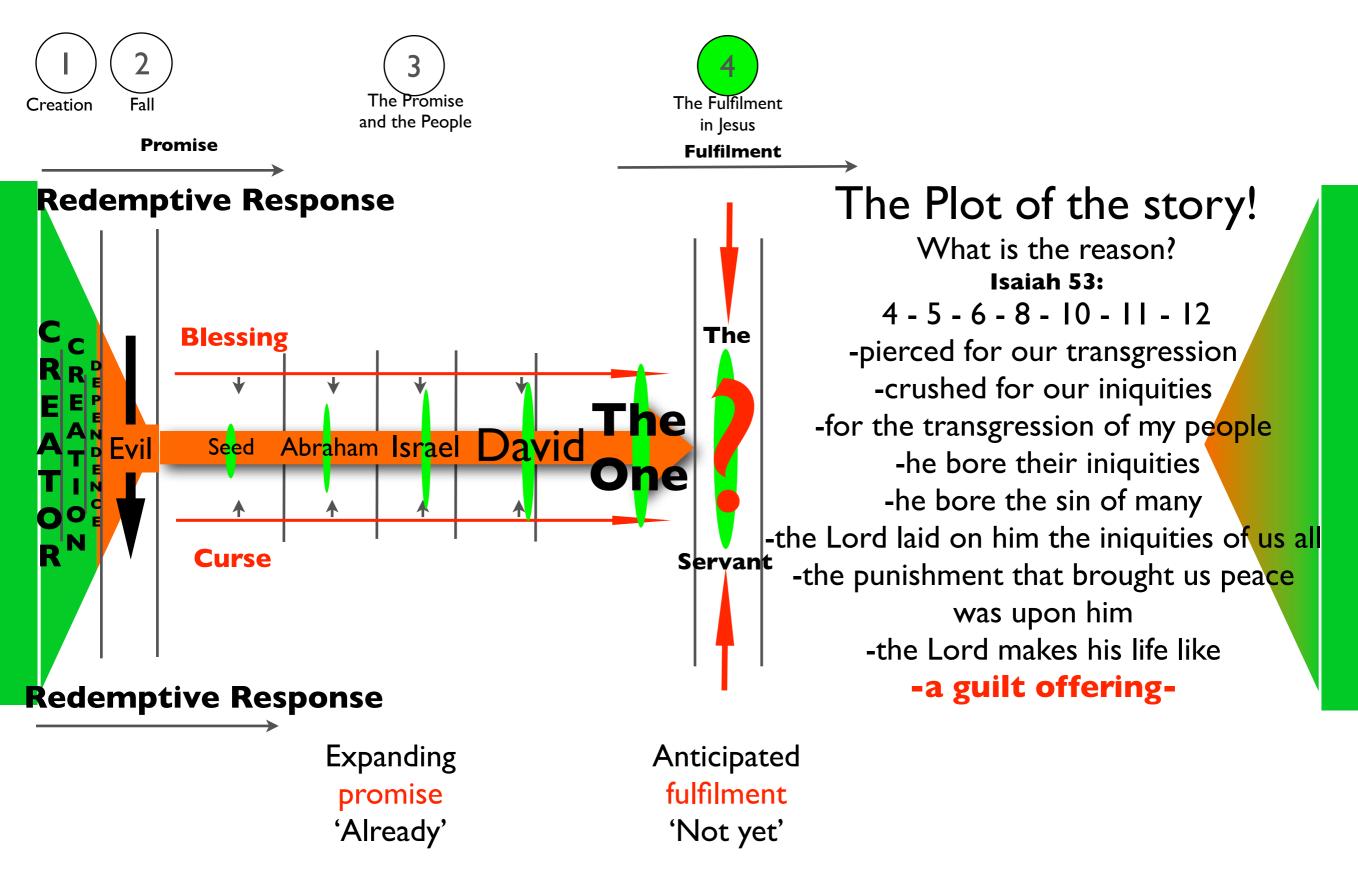
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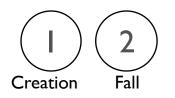
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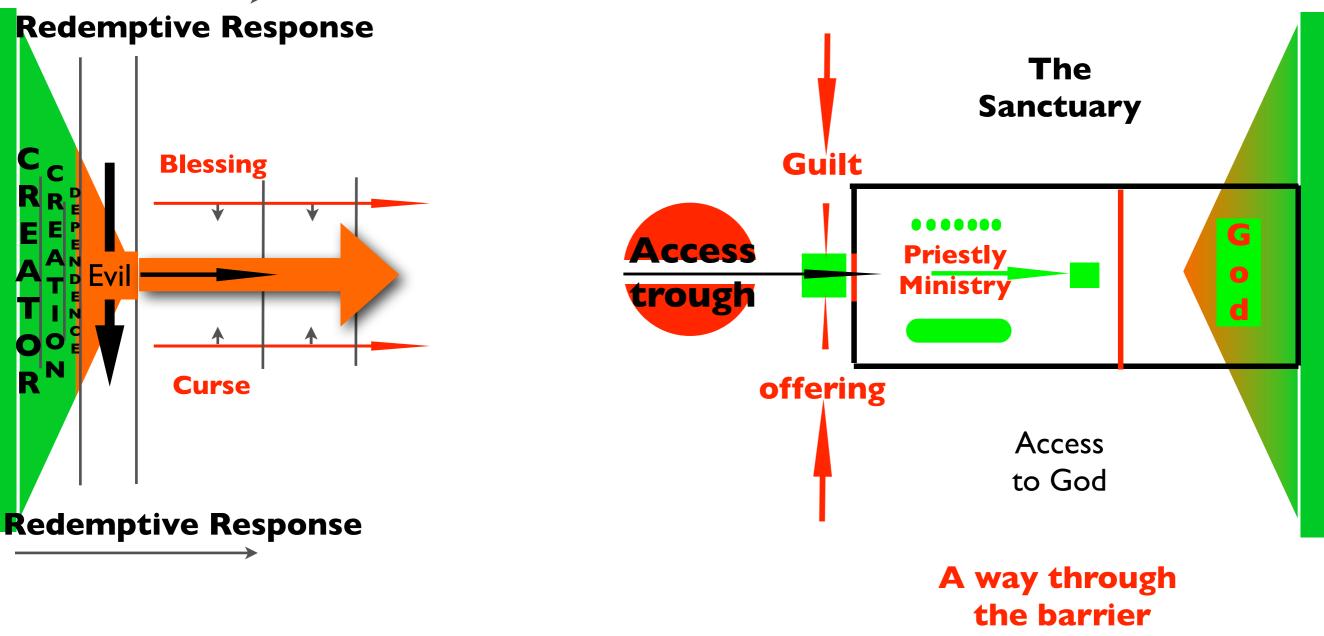




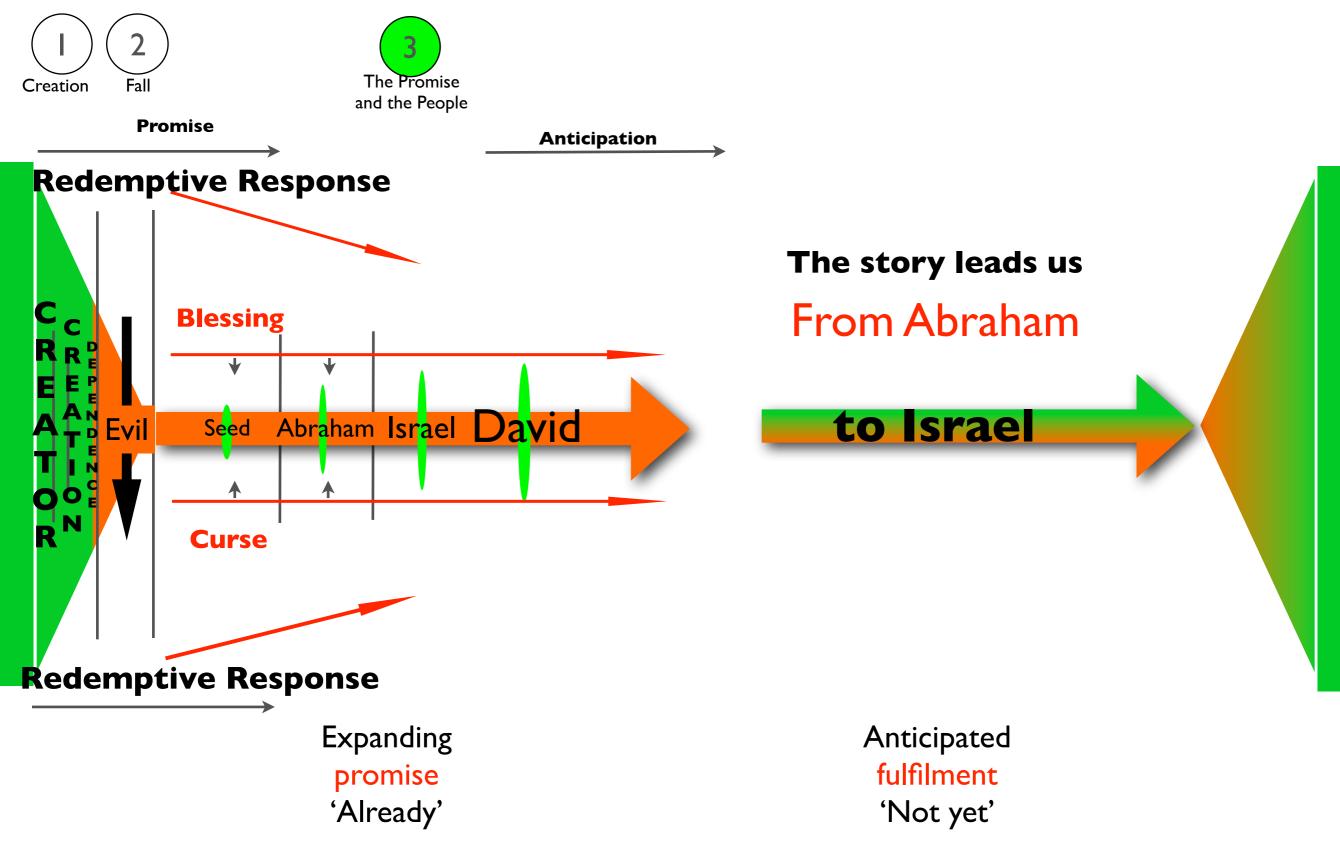


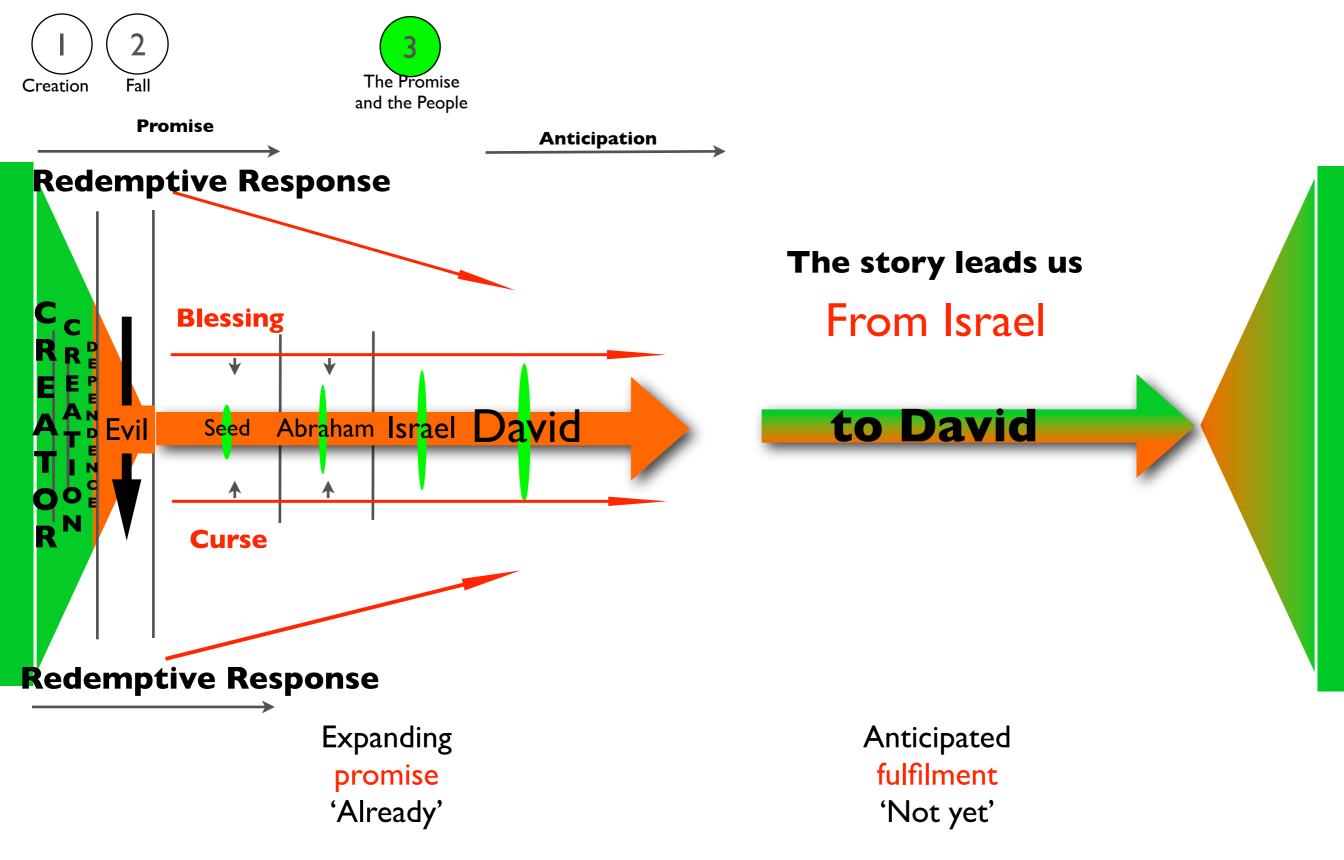


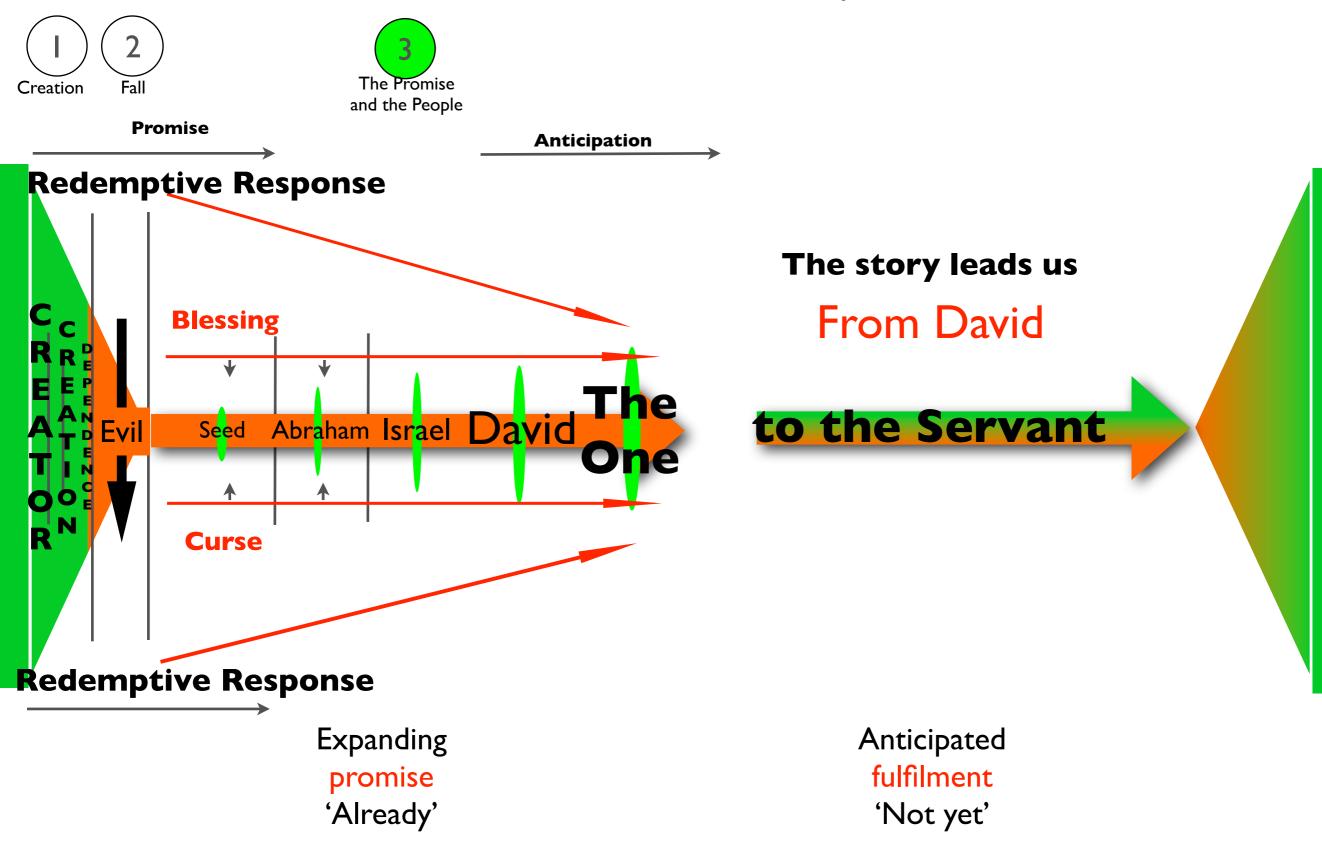


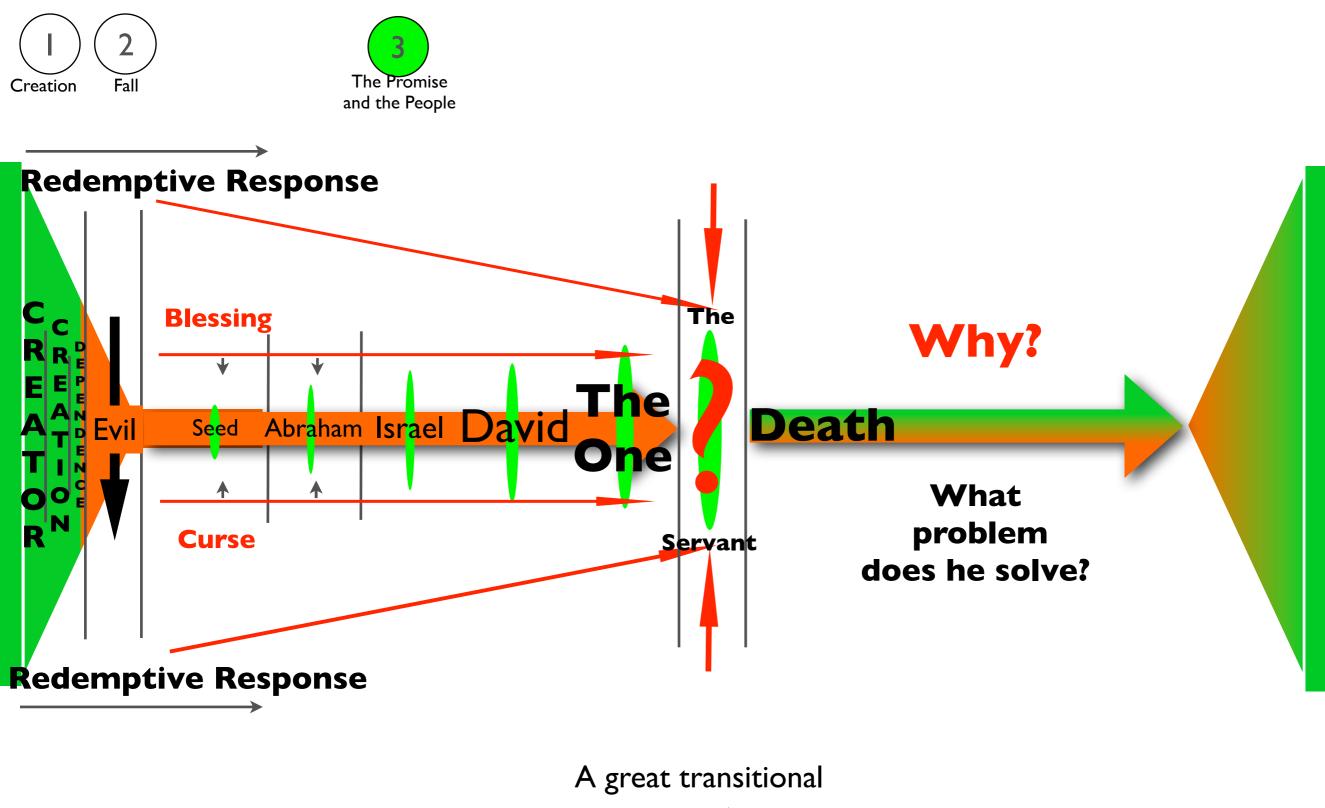


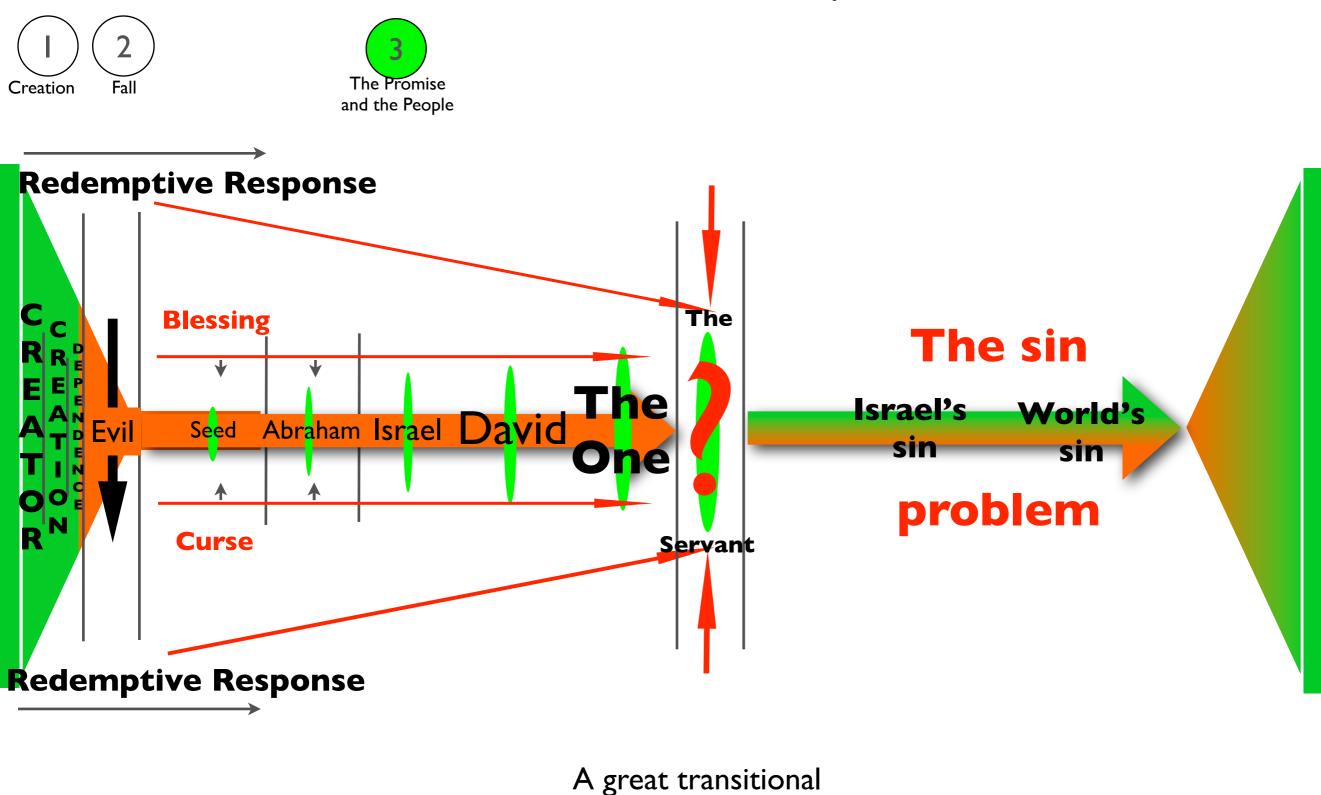
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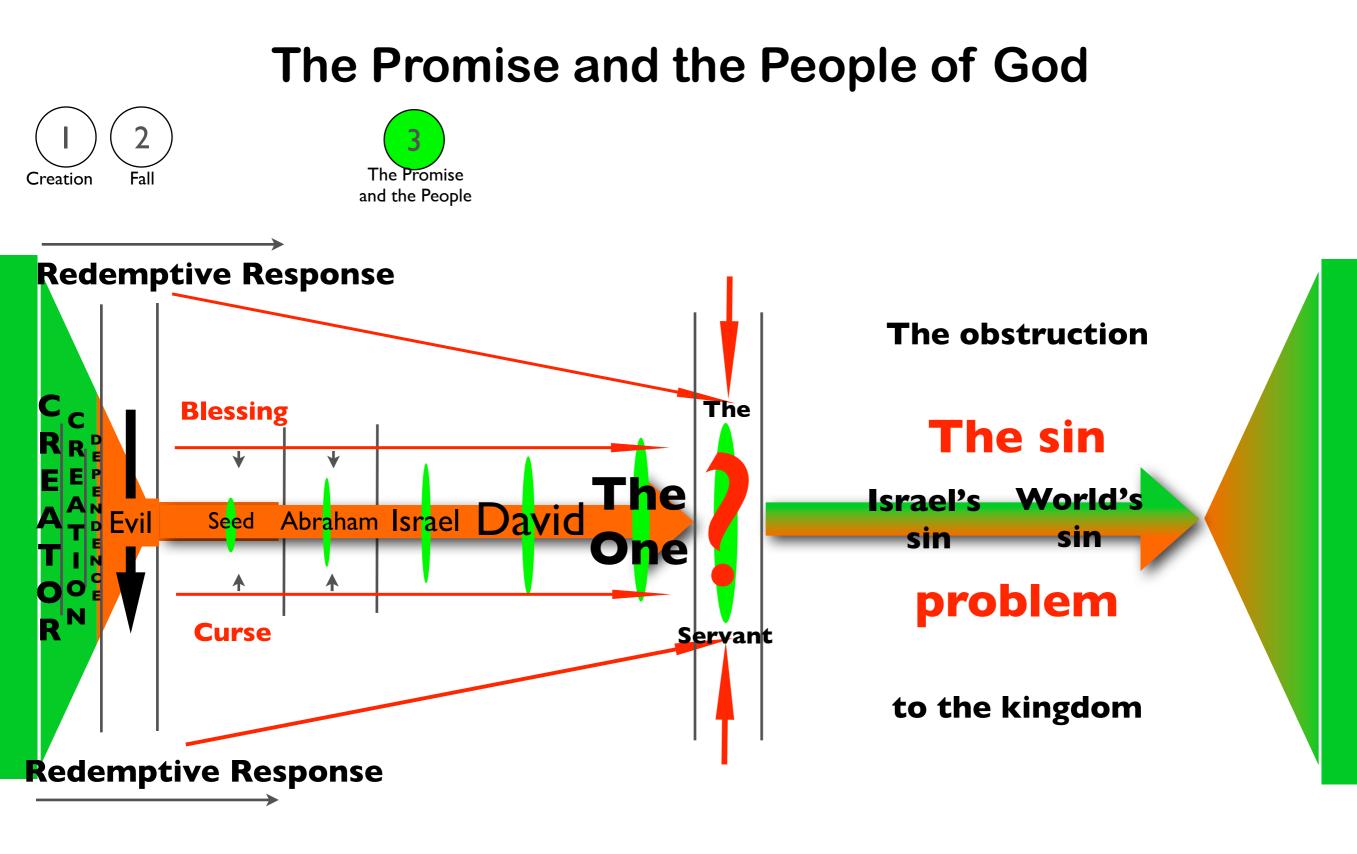




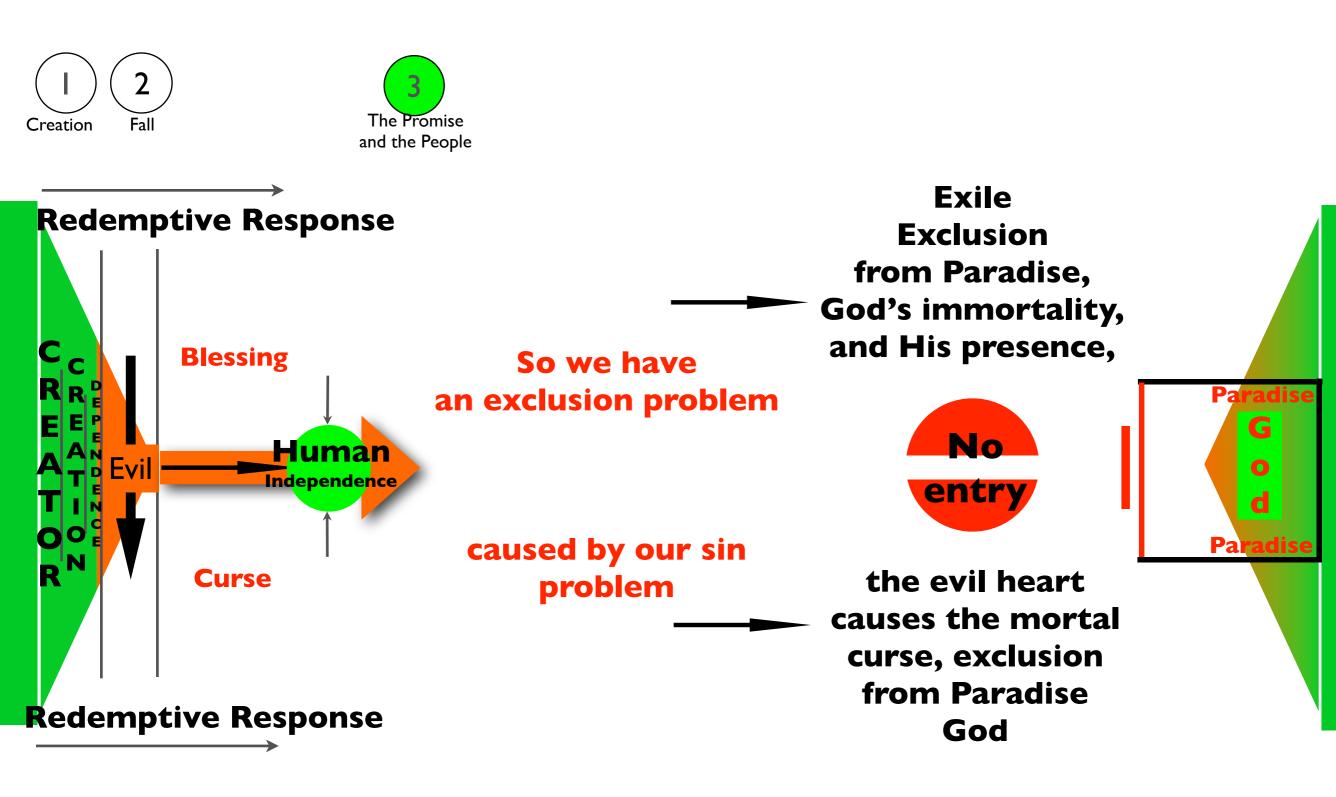


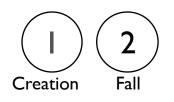


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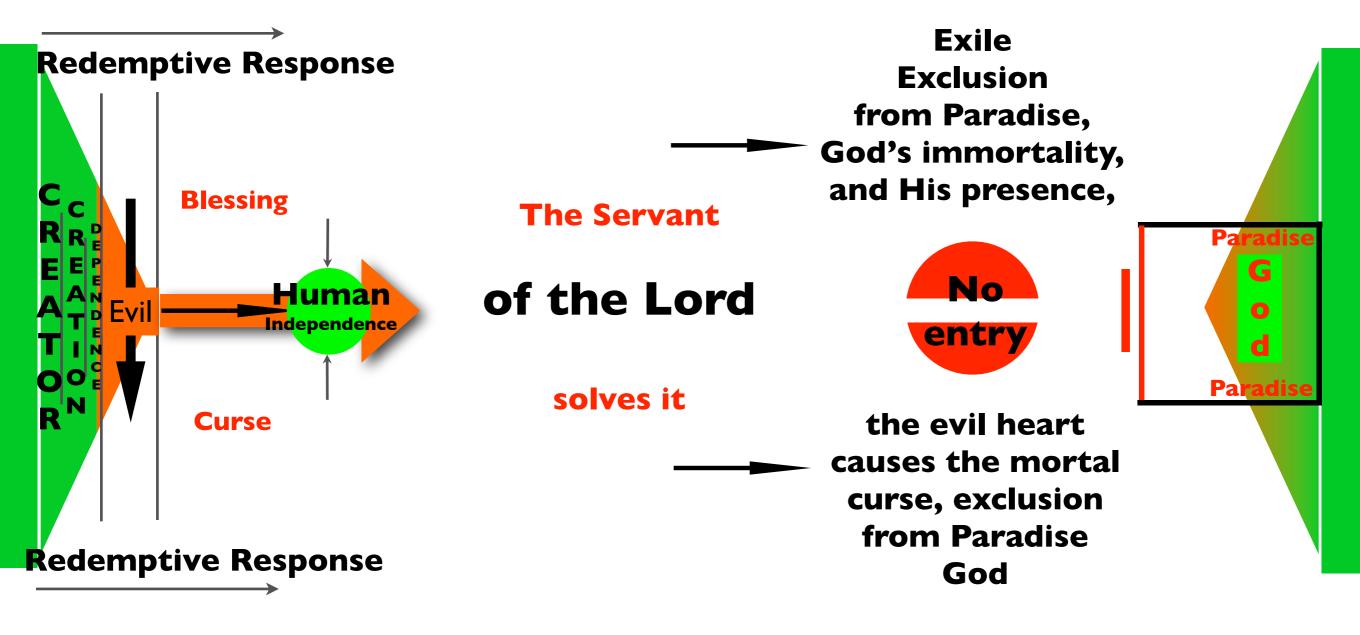


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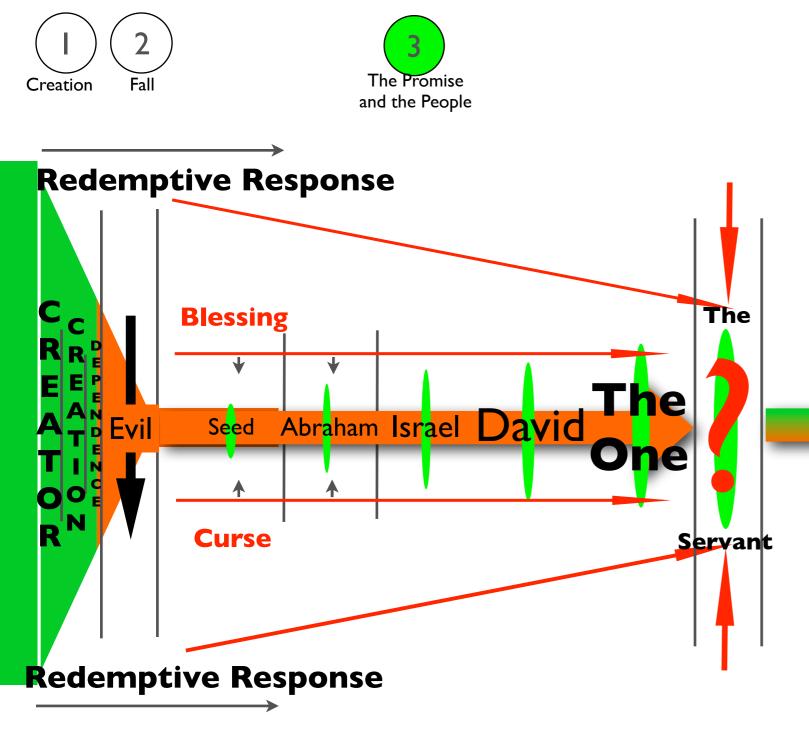








Isaiah prophets of hope



The Outcome

The benefit for humanity? Isaiah 53: verses 10 - 12

He will see results He will see the light of day Be satisfied with the result

He will execute the will of God Having won a great victory Be greatly exalted

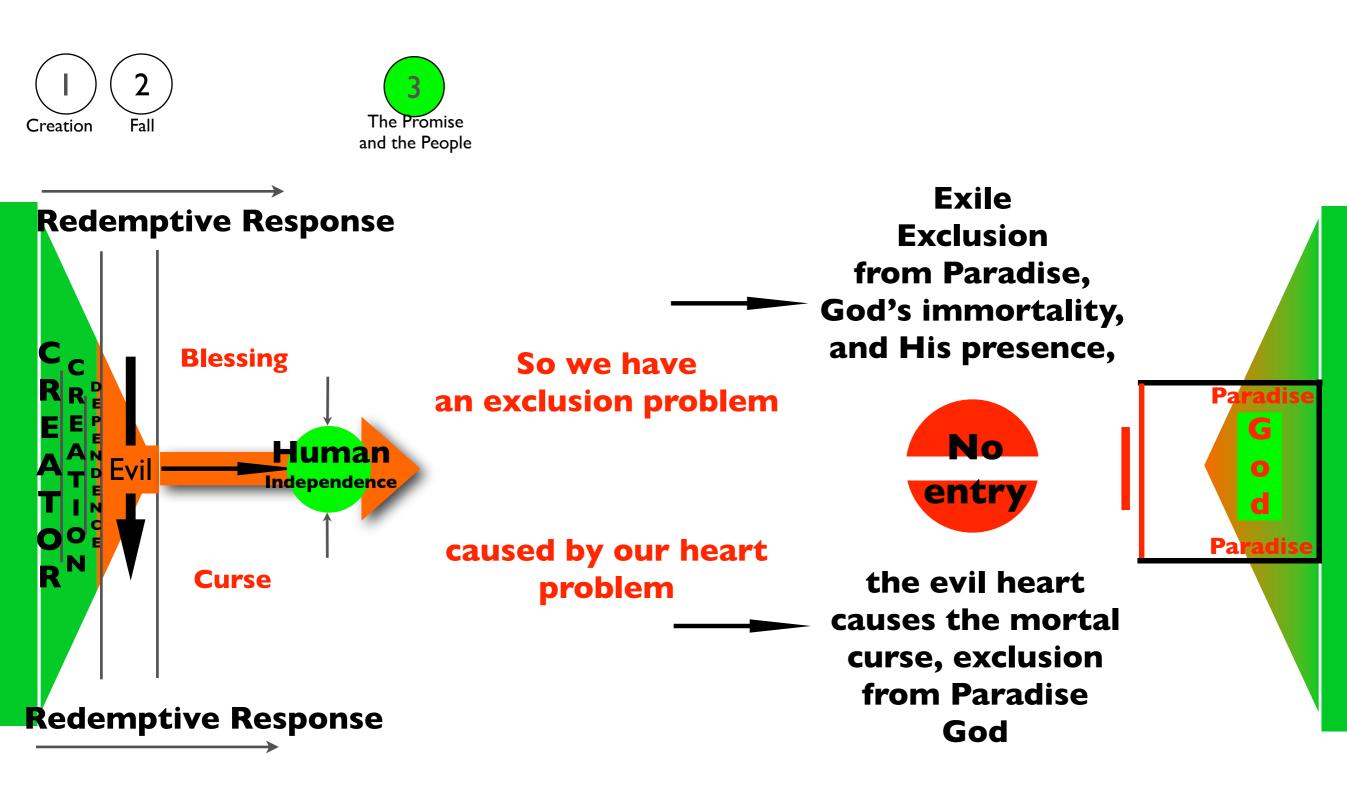
By his knowledge he will justify the many--Those whose sins

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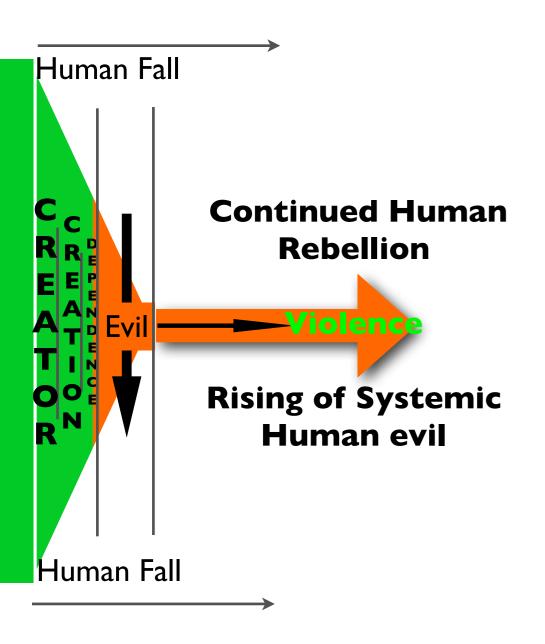
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The servant is the -provisionfor sin

THE PROMISE OF A NEW HEART



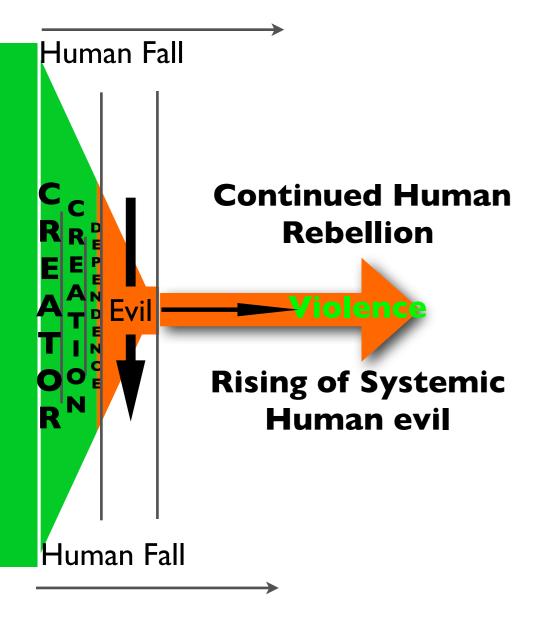
The initial characterisation of Evil



Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of **violence**. God saw how corrupt the earth has become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. --the world is filled with **violence** because of them. **Genesis 8:11-13**

The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that **every inclination** of the **thoughts** of his **heart** was only evil all the time. **Gen 6: 5**

even though **every inclination** of his **heart**, is evil from childhood. Genesis 8:21



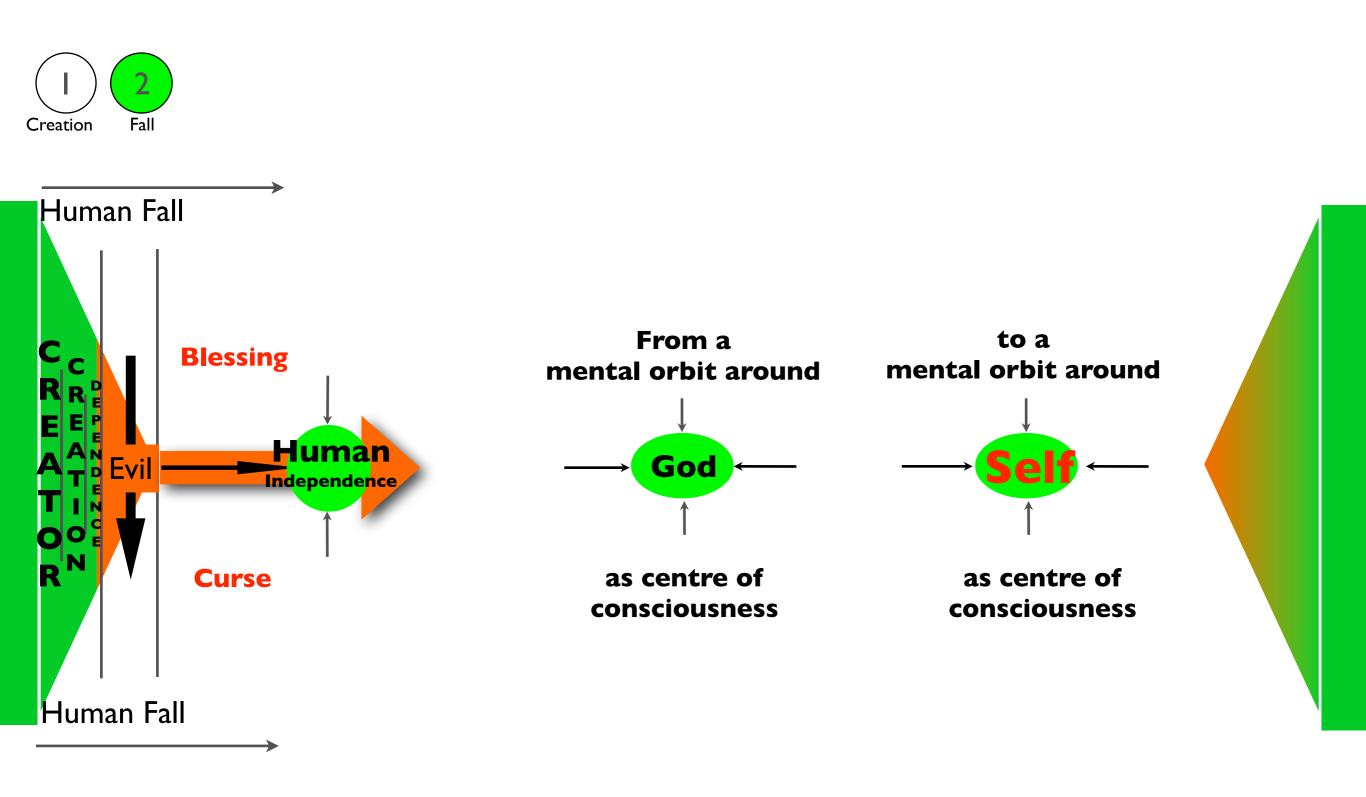
The characterisation of human Evil

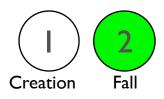
-its is egocentric -it is universal--it is radical-

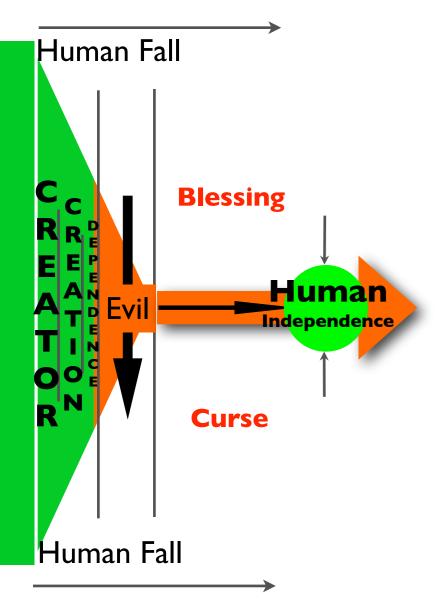
its location -the human heart-

there is something wrong with the human heart -mind-







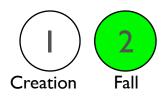


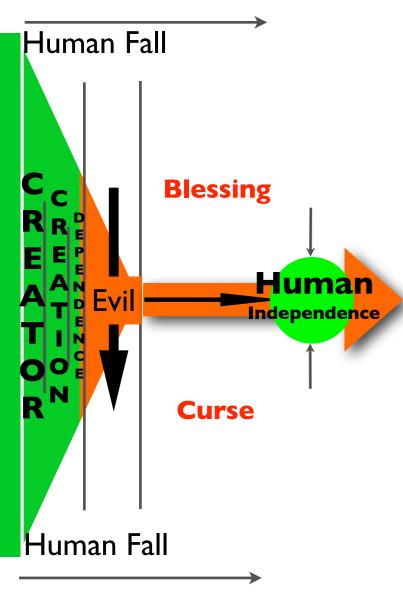
The prophets knew

that without a radical solution there would be

-no future gathering of Israel -no future return of God to Israel -no end to the exile of Israel -no future kingdom

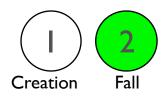
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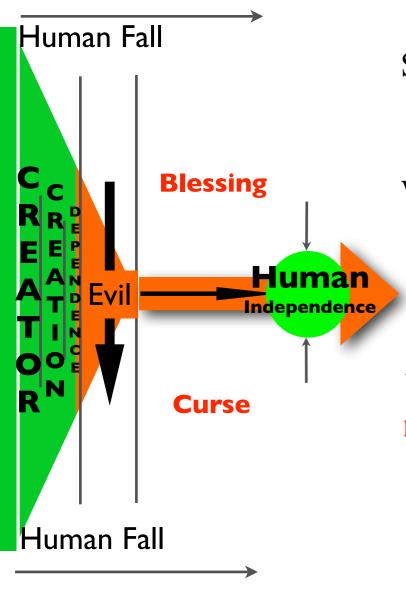




The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ----

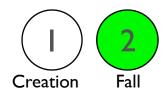
But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will **put my law** within them, and **I will write** it on their **hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Jeremiah 31:31-34

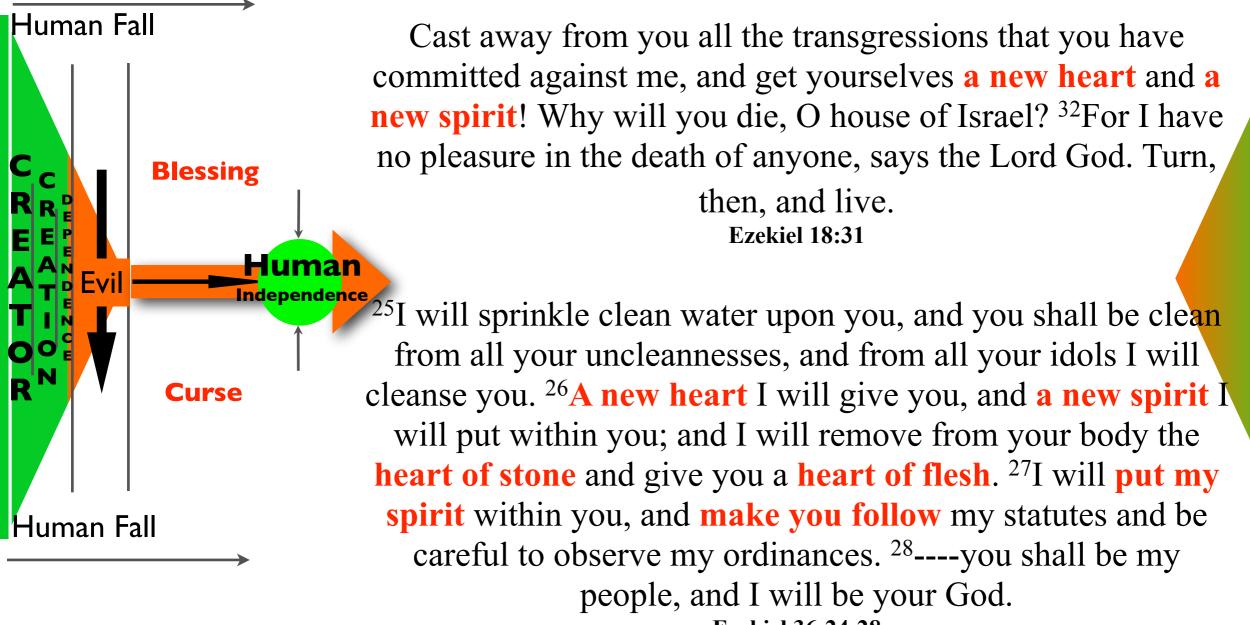




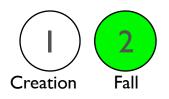
See, I am going to gather them from all the lands to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation; I will bring them back to this place, and I will settle them in safety. ³⁸They shall be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for all time, for their own good and the good of their children after them. ⁴⁰I will make an everlasting covenant with them, never to draw back from doing good to them; and I will put the fear of me in their hearts, so that they may not turn from me. ⁴¹I will rejoice in doing good to them, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my

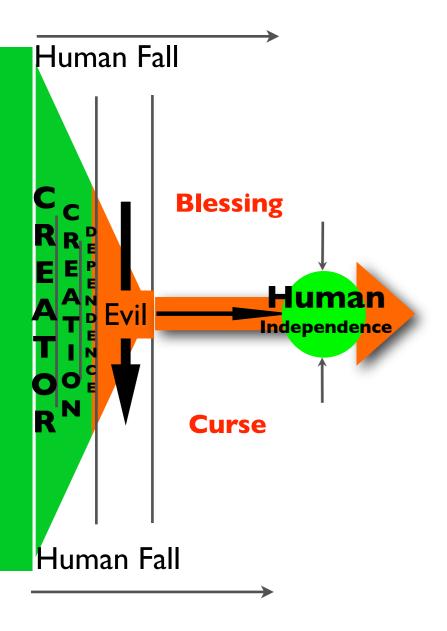
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Ezekiel 36:24-28





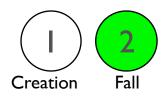
You desire truth in the **inward being**; therefore teach me wisdom in my **secret heart**.

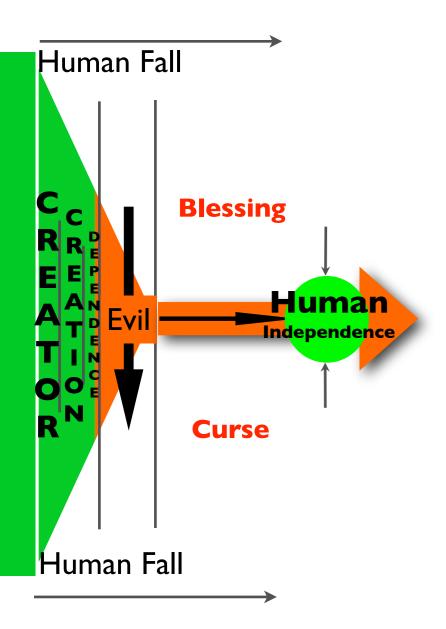
Psalm 51:6

Create in me a **clean heart**, O God, and put a **new and right spirit** within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your **holy spirit** from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a **willing spirit**.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

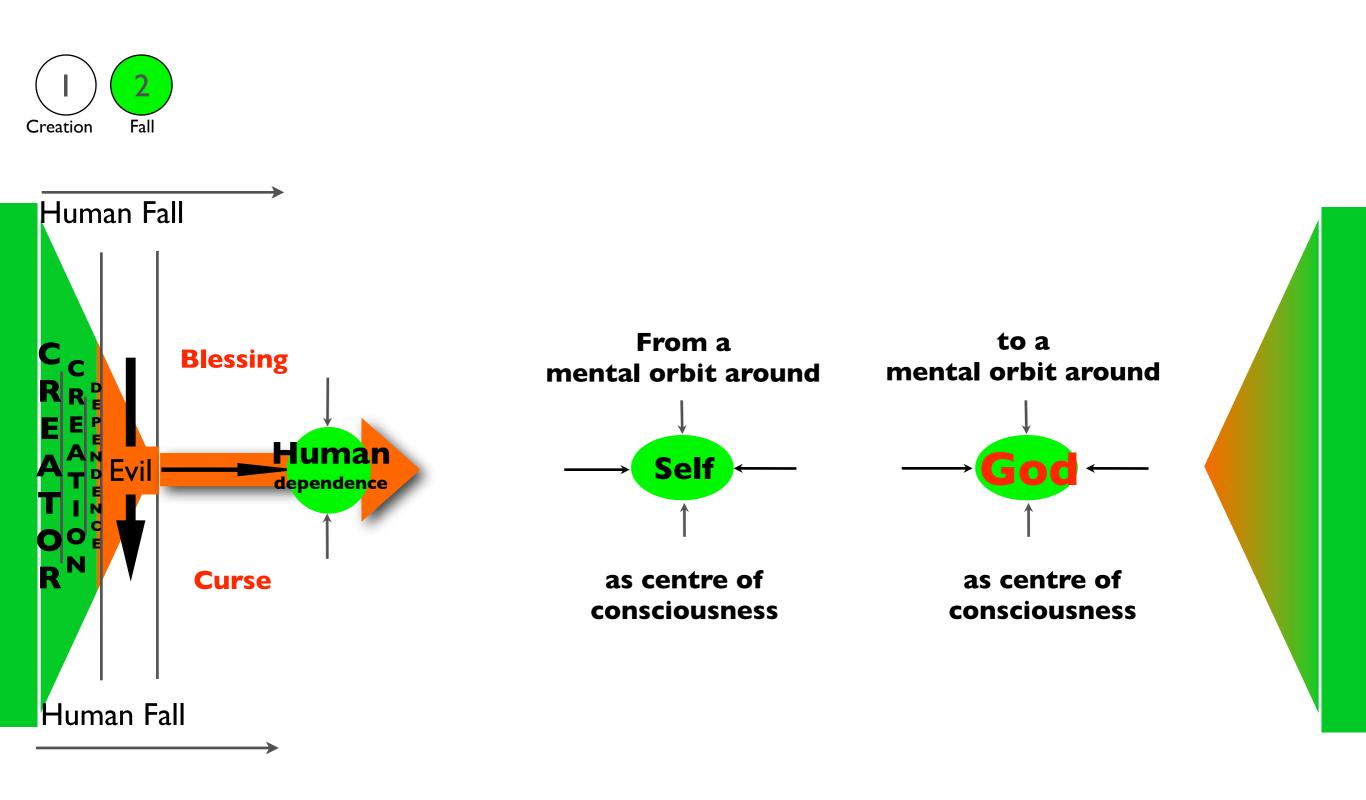
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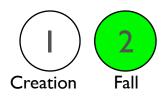


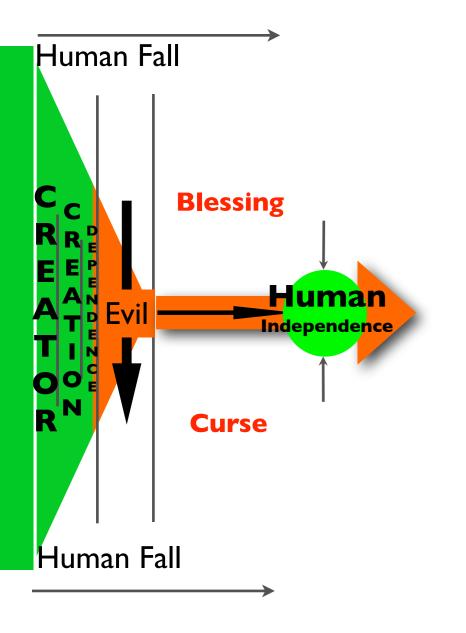


Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live. Deuteronomy 30:6

> So in the Torah Moses spoke of a divine heart surgery. -the knife being the word--the story-







So this is no new teaching

Moses knew about this prescription **Deut 30: 6**

Jeremiah knew about this prescription Jer 3:8, 14, 17 Jer 31:31-34 Jer 32: 37-40 Jer 33: 6-9

Ezekiel knew about this prescription Ez 11:17-20 Ez 36: 24-27

David knew this prescription **Psalm 51:10-12**

Paul knew about this prescription

Rom 2:25-29 Rom 10: 5-17 Jesus knew about this prescription John 3: 1-34

THE PROMISE OF A NEW EARTH

TO PARADISE RESTORED

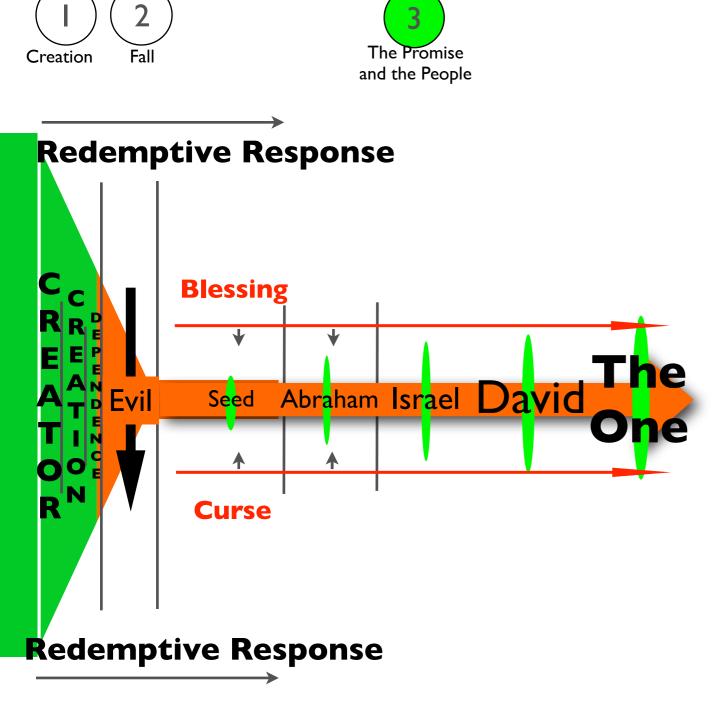
Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its peoples a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; and the sound of weeping and crying will be head in it no more. Isaiah 65:17-19

As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the Lord, "so will your name and descendants endure.

-he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8

But your dead will live;their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead. Isaiah 26:19

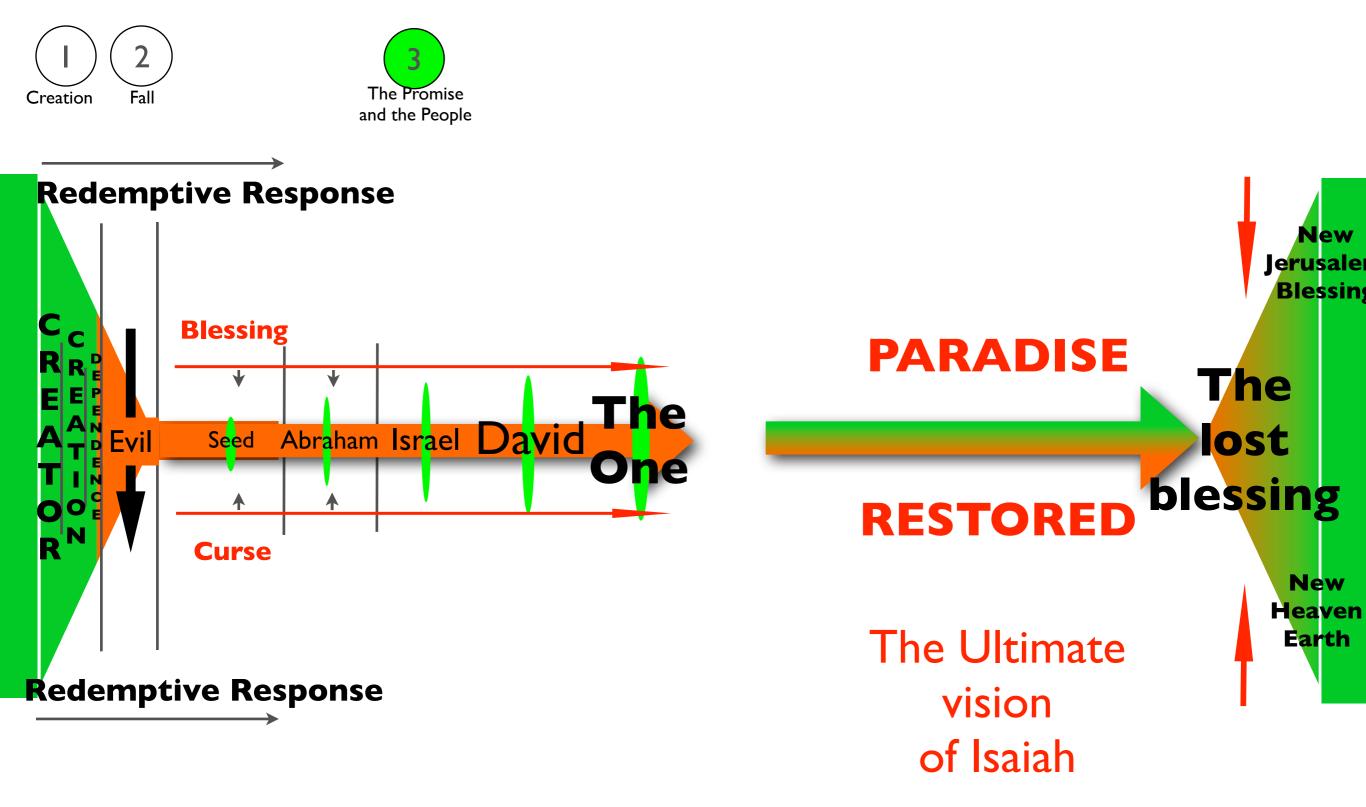
Isaiah prophets of hope



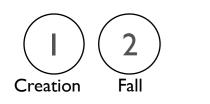
The story will proceed

from the local to the regional to the global

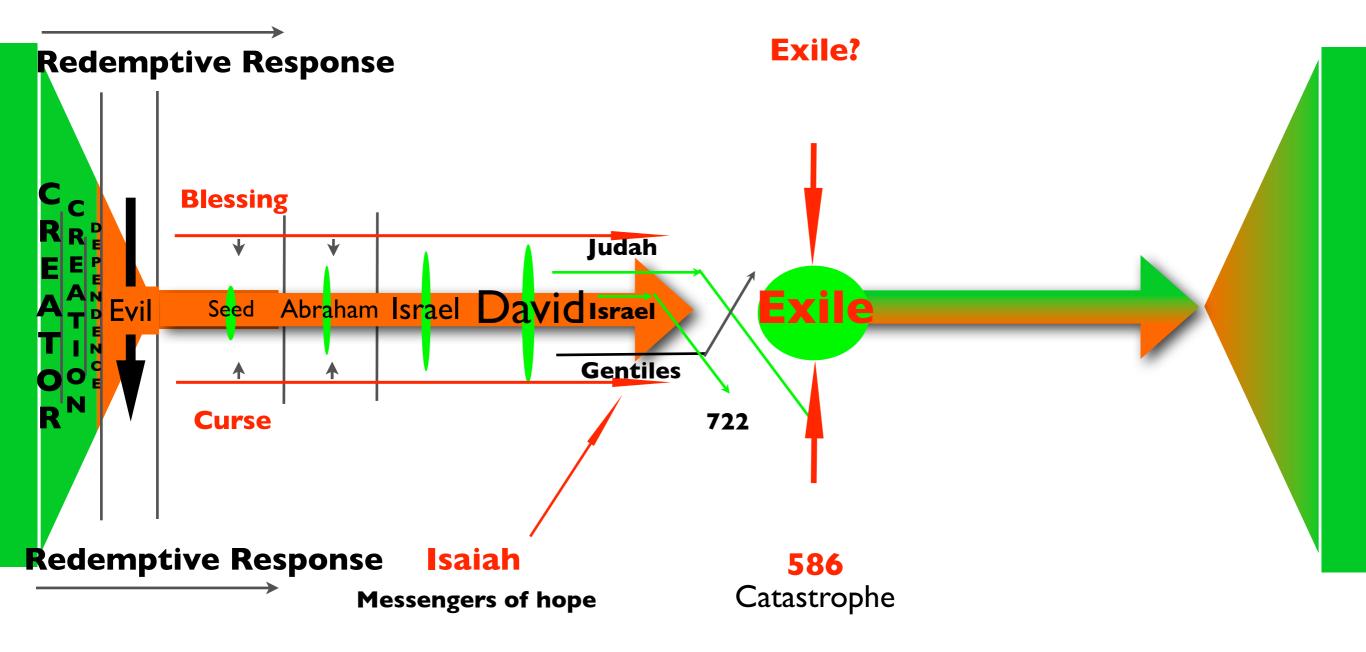
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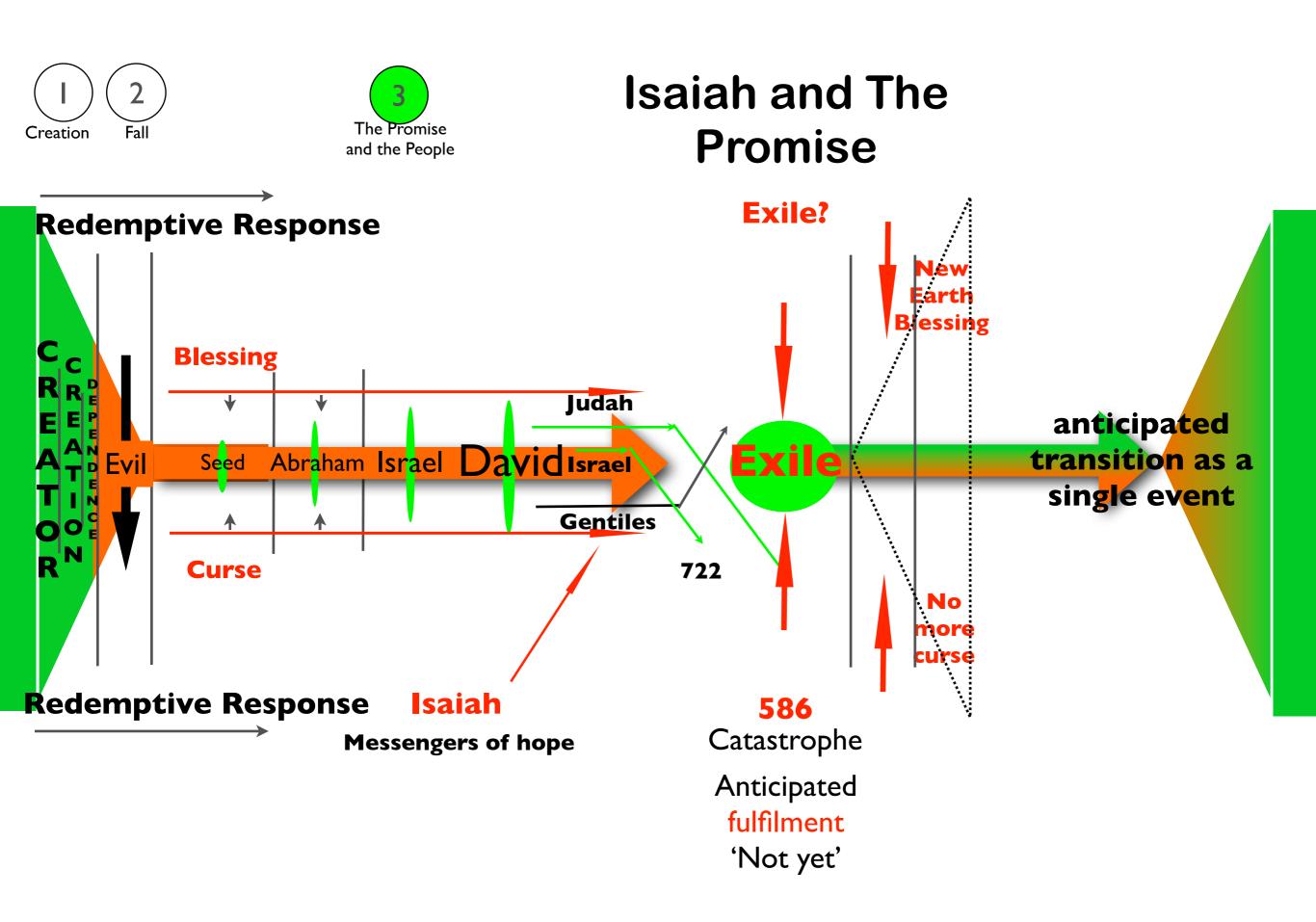


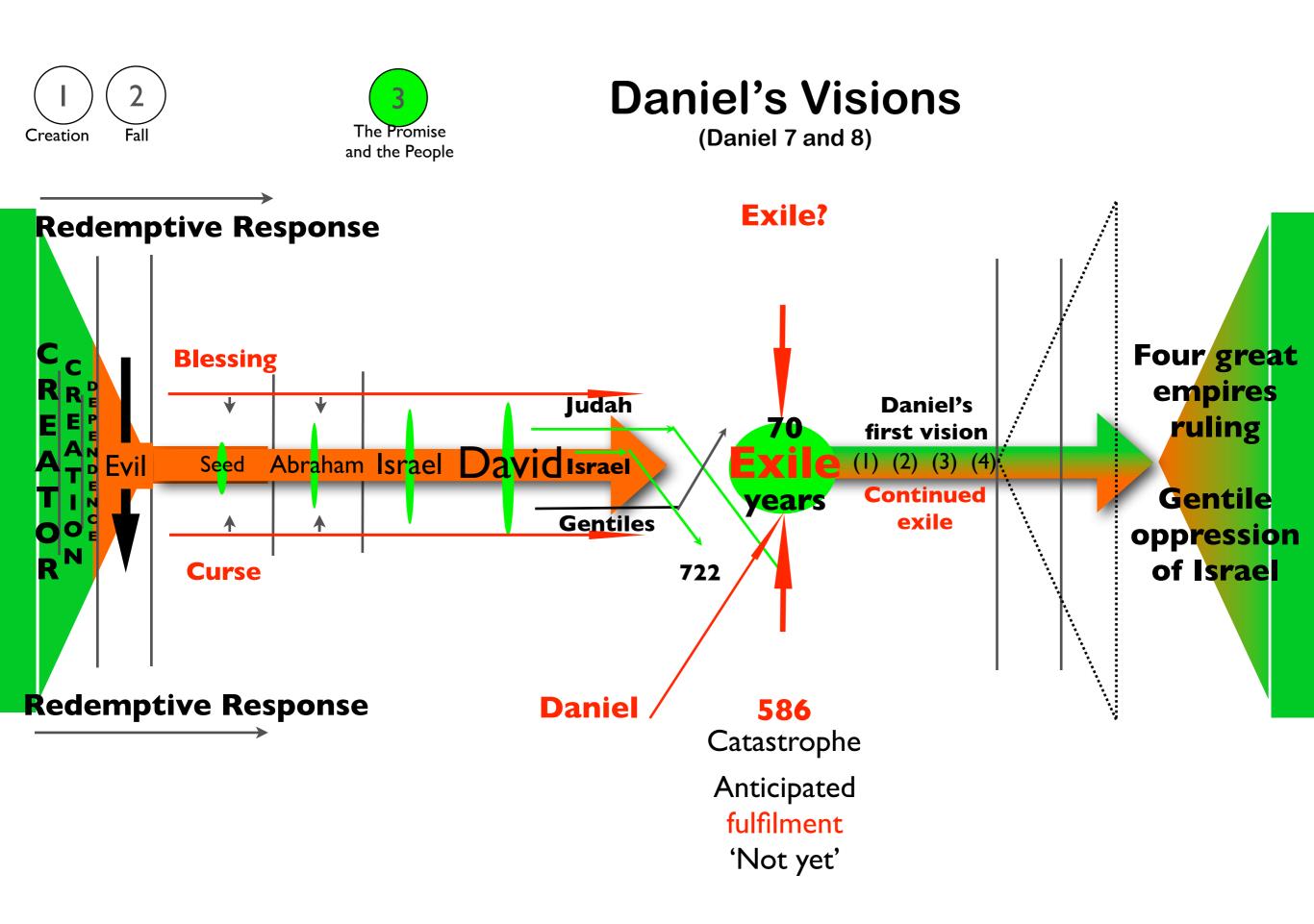
Second Temple Judaism The WHEN Question

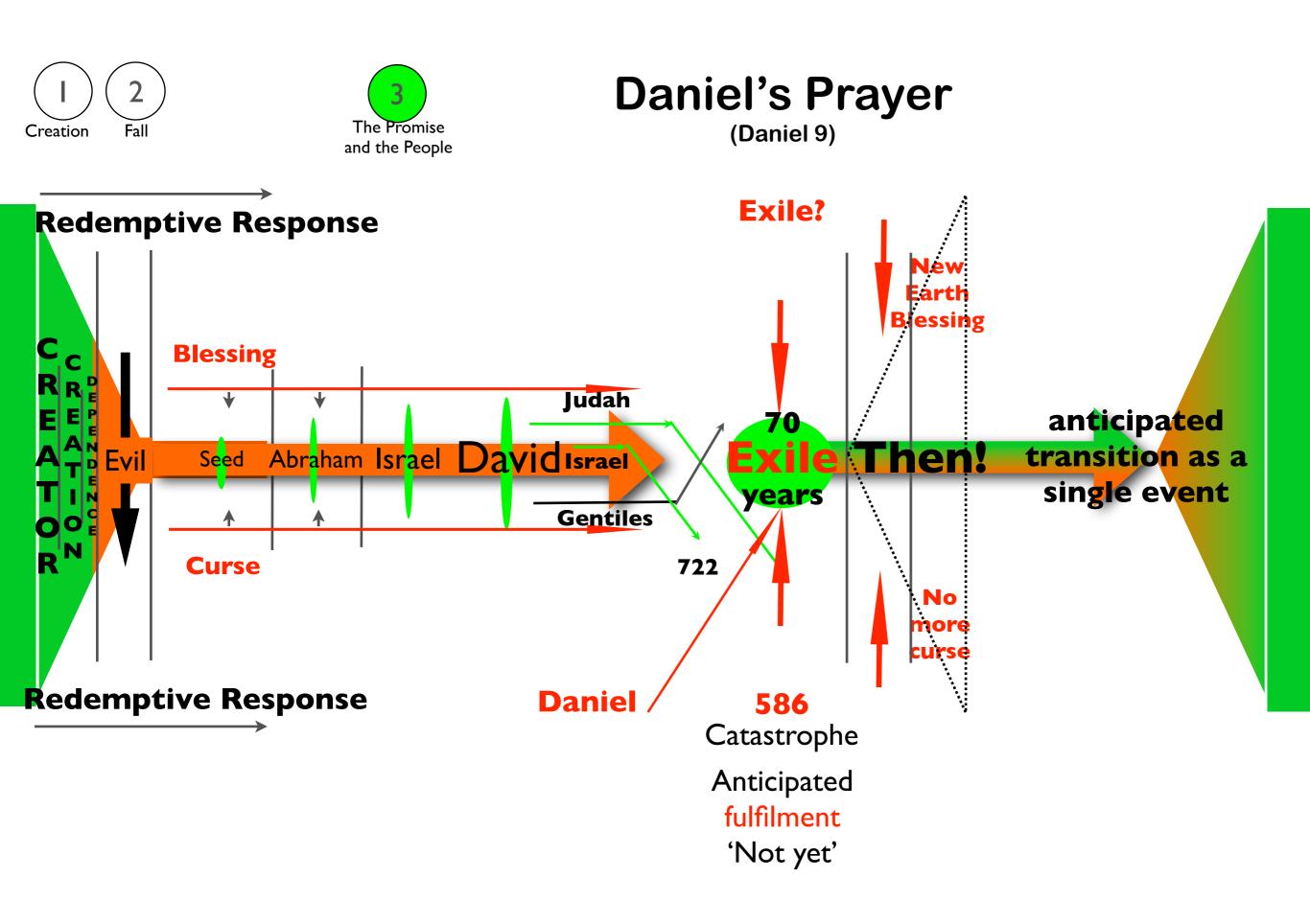


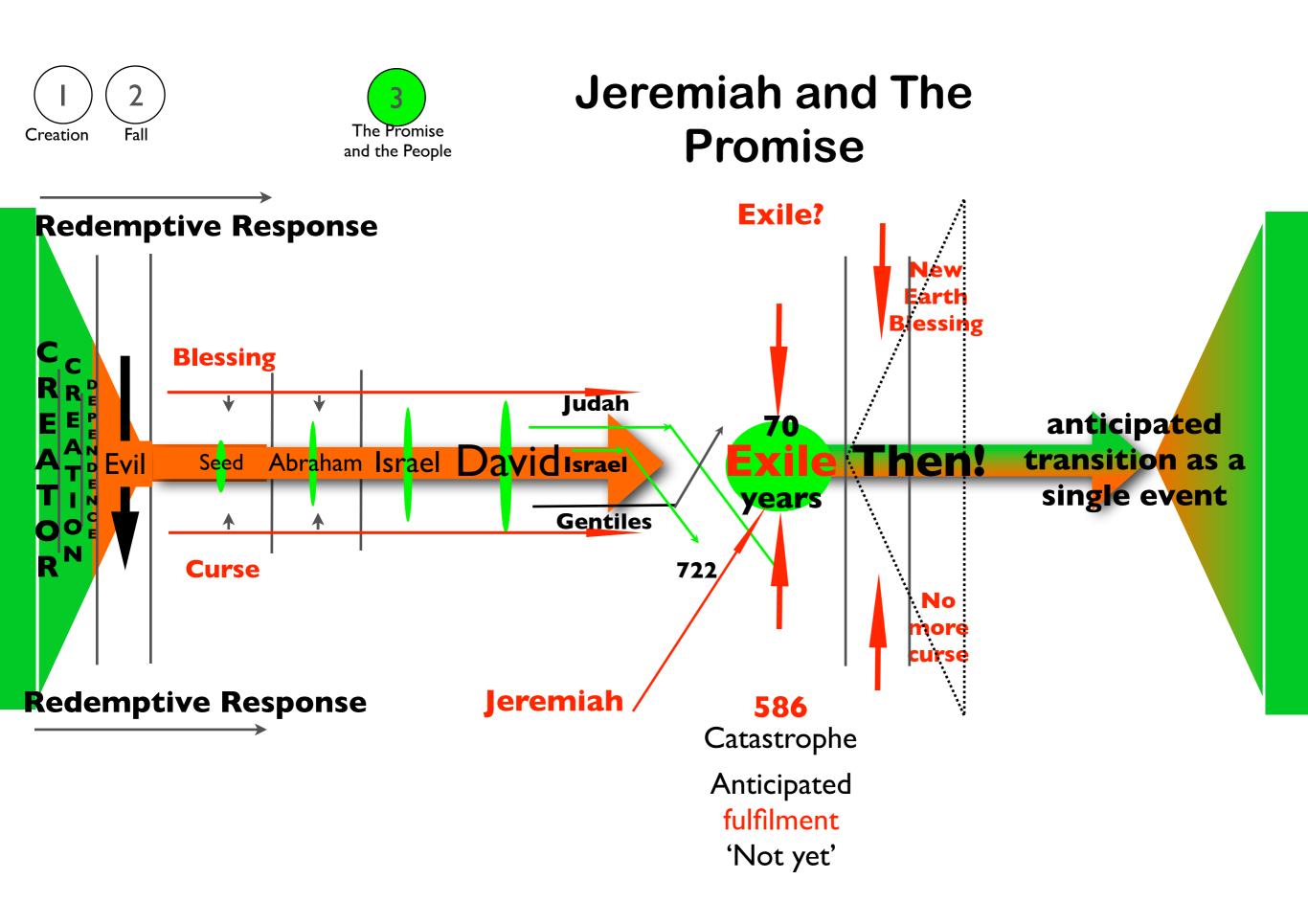


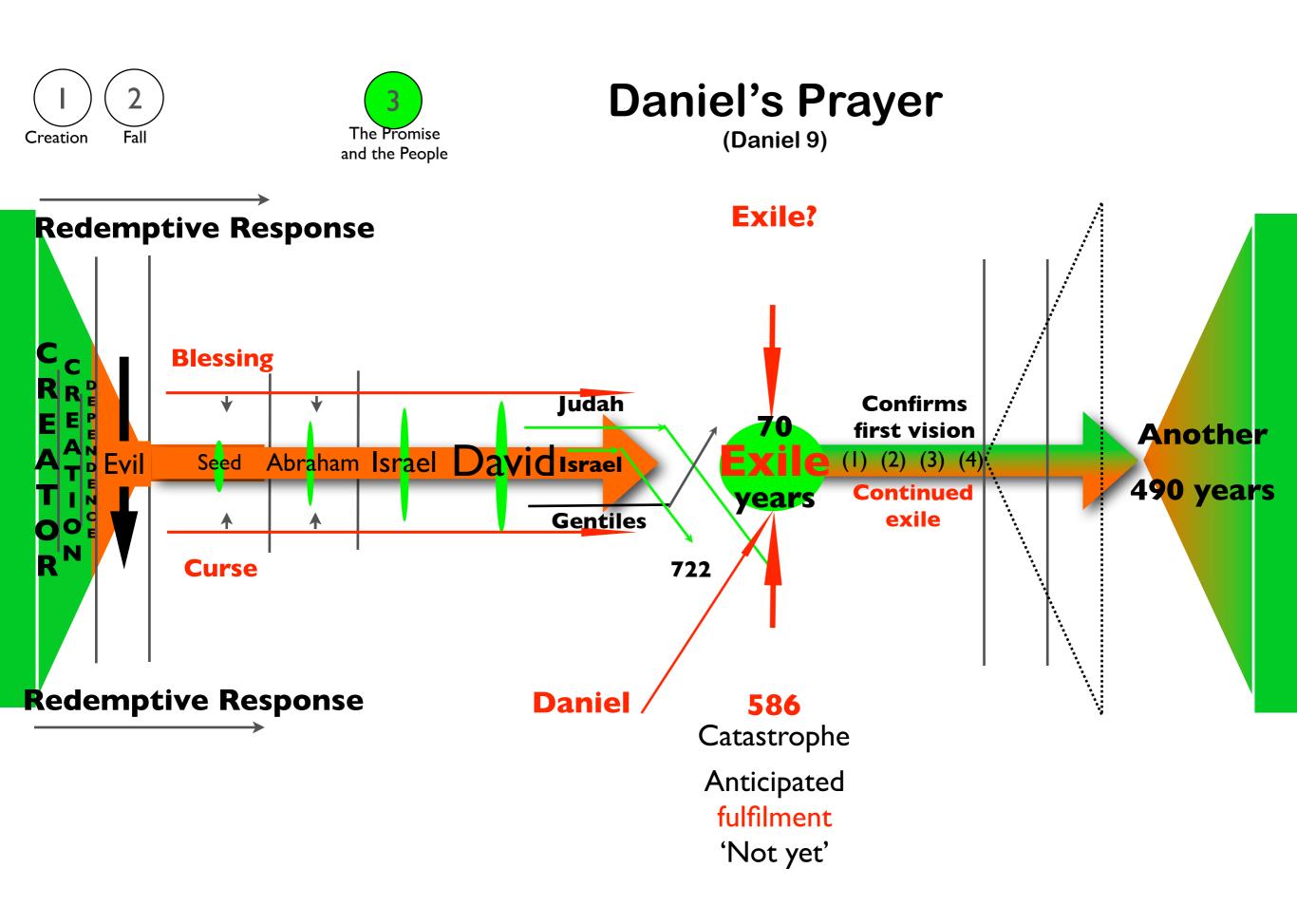


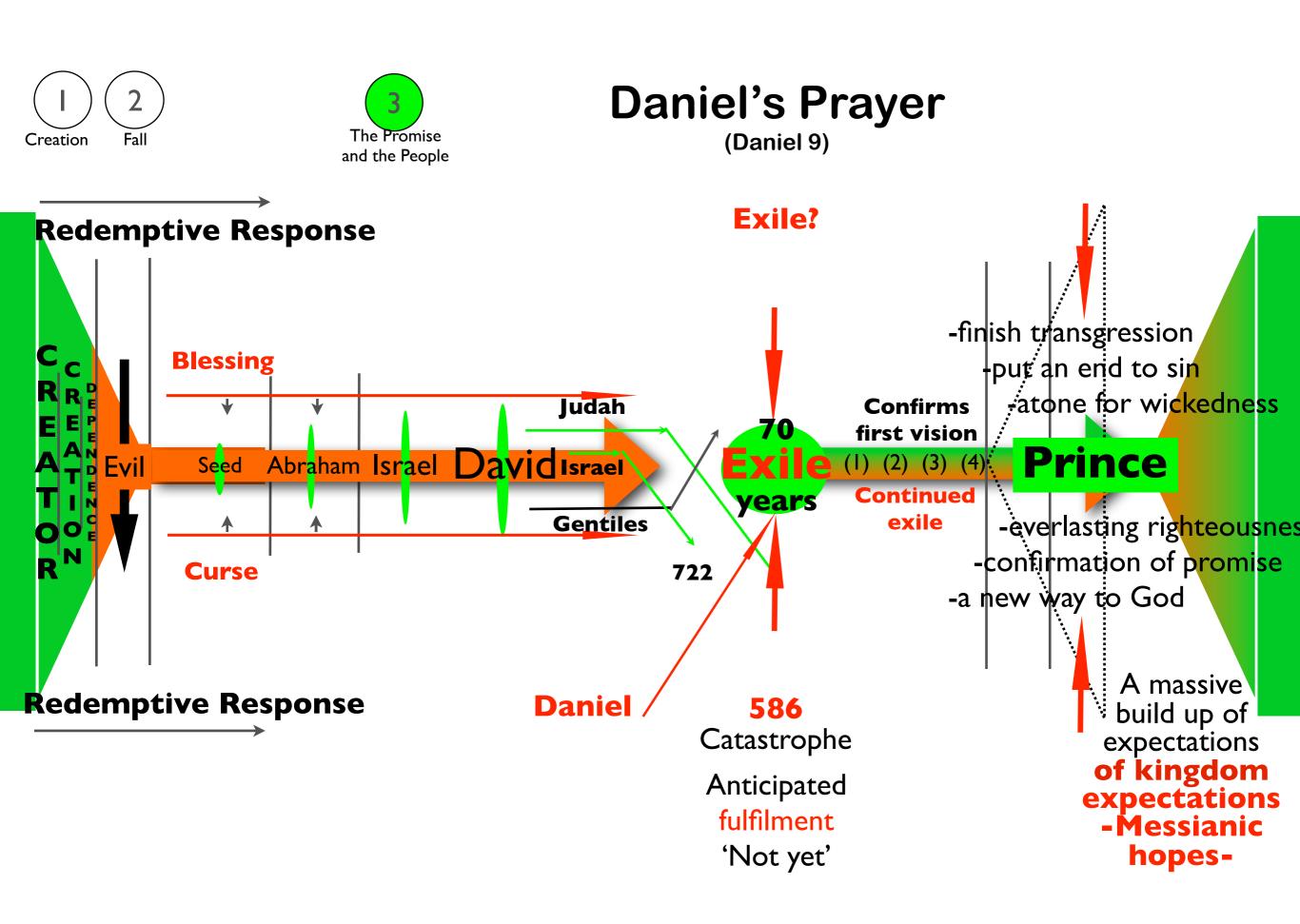


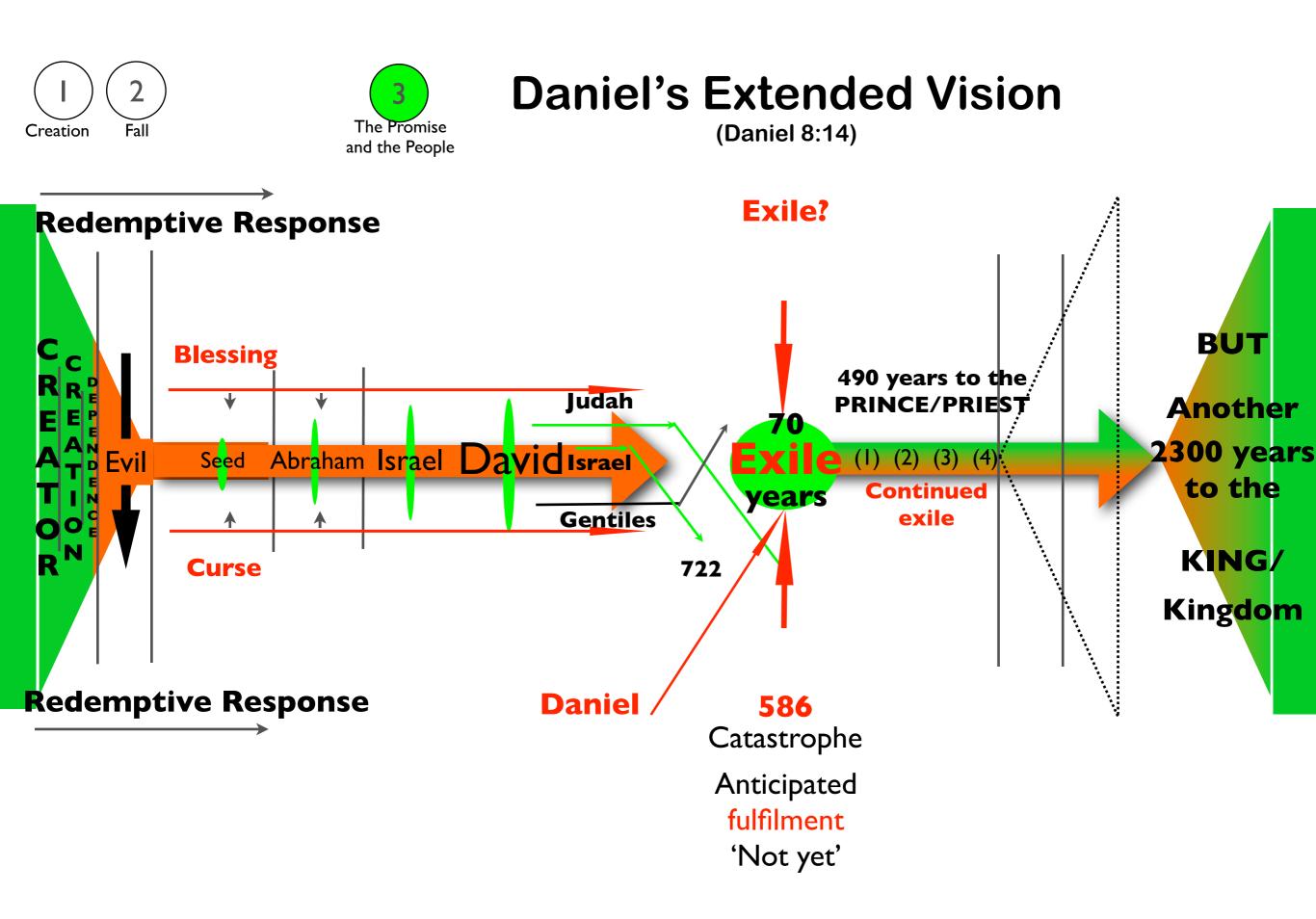












A Second Temple Jew

Knew that

Ezra 9:8-9 Nehemiah 9:36-37

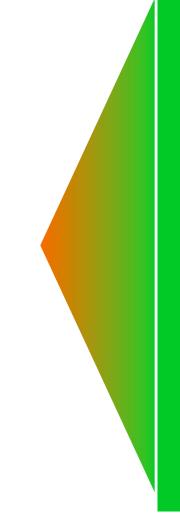
-the covenantal exile was not yet over -the rule of gentiles over Israel was not yet over -evil was not yet terminated in the world -the promised son of David had not yet come -God had not yet returned to Israel -creation had not yet been renewed -the dead had not yet been resurrected -human hearts were not yet renewed -true worship was not yet established

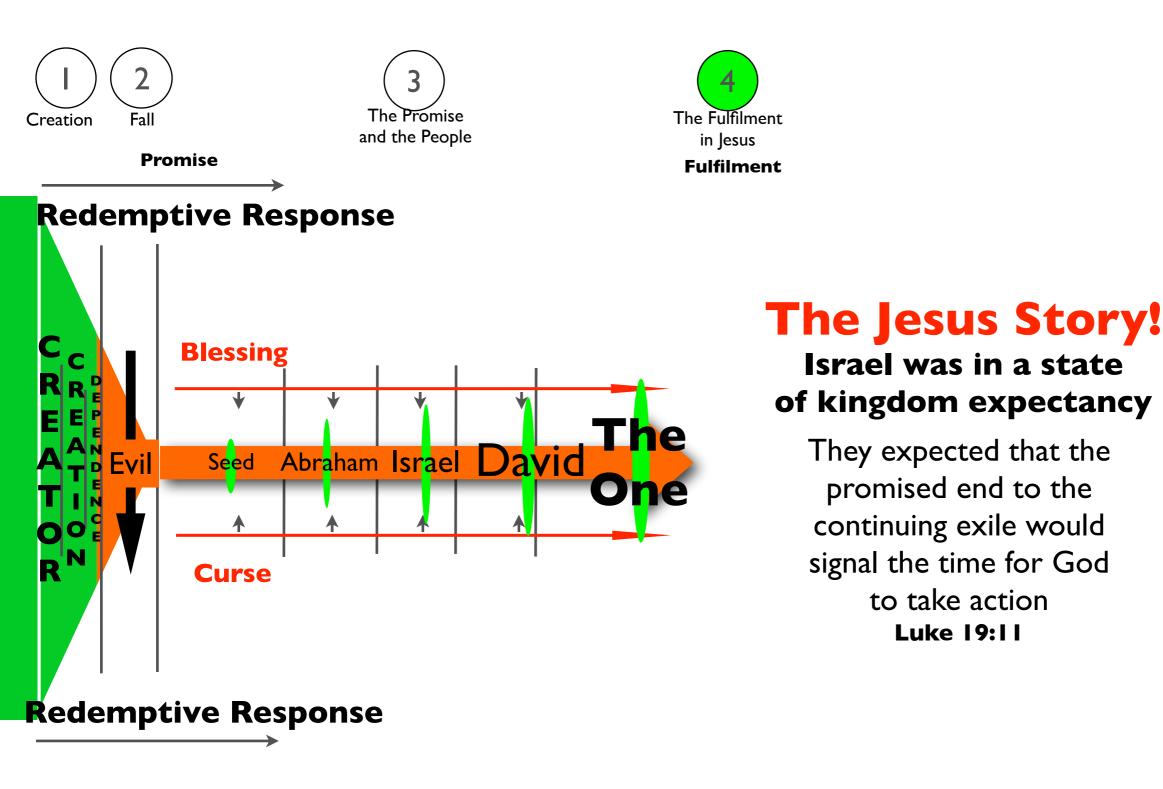
The great vision of the Prophets has not yet been fulfilled

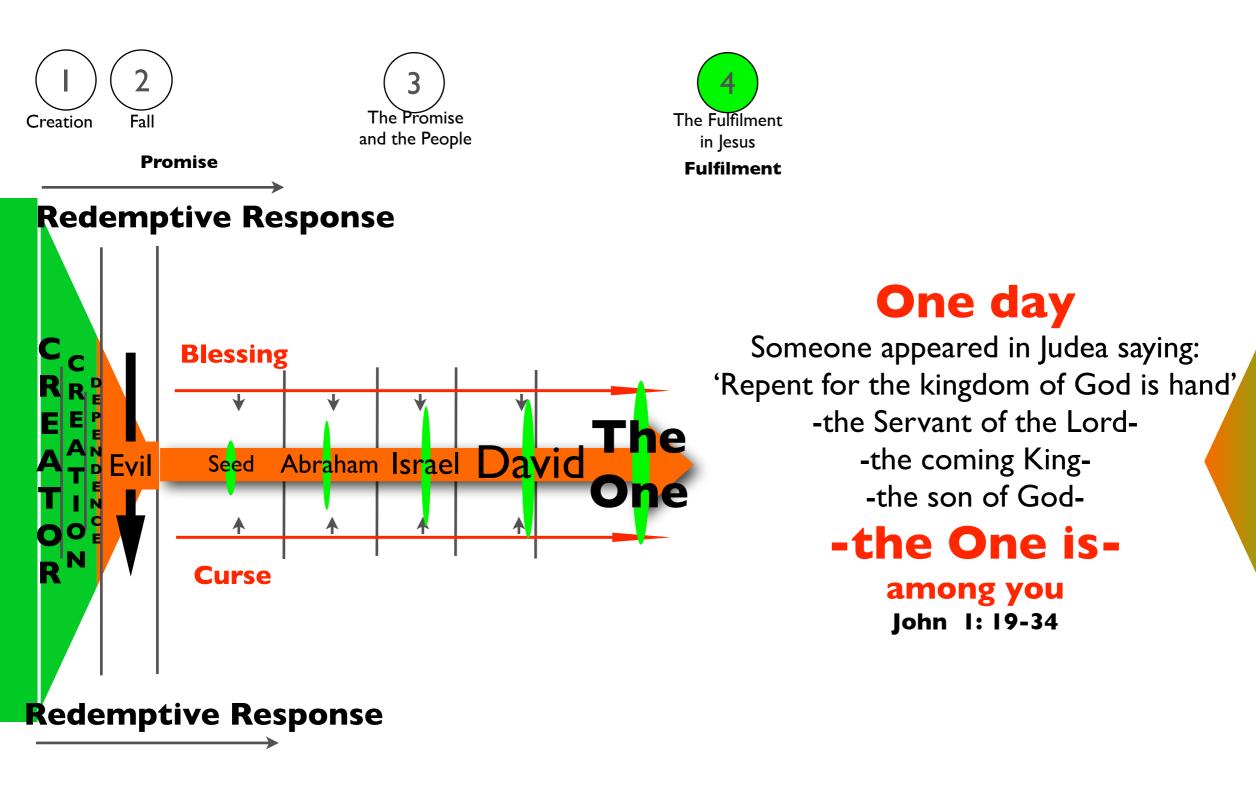
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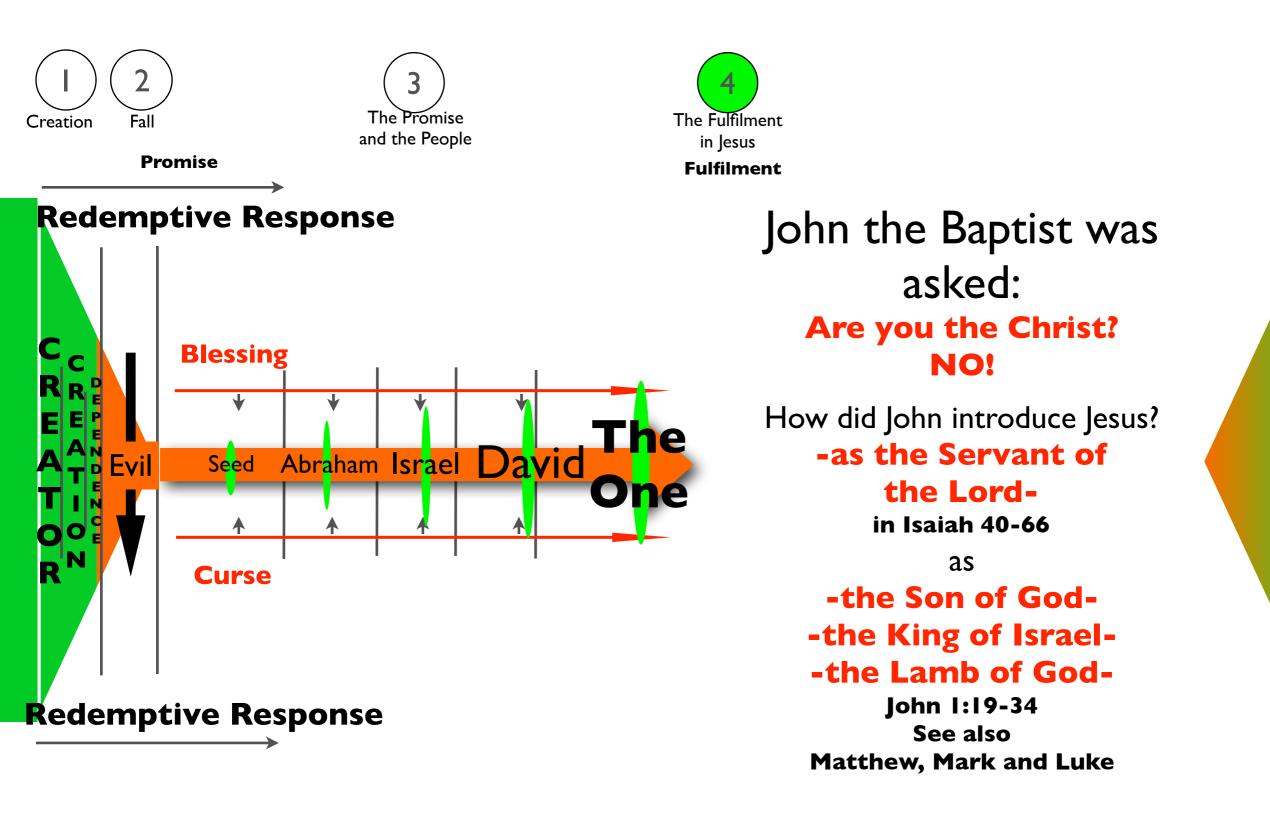
THE ERA OF JESUS

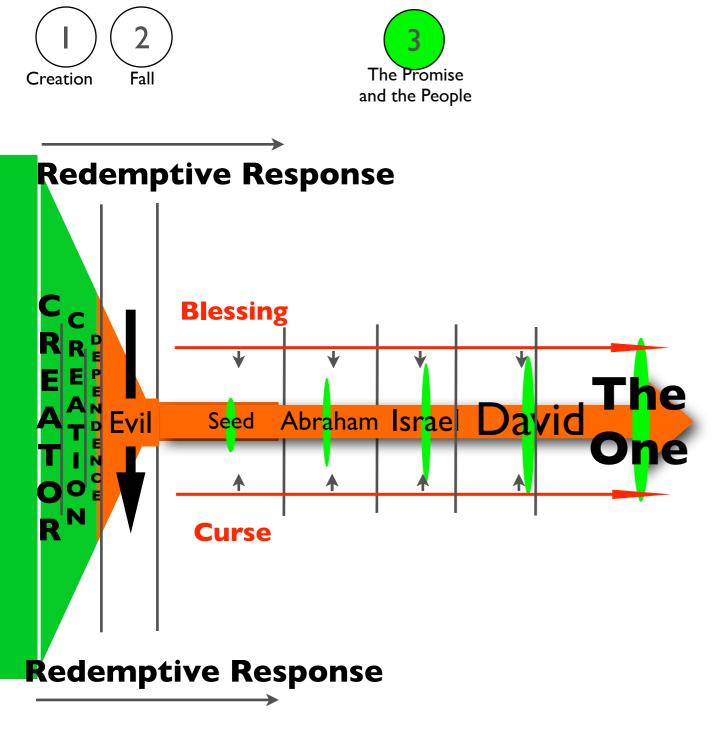
FROM JOHN THE BAPTIST TO THE DAY OF PENTECOST









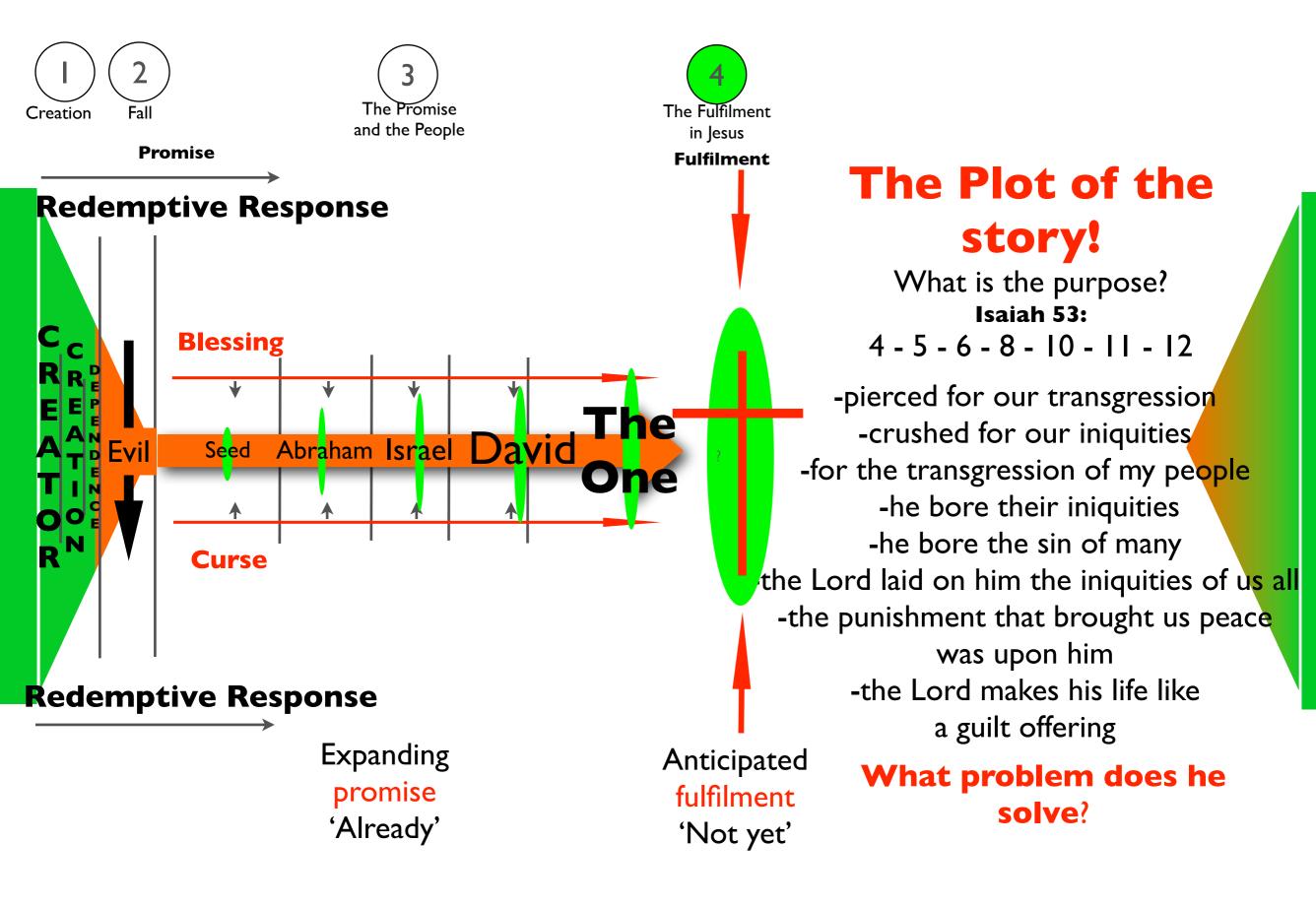


The Jesus story and Isaiah 52:13-15

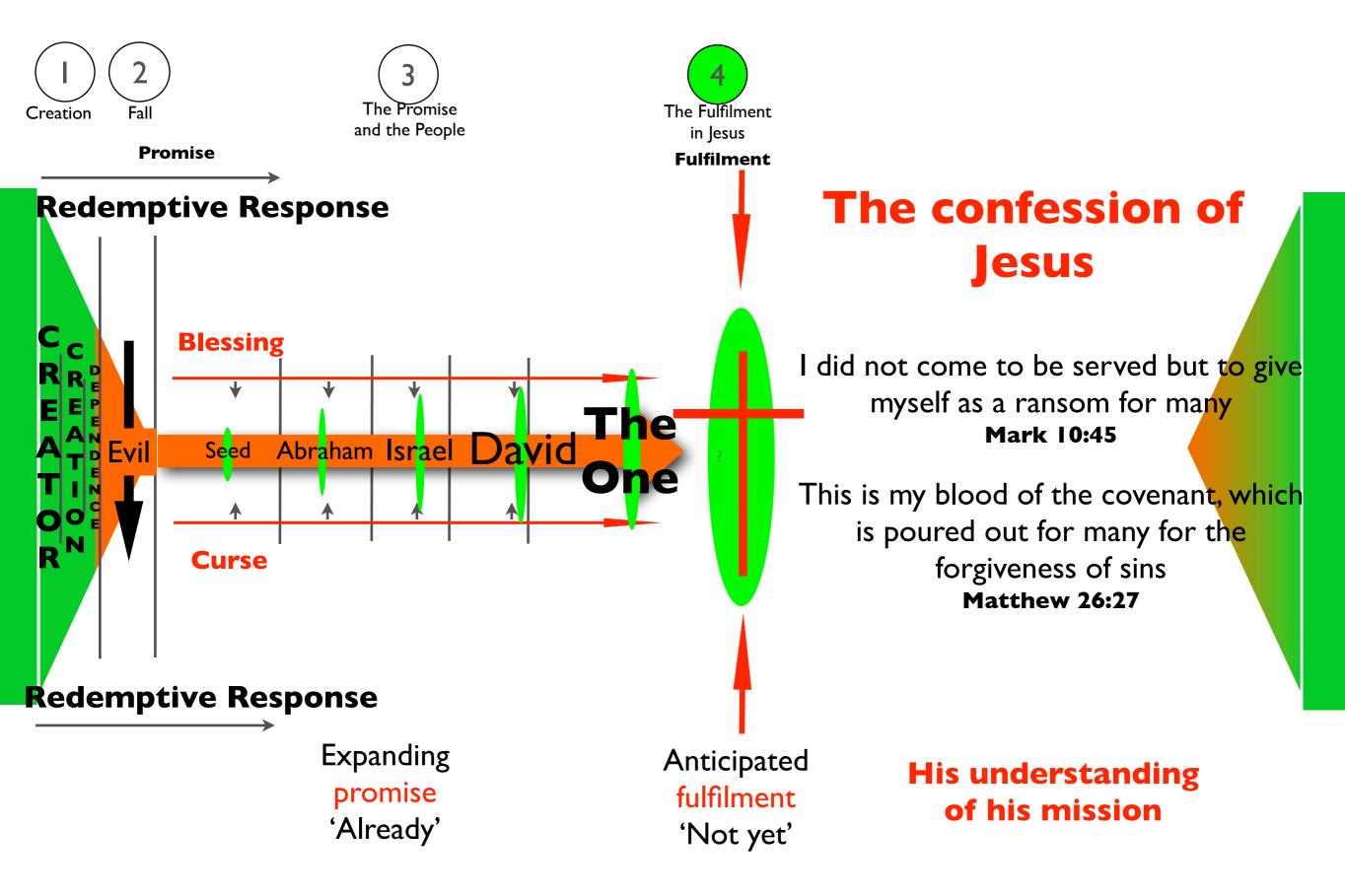
The amazing claims of -John--Jesus--Apostles-

Jesus as the Servant of Isaiah 40-66

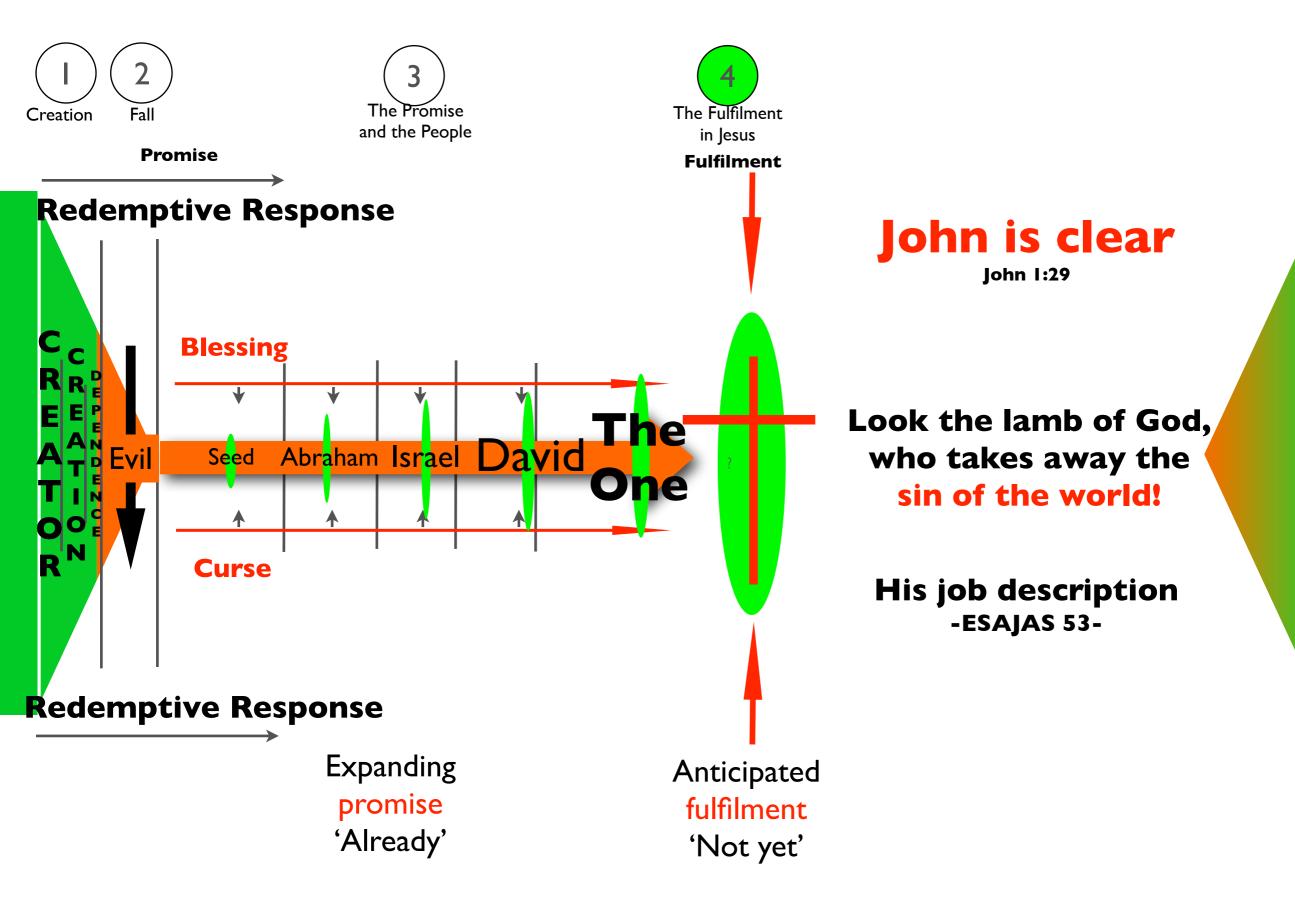
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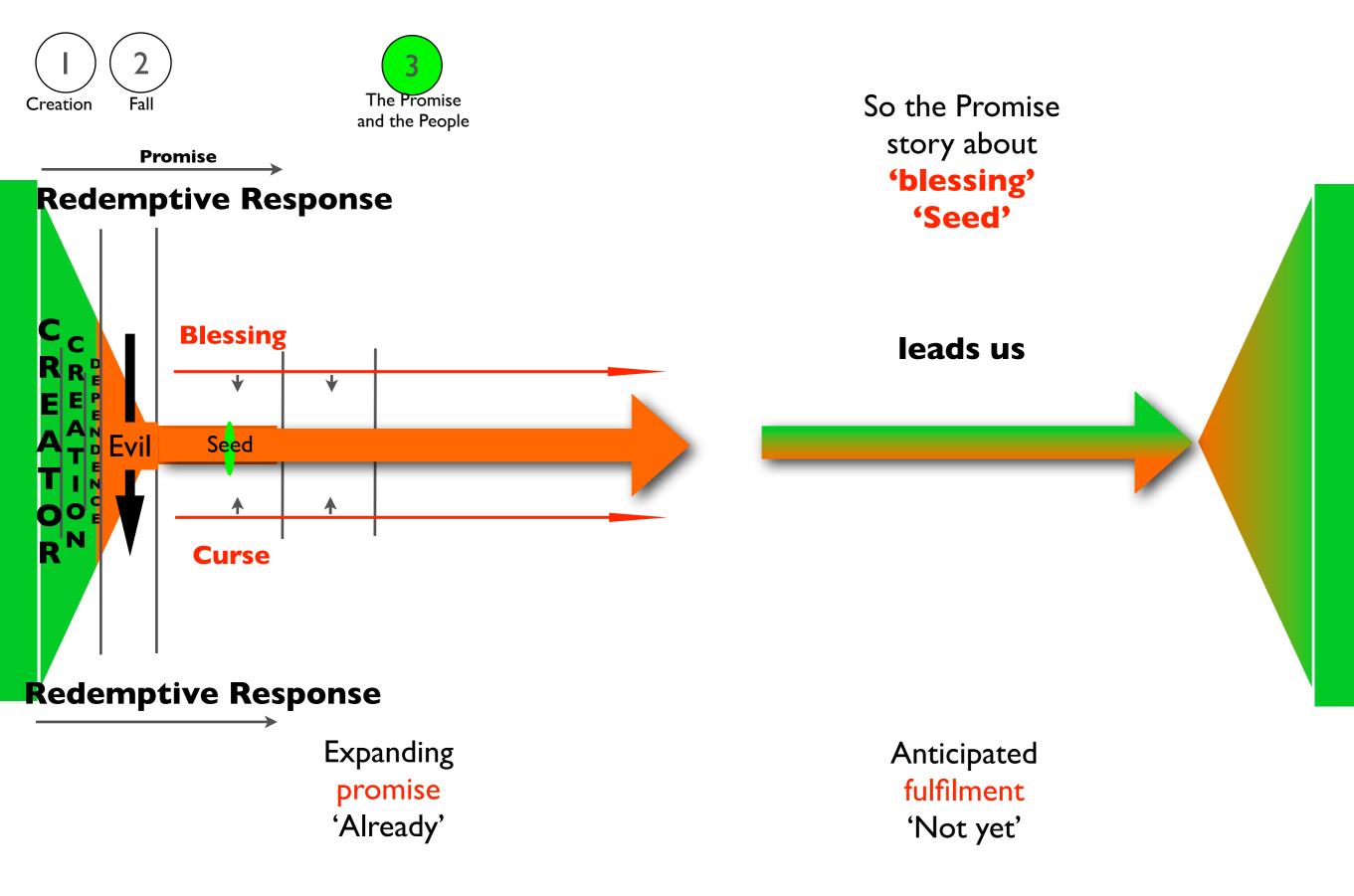


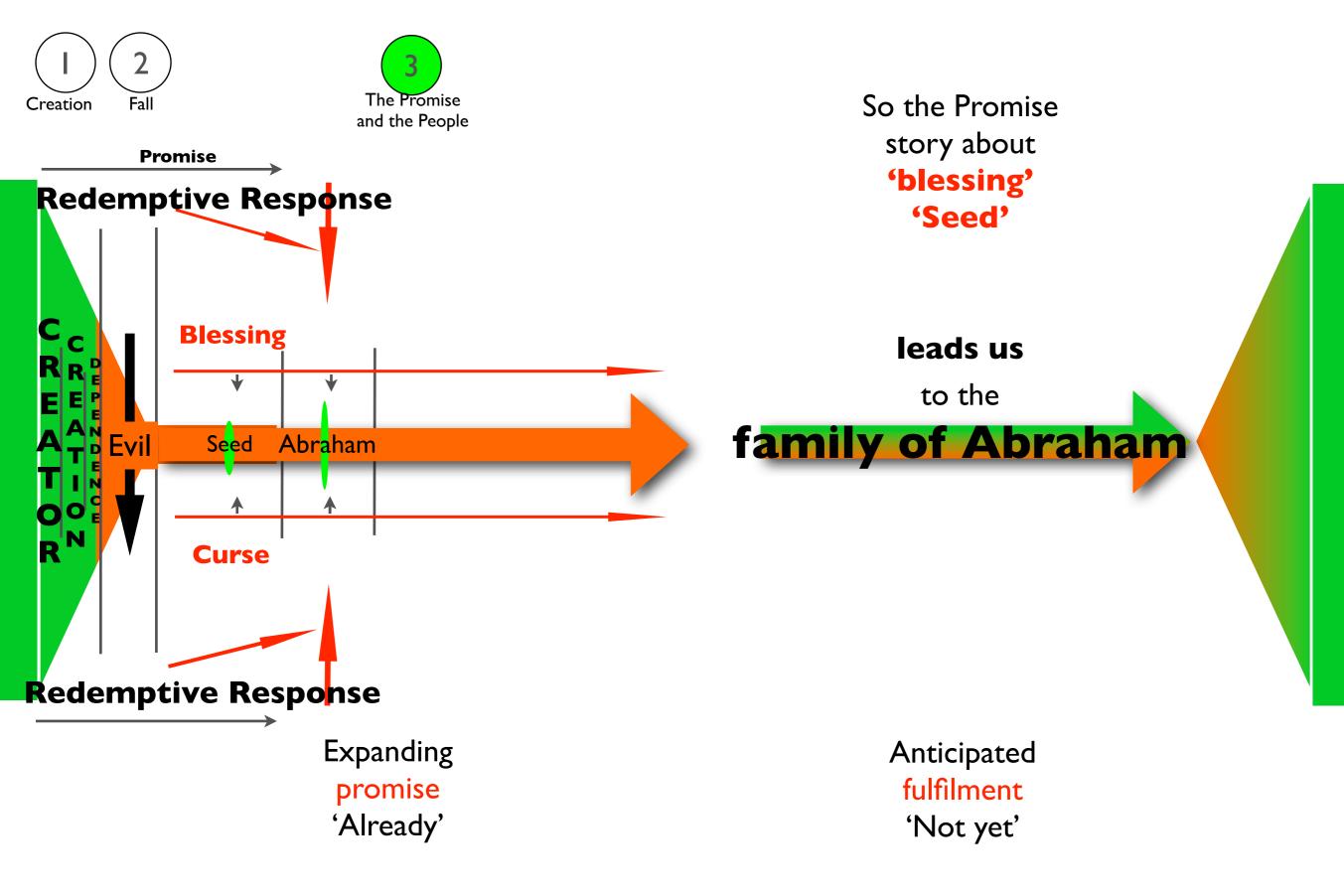
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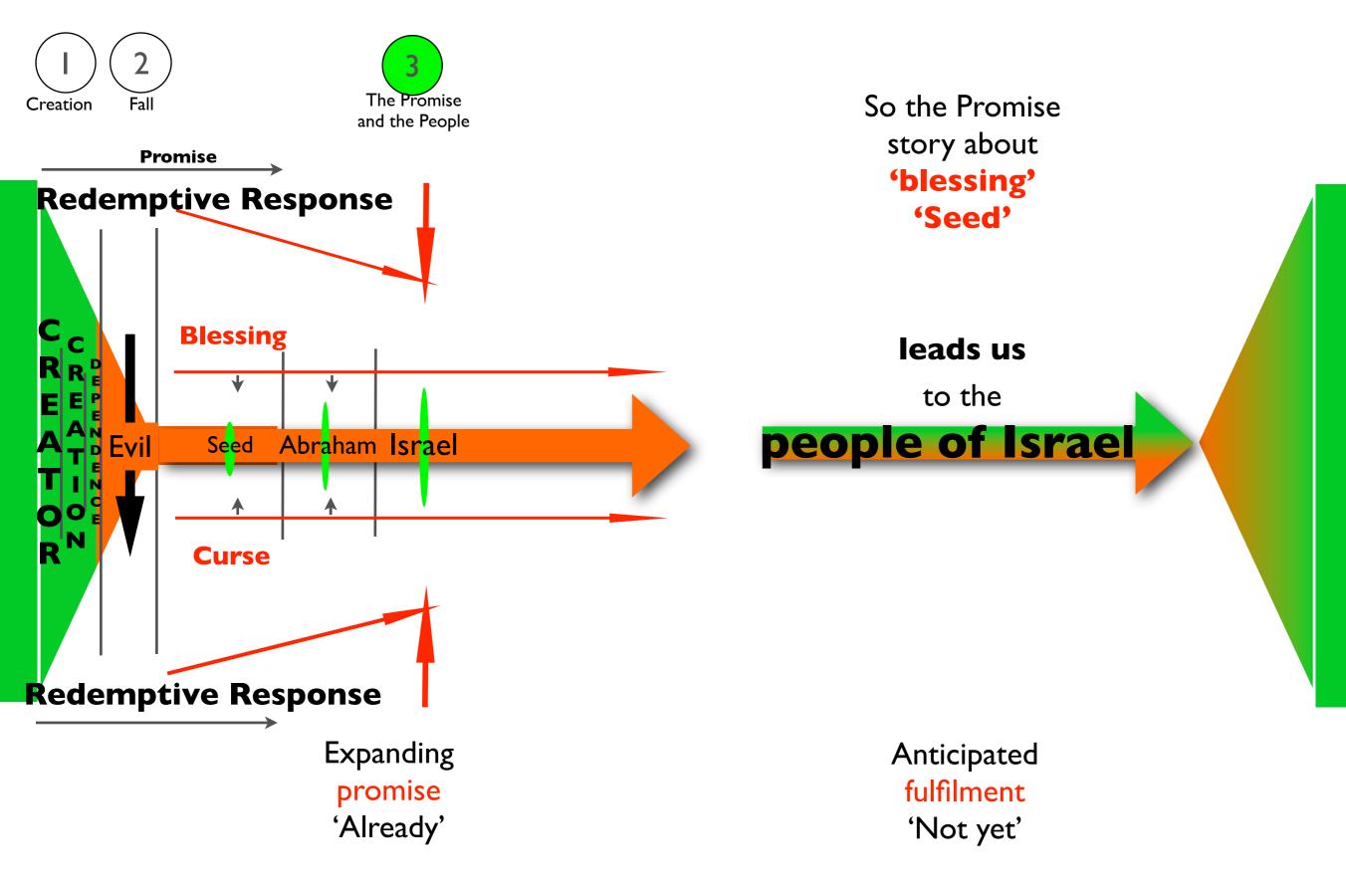


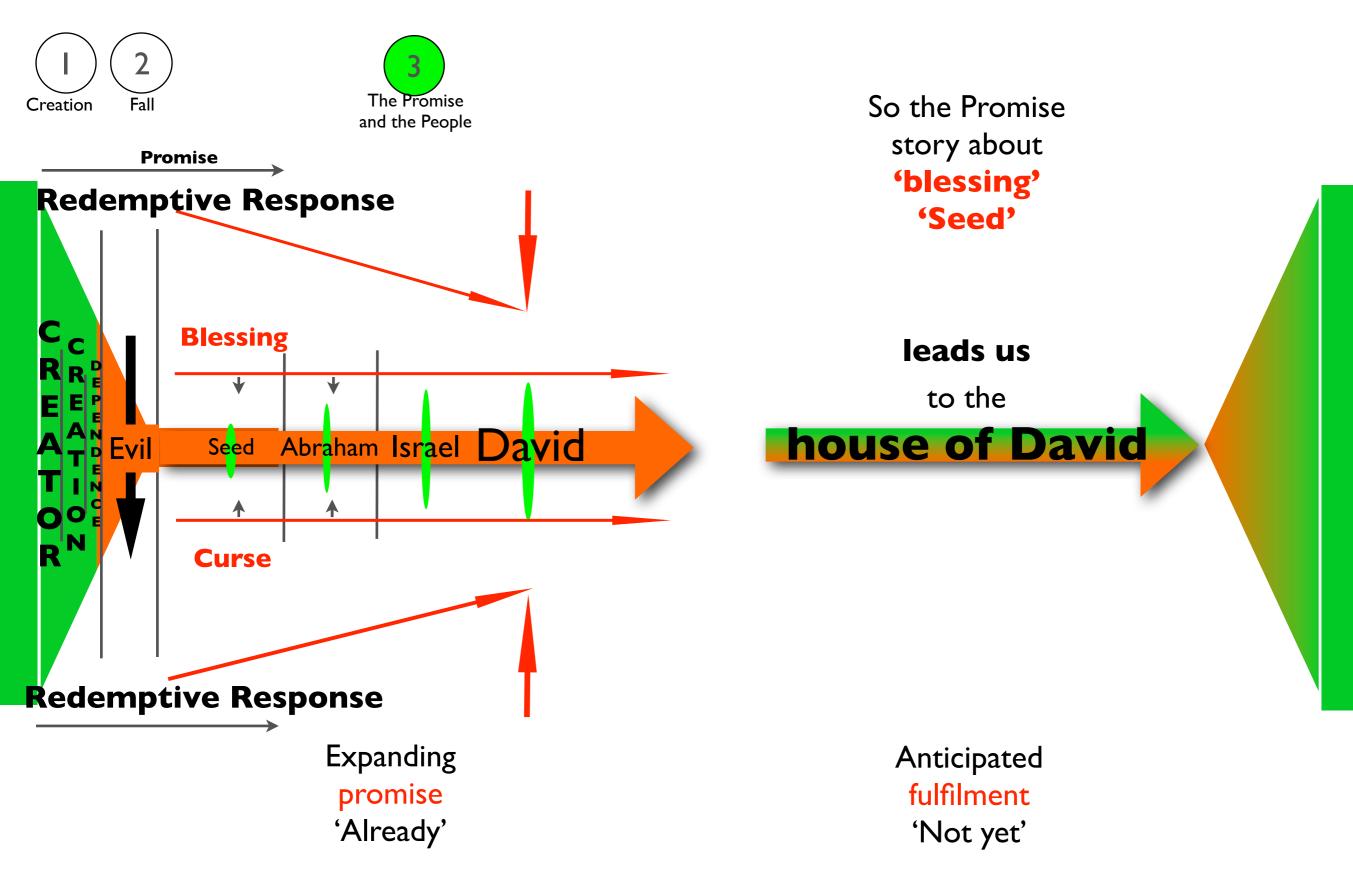
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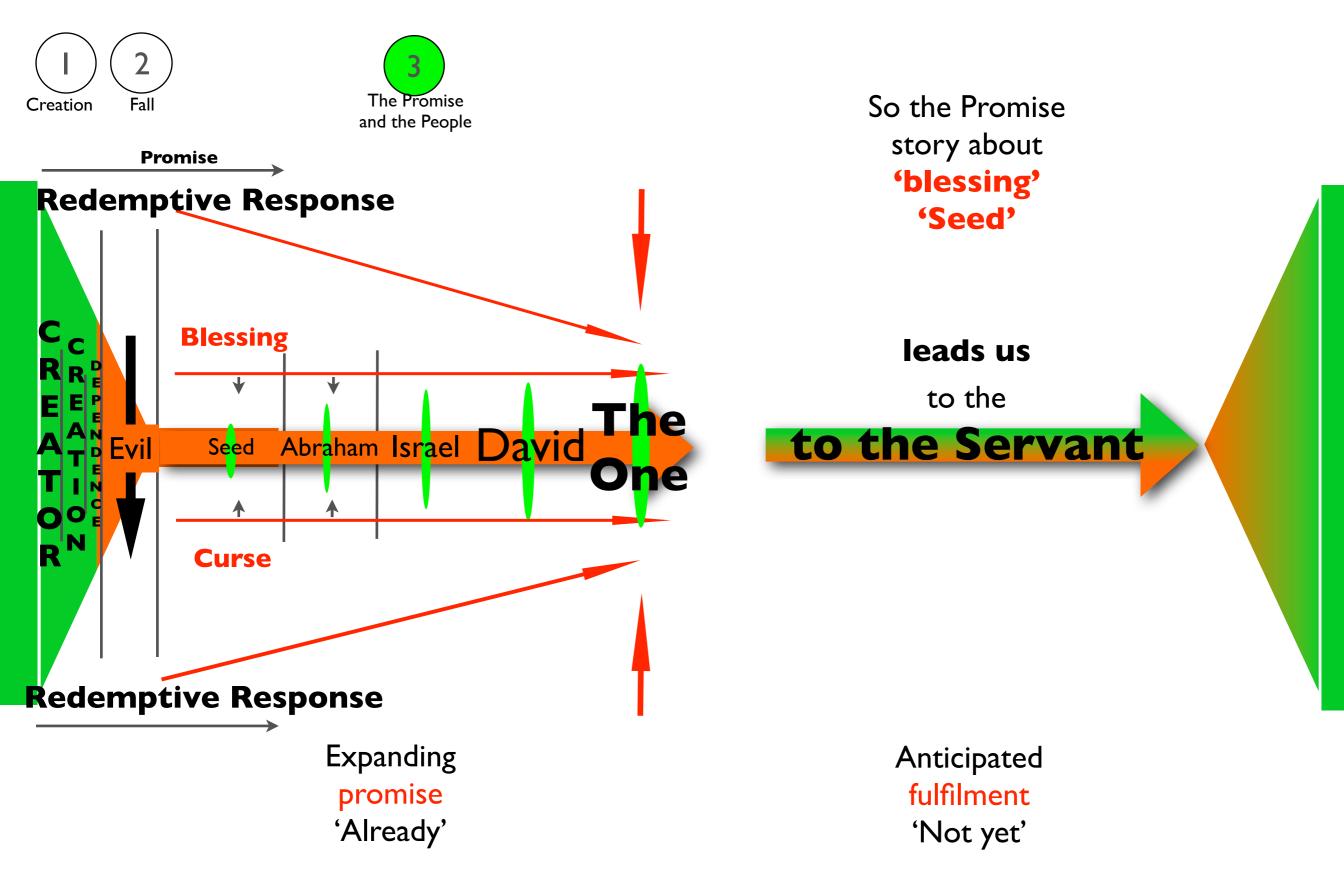


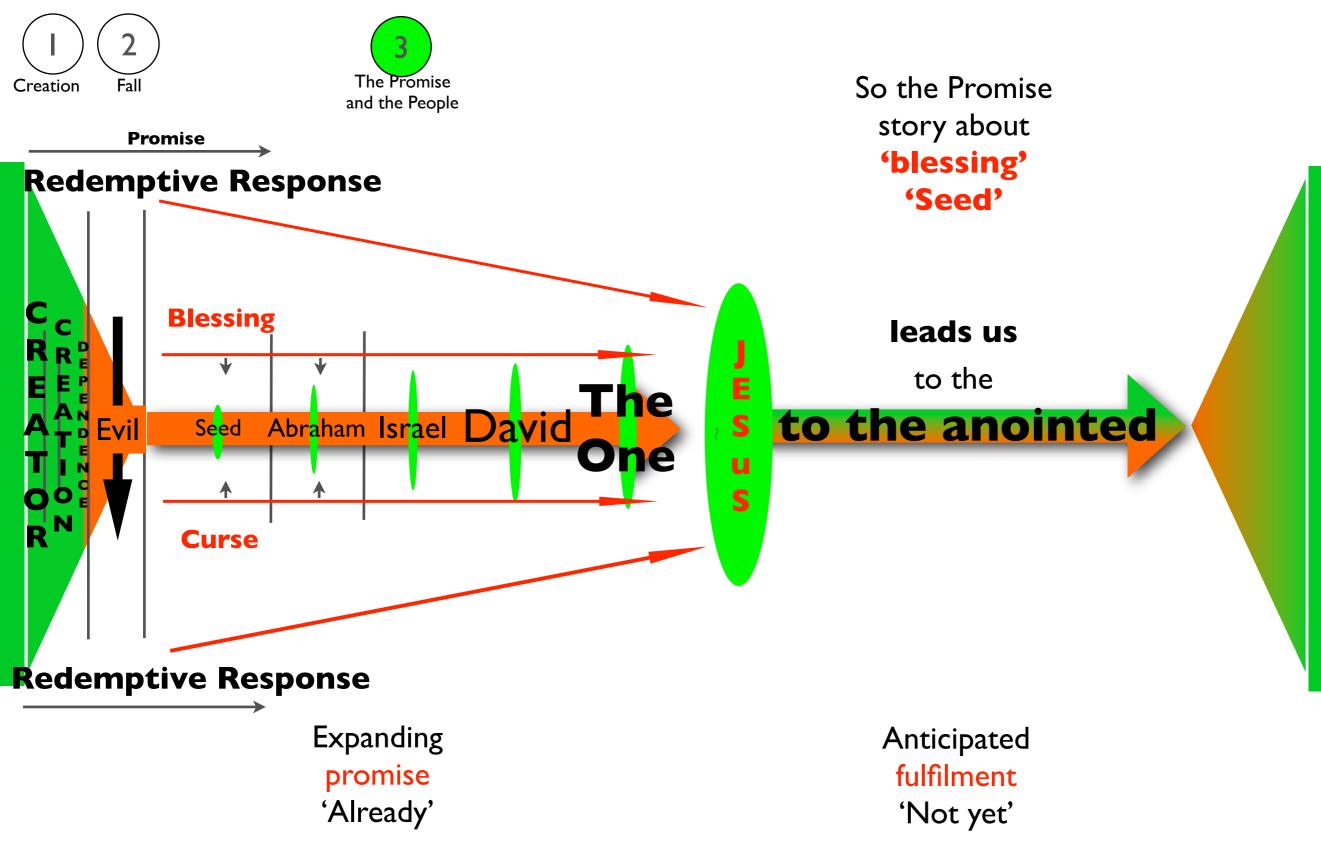


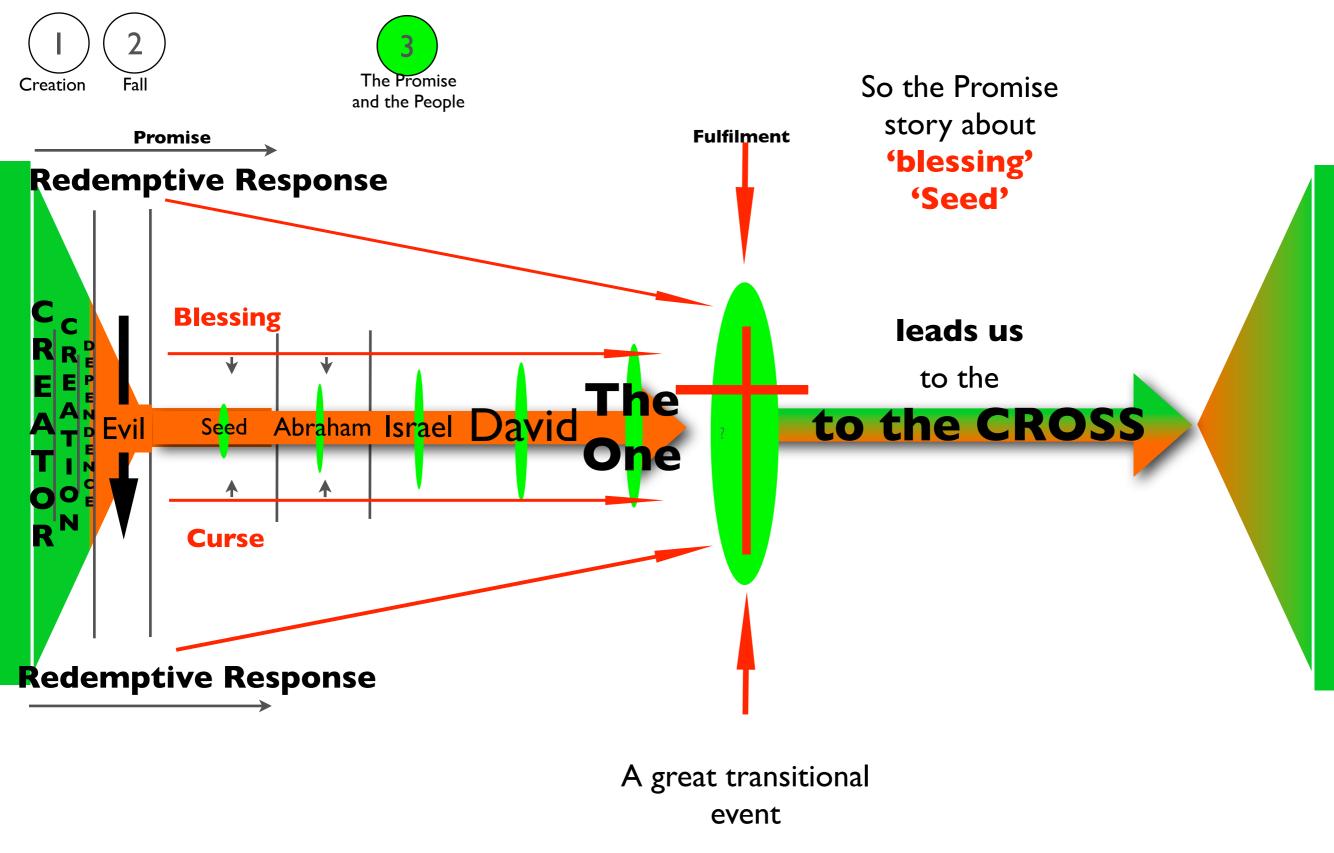


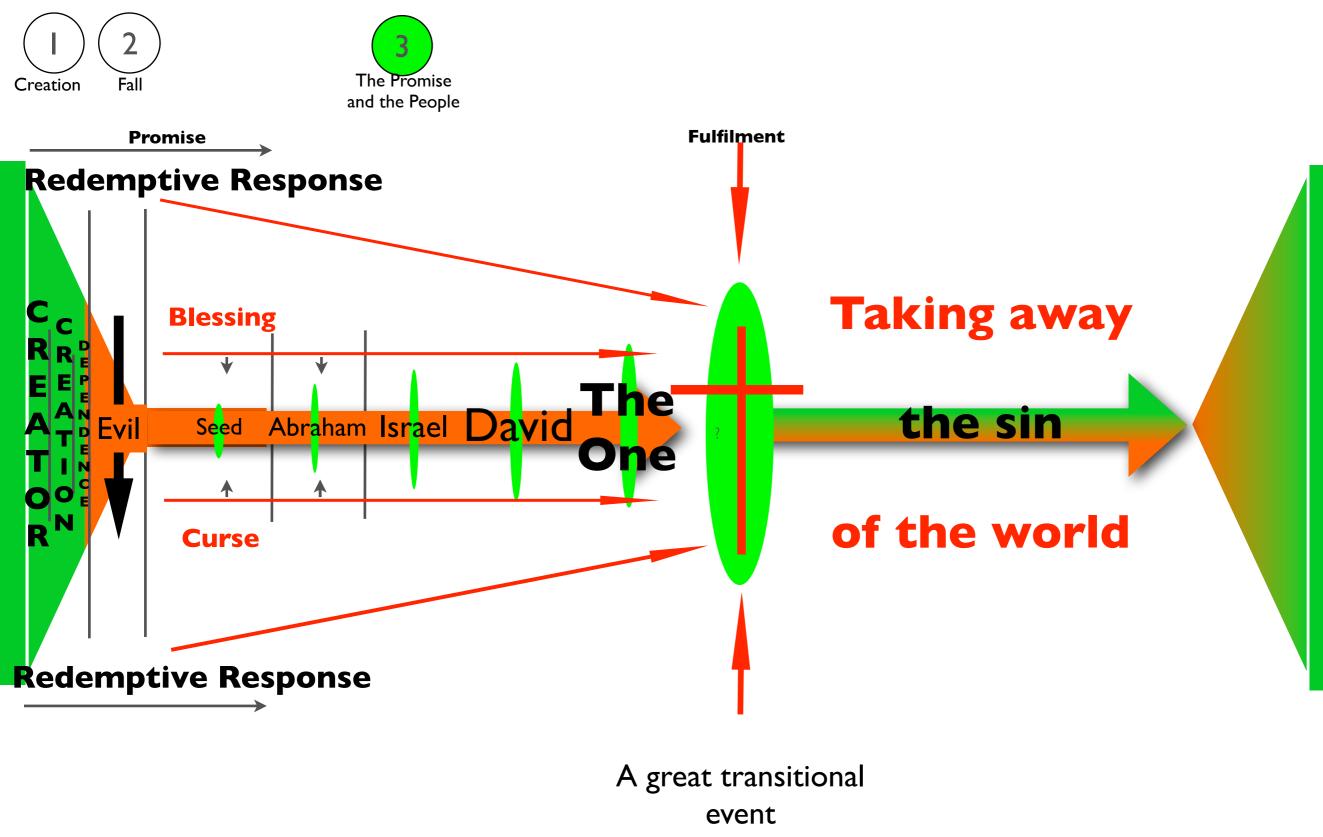


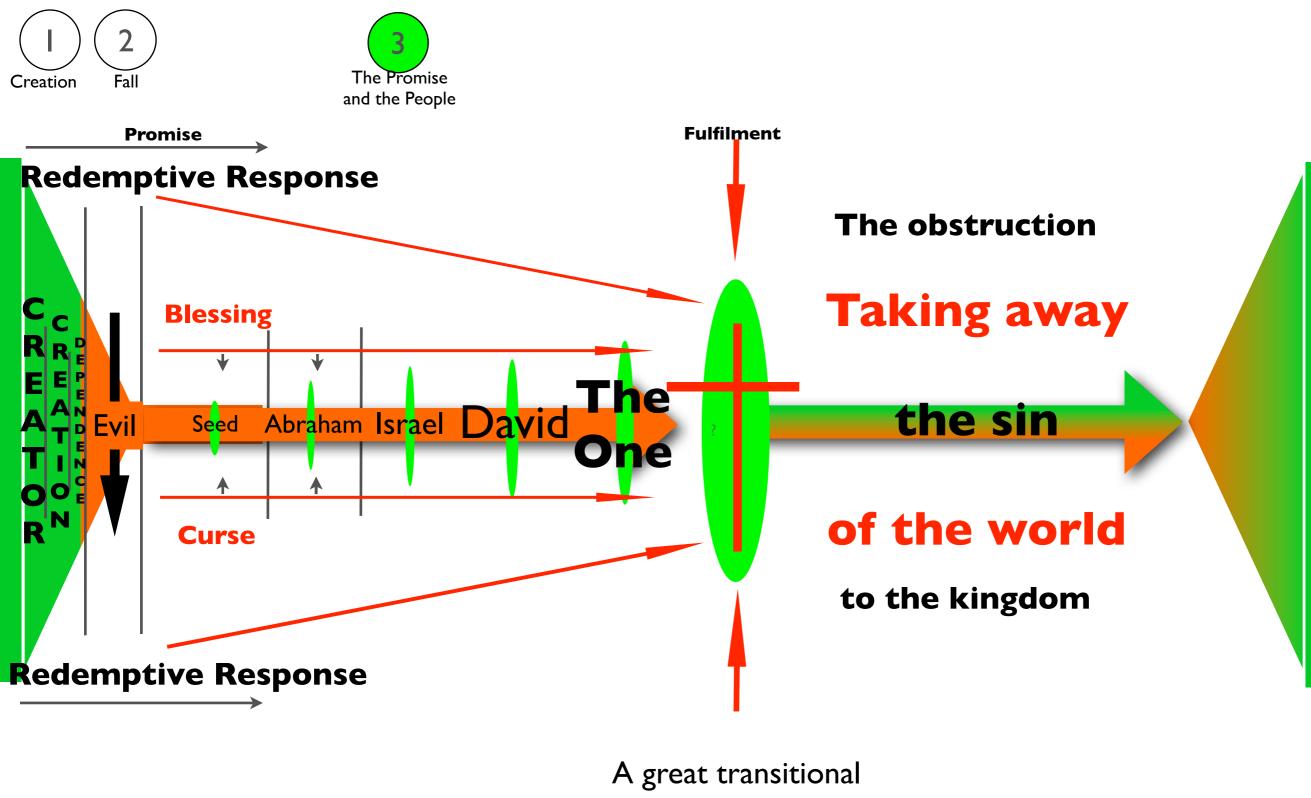




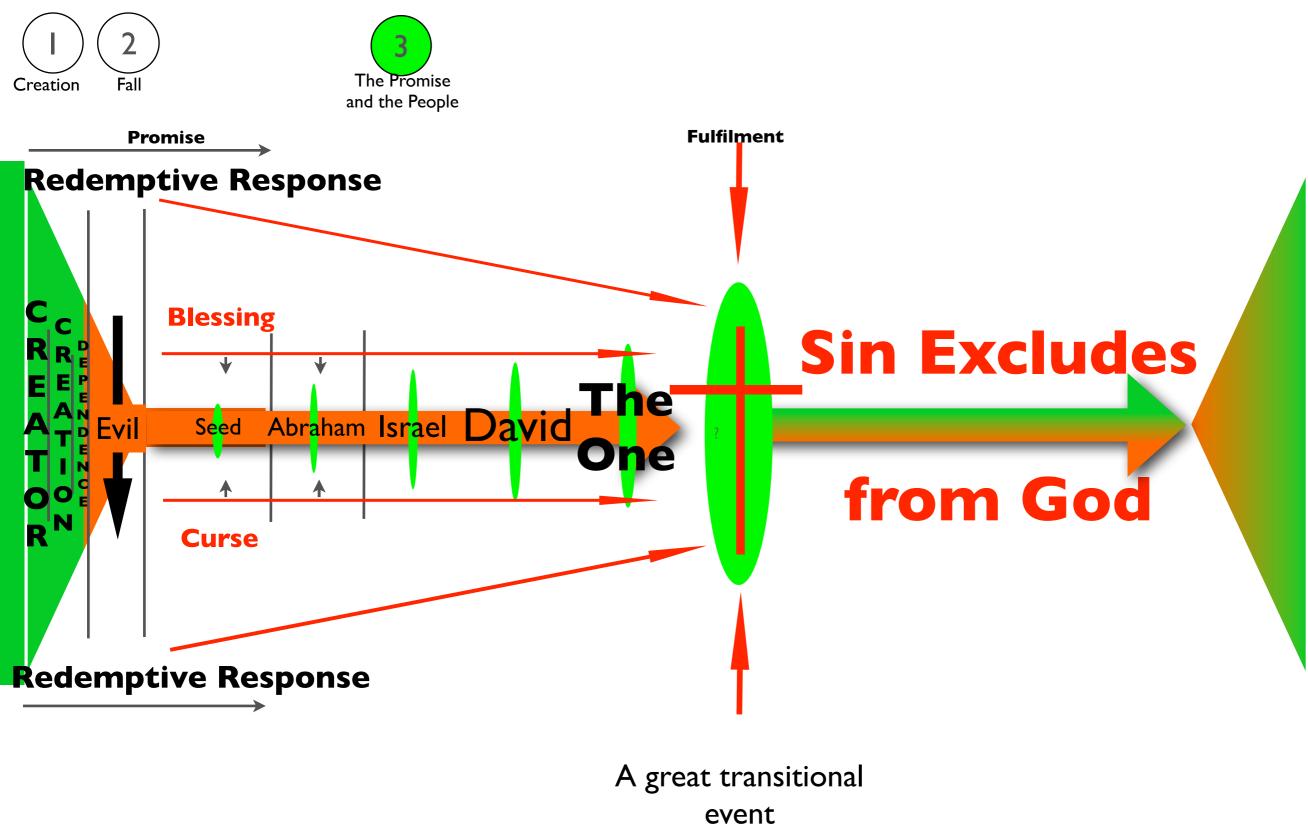


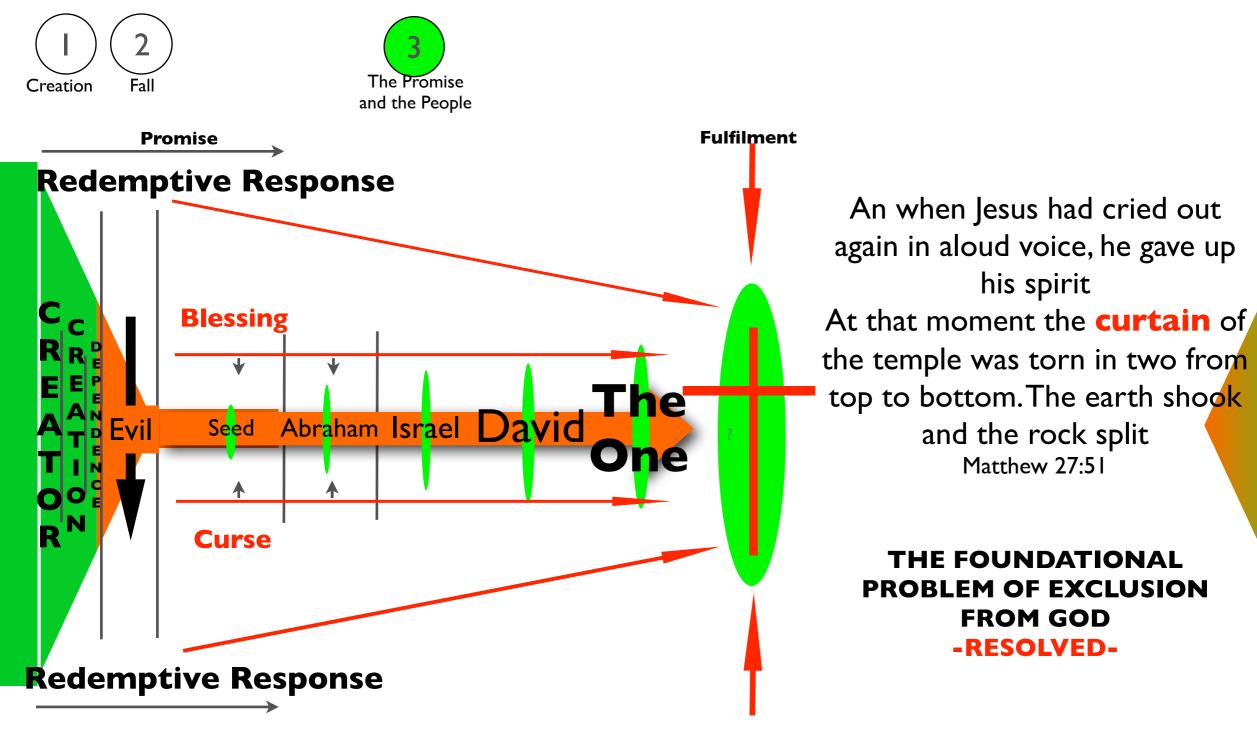


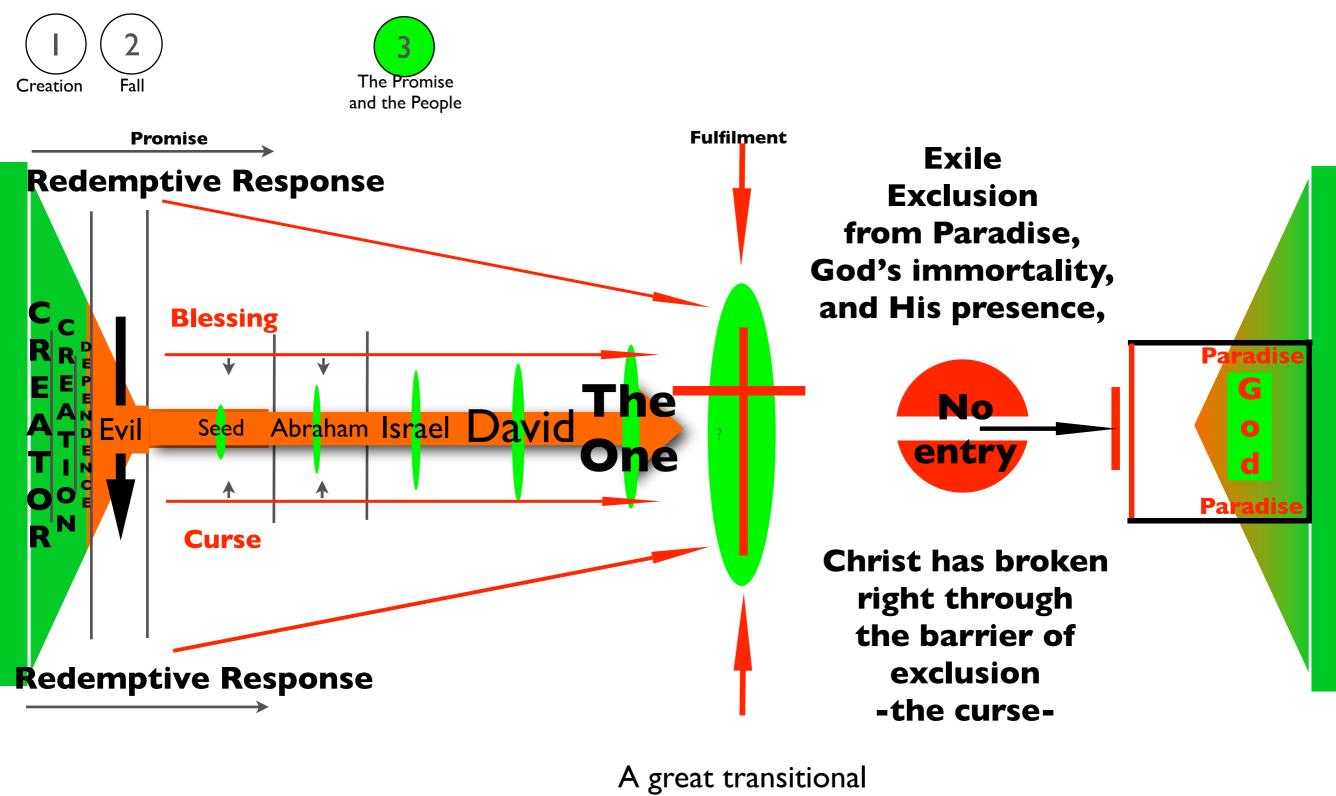




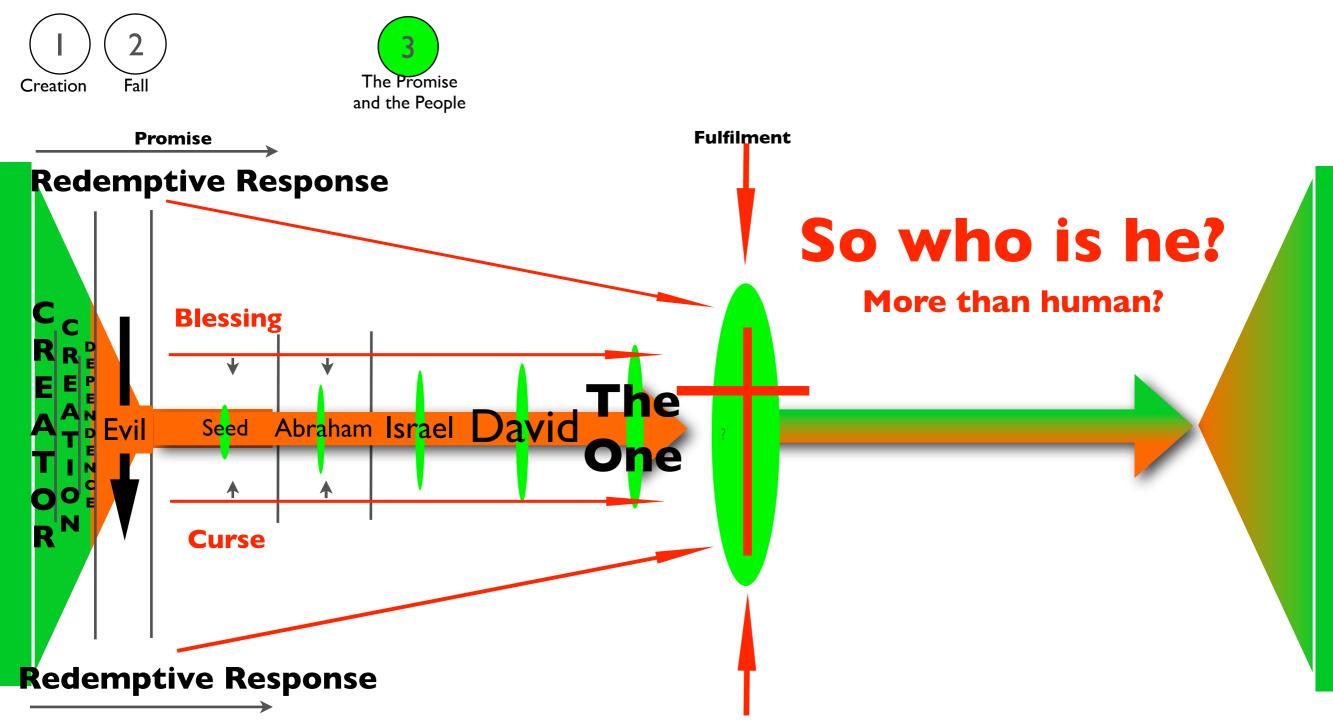
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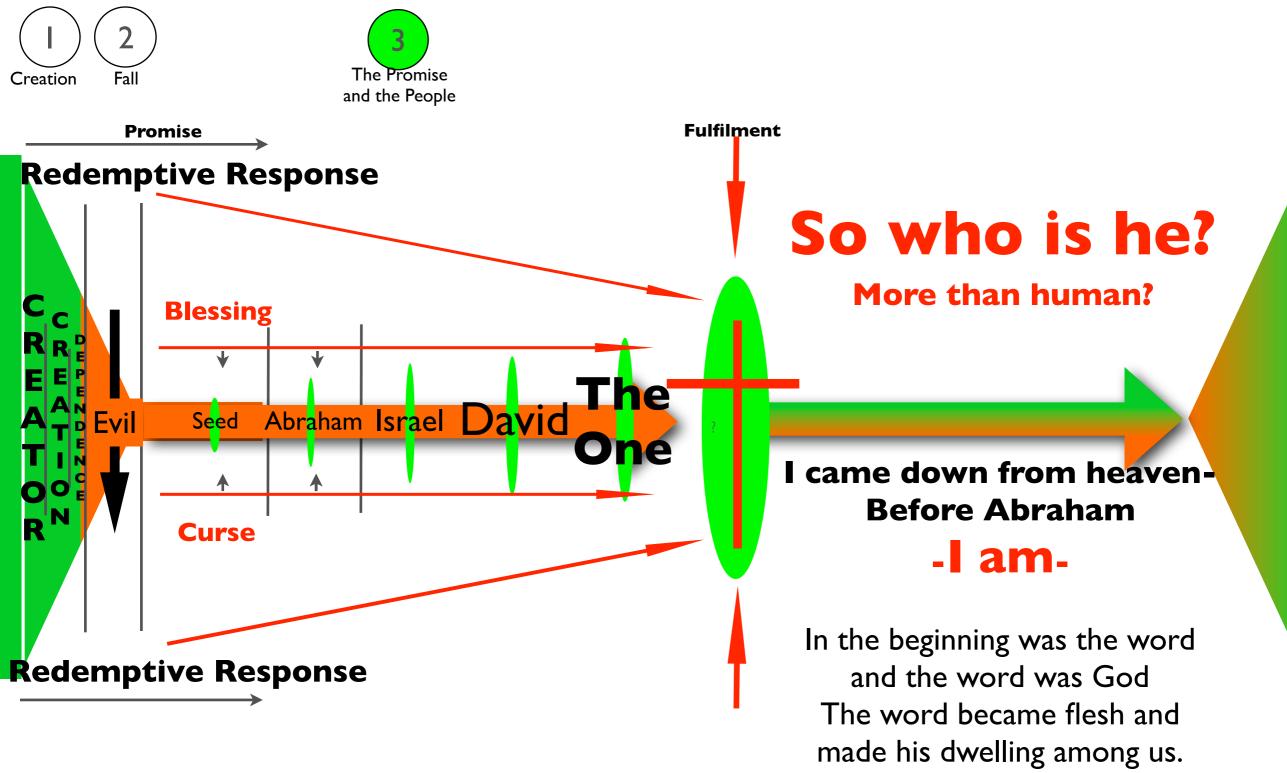




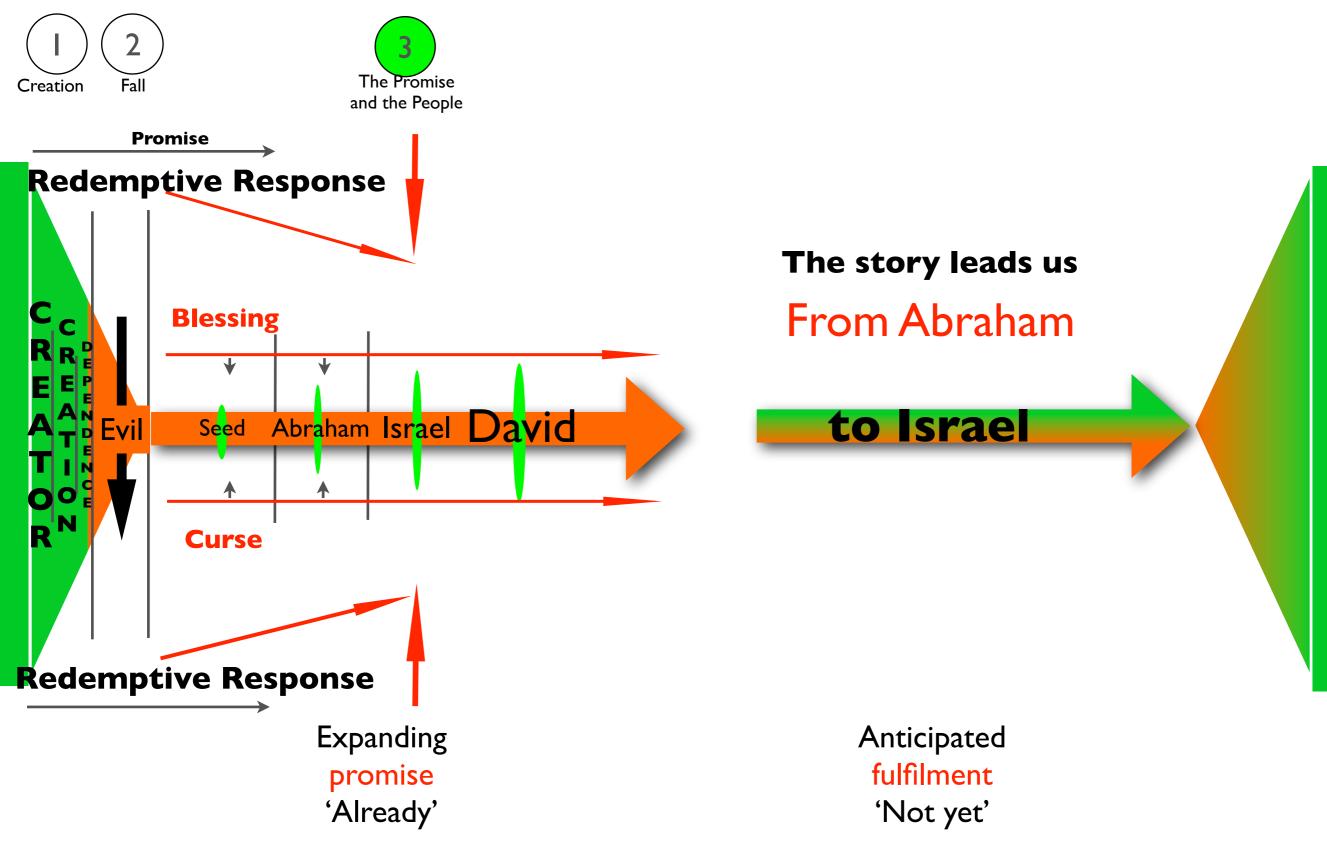


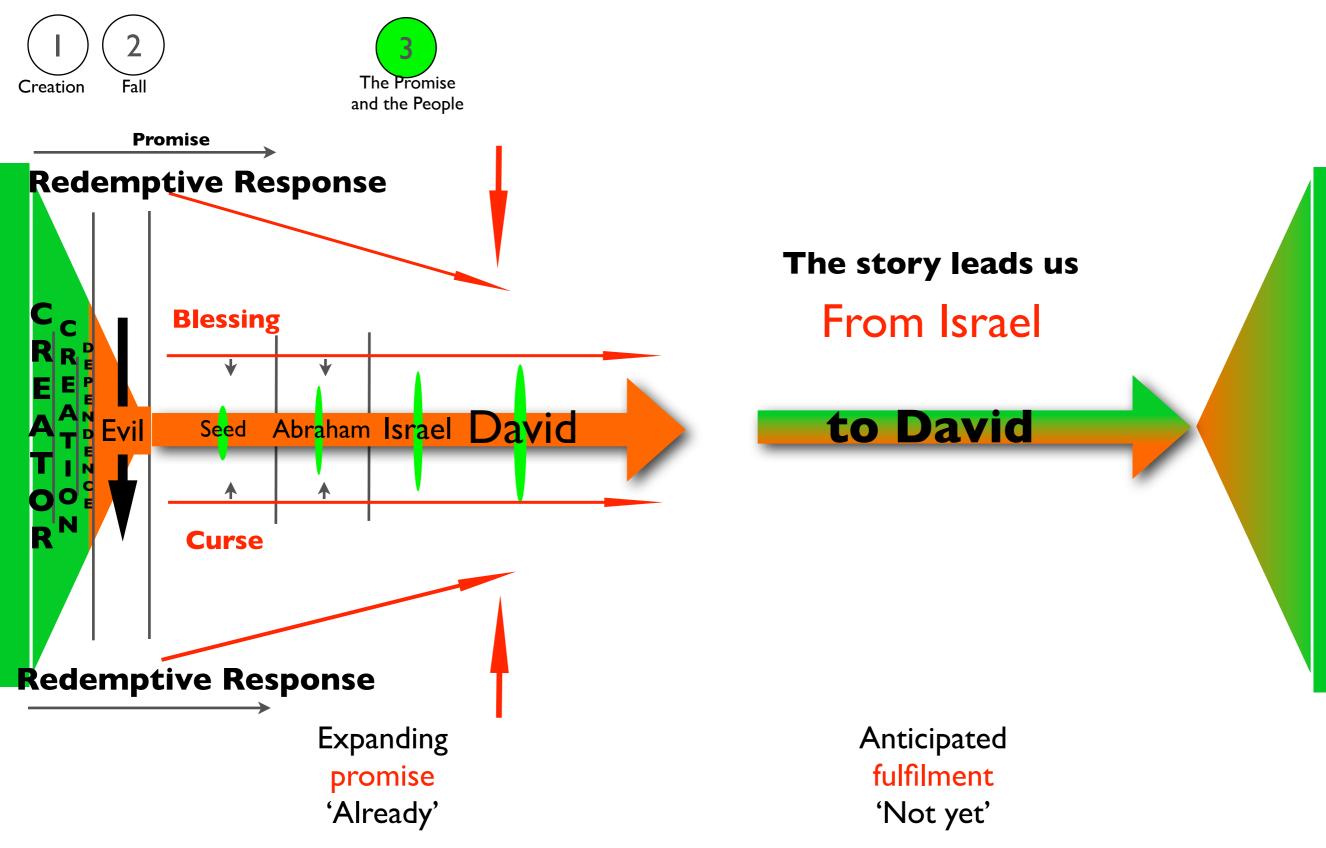
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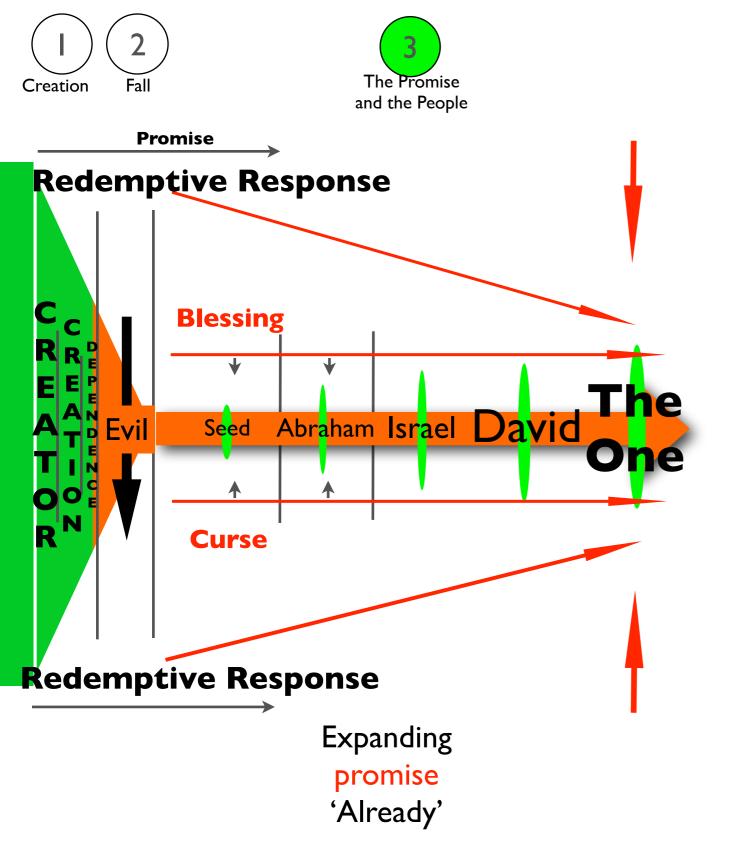




John I:I, I4





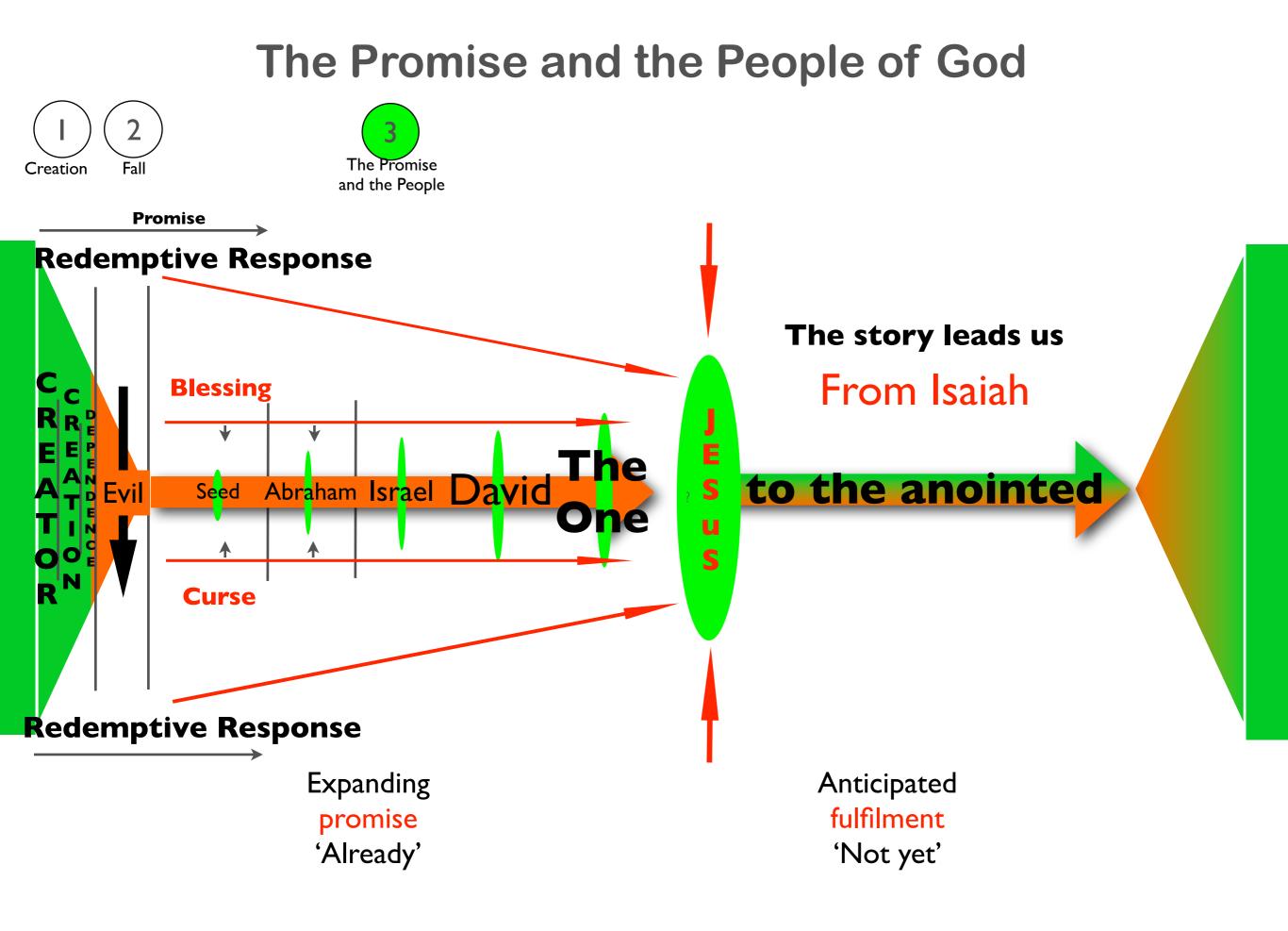


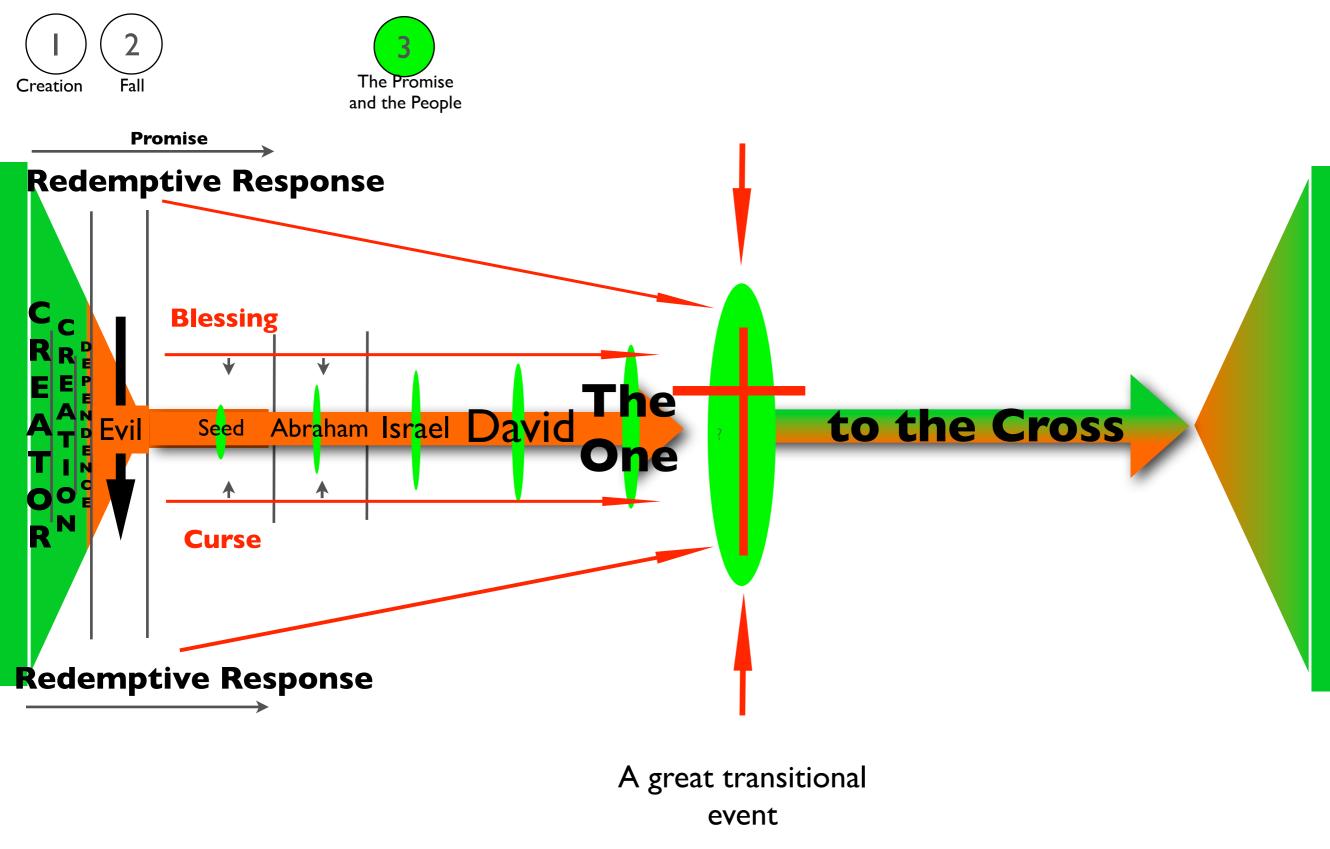
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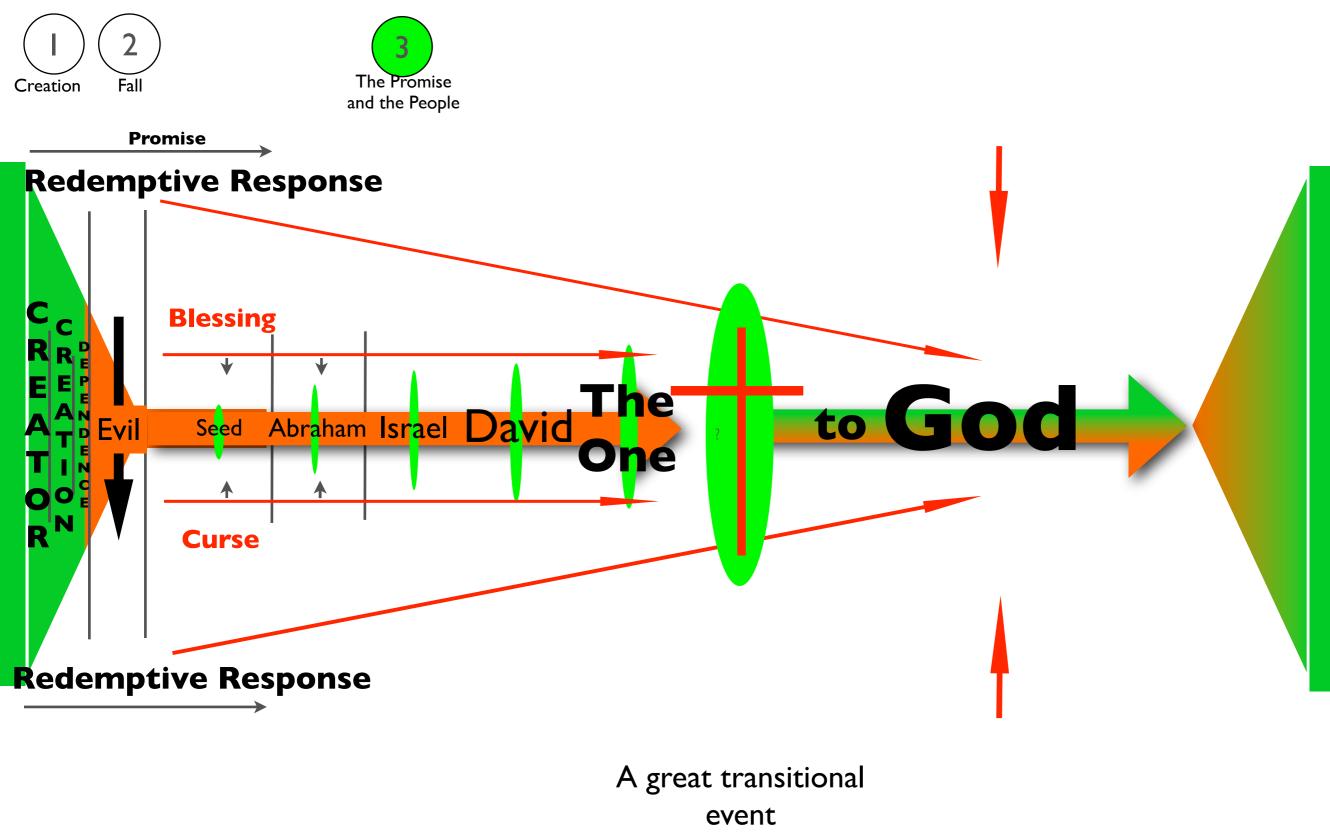
The story leads us

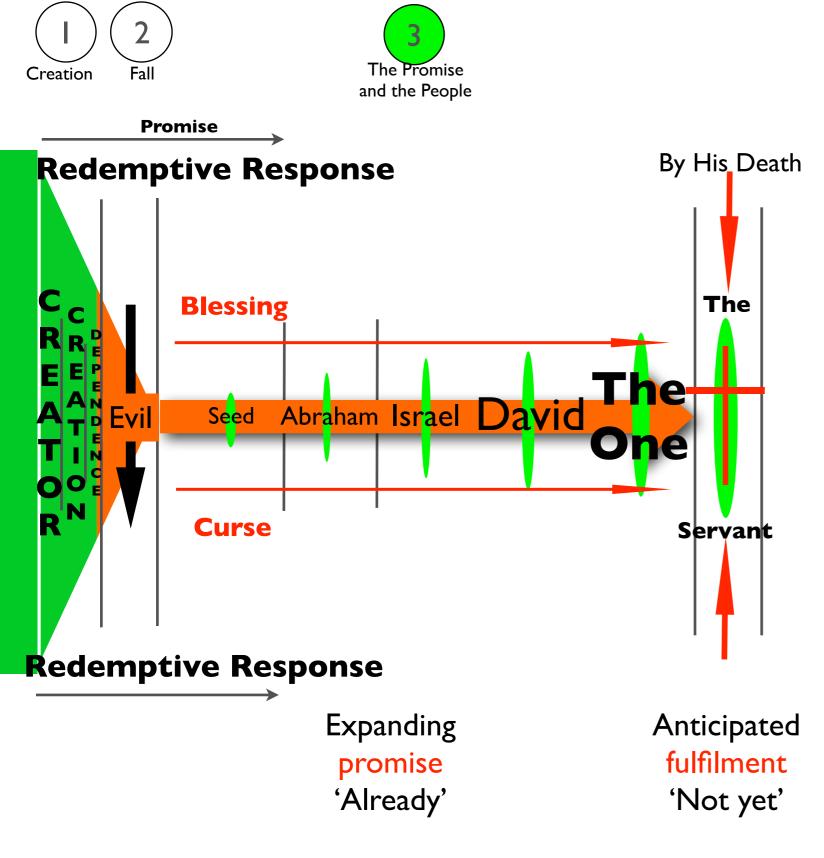
From David

to the Servant

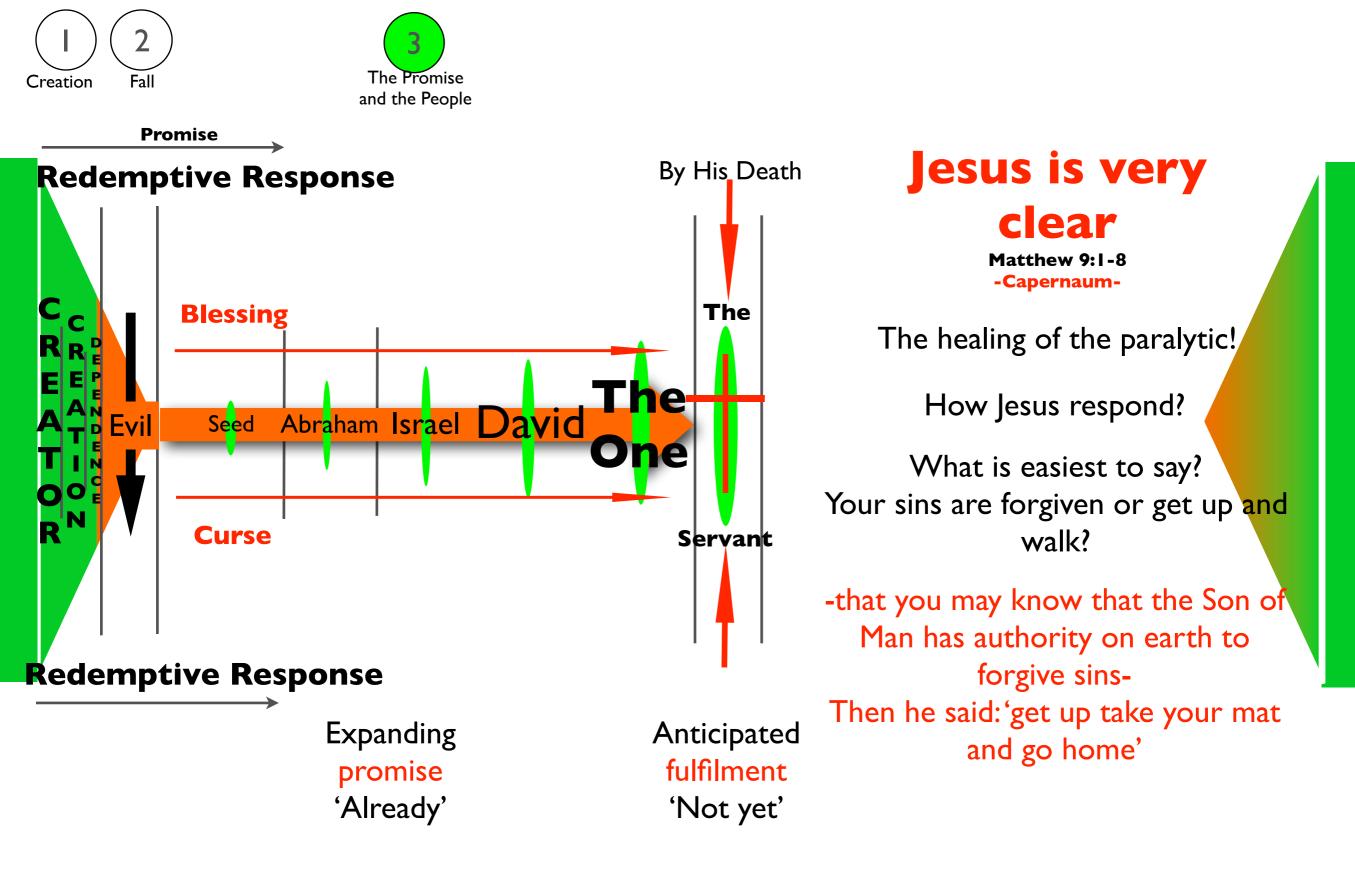


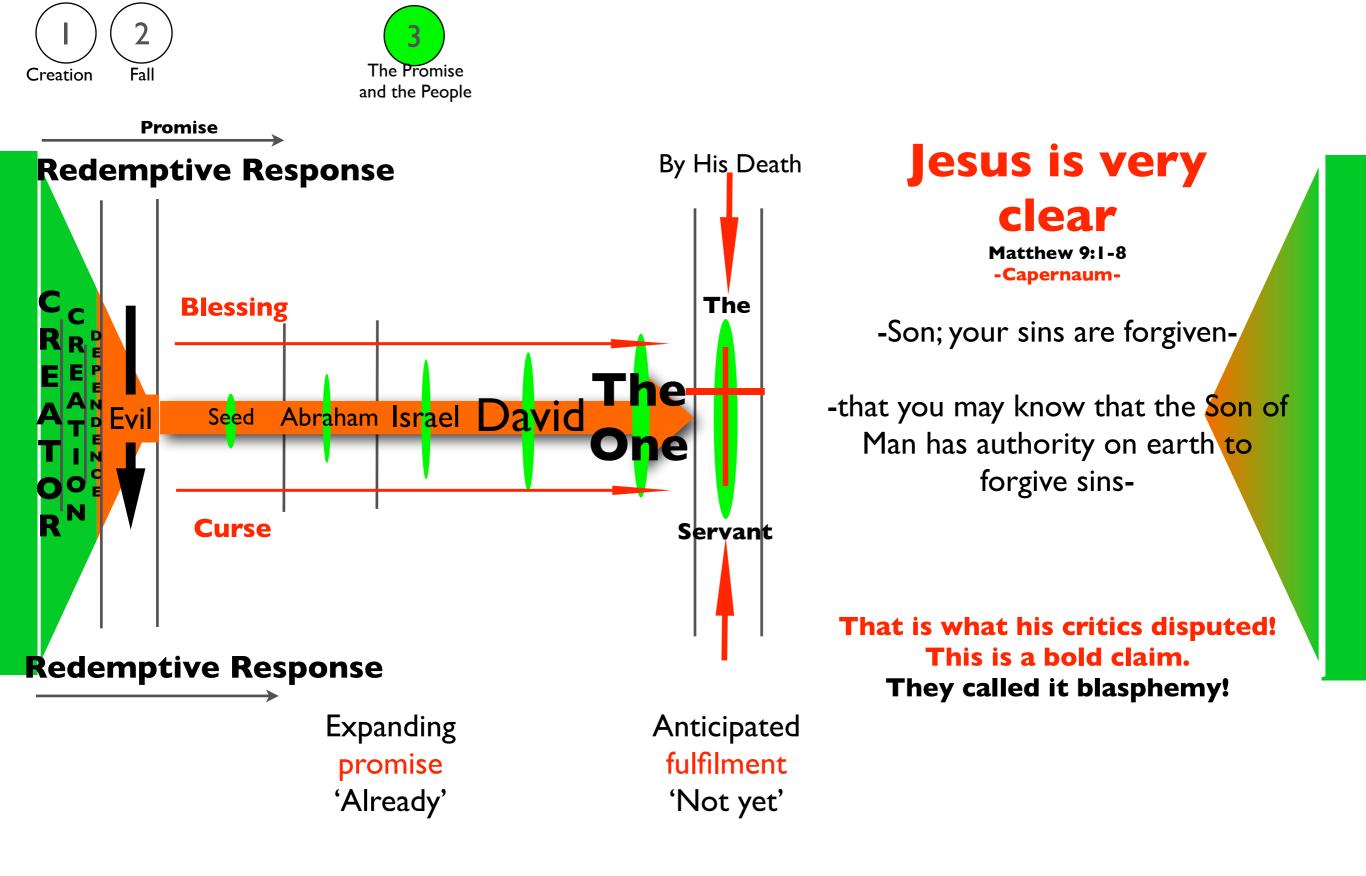


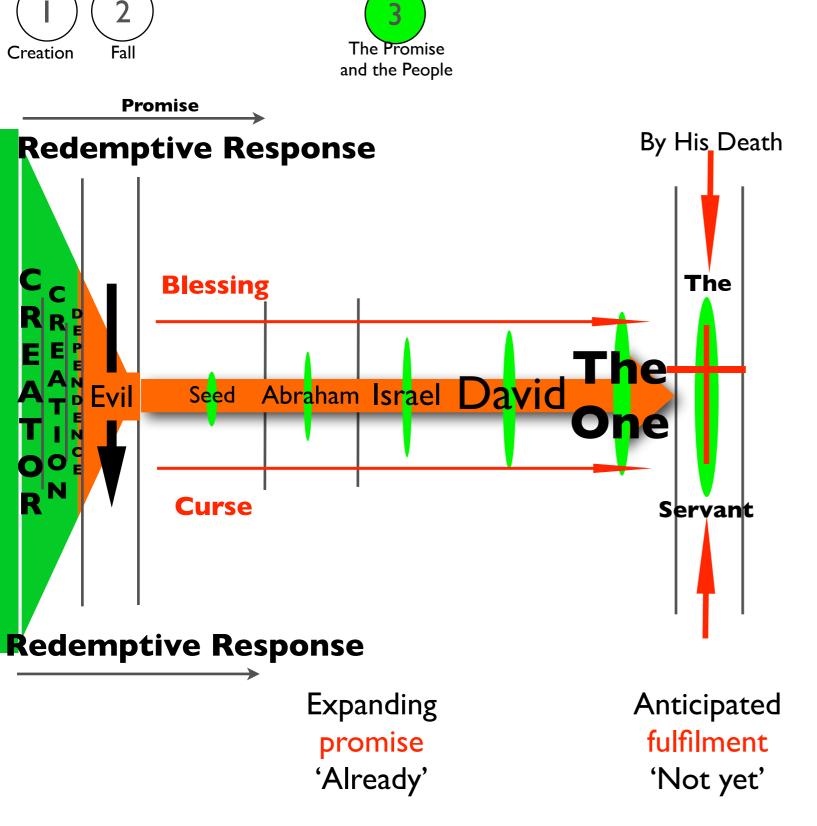




Jesus is very clear Matthew 9:1-8 -Capernaum-The healing of the paralytic! What did Jesus say to him? -Son; your sins are forgiven-Anything wrong about that? What did the Scribes think? He is blasphening! **Only God can forgive sins!**





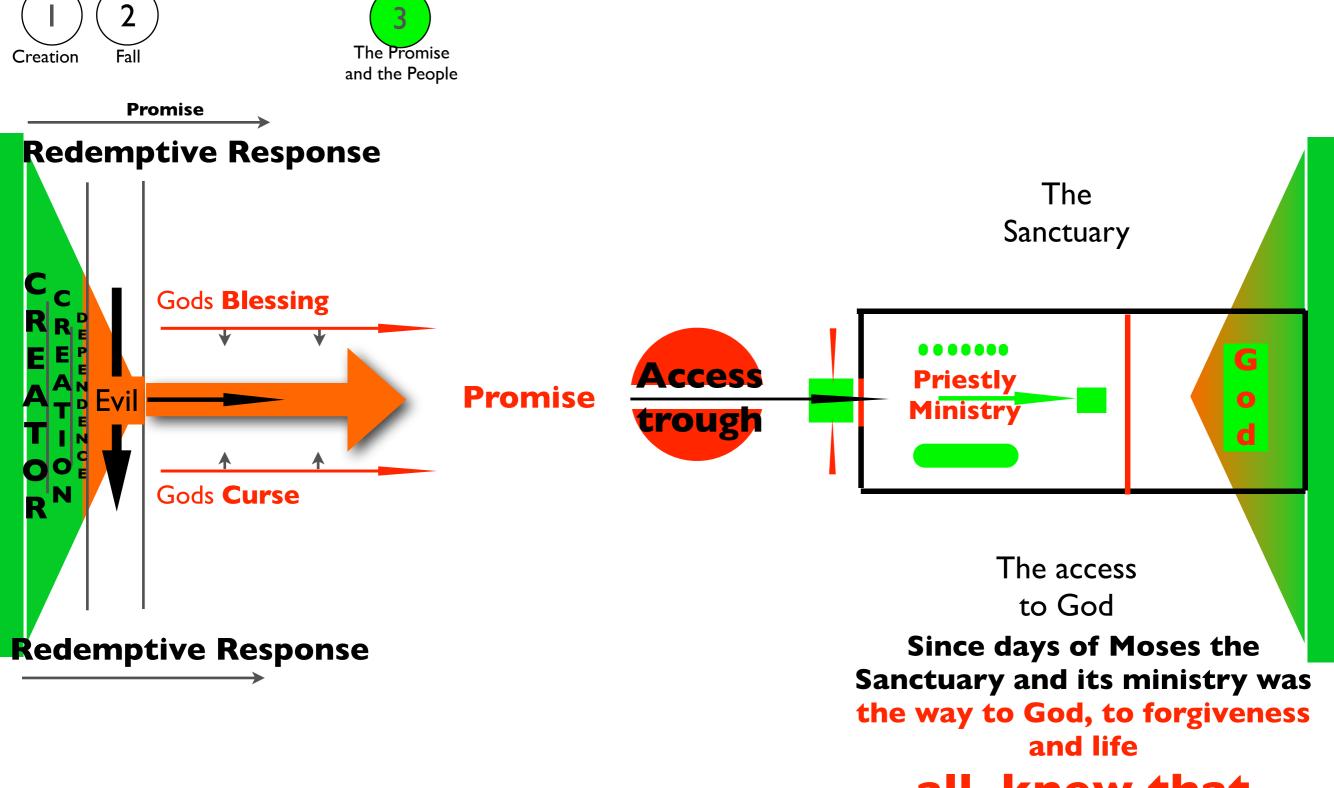




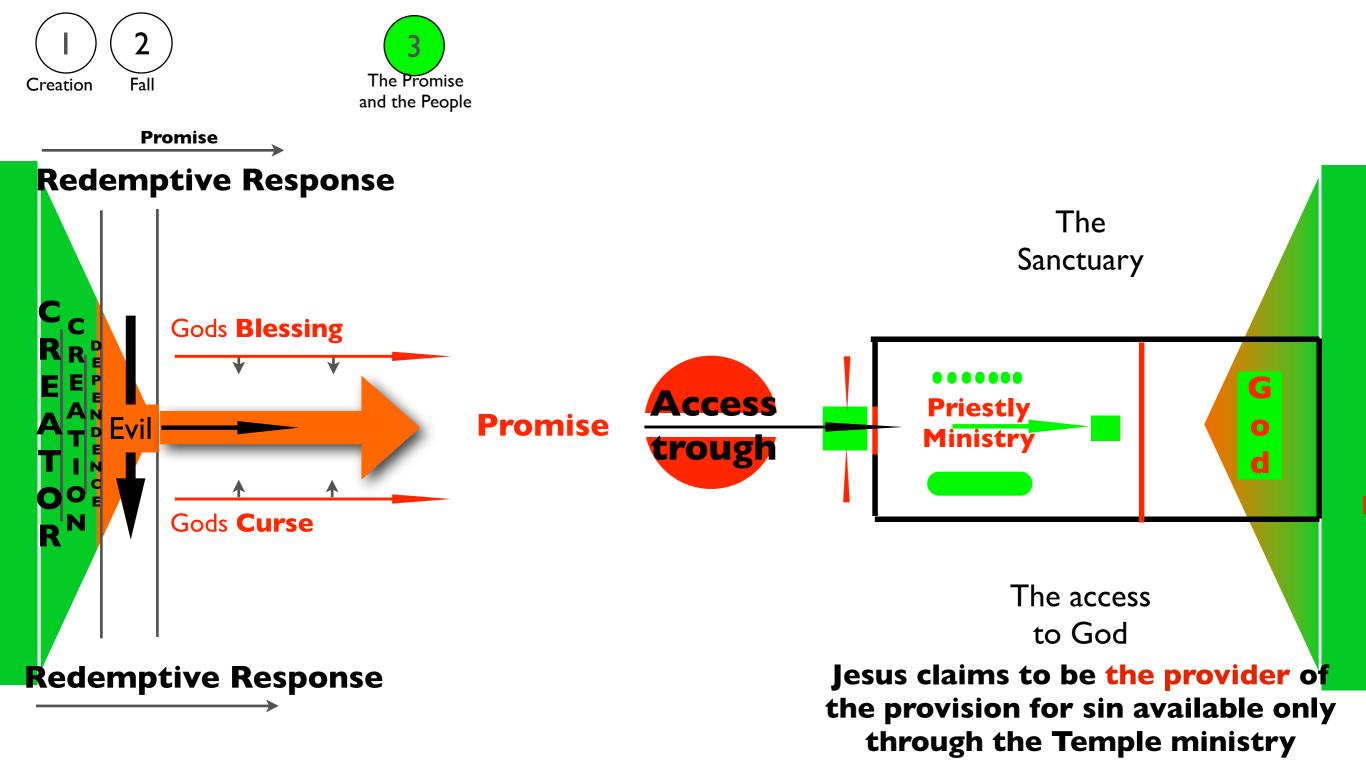
Jesus is very

How was it mediated? By the Aronitic priesthood!

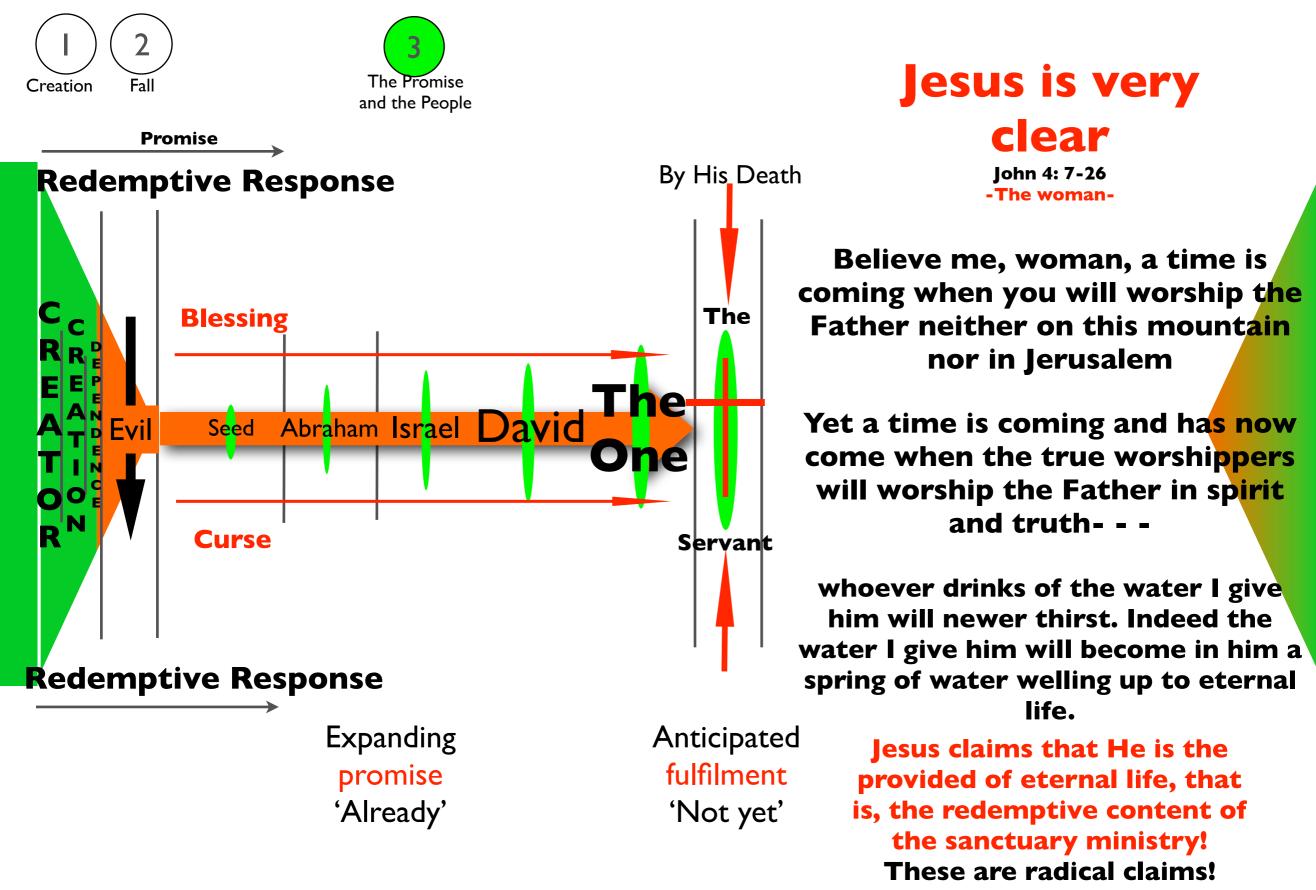
By whom was it given? By God!

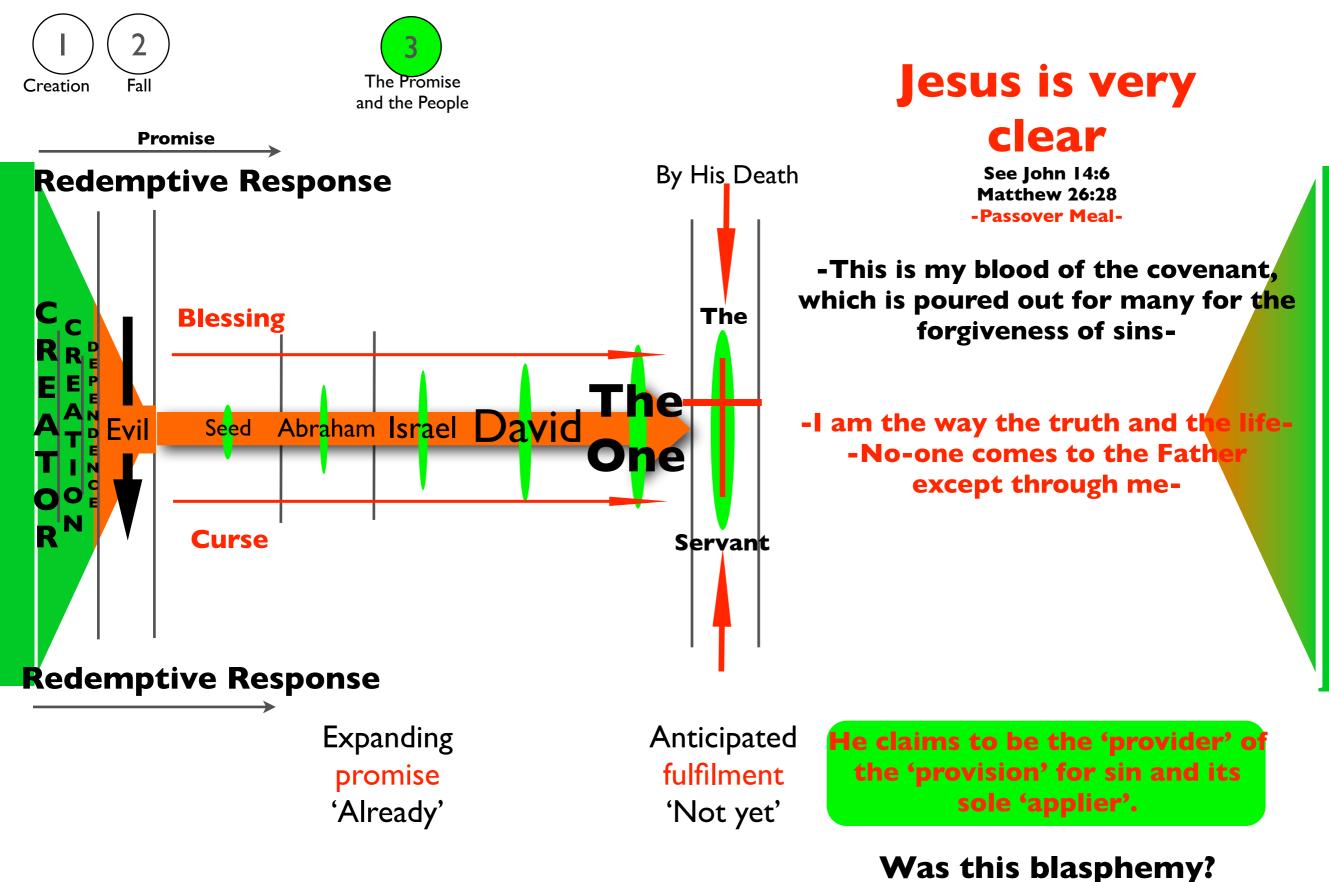


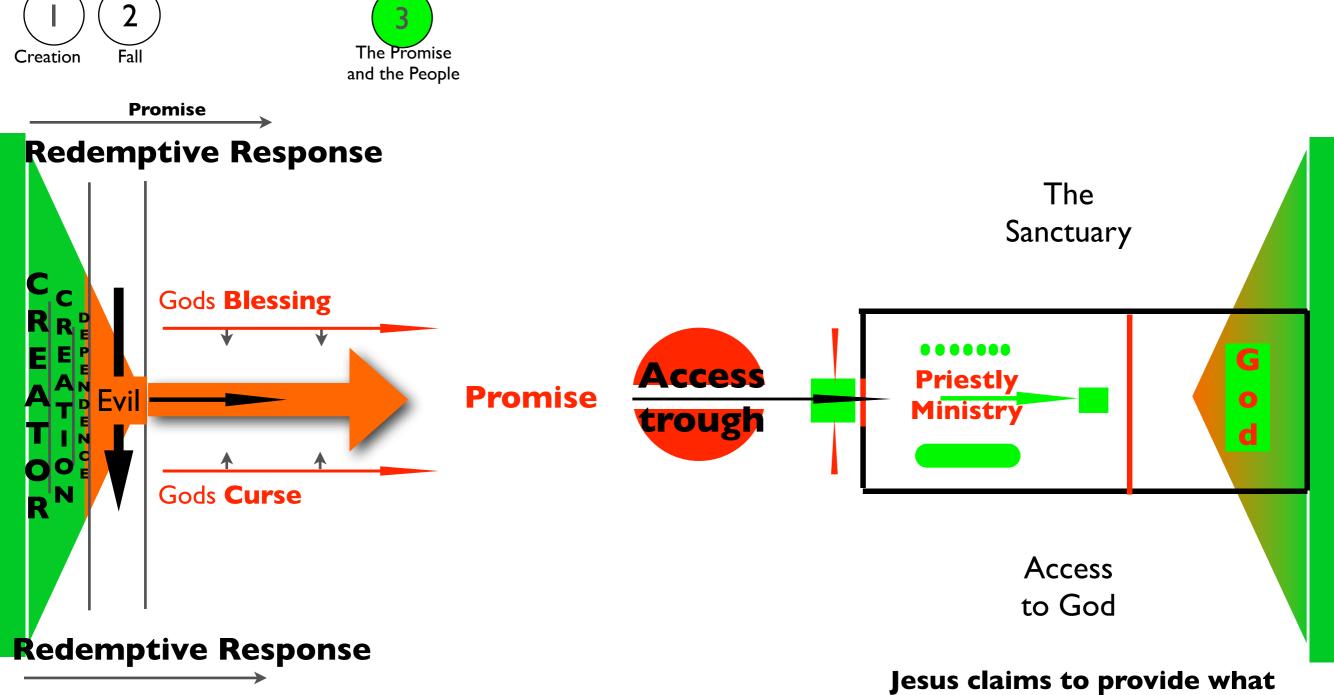
-all knew that-



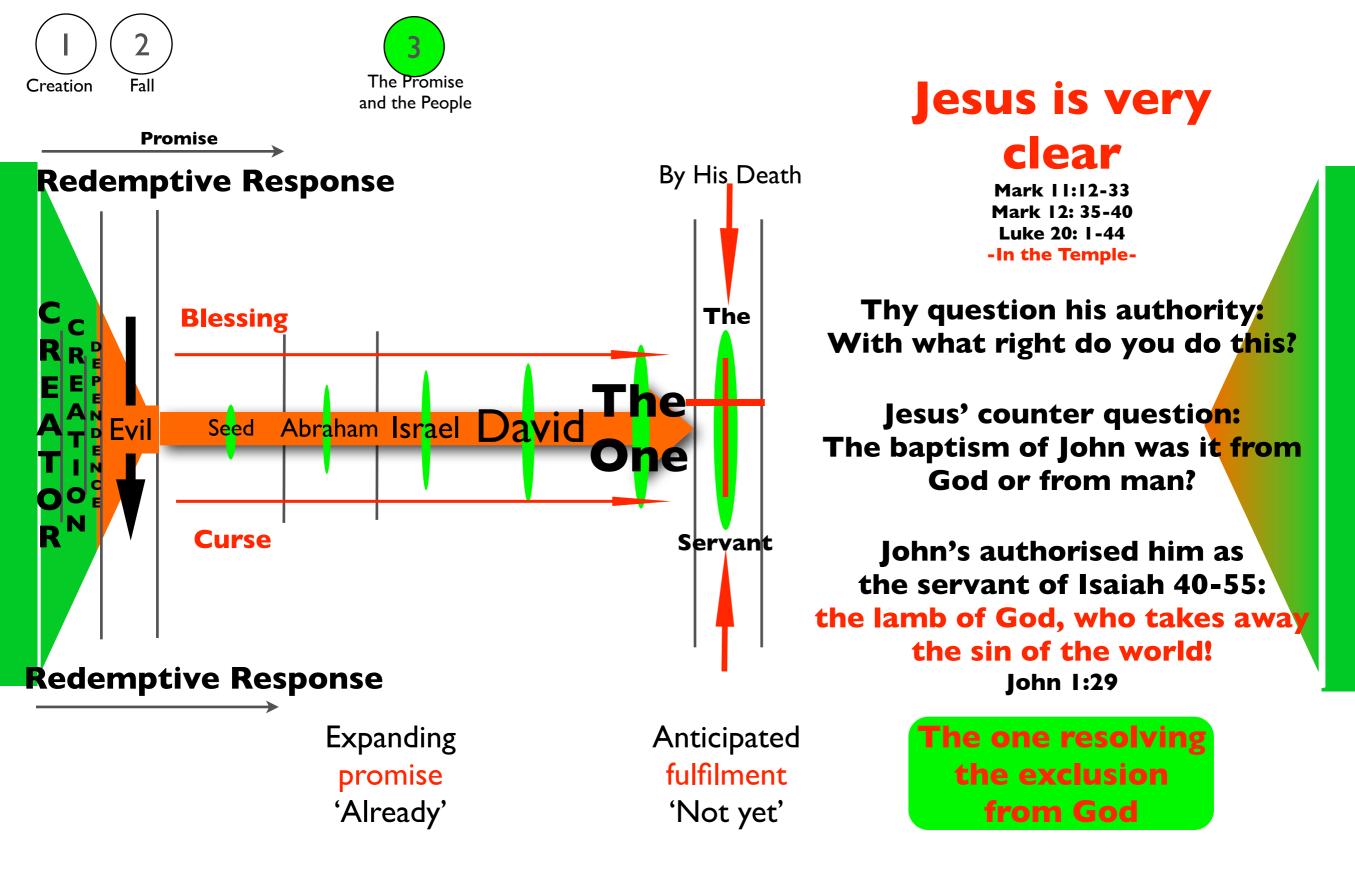
-a provocative claim-

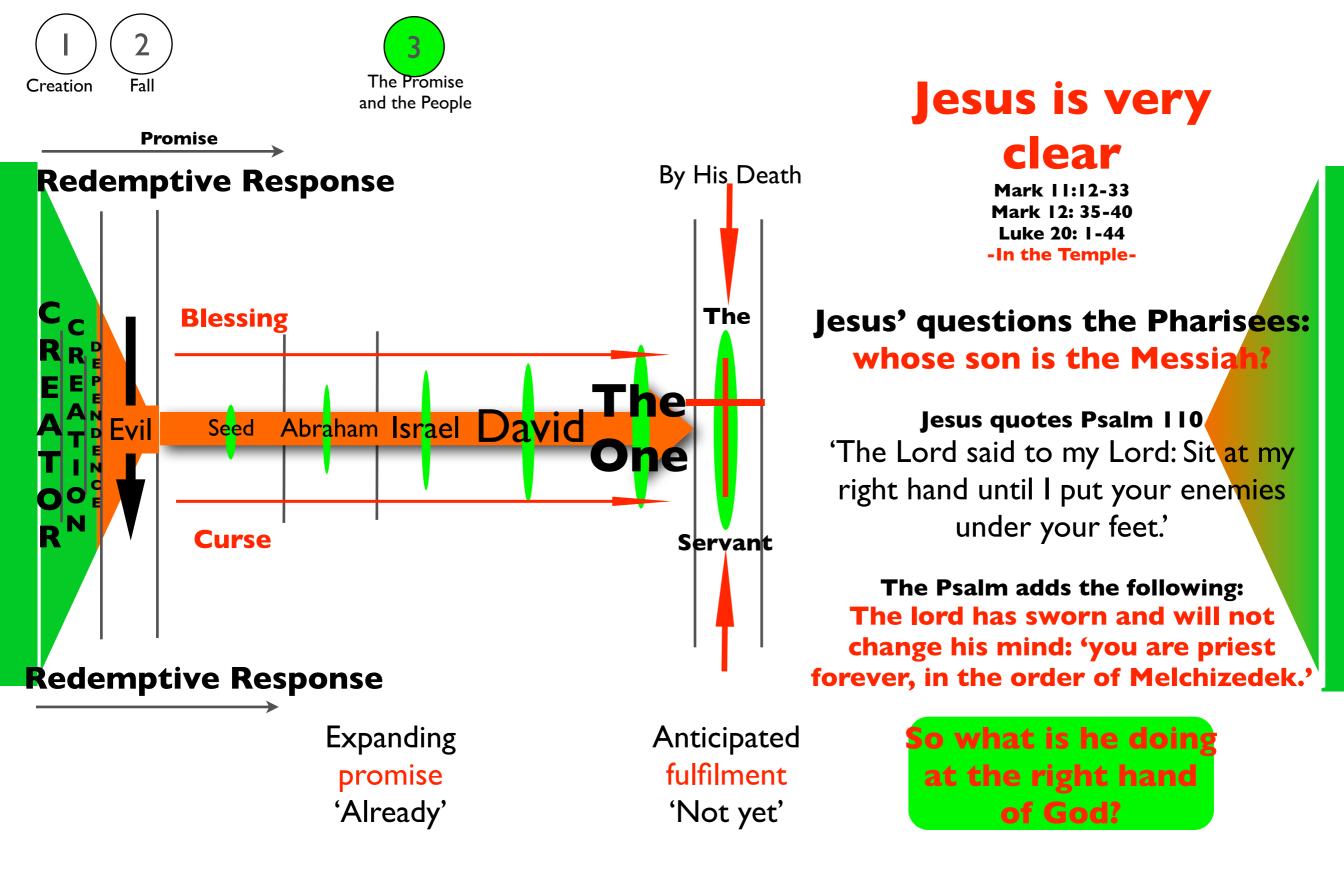


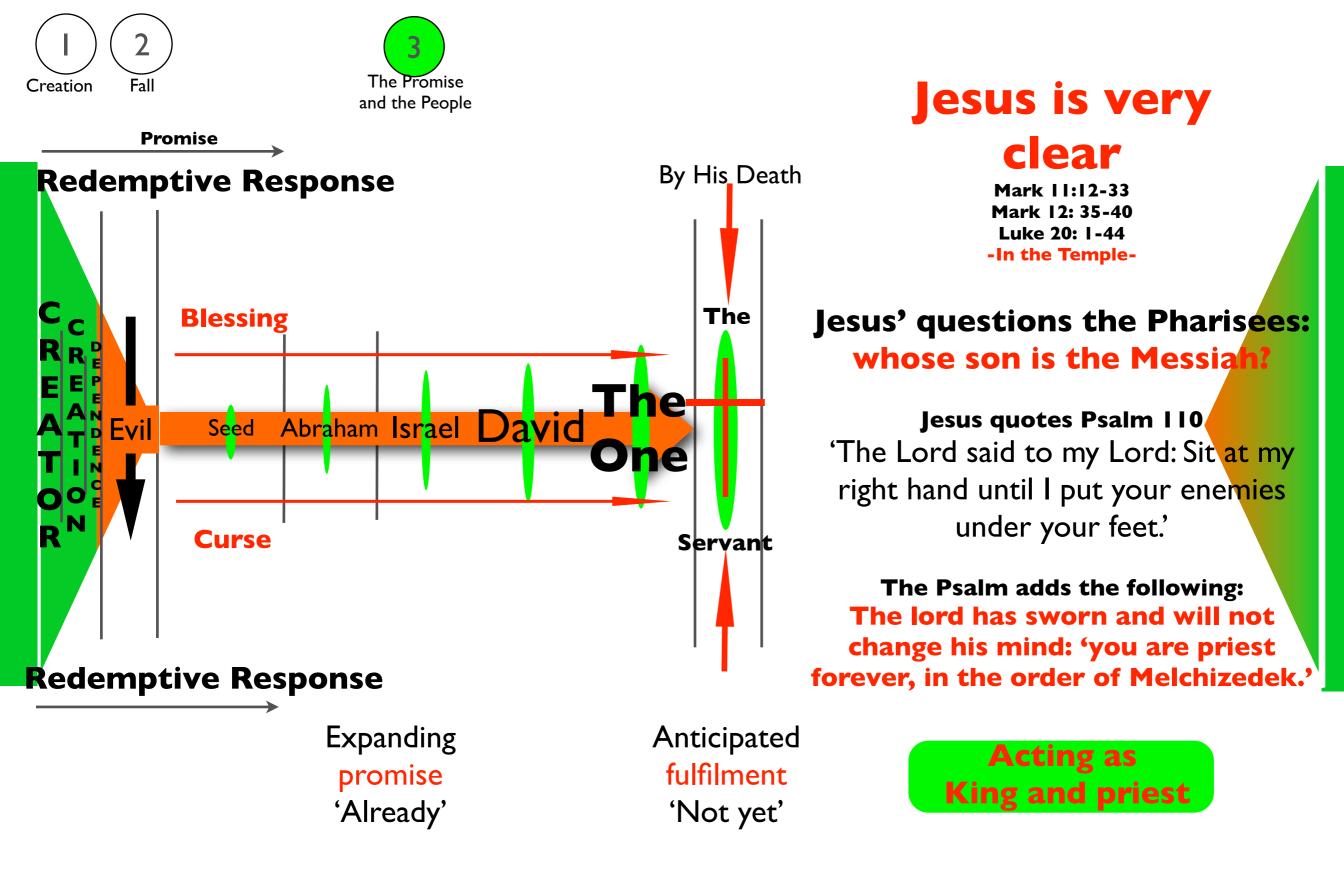


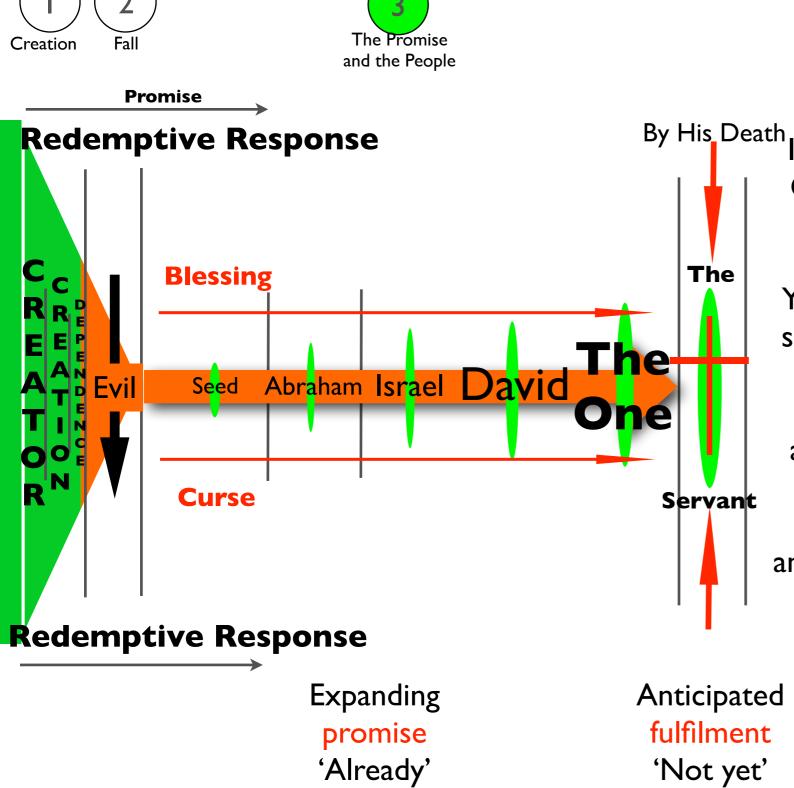


Jesus claims to provide what was available only through the Temple ministry according to the Torah! Why was this blasphemy?



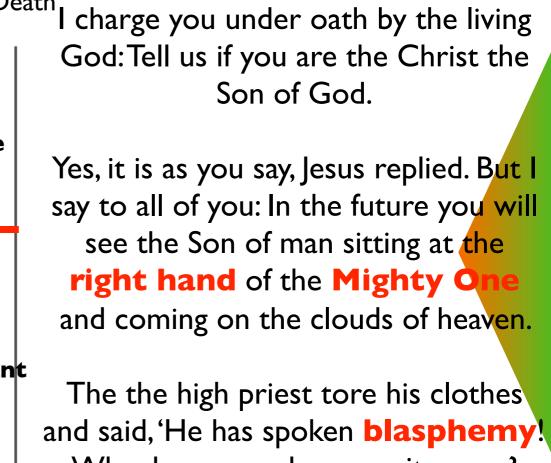




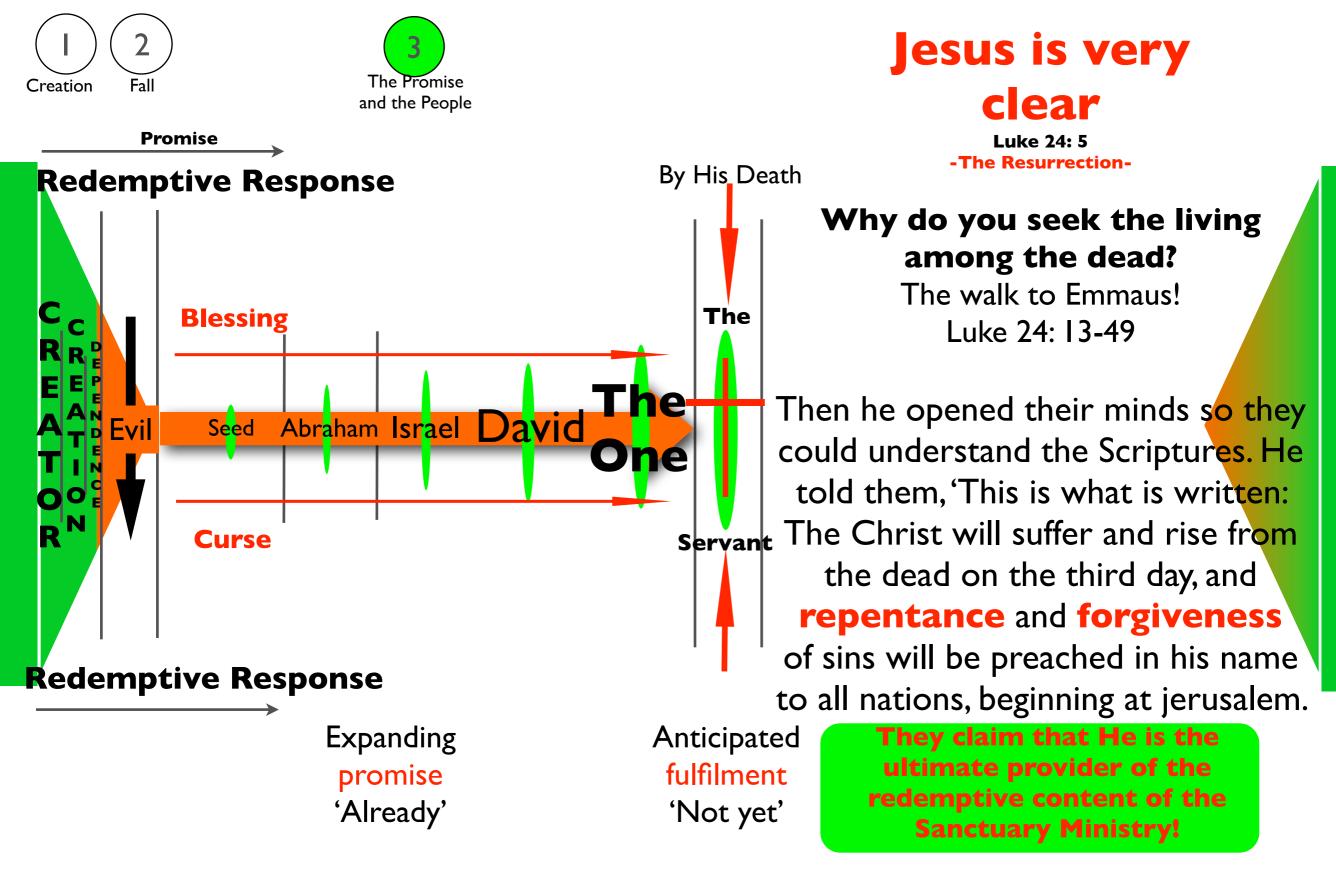


The high priest's charge

Matthew 26: 63-65



Why do we need more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the **blasphemy**.



The Crossroad in the Human Drama -in God's Story-

Many have claimed to be the Messiah

But only one has ever claimed that before he could bear the crown of glory he must bear the the cross

Only one has ever claimed that he came to fulfil the job description of Isaiah 53

Only one has ever claimed that he came to solve the human sin problem

Only one has ever claimed that he provided forgiveness and eternal life through his dying

Only One

The Crossroad in the Human Drama -in God's Story-

Many have claimed to be the Messiah

Many have claimed to be the one

Many has suffered a death like Jesus

But only one has returned to life after the ordeal

Only one fully fits the profile of Isaiah 53



It is the amazing fit that makes it acceptable!

It is the resurrection that makes it believable!

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he is risen!

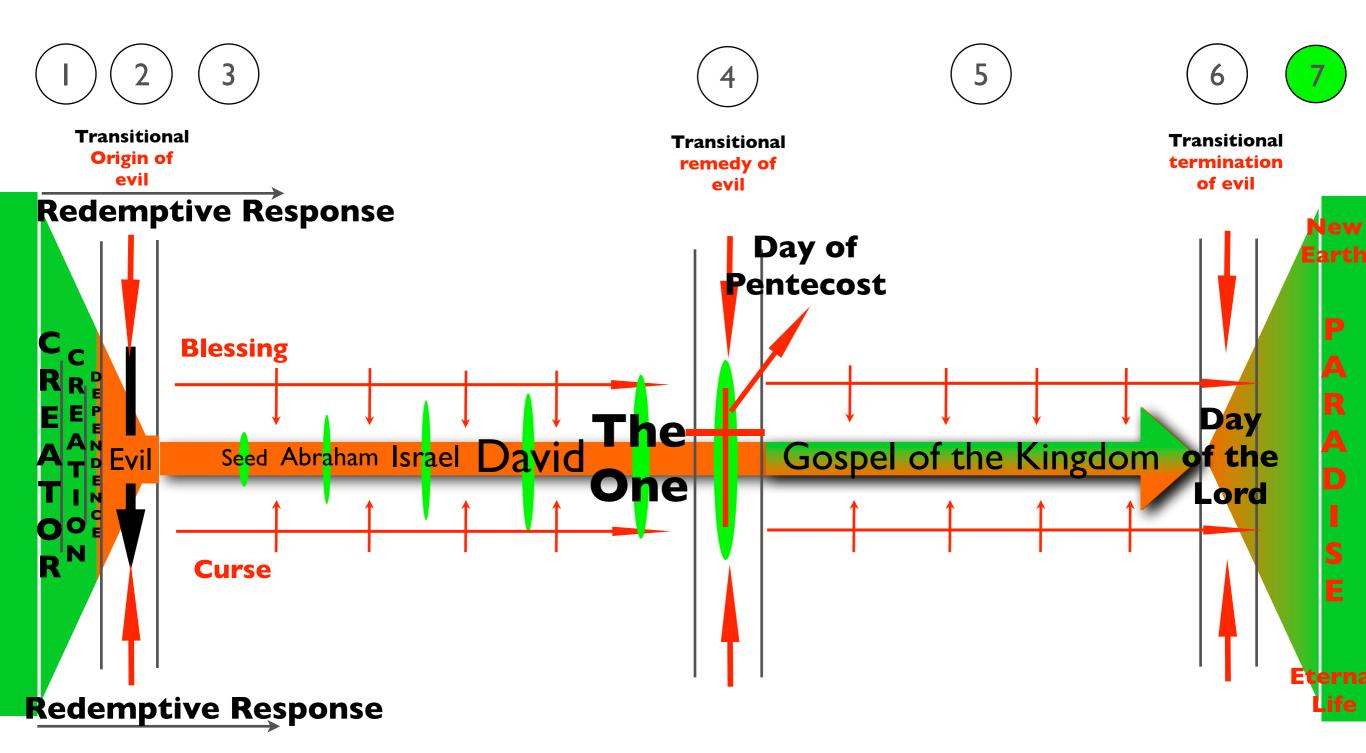
Luke 24: 5

God's vindication of Jesus



THE APOSTOLIC ERA

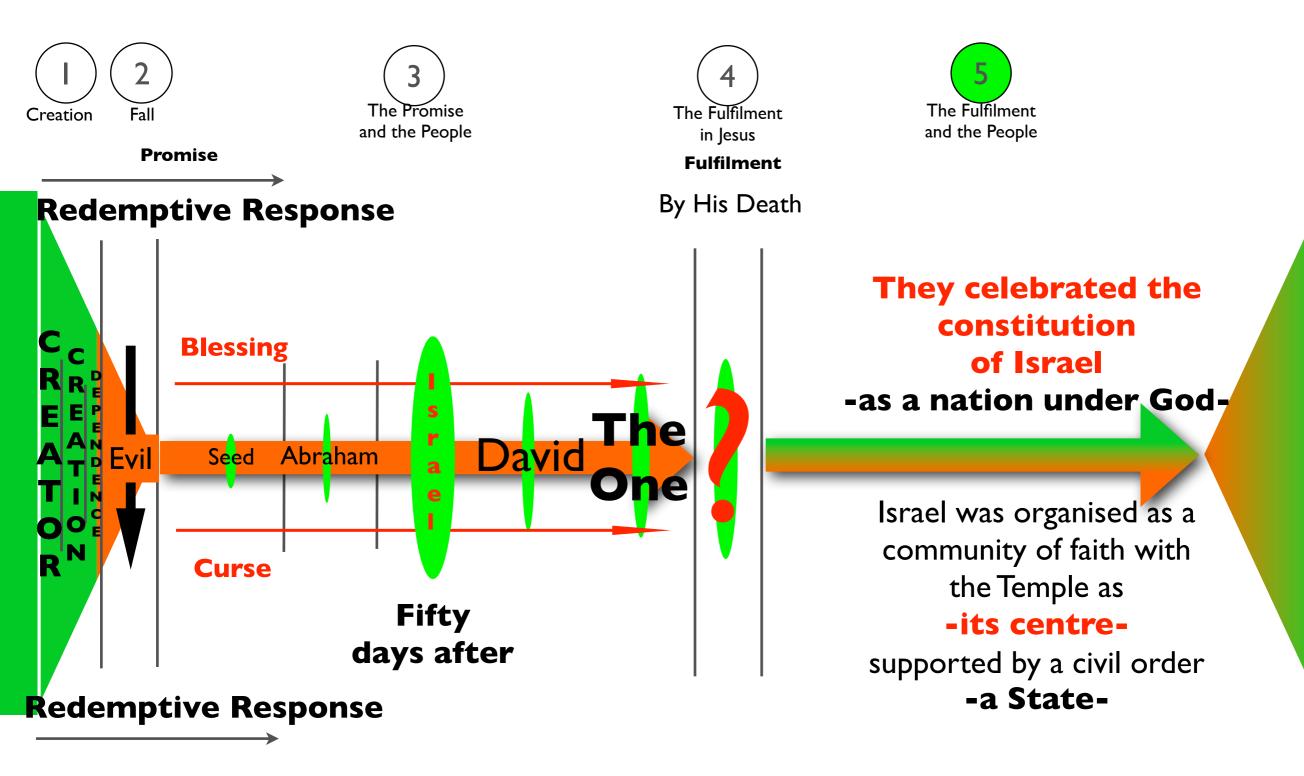
FROM PENTECOST TO THE DAY OF THE LORD



From Paradise lost to Paradise restored

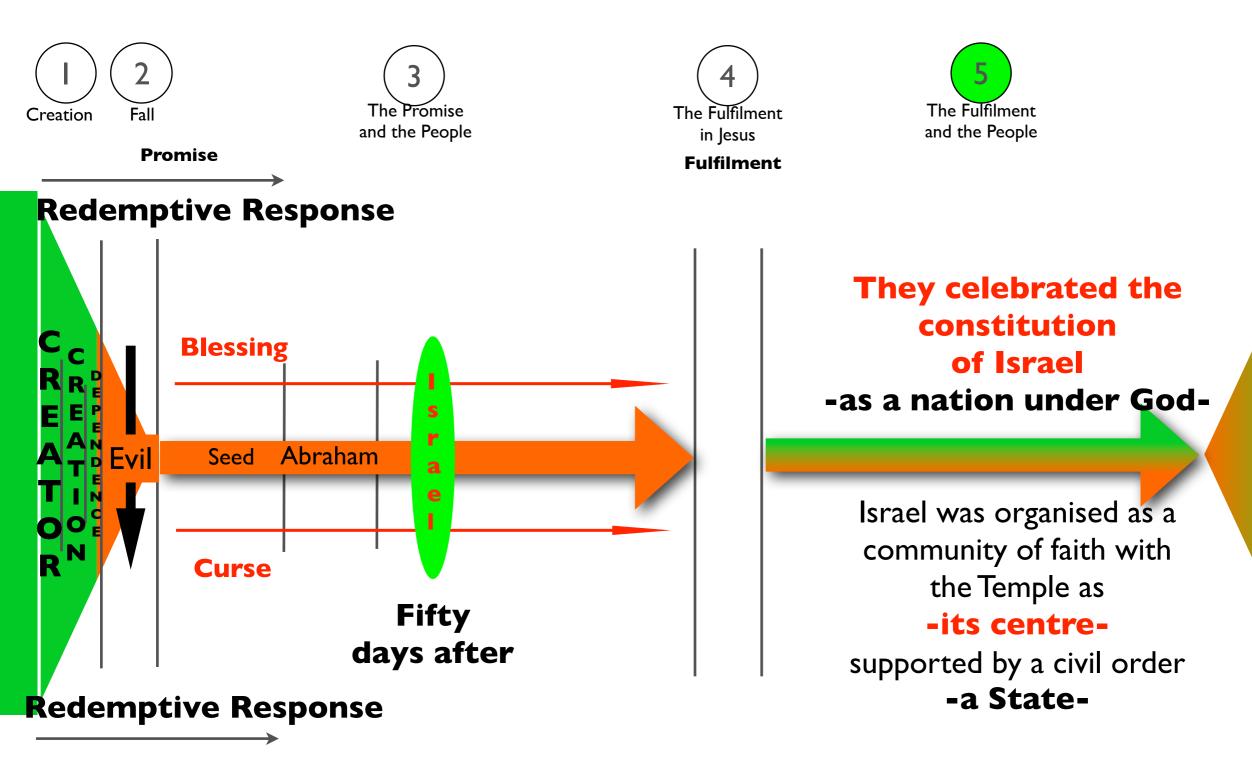
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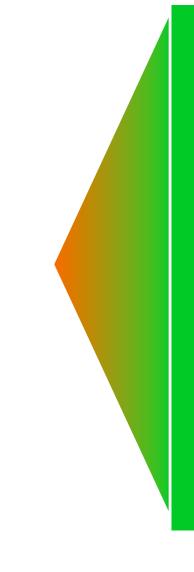
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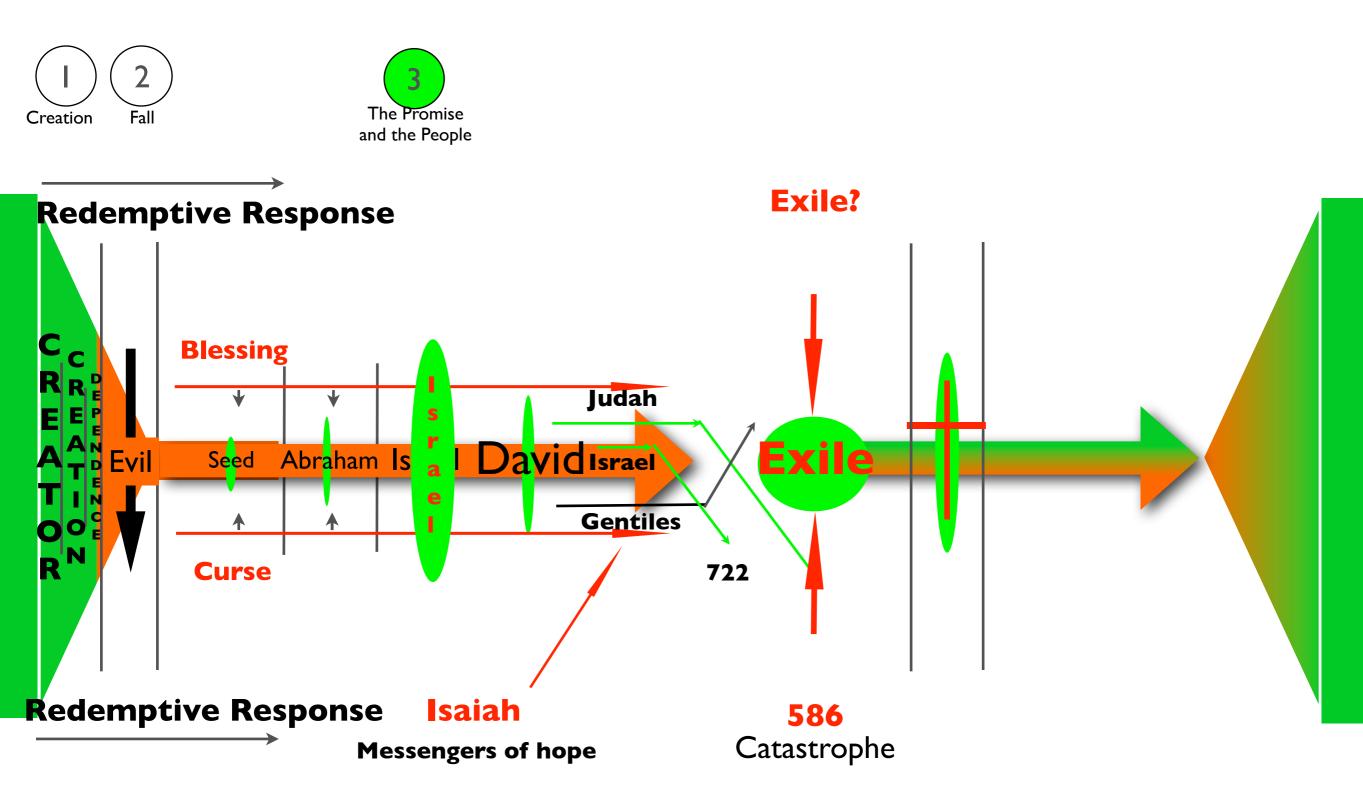
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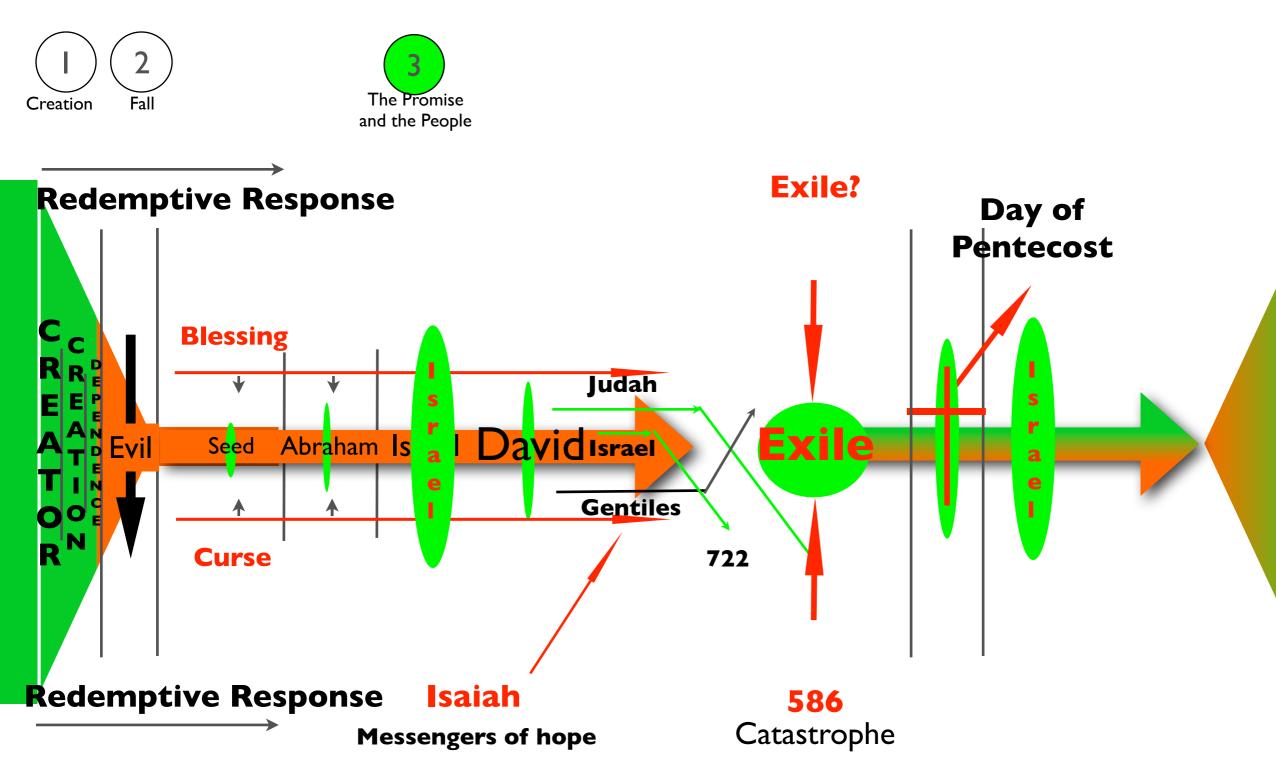


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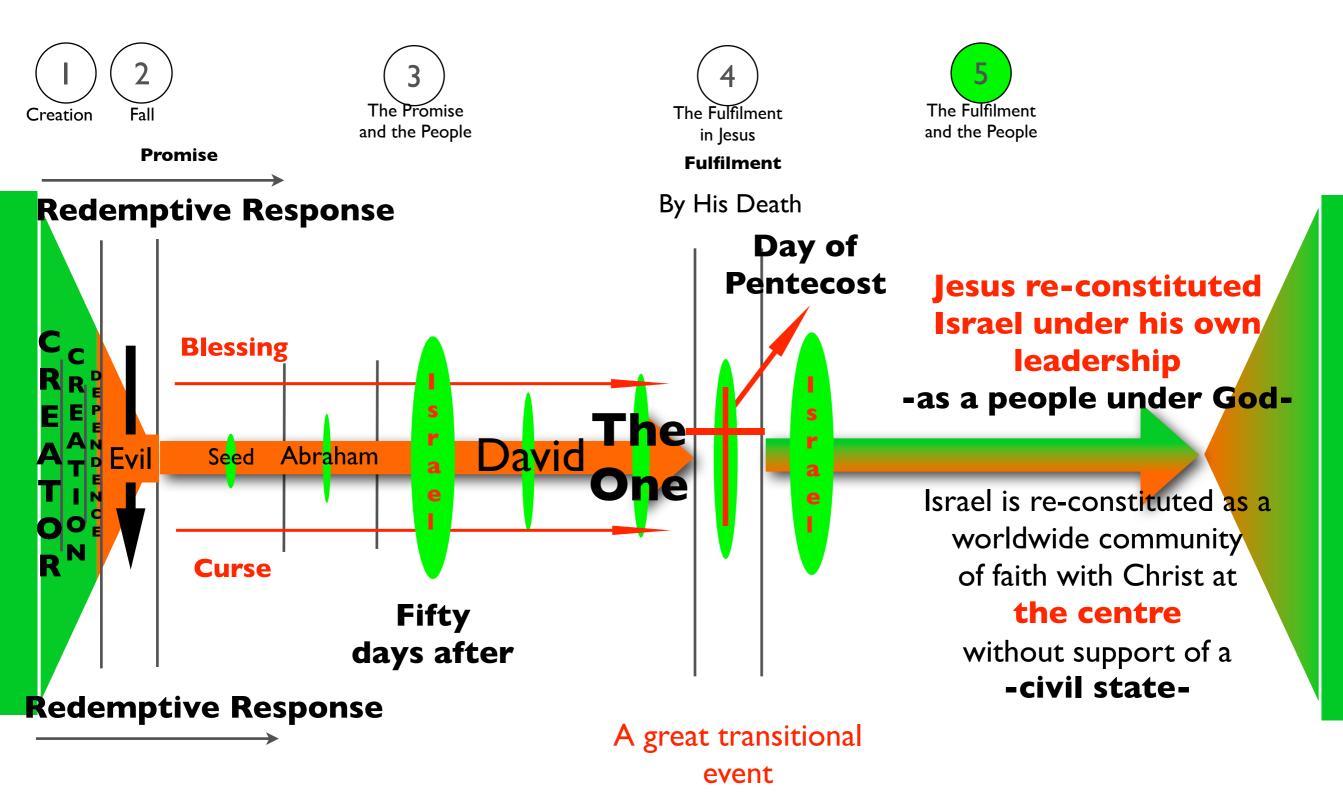
What did the Ascended Christ the king of Israel do on that day?

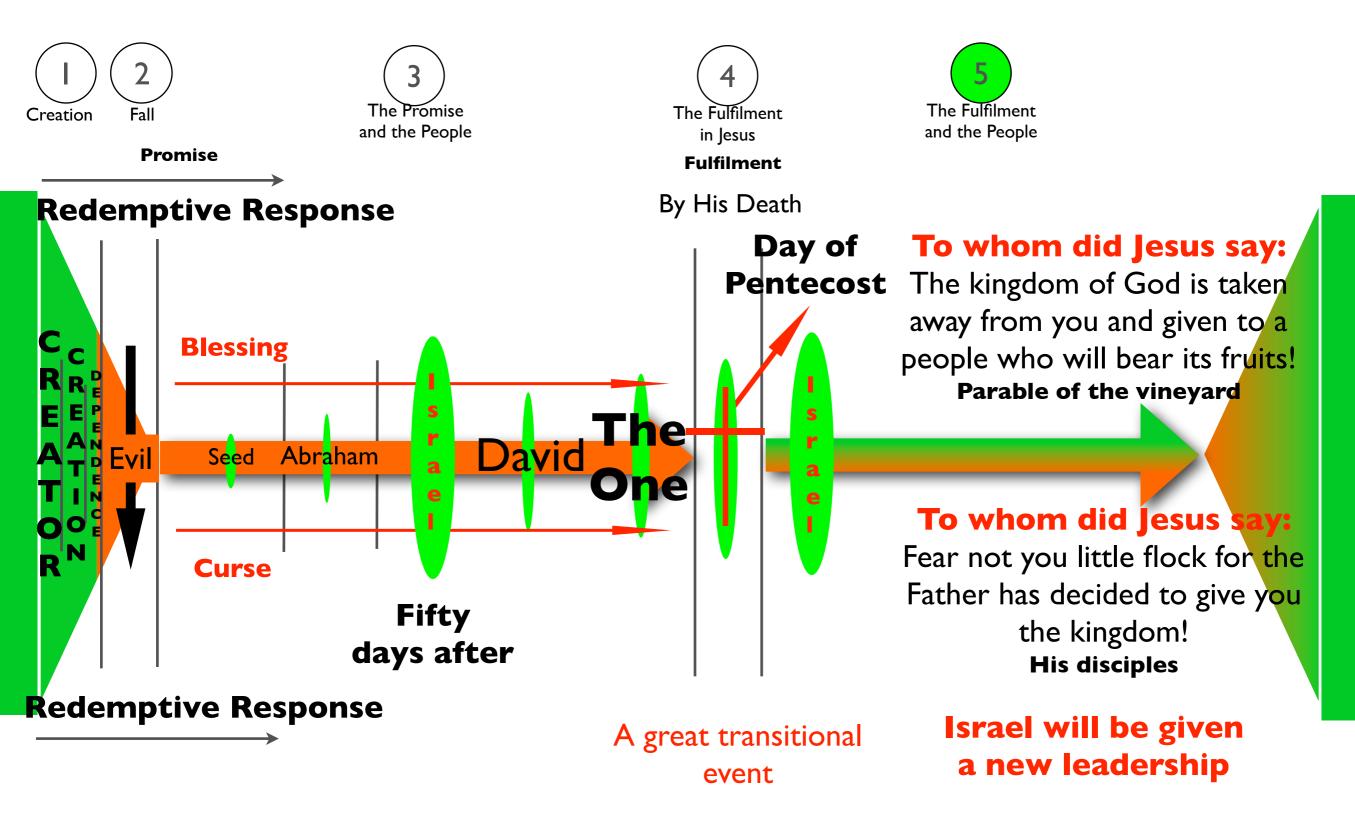






Restoration





A day of restoration

Acts 2:17-21 See also Acts 15:13-17

Now did Jesus prepare them for this event?

Acts 1:1-5 and 8

Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

verse 4

But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes on you ; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

verse 8

When did Jesus say this!

-at the Passover meal-

John 14:16-18;26 John 16:12-14

What did he say?

-at the Passover meal-

When the councillor comes , whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify about me, for you have been with me from the beginning. John 15:26-27

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Councillor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you John 14:16-18;26

I have much more to say to you more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak of his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16:12-14

To whom does Jesus speak?

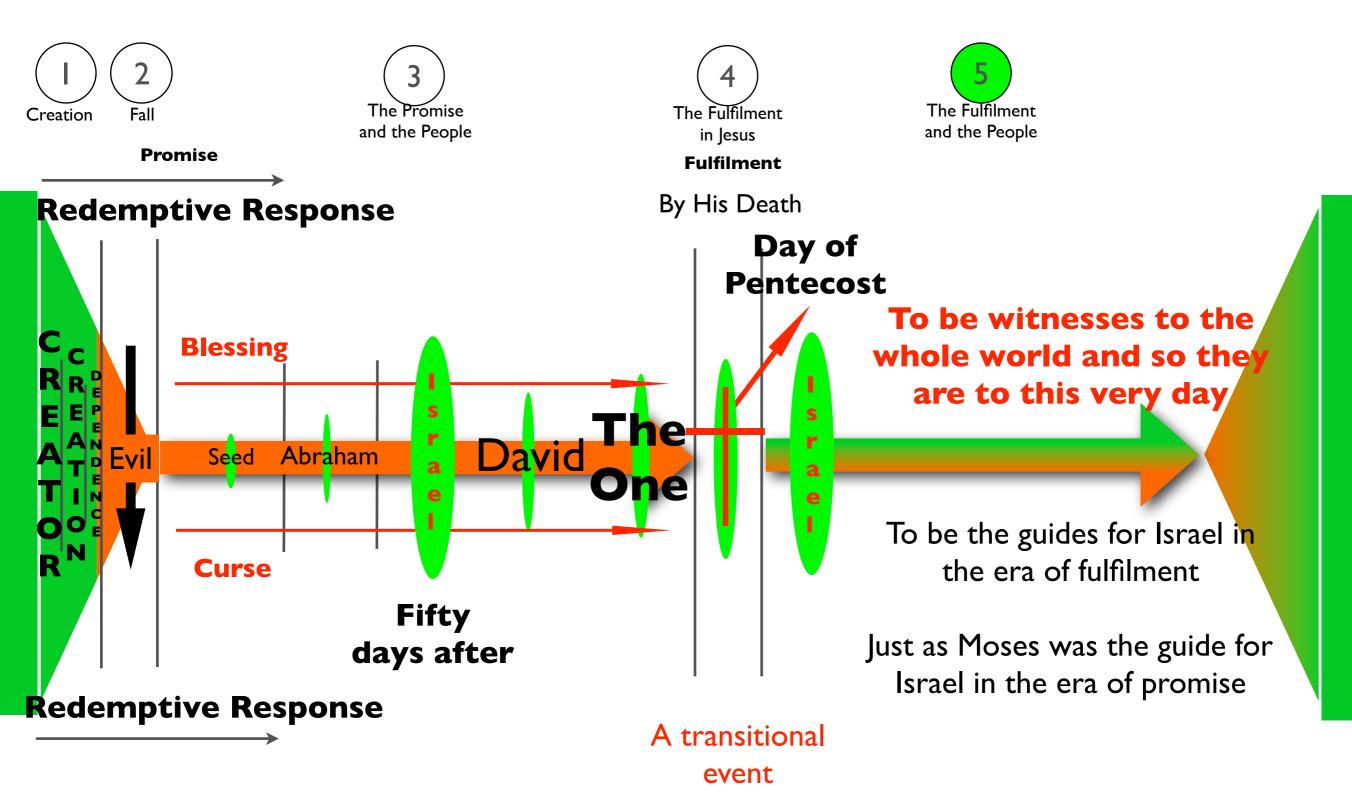
What is the promise?

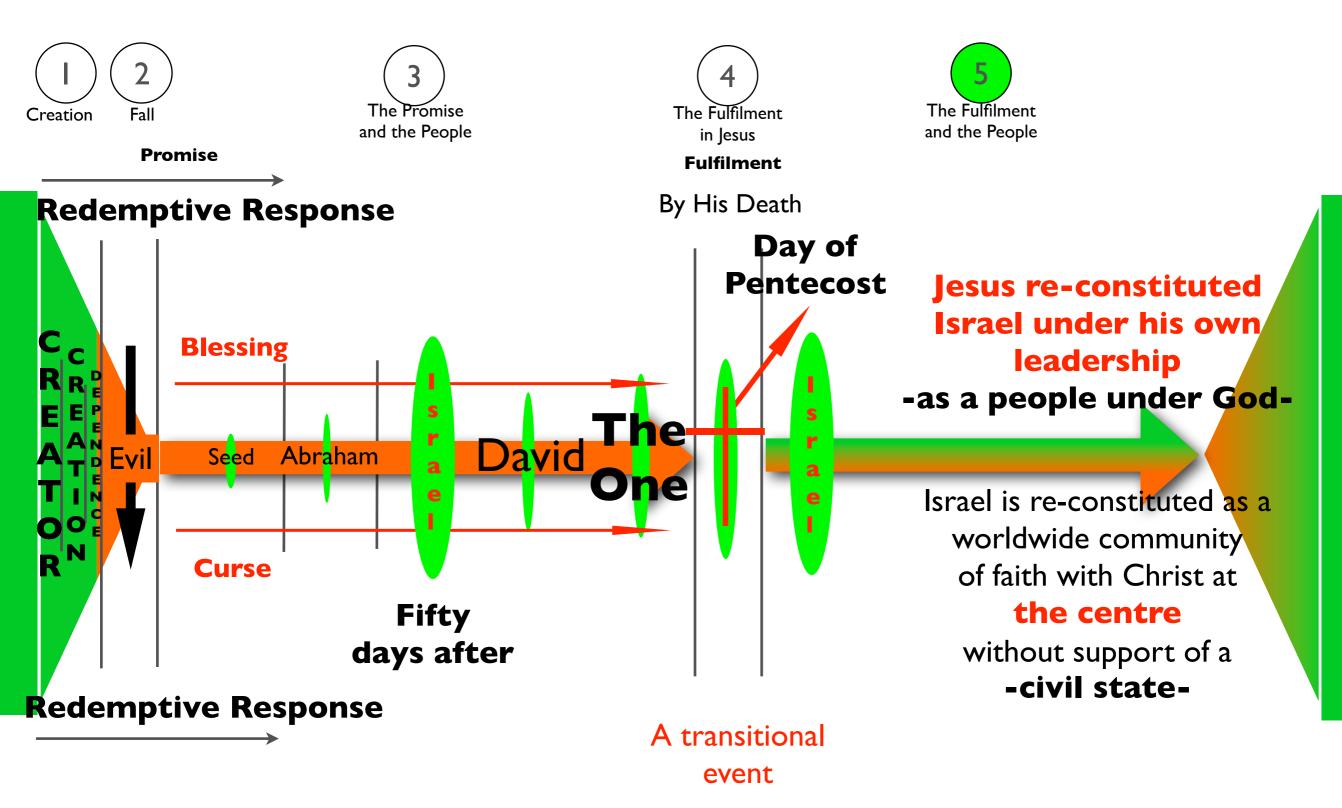
-to empower them--to remind them--to reveal to them-

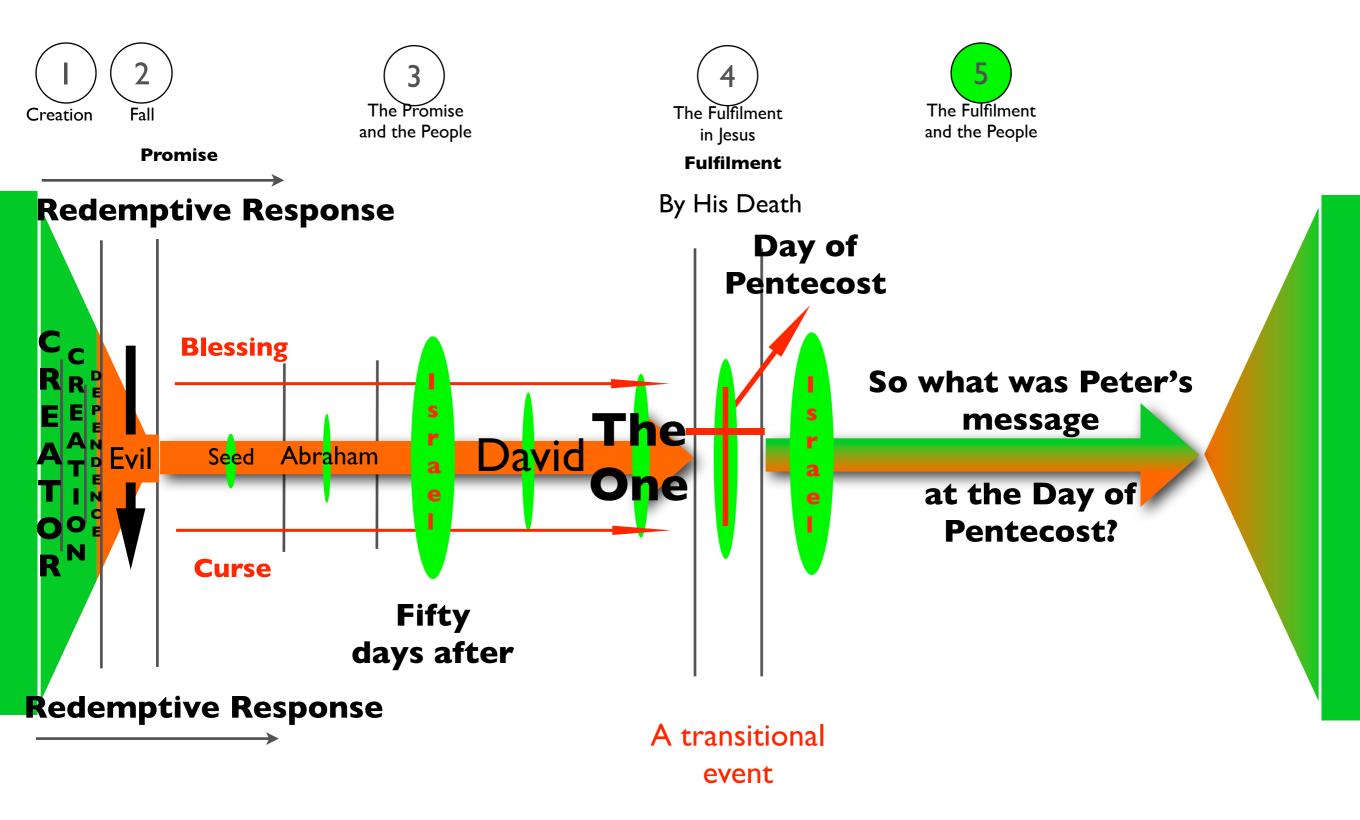
Revelational privilege Inspirational privilege

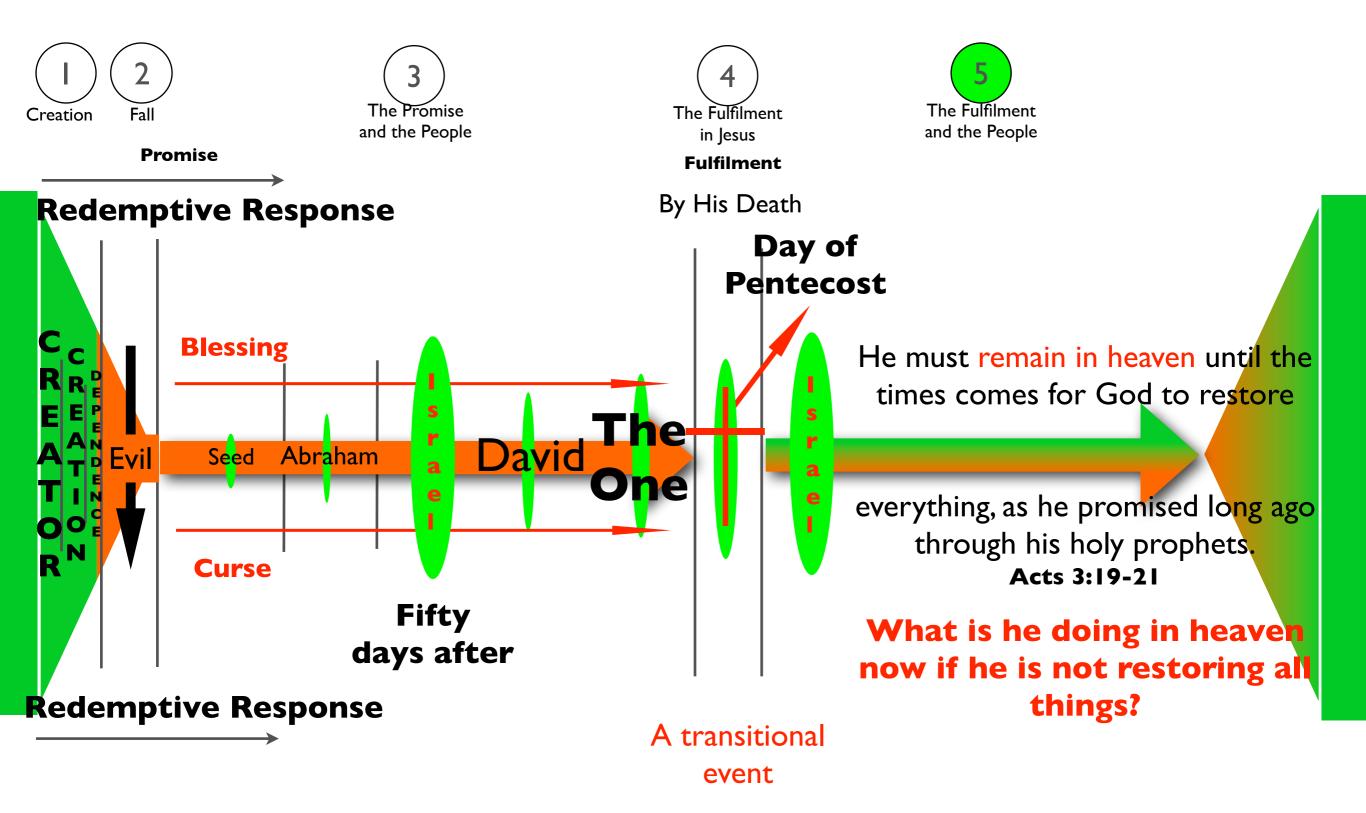
Why do we consider the Apostolic teachings for Holy Scriptures?

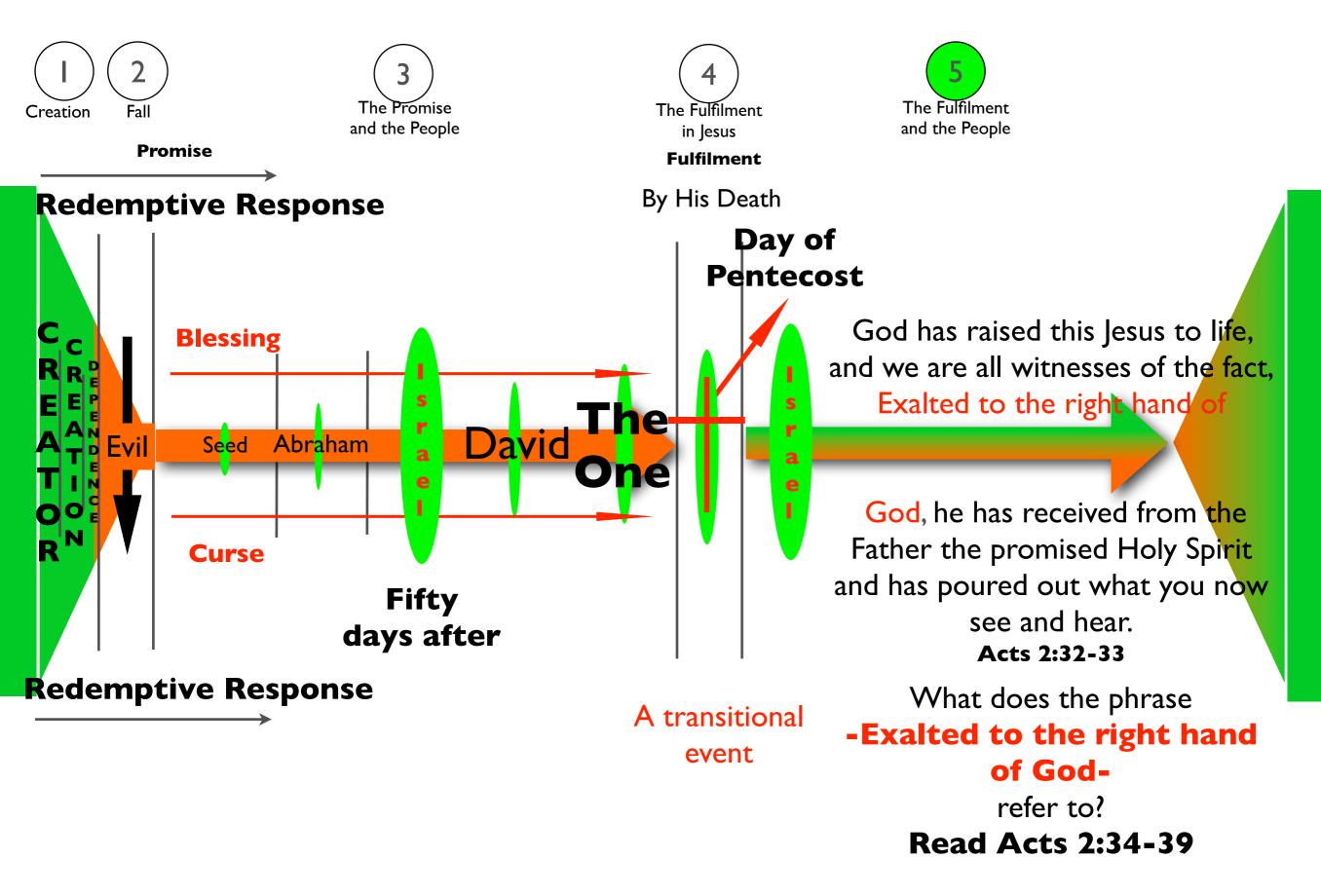
Because they are the testimony of Jesus?

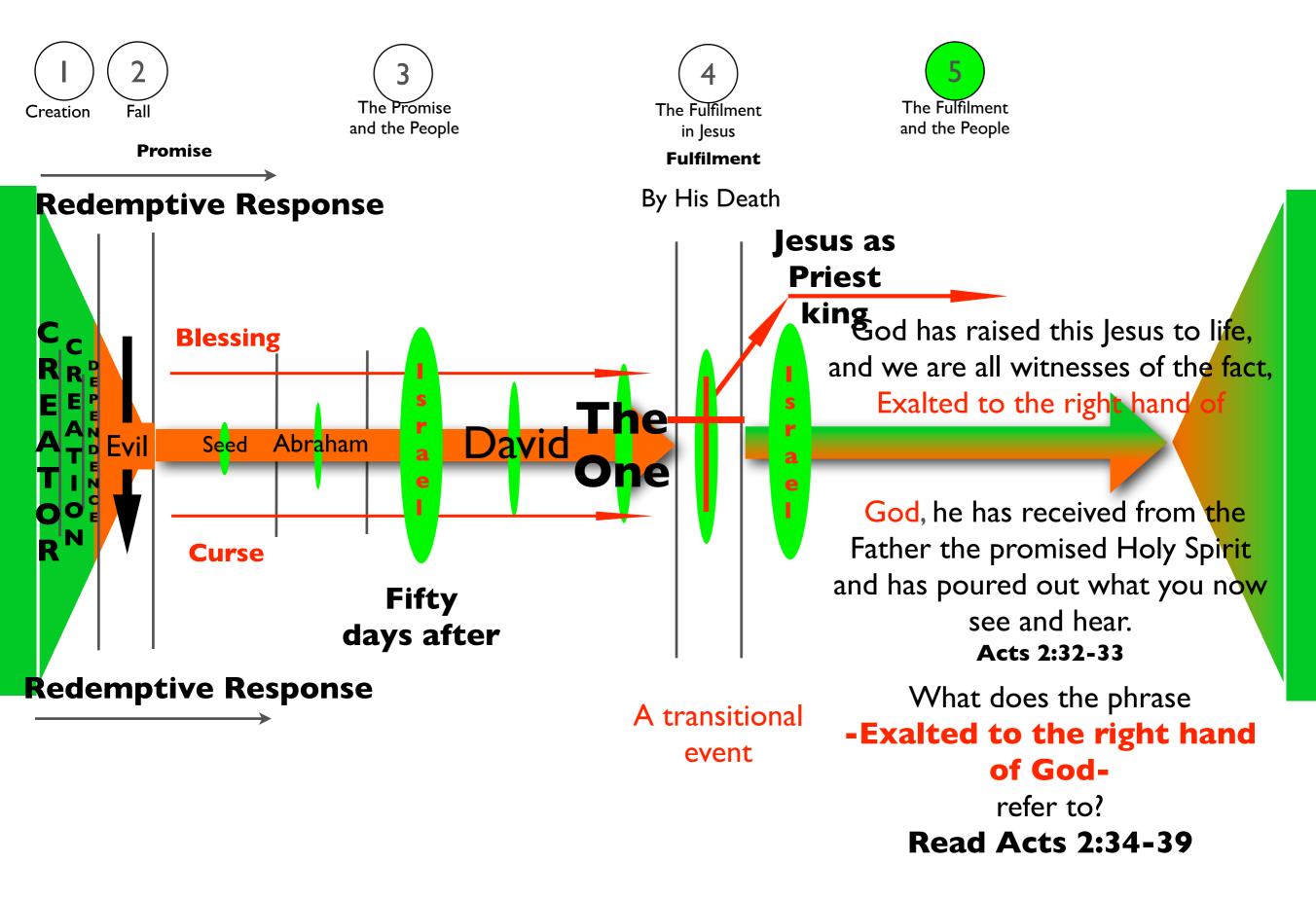












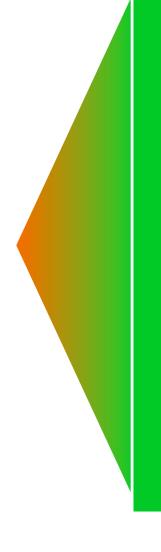
Peter's first message!

Peter replied' 'Repend and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:28

Peter added at his defence:

Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4: 12

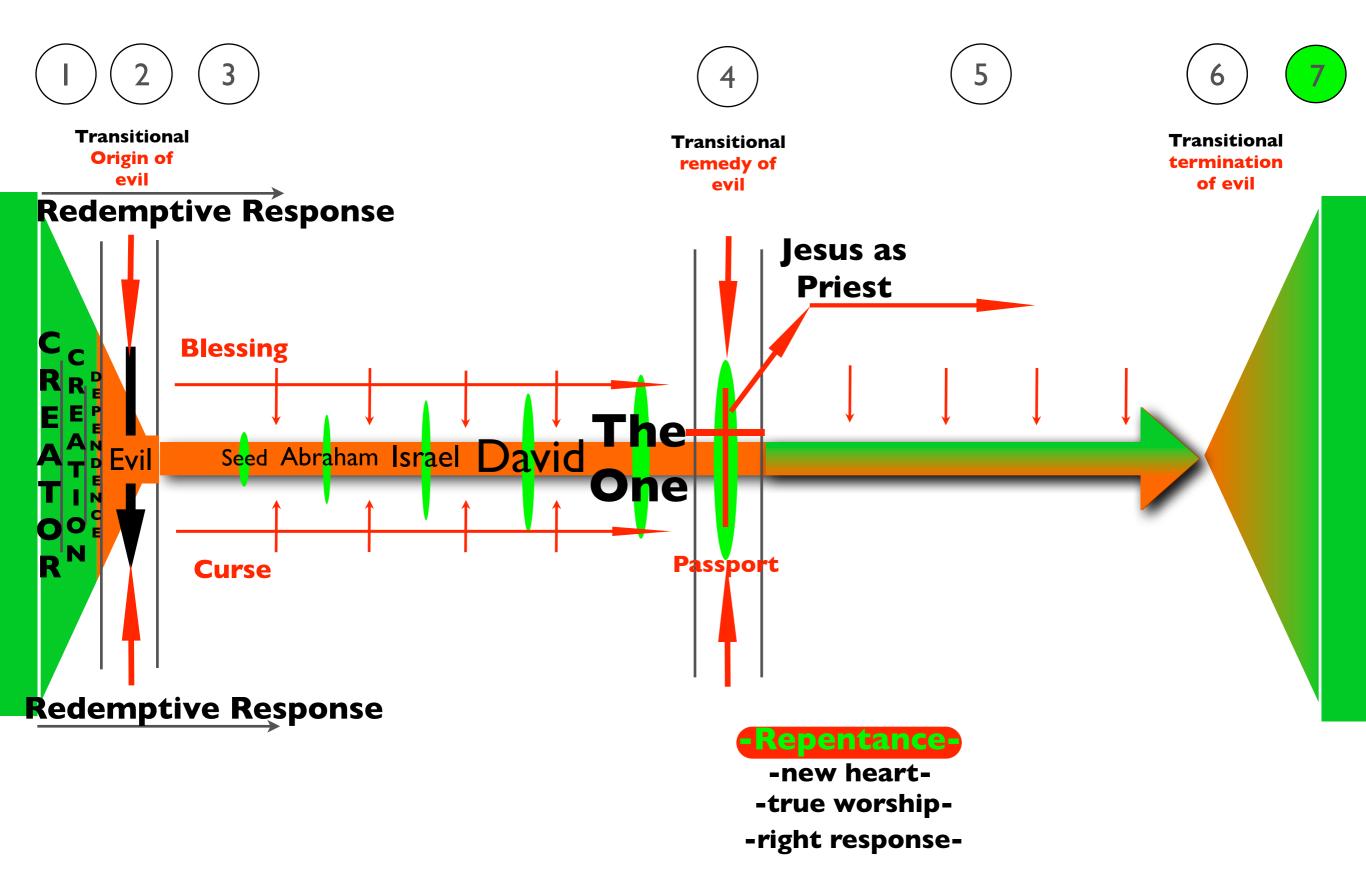
> A key to the Apostolic message about Christ

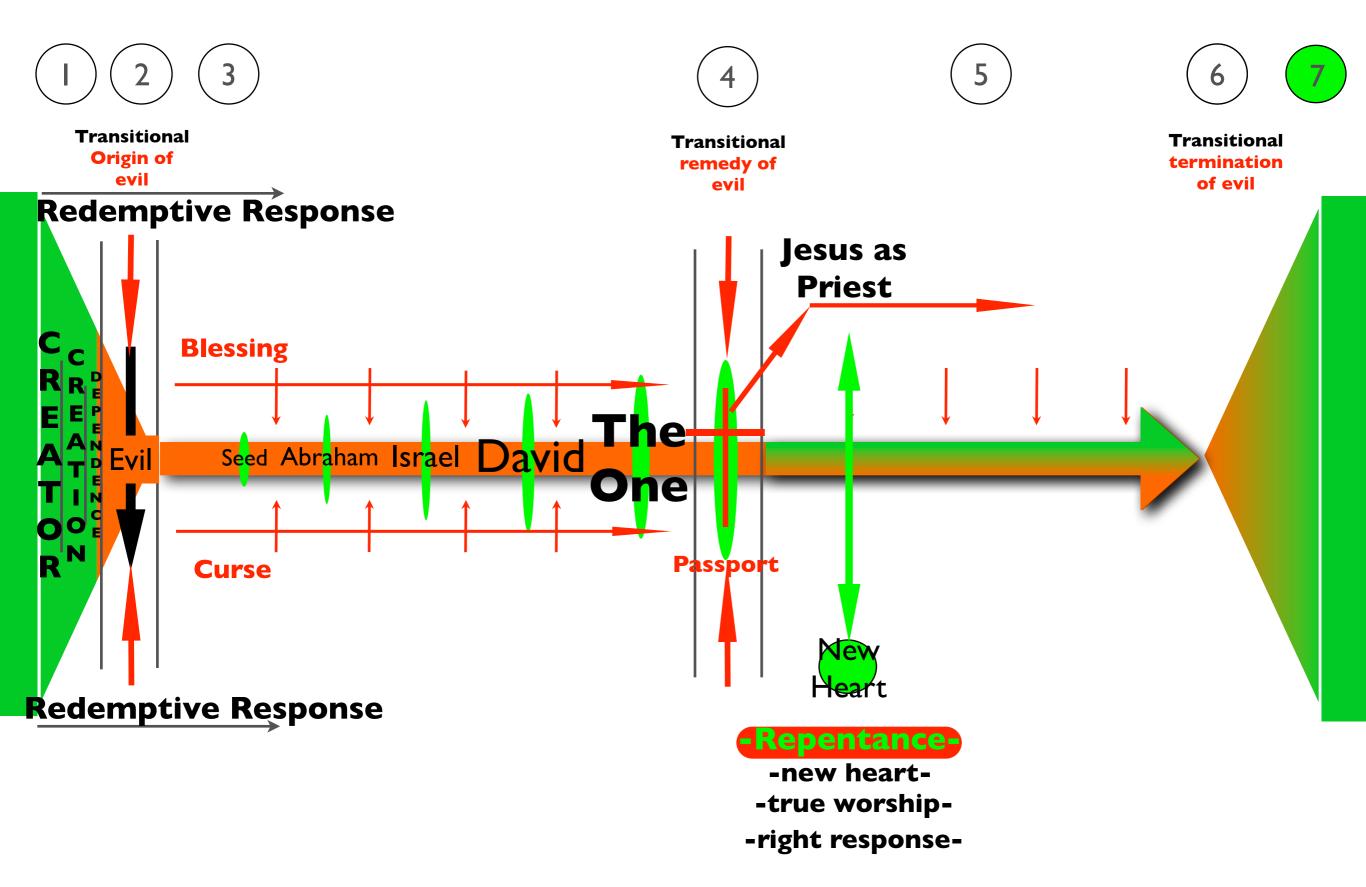


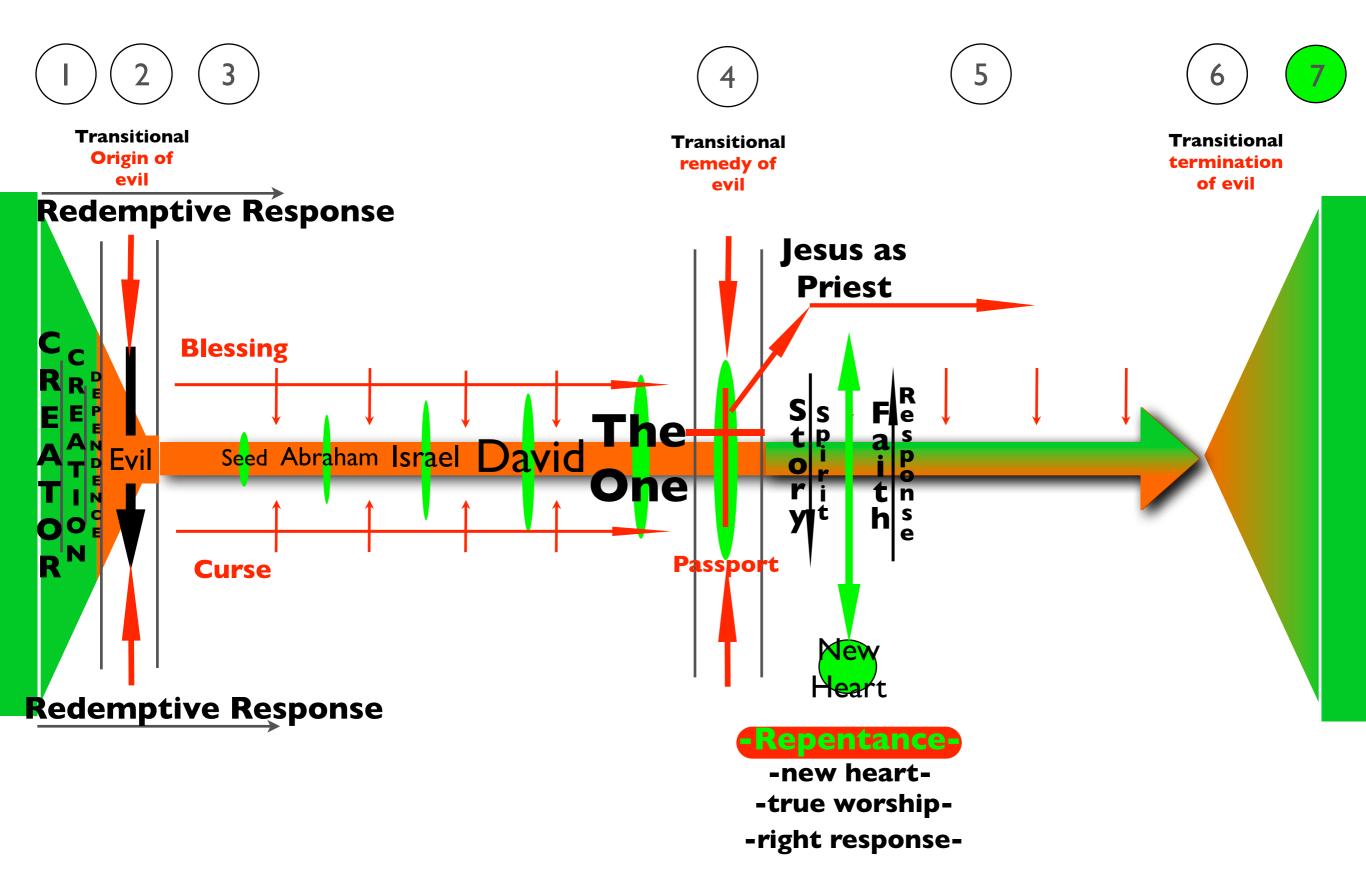
Peter's third message!

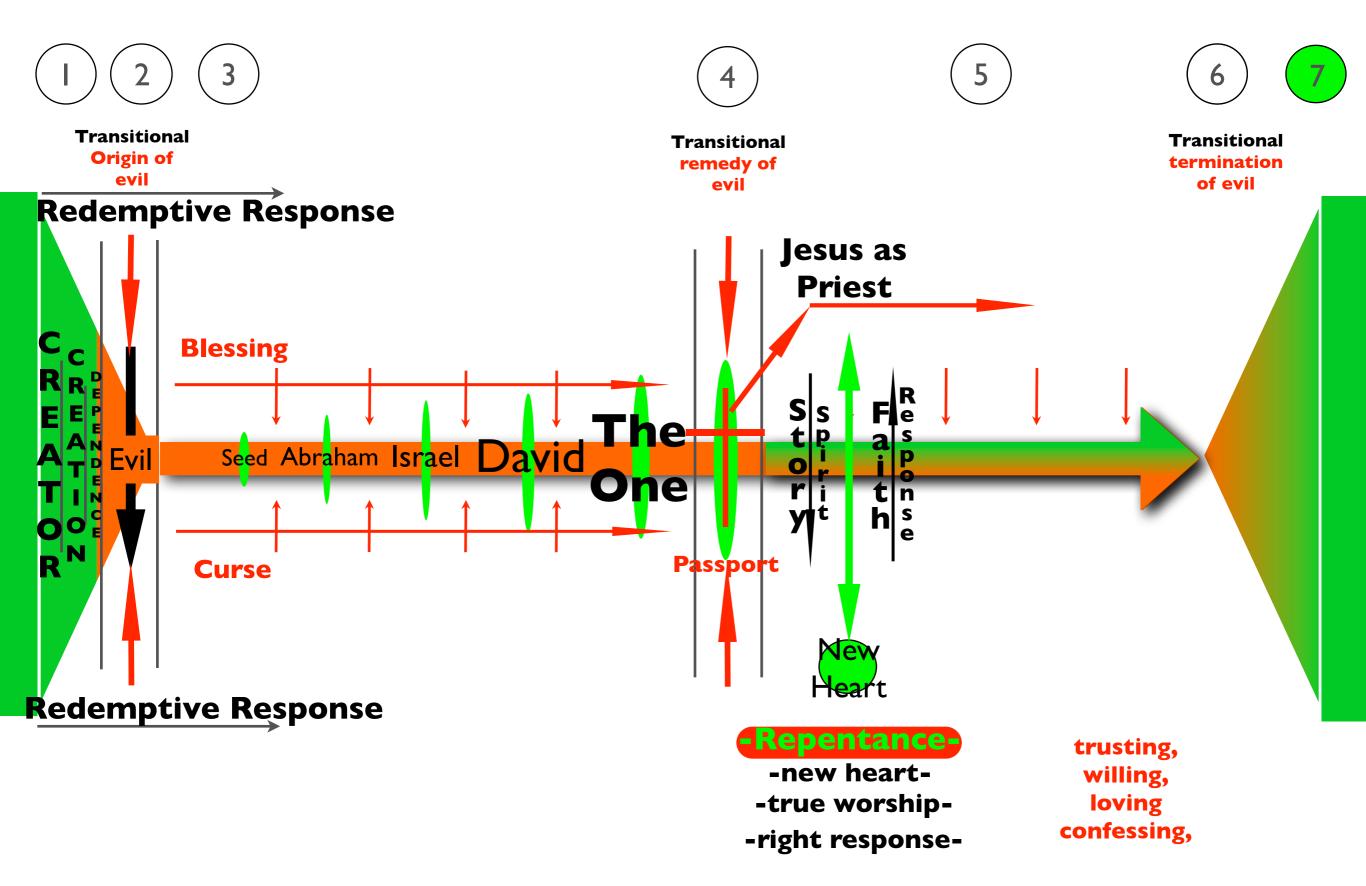
God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. Acts 5:31'32

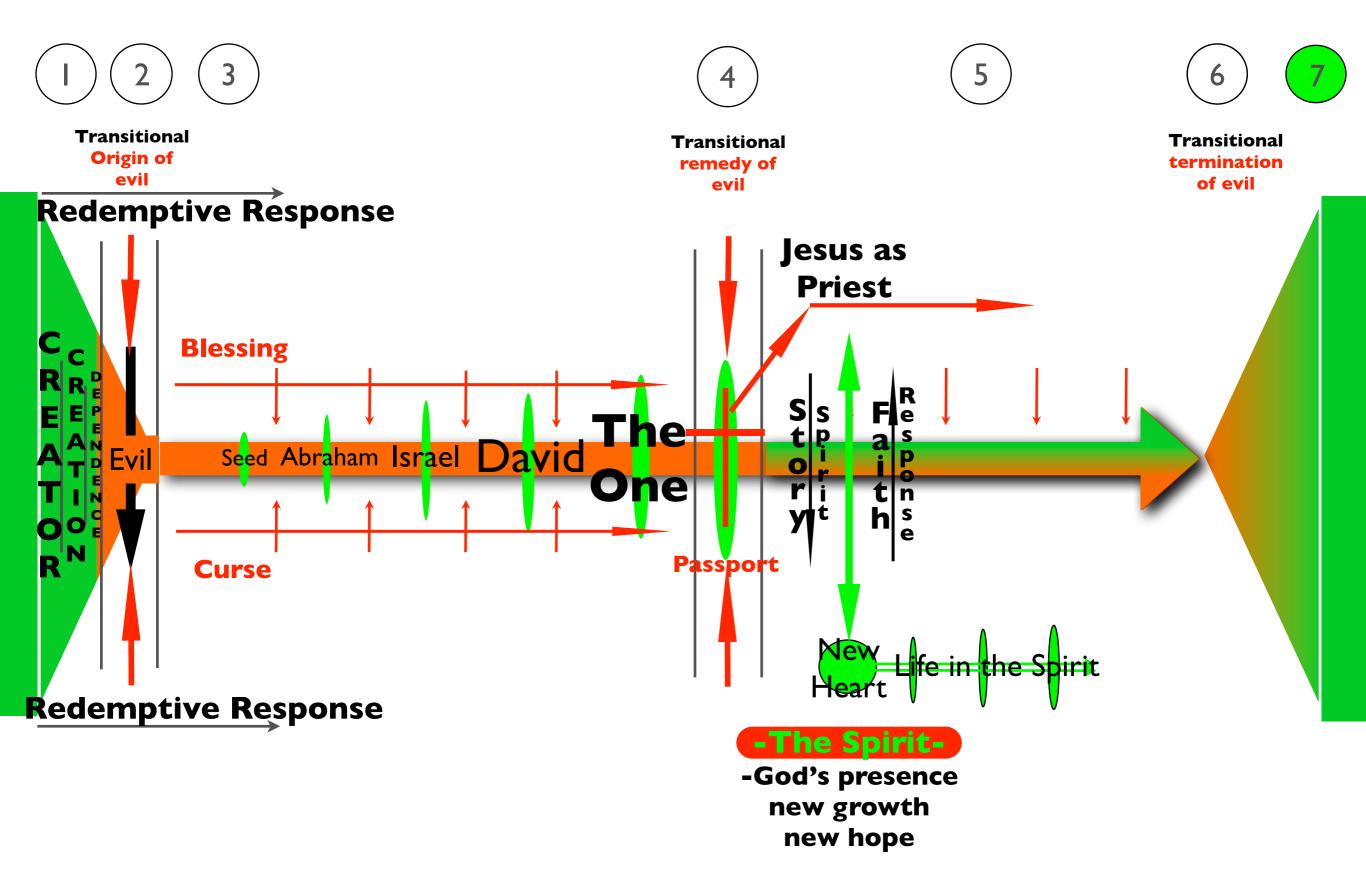
> -to provide repentance -to provide forgiveness -and thus the presence of God's Spirit This is priestly work!

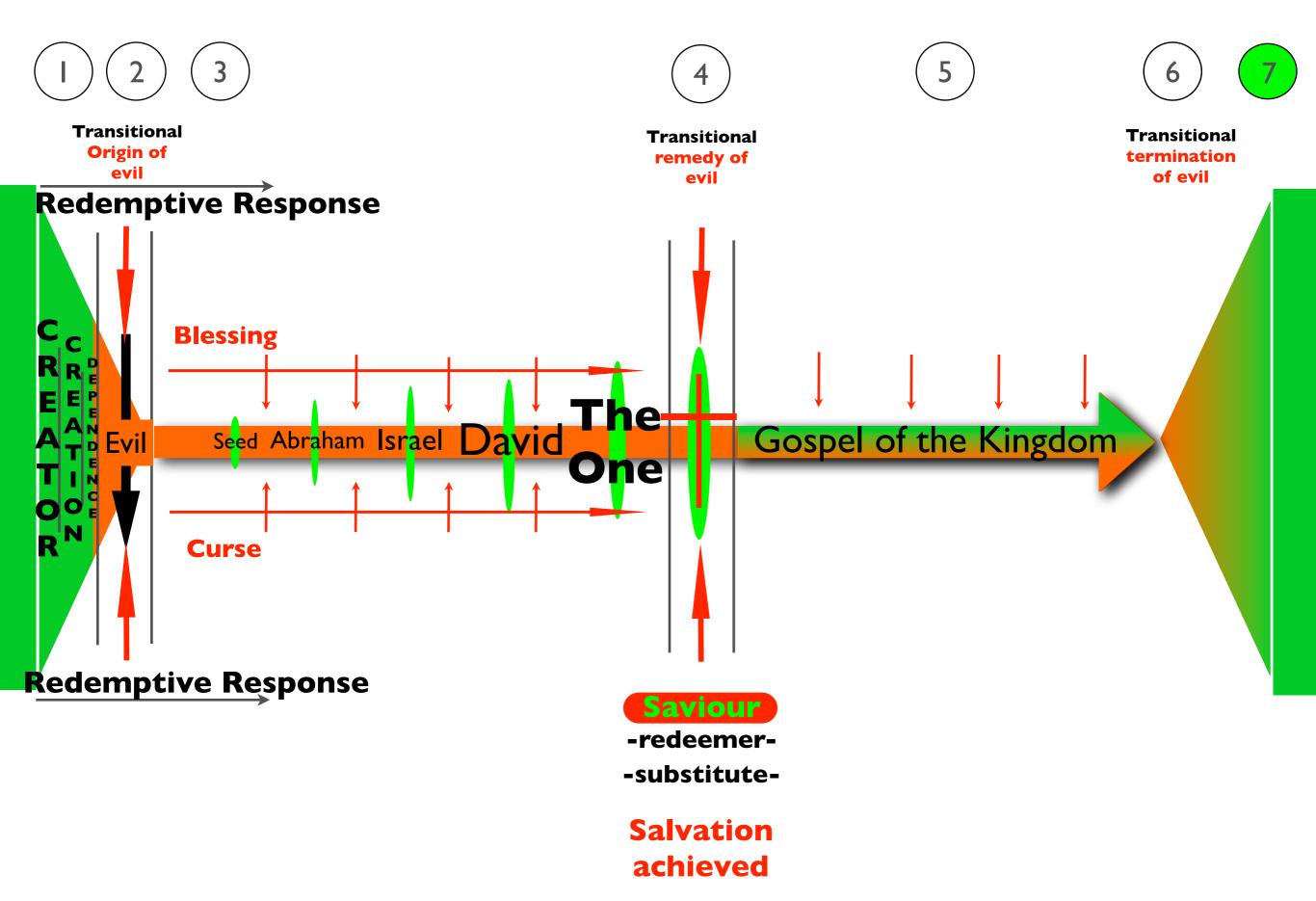


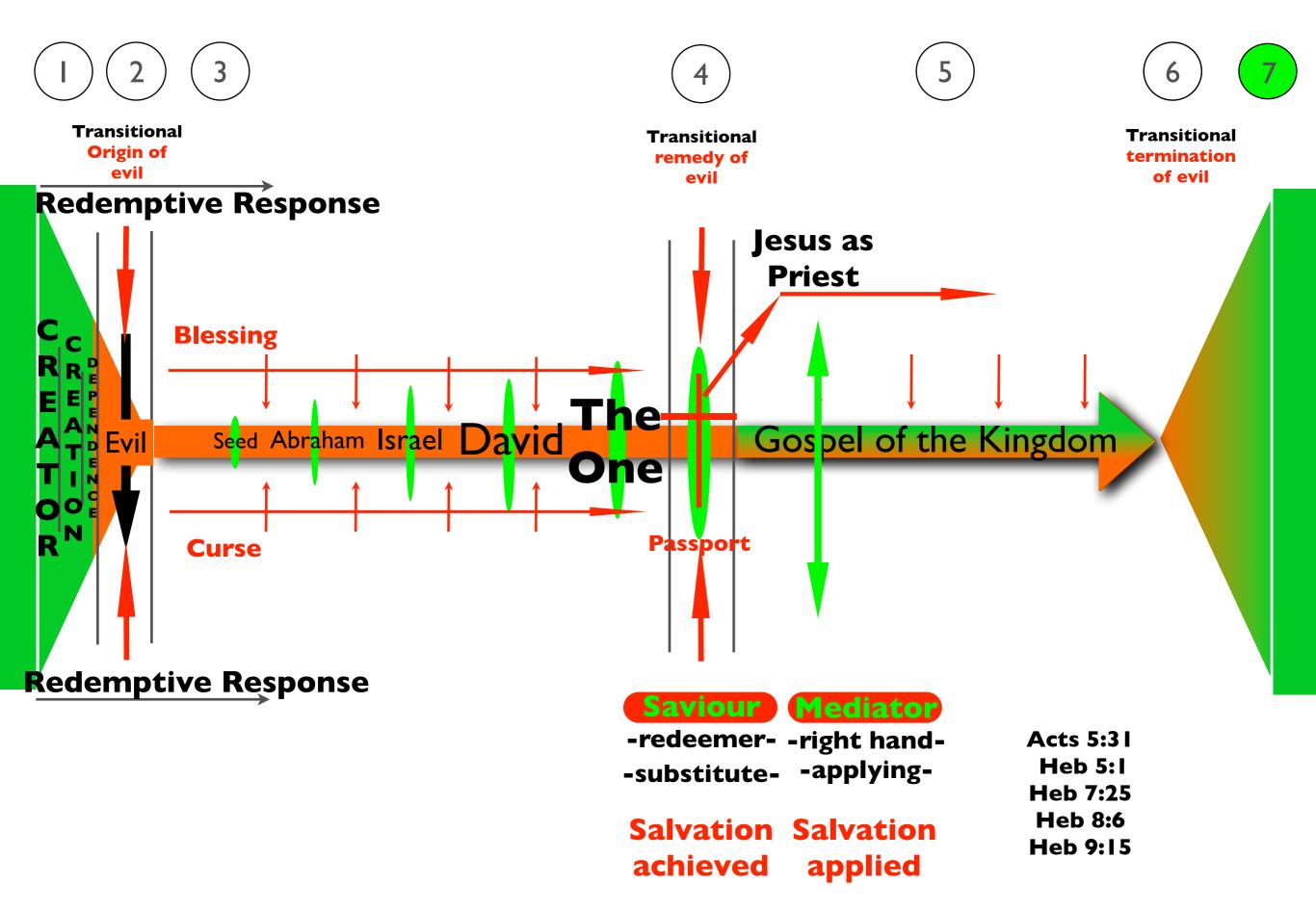


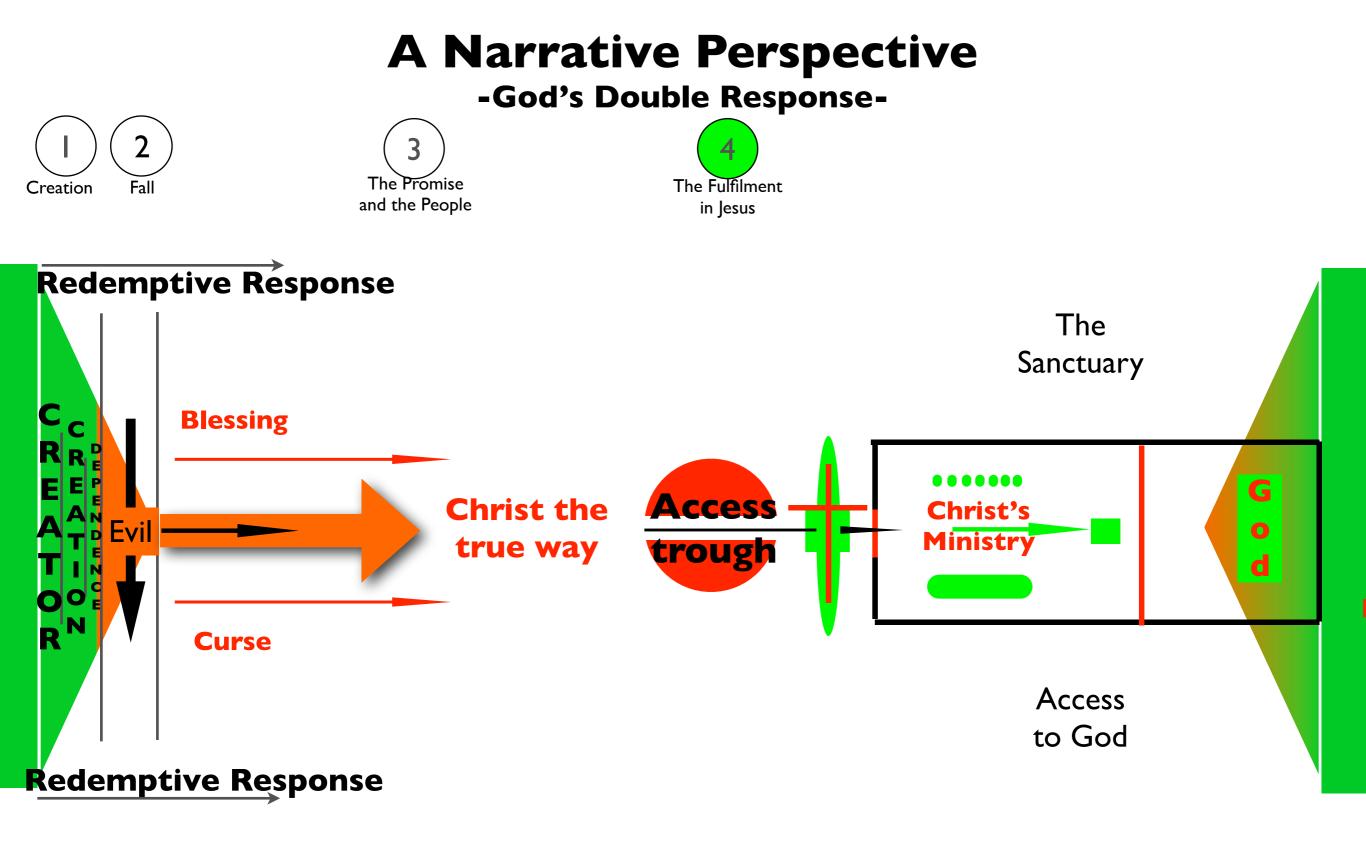




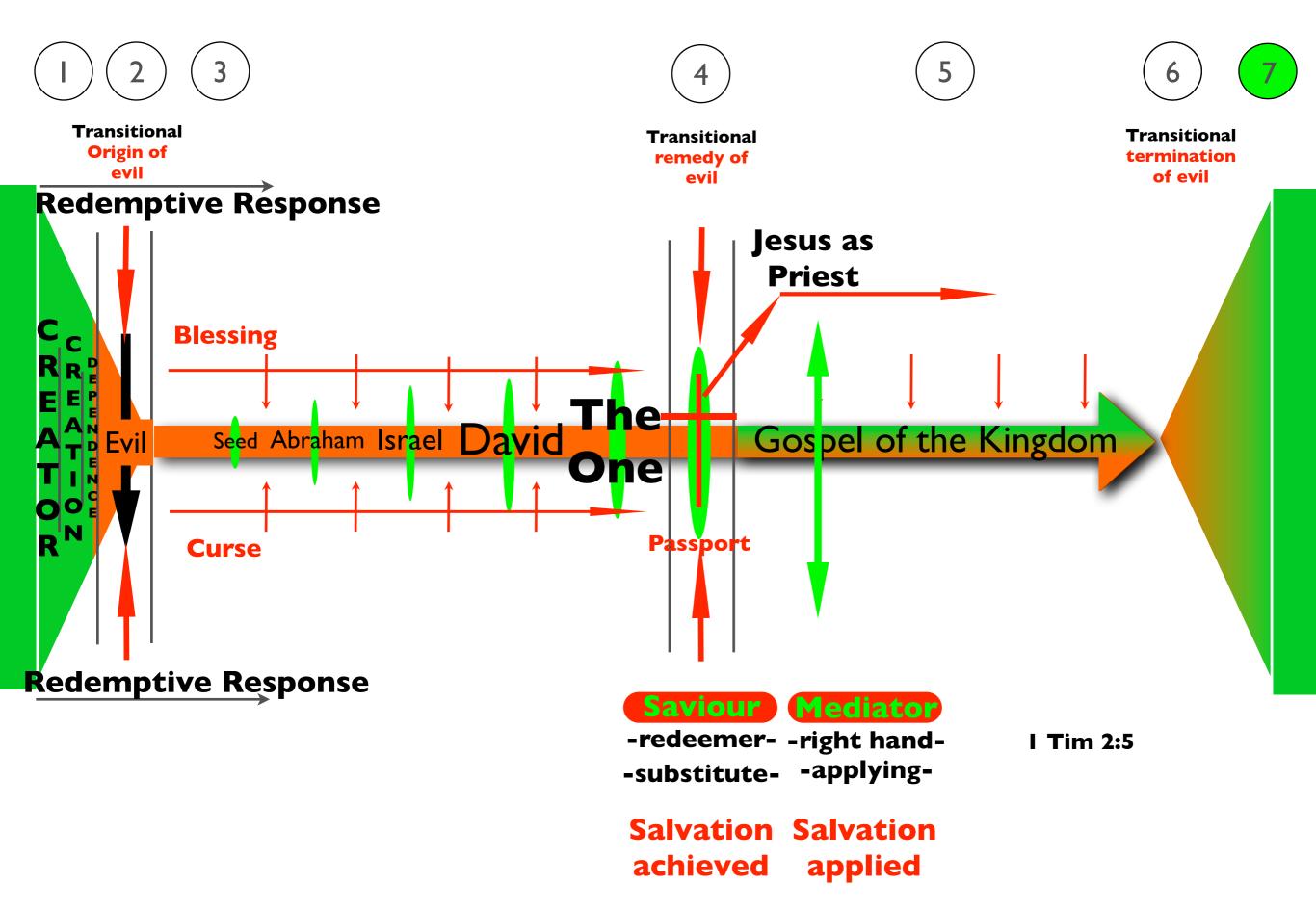


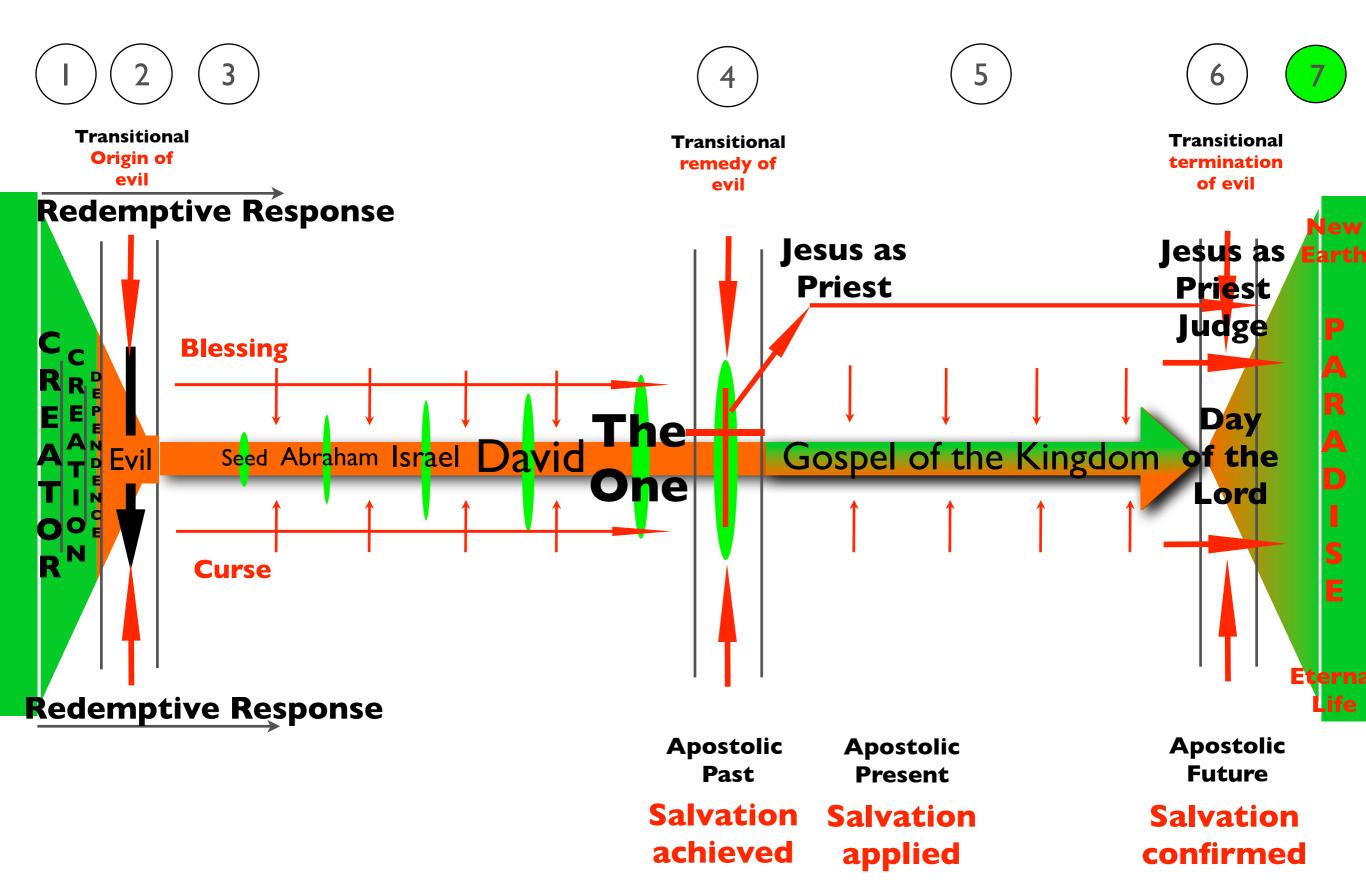






They claims that Christ is the 'provider' of the 'provision' for sin and its sole 'applier'.





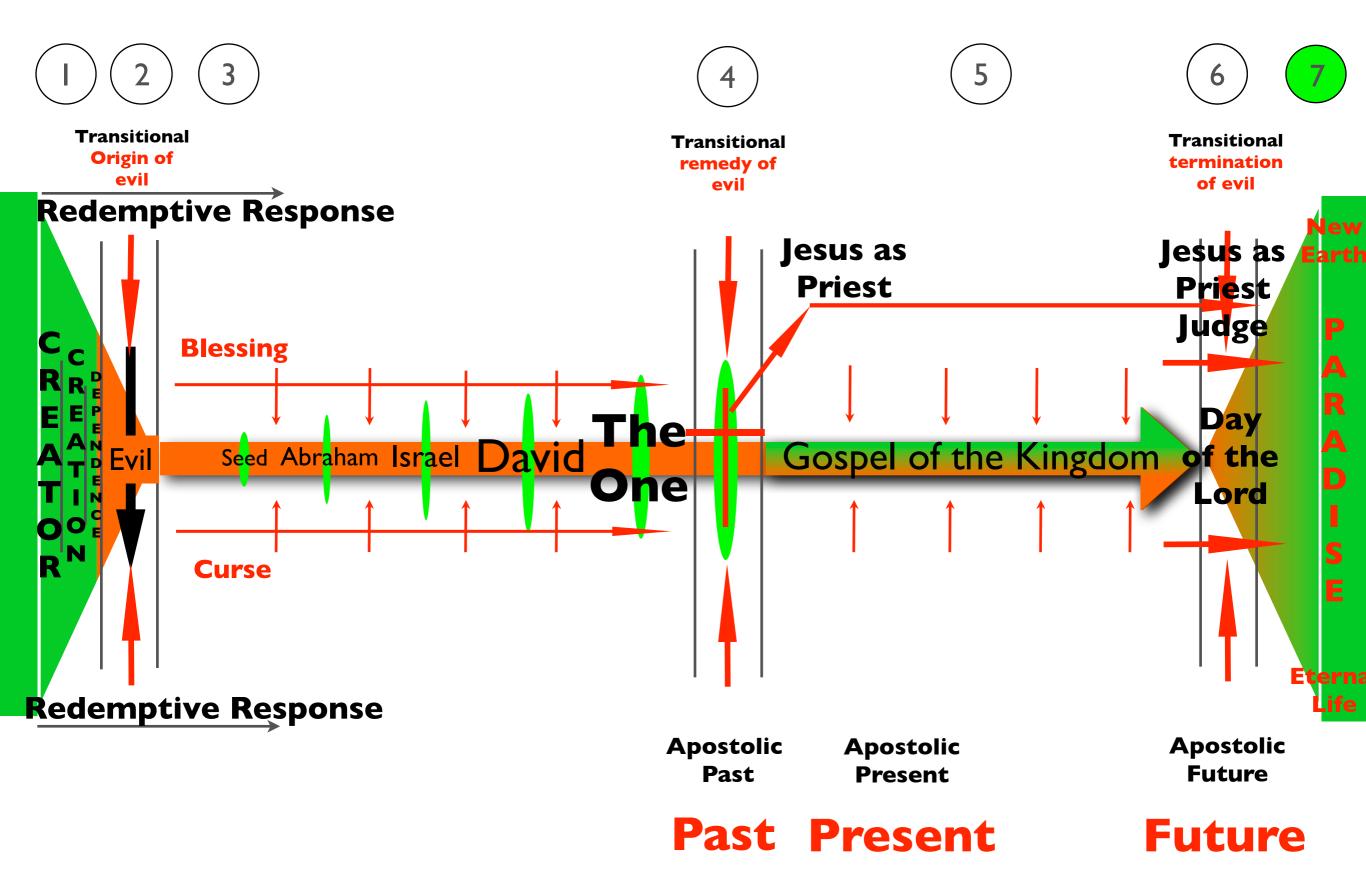
CHRIST'S FULFILMENT DID NOT END AT THE CROSS

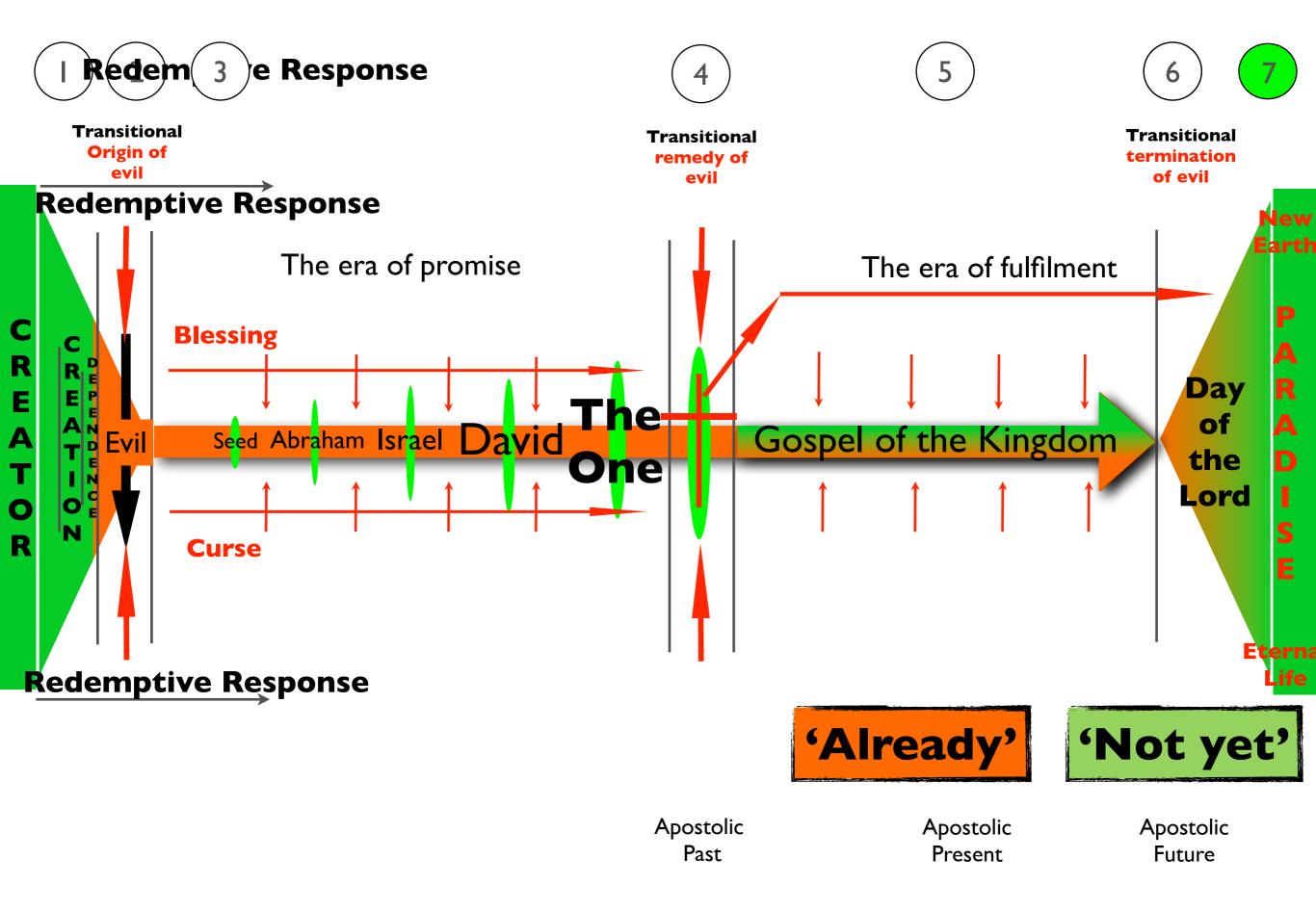
THERE IS AN **'ALREADY'** AND **'NOT YET'** -IN CRIST'S FULFILMENT-

From now on the story is a story about Jesus Christ

-It revolves about his redemptive work-

past - present - future





Stage 6

THE DAY OF THE LORD

The apostolic 'not yet'

FROM THE DAY OF THE LORD TO PARADISE RESTORED

Rom 1-2; 13:11-12 1 Cor. 15:20-28 Rev. 11-22

Christ as King

The future work of Christ

Peter also spoke of Christ as King

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour

Acts 5:31'32

The Day of the Lord activities of Jesus!

The activities of Jesus as judge!

Jesus' Testimony

John 5:21-26

For just as the Father raises the dead and give life, even so the *Son gives life life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no-one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son.

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Peter's Testimony

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that the times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you -- even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the times comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. Acts 3:19-21

He has commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead.

And all the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness sins through his name.

Acts 10:42-43

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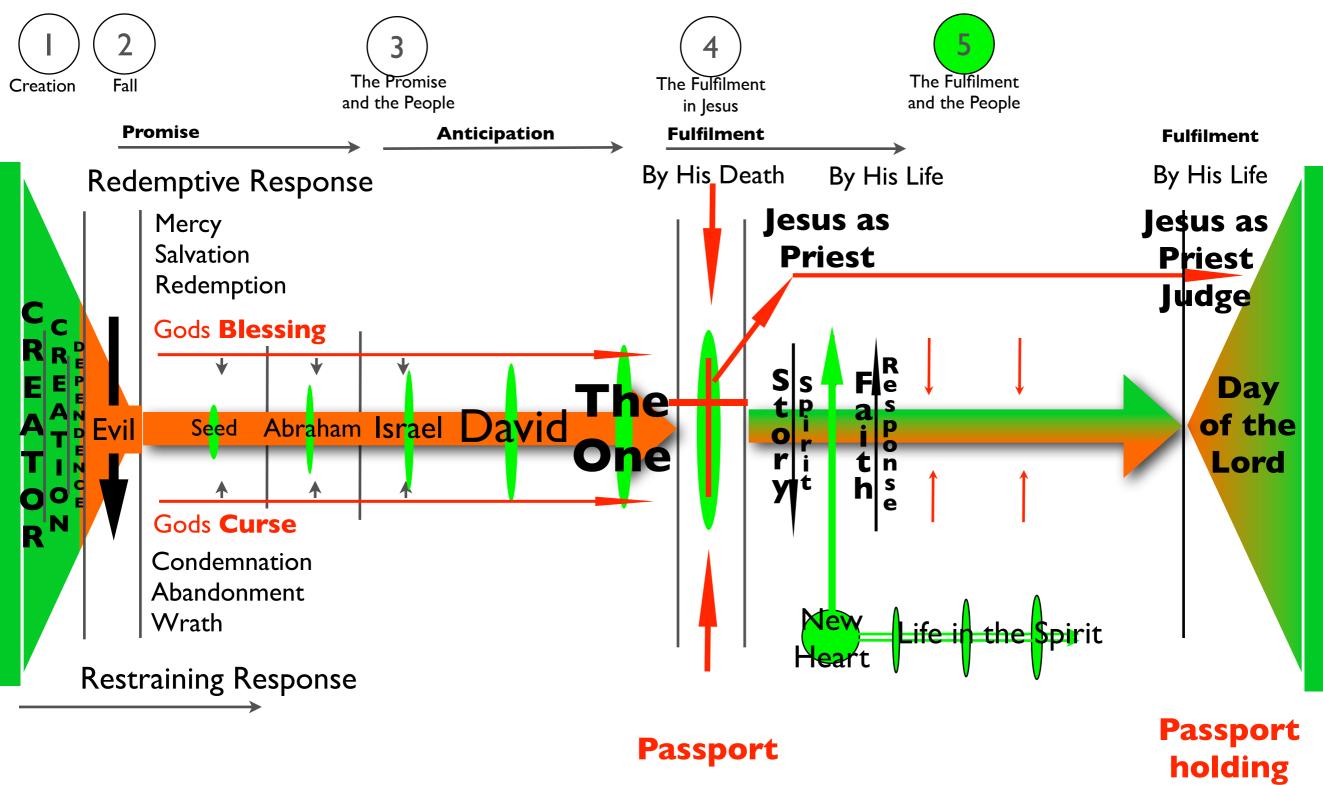
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Jesus as judge How does that become good news?

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had en eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on earth -- to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, 'Fear God and give him glory, because the **hour of his judgment** has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water. **Revelation 14: 6-7**

This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ as my gospel declares Romans 2:16

The Promise and the People of God



Criteria in Judgment

The man who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys God will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision are a lawbreaker.

A man is not a Jew outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward an physical. No, a man is Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God. Romans 2:27-29



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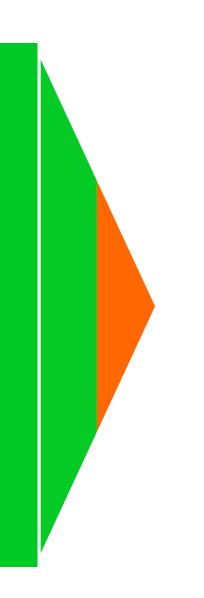
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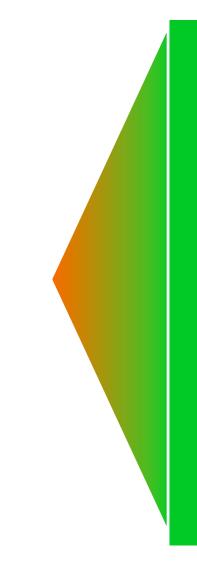
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This is 'kingly' work! -to judge favourably--to appear in glory--renew our bodies--remove the curse--terminate death-

This activity is preparatory for Paradise Restored



For Paul and John the 'day of the Lord' is

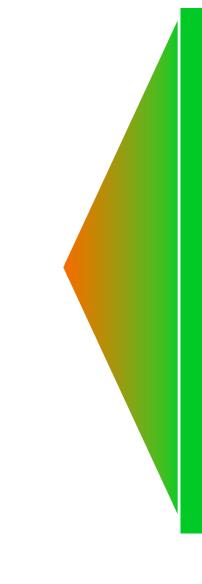
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Day of the Lord

Order of events

I Corinthians 15:20-28



A Restoration Story Rom 1-2; 13:11-12 1 Cor. 15:20-28

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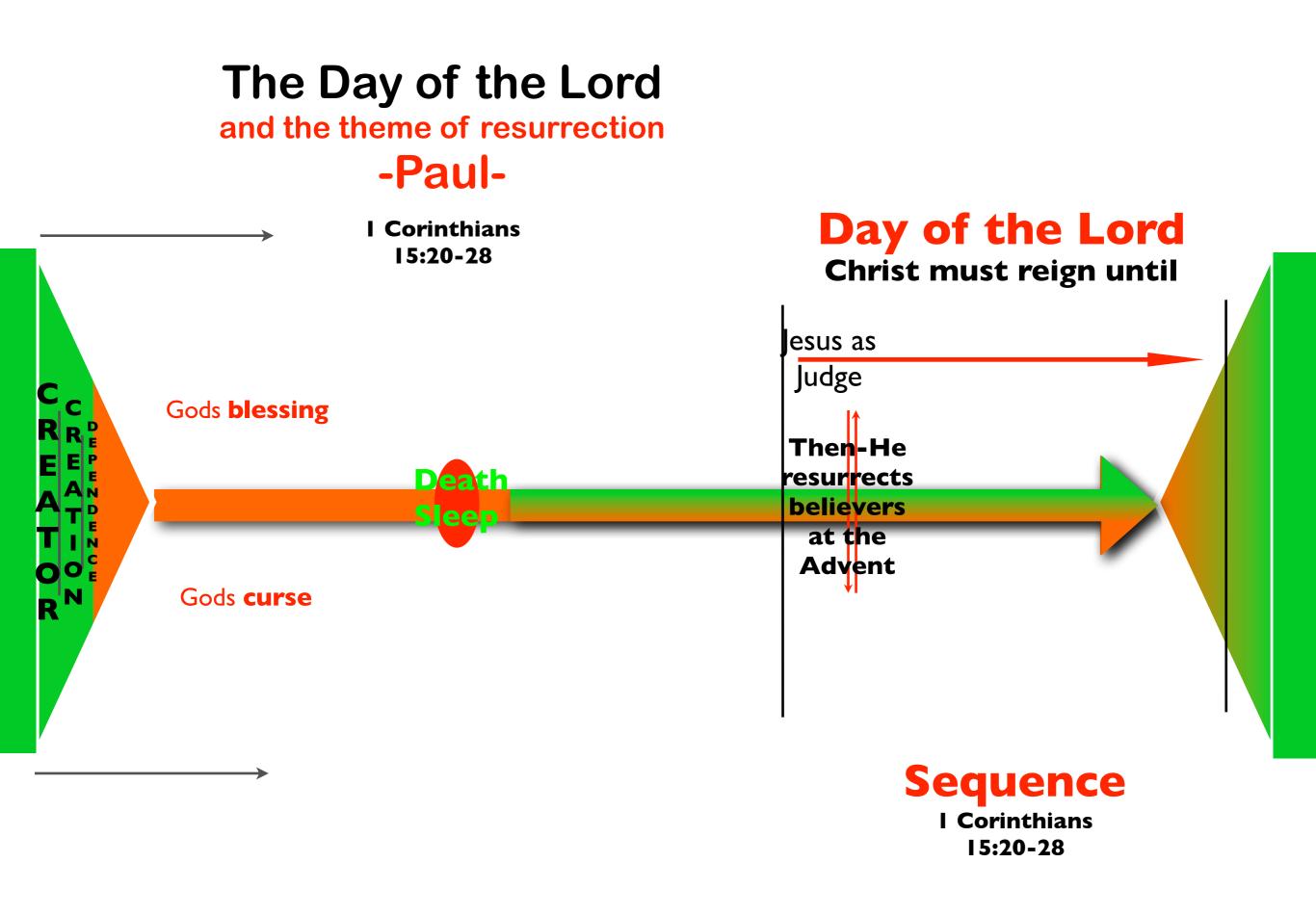
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We exist bodily or we don't not exist at all

I Cor 15:35-41

The resurrection motif

I Corinthians 15:50-55

I declare to you brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. for the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

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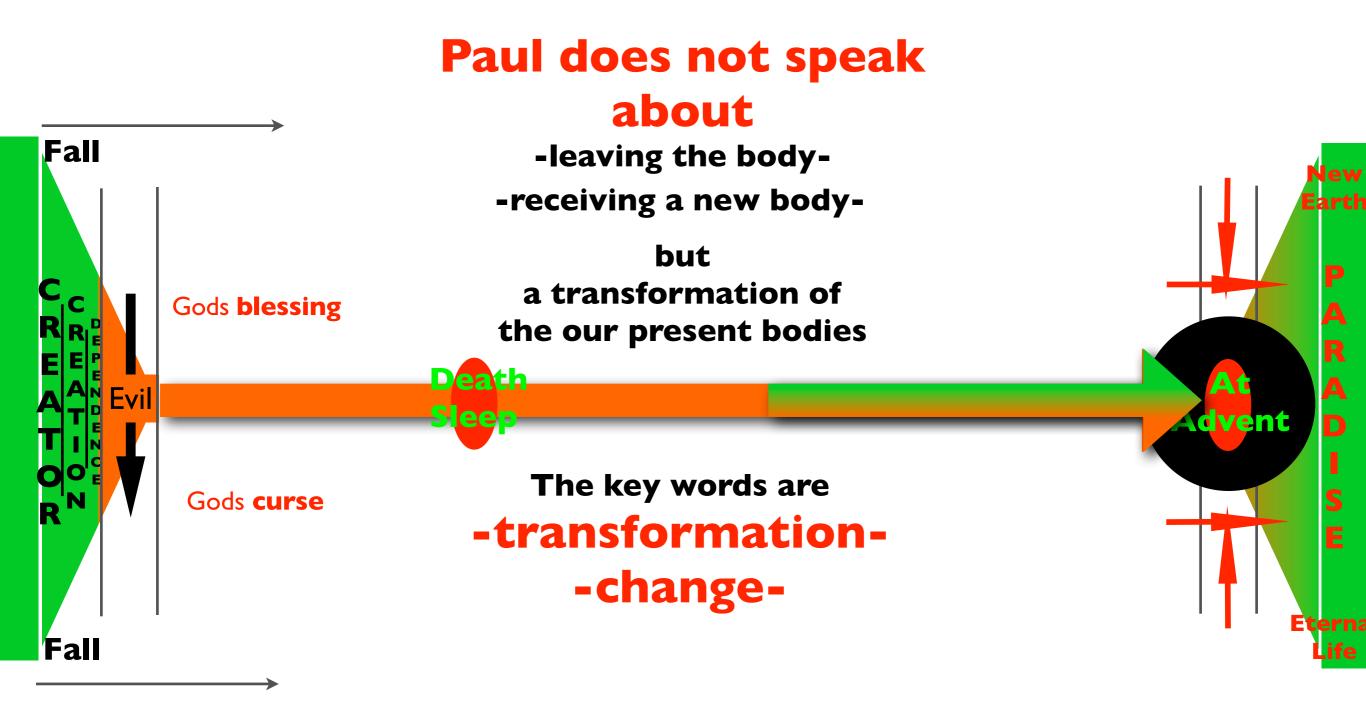
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Death

For the perishable must be clothed itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the____ perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?



The sequence of events in the Day of the Lord

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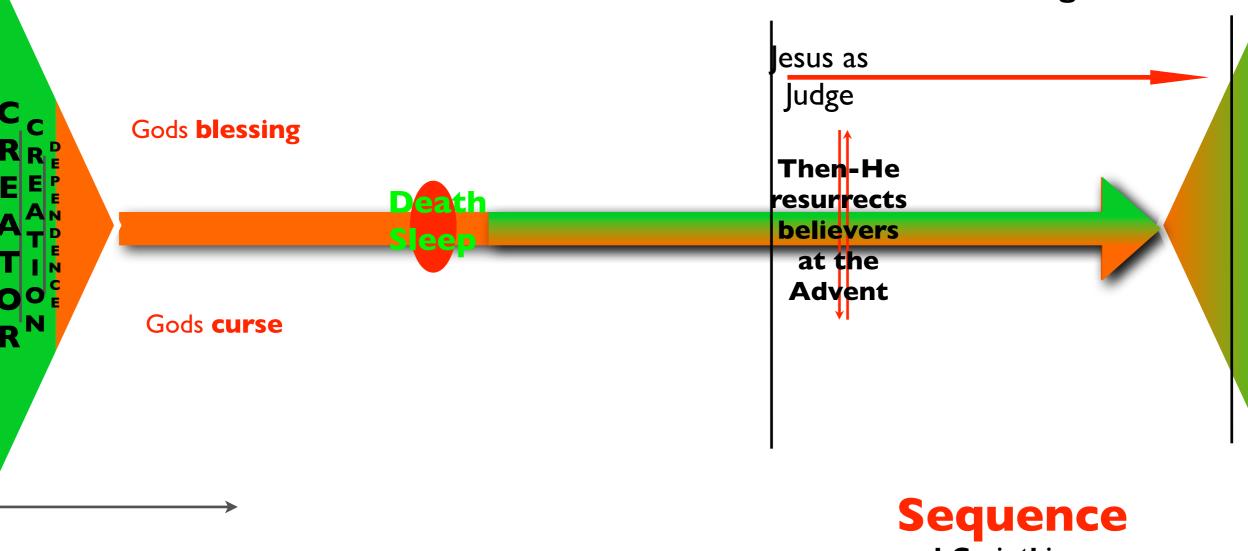
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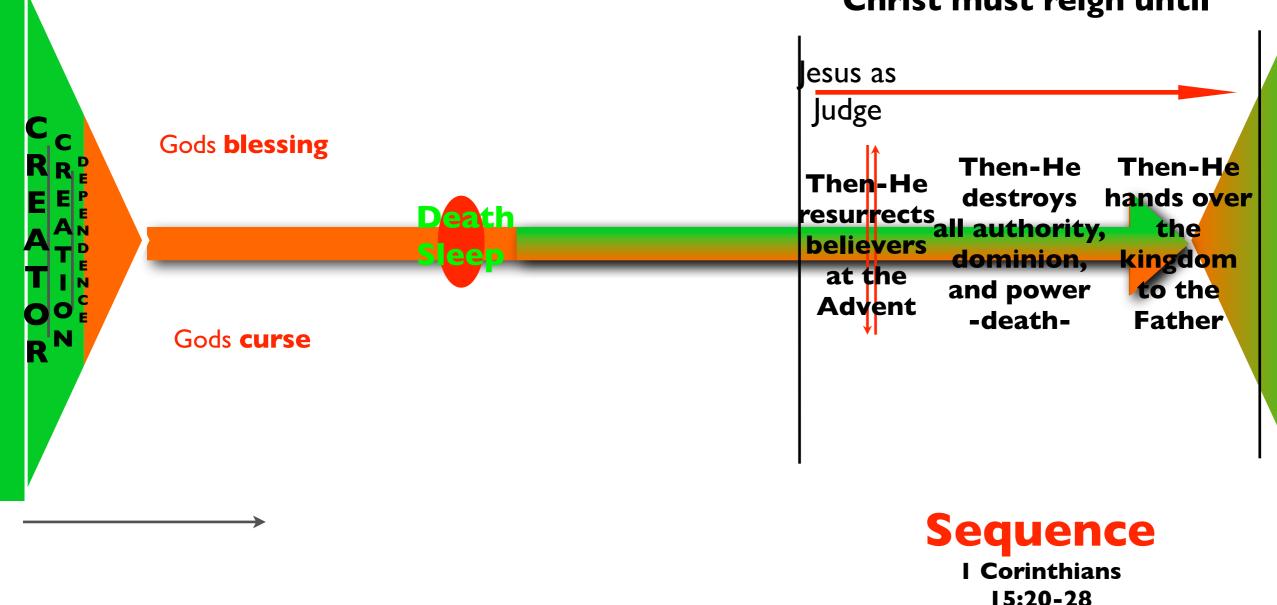
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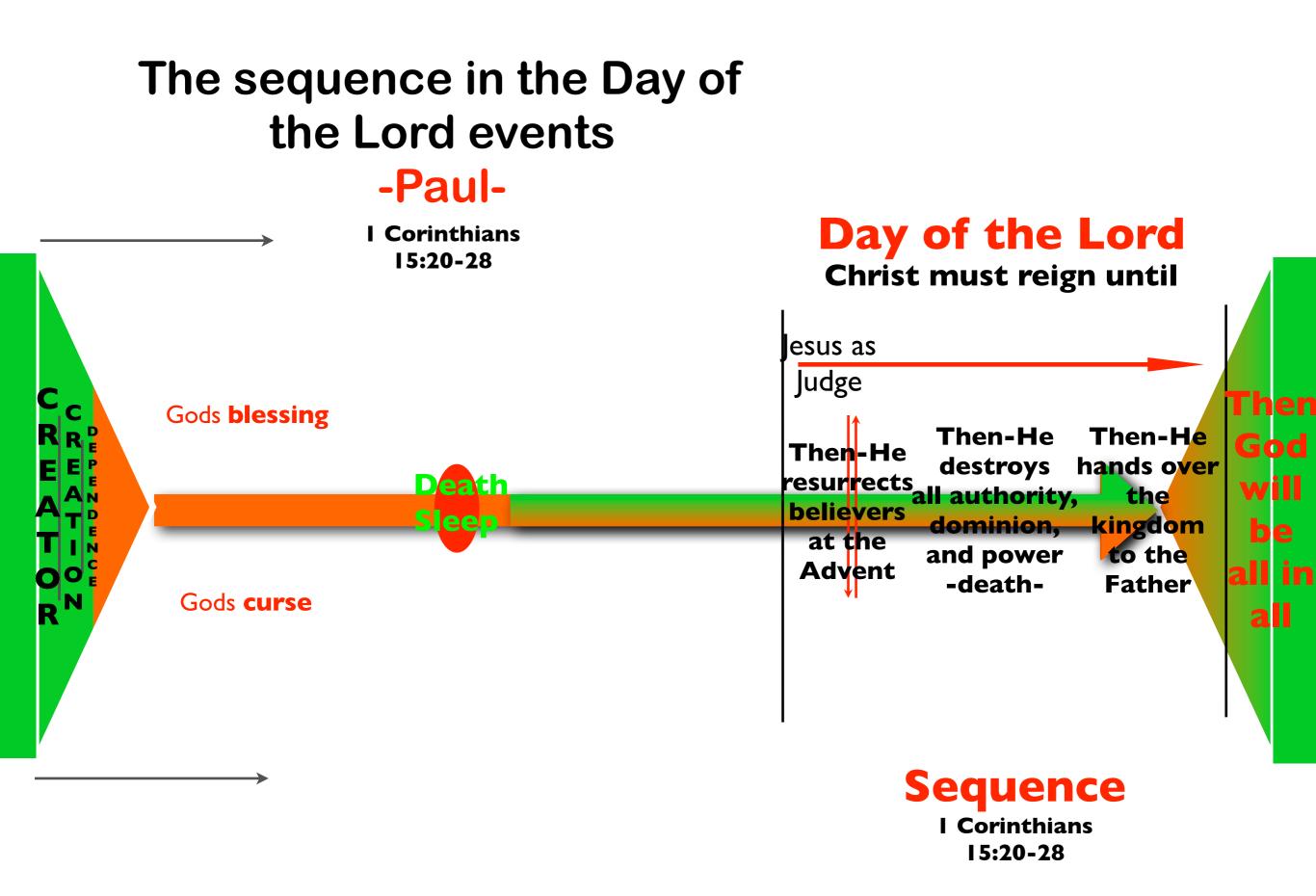
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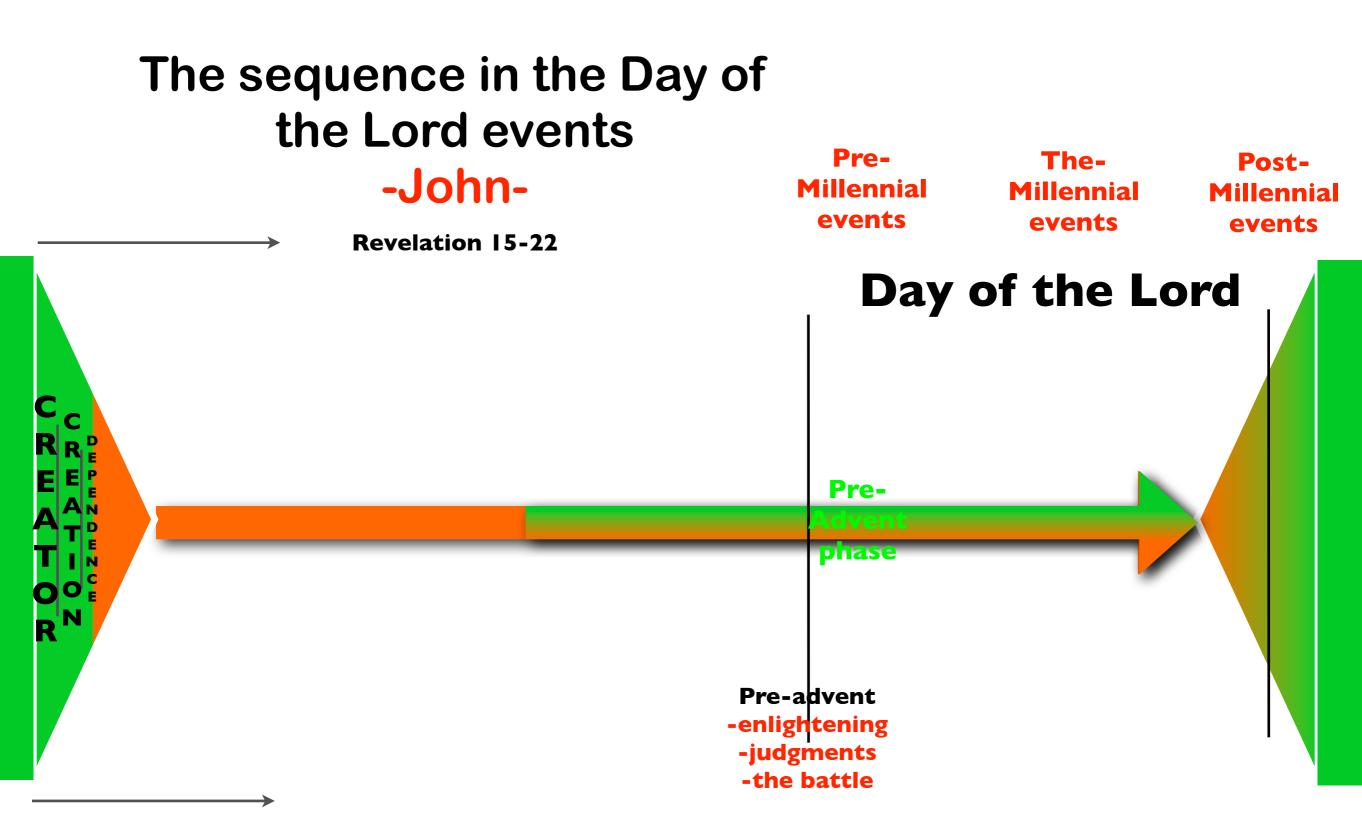
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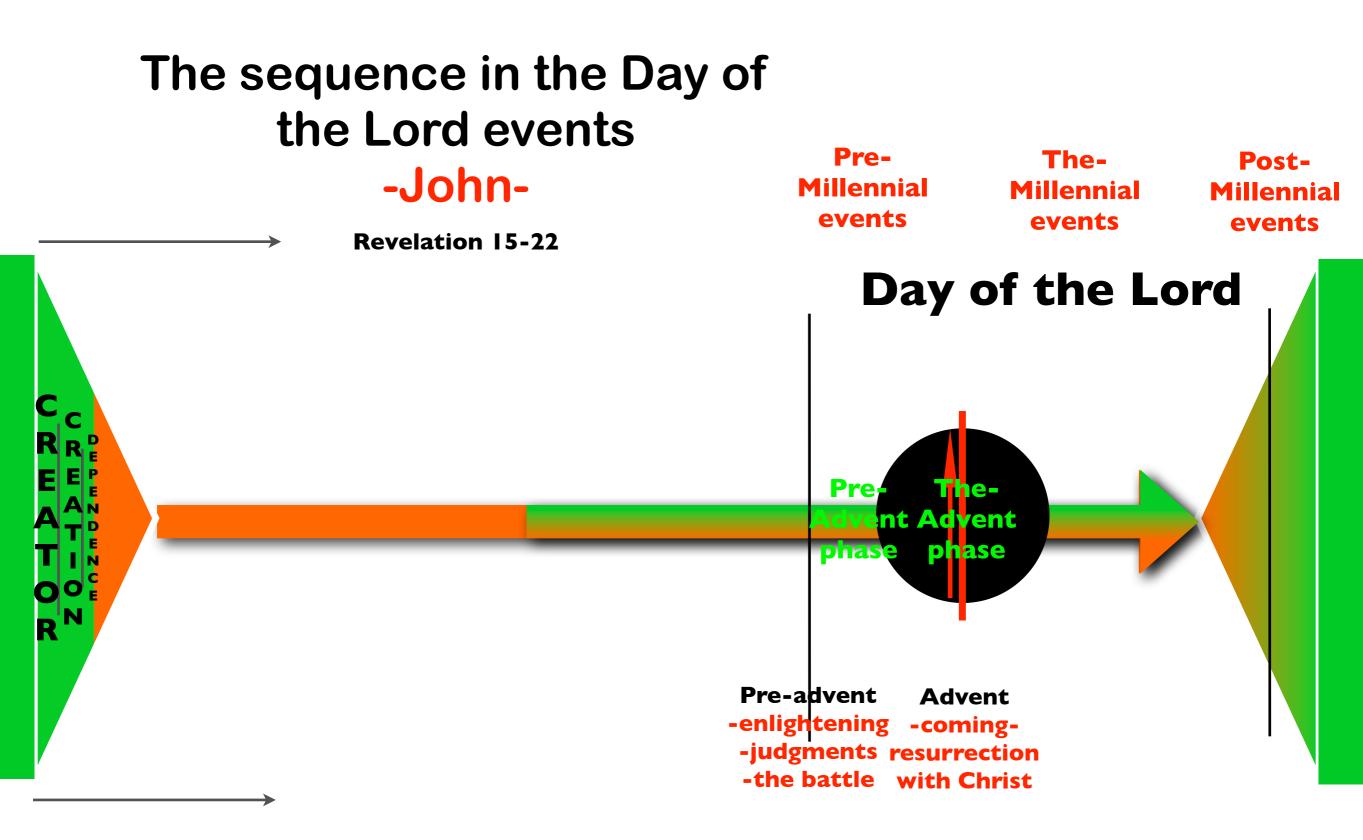
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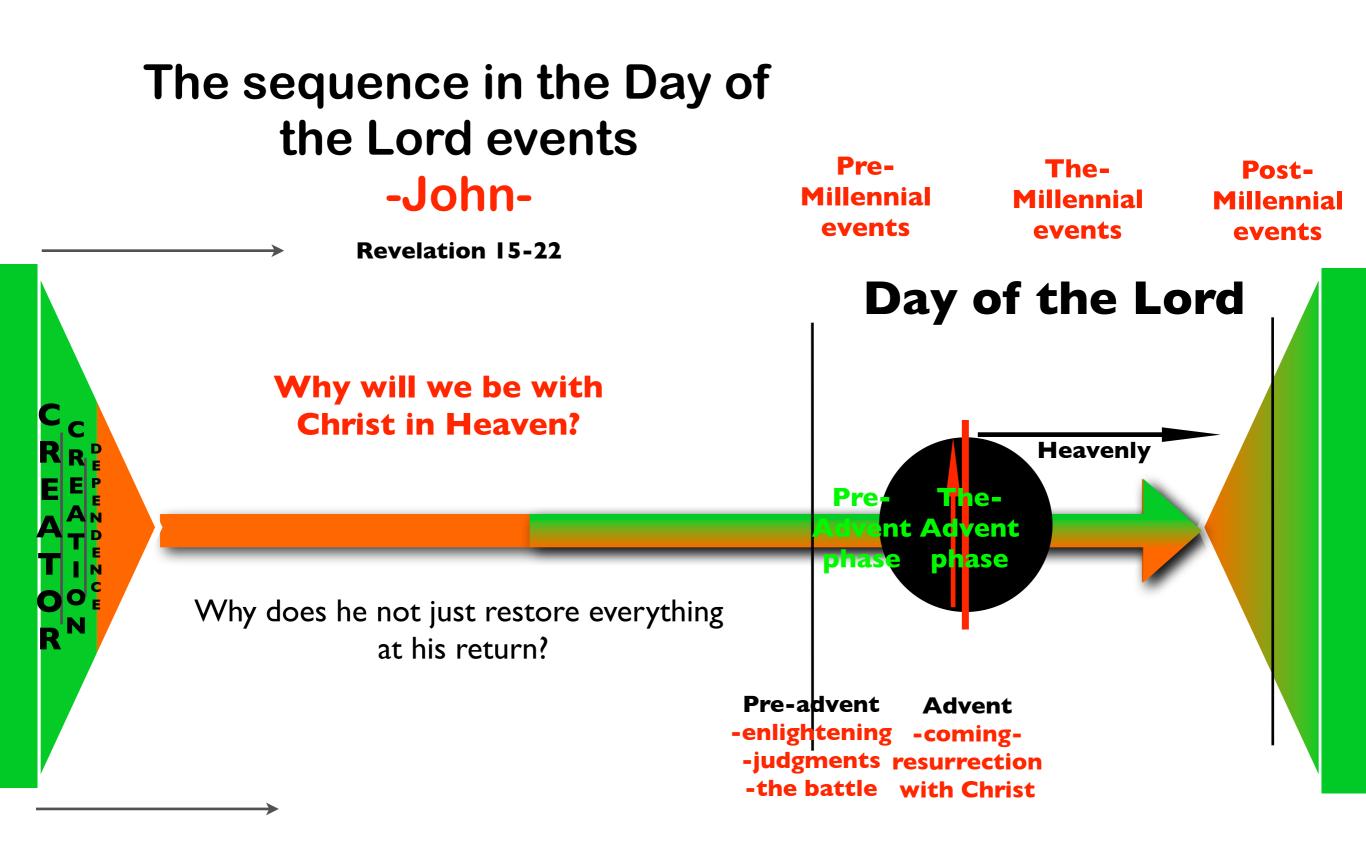
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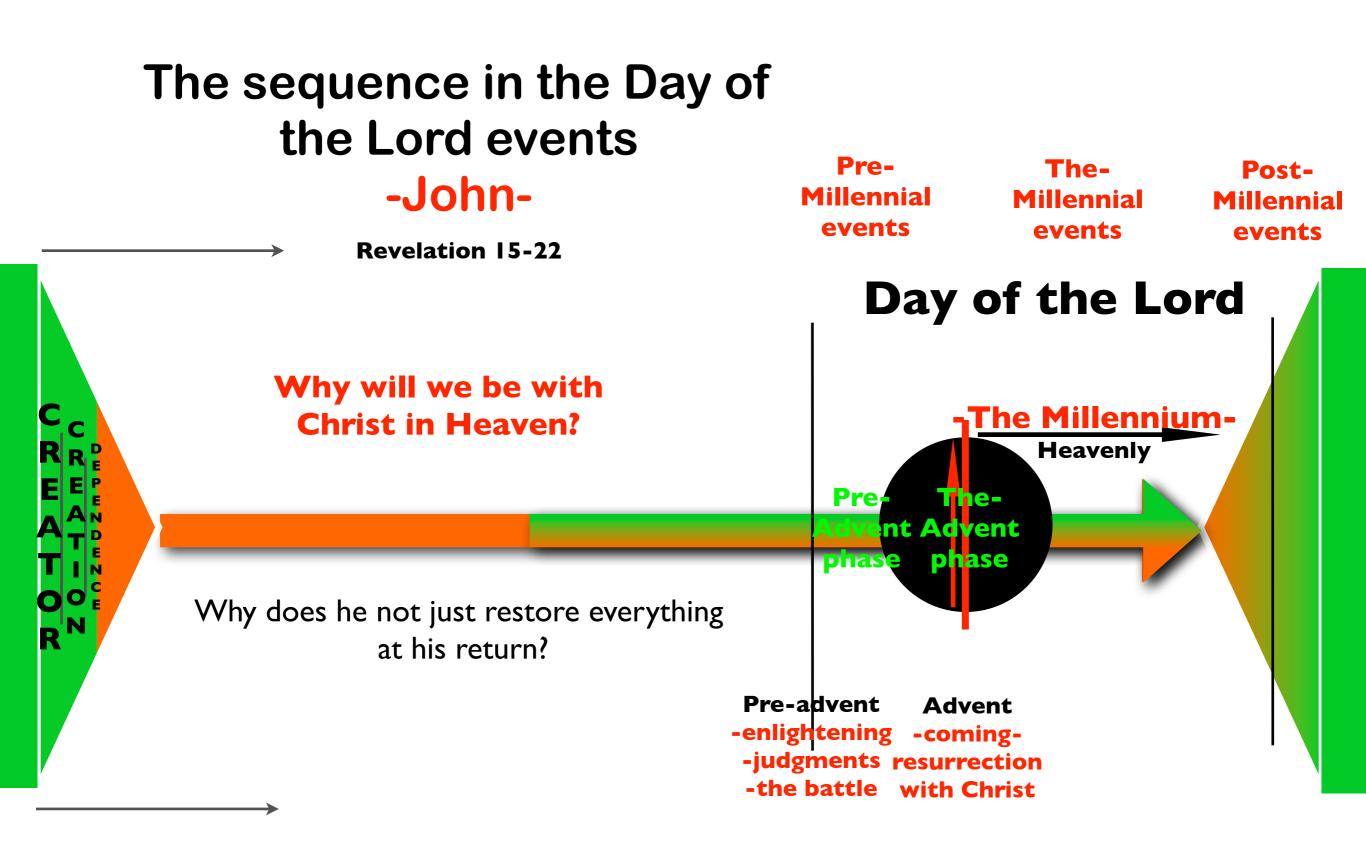




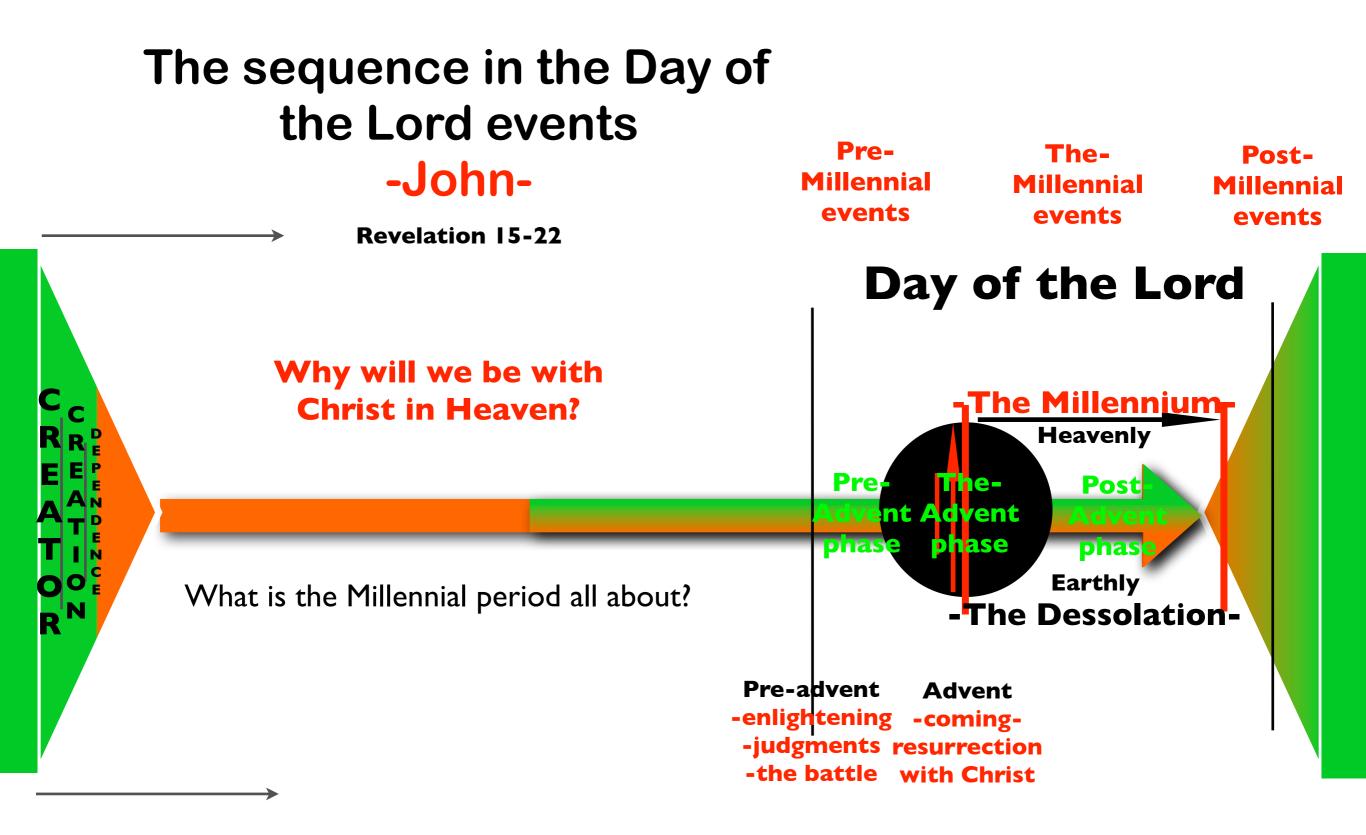


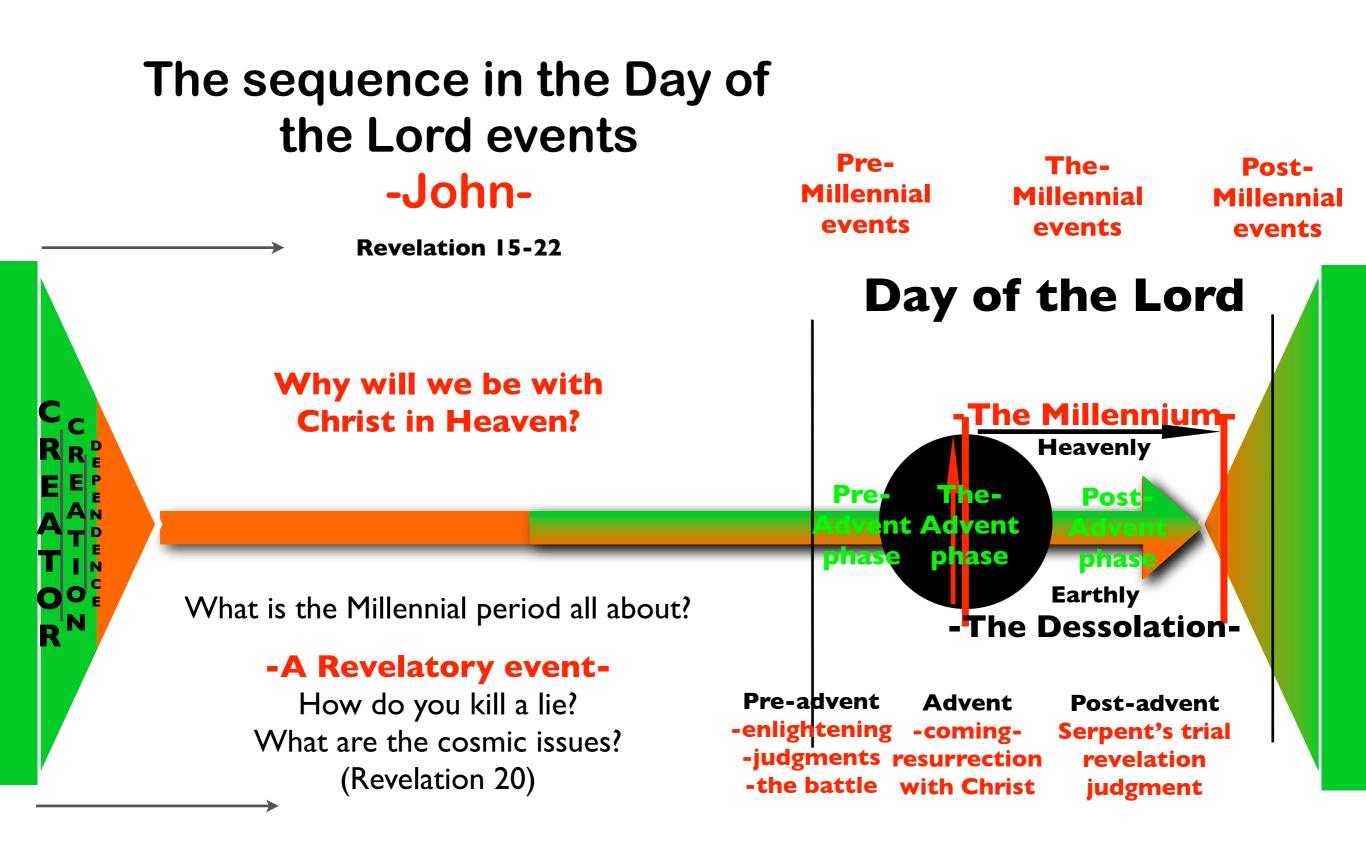


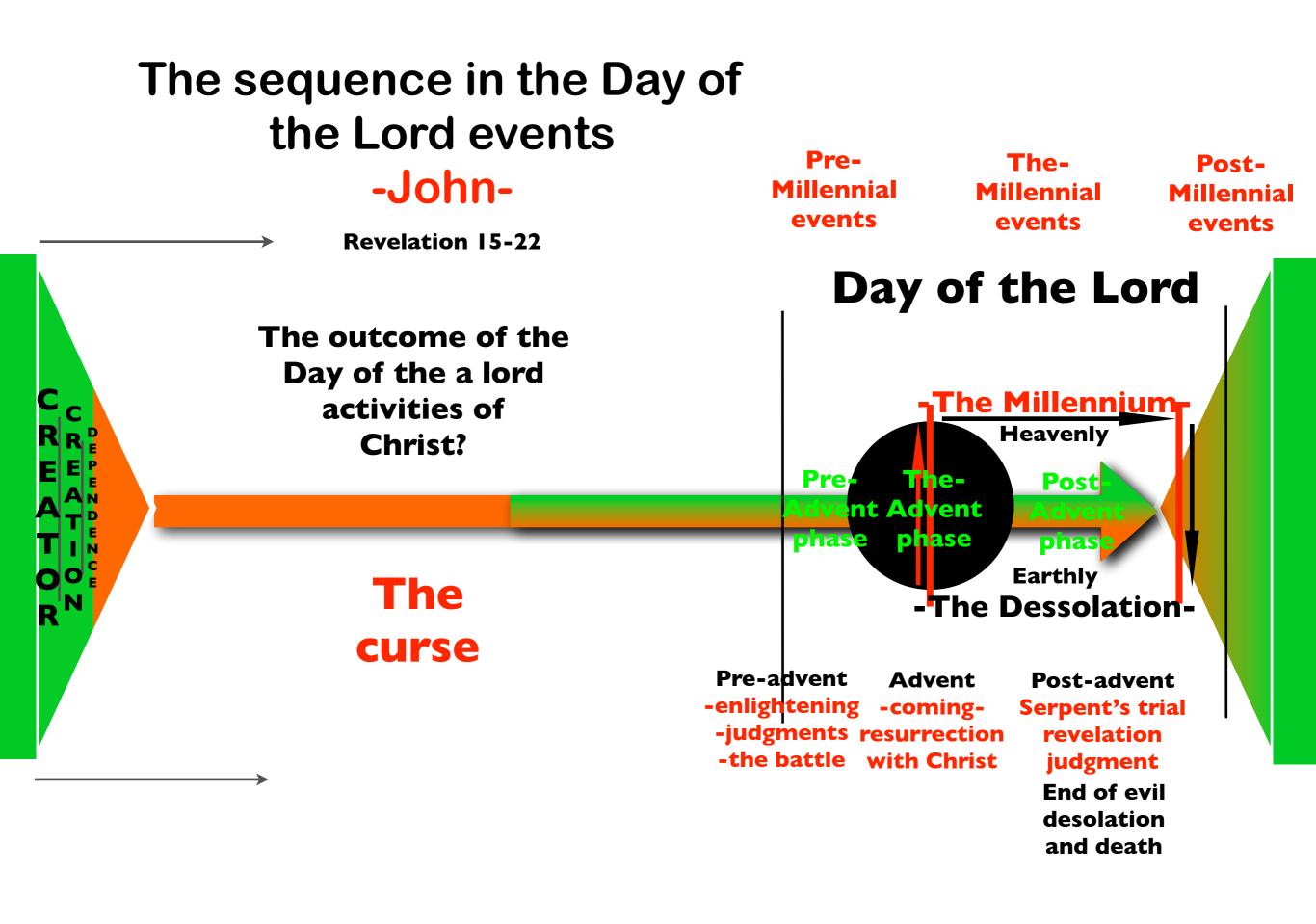


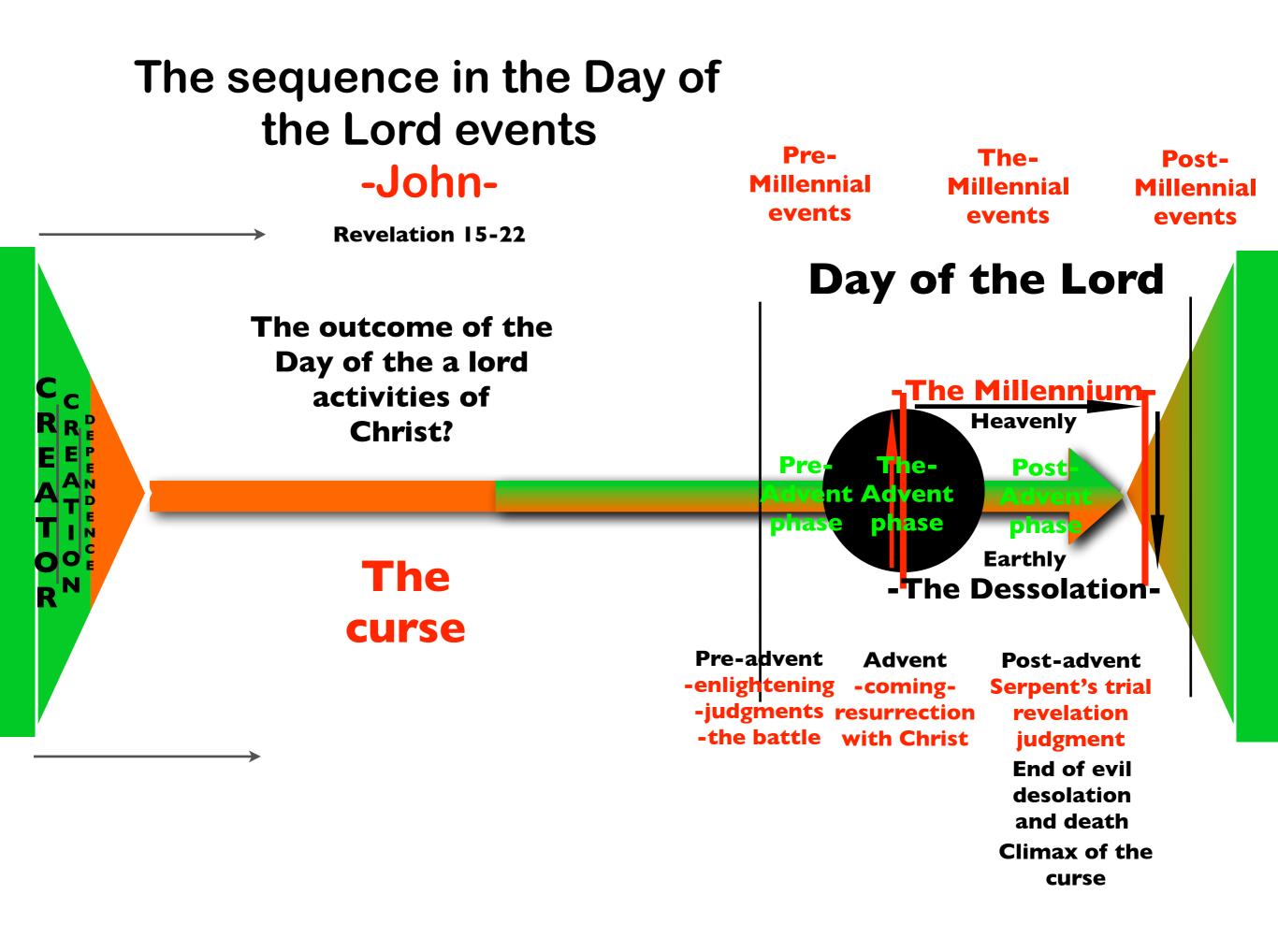




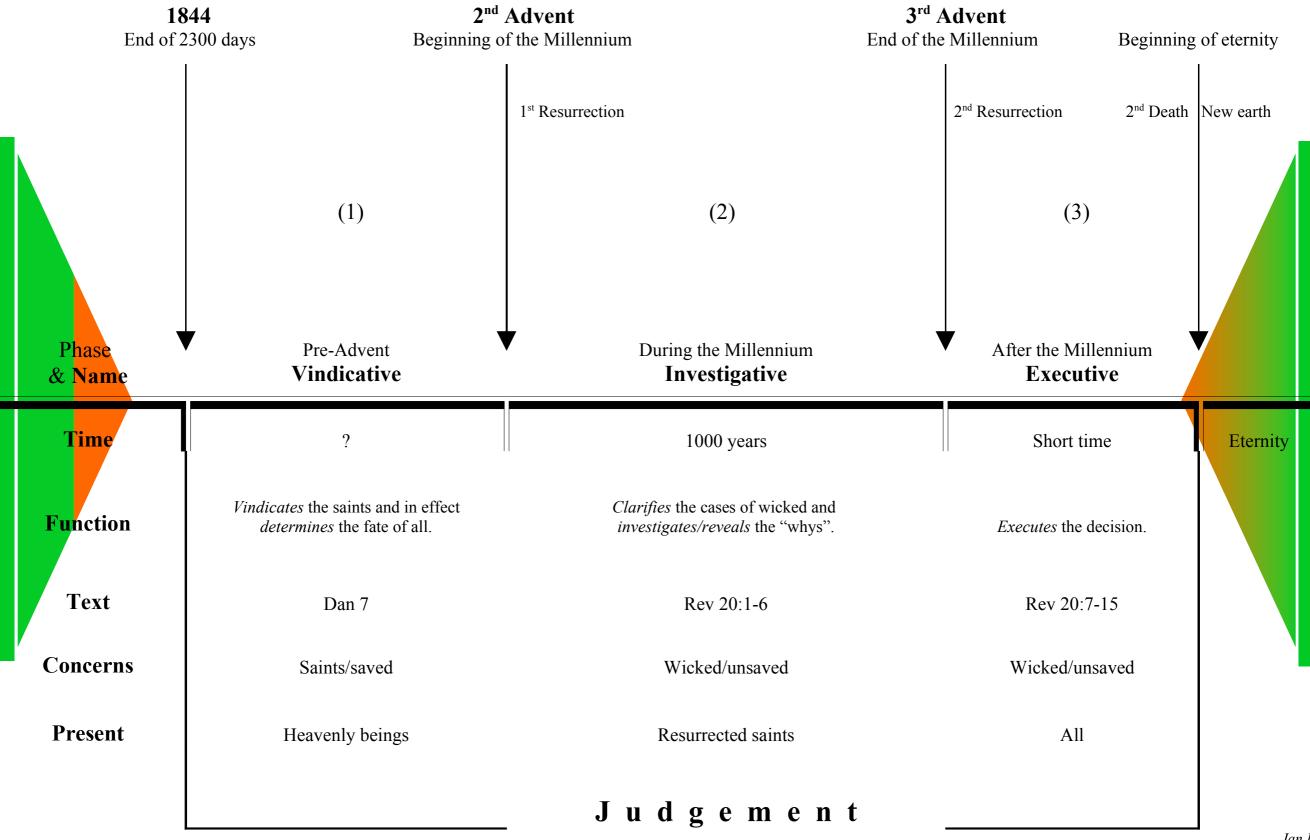






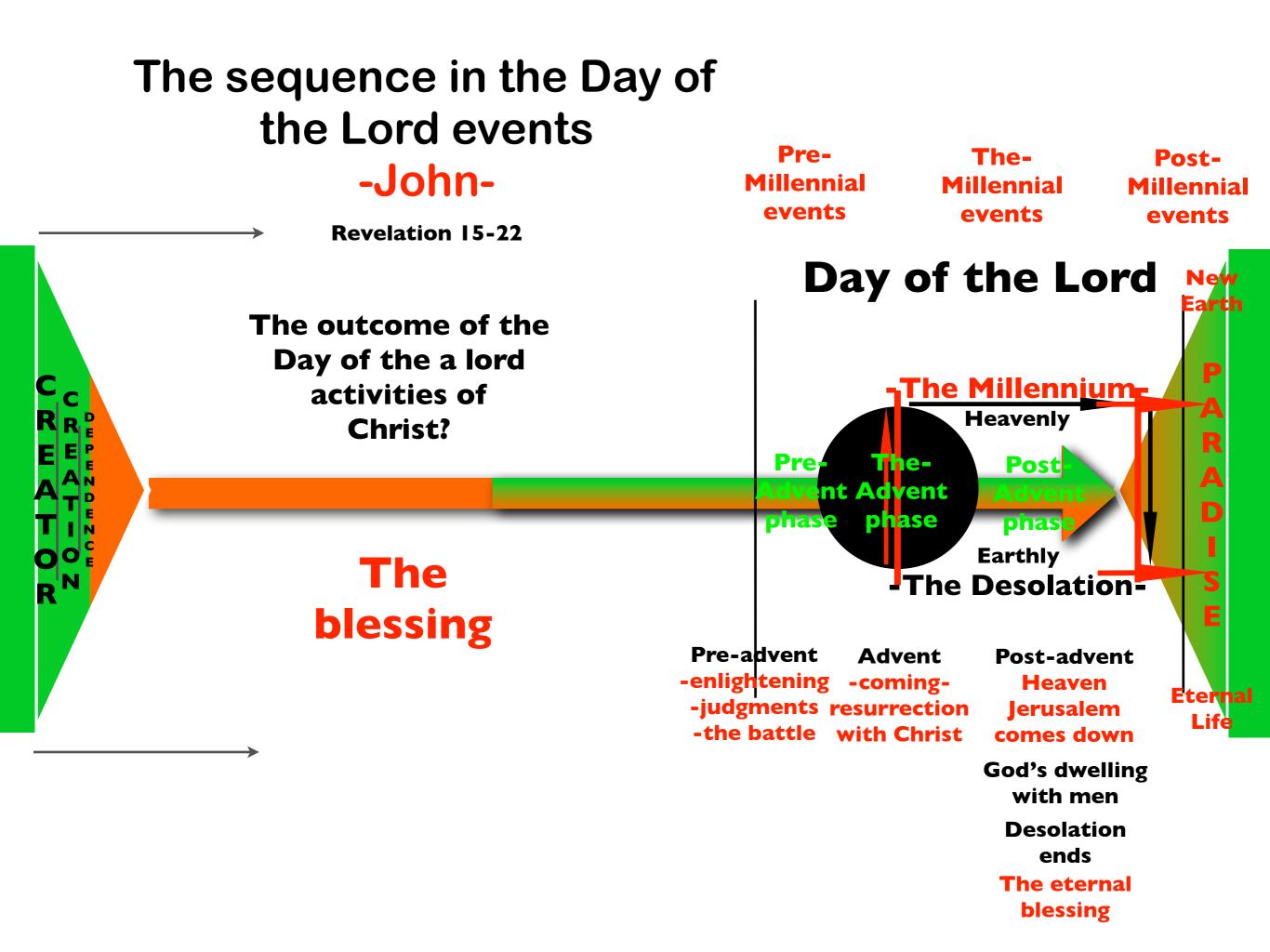


Three-phase Judgement in Dan 7 and Rev 20





The final work of Christ Creation restored



The vision of Isaiah

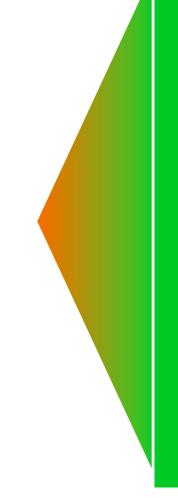
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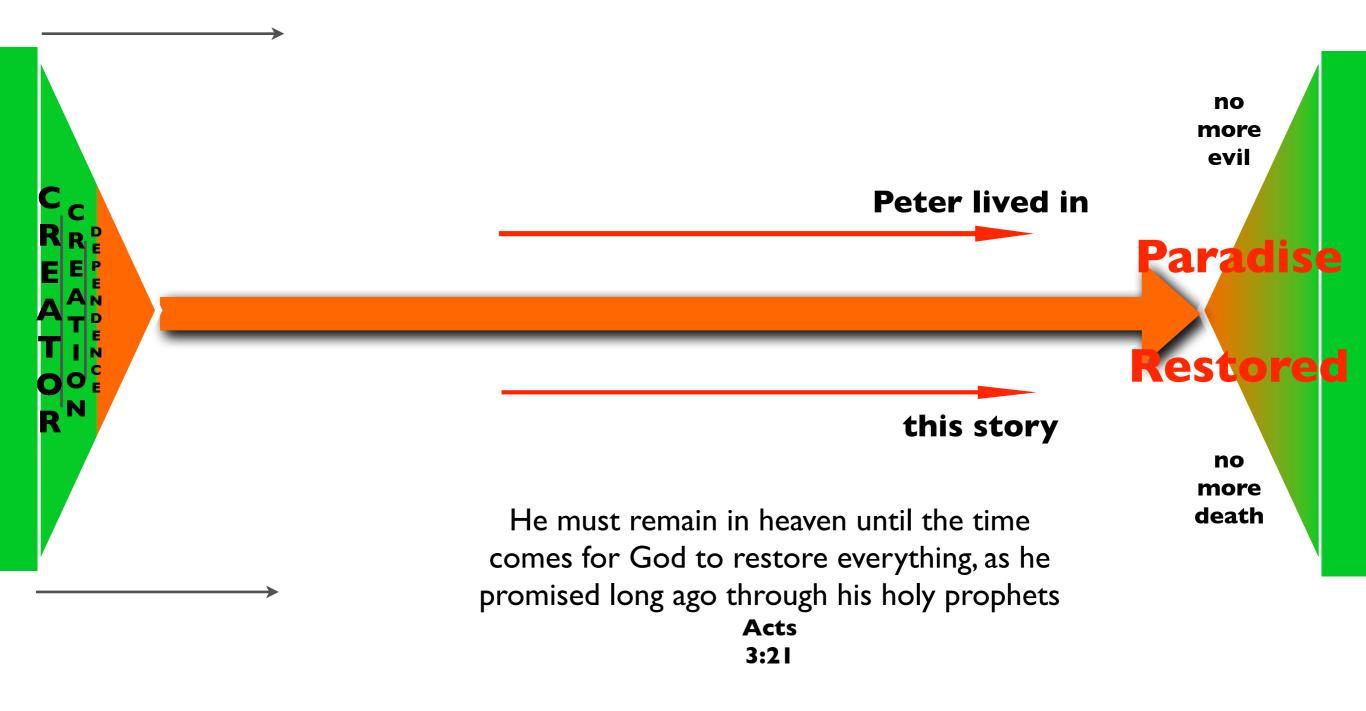
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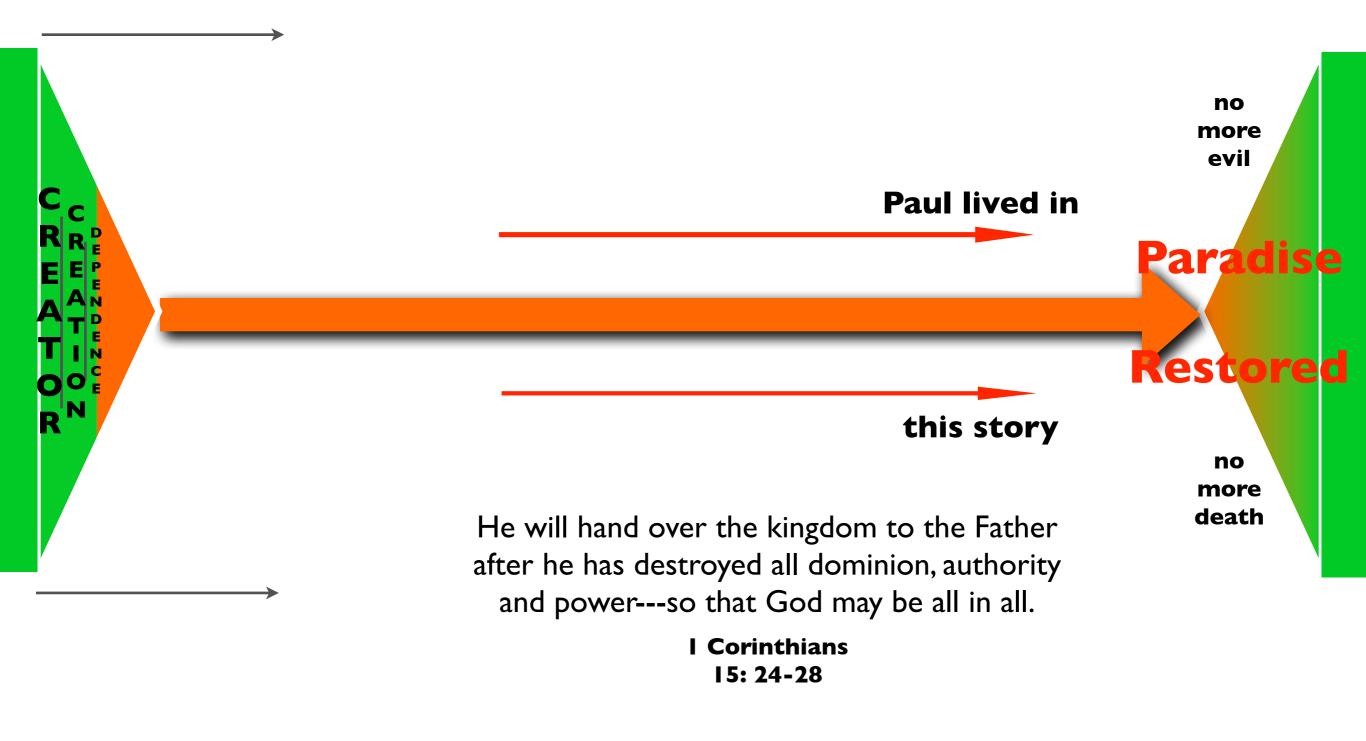
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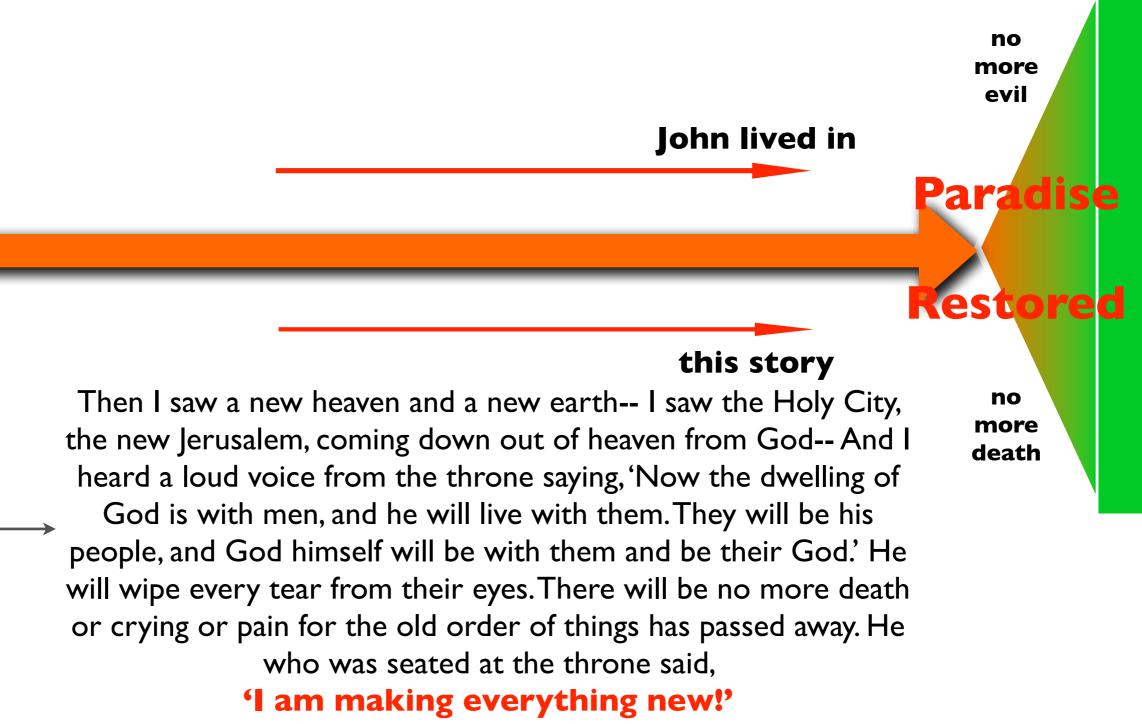
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Revelation 21-22

The vision of John

Heaven on earth -new Jerusalem -new earth -God's dwelling with men

No more pain -no more crying -no more death -no more curse

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See Revelation 21-22

New Creation

