

Holy War: Basic Swordsmanship

Needs: Leithart, *A House for My Name*

Hahn, *A Father Who Keeps His Promises*

NIV Study Bible, Notebooks

Reading Schedule – *Through the Bible in a Year*

Assignments:

1/8	1. The Book We Study – Assumptions	Leithart pp.17-40
1/15	2. How to Read/Language of Symbol	Hahn pp. 9-36
1/22	3. Eternal Covenant	Hahn pp. 37-55
1/29	4. Covenant - Structures/Patterns	
2/5	5. Chronology and Overviews	
2/12	6. Overviews Continued	
2/19	7. Overviews Continued	
2/26	8. Overviews Continued	Leithart pp. 43-50
3/5	1. Genesis 1	Leithart pp. 50-57
3/12	2. Genesis 2	Hahn pp. 57-76
3/19	3. Genesis 3	Hahn pp. 77-91
3/26	4. Genesis 4-11	Leithart pp. 58-69
4/2	5. Genesis 12-17	Hahn pp. 93-125
4/9	6. Genesis 18-50	Leithart pp. 71-81
4/16	Pascha – One Service/No Class	
4/23	7. Exodus 1-19	Hahn pp. 127-153
WED.	WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGIN	
4/26	9. Exodus 20-40	Leithart pp. 72-86 Hahn pp. 153-167
5/3	10. Leviticus 1-8	Leithart pp. 87-100
5/10	11. Leviticus 9-27	Leithart pp. 101-106
5/17	12. Numbers	Hahn pp. 169-189
5/24	13. Deuteronomy	Leithart pp. 106-112
6/7	14. Joshua	Hahn pp. 191-194
	HERE ENDS THE FIRST TESTAMENT	
6/14	15. Judges/Ruth	Leithart pp. 113-122
6/21	16. Samuel 1	Leithart pp. 122-141
6/28	17. Samuel 2	Leithart pp. 141-158
7/5	18. Kings/The Writings	Hahn pp. 195-219

7/12	19. The Psalter	Leithart pp. 161-179
7/19	20. Proverbs/Ecclesiastes	Hahn pp. 219-224
	HERE ENDS THE SECOND TESTAMENT	
7/26	21. Kings/ The Early Writing Prophets	Leithart pp. 179-196
8/2	22. Isaiah	
8/9	23. Kings/The Latter Writing Prophets	Leithart pp. 197-214
8/16	24. Jeremiah	Leithart pp. 215-223
8/23	25. Daniel	Leithart pp. 223-229
8/30	26. Ezekiel	Leithart pp. 229-239
9/6	27. Esther/Chronicles	
9/13	28. Ezra/Nehemiah	
9/20	29. Zechariah/Haggai/Malachi	
	HERE ENDS THE THIRD TESTAMENT	
9/27	30. The Gospel/the Gospels	Leithart pp. 240-250
10/4	31. Matthew	Hahn pp. 225-243
10/11	32. Mark	
10/18	33. Luke	Leithart pp. 250-263
10/25	34. John	
11/1	35. Acts	Hahn pp. 245-262
11/8	36. Romans	
11/15	37. Corinthians	
11/22	38. Galatians/Ephesians	
11/29	39. Philippians/Colossians	
SUN.	RETURN TO SUNDAYS	
12/3	40. Thessalonians	
12/10	41. Timothy/Titus/Philemon	
12/17	42. Hebrews/James	
12/24	43. Jude/Revelation	

Reading Schedule

Week 1

Genesis

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Psalm 1-3

Week 2

Genesis 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

33 34 35 36 37 38

Psalm 4-6

Week 3

Genesis 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Exodus 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Psalm 7-9

Week 4

Exodus 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26

Psalm 10-12

Week 5

Exodus 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

40

Leviticus 1 2 3 4 5

Psalm 13-15

Week 6

Leviticus 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24

Psalm 16-18

Week 7

Leviticus 25 26 27

Numbers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Week 8

Numbers 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

29 30 31 32 33 34 35

Psalm 19-21

Week 9

Numbers 36

Deuteronomy

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Psalm 22-24

Week 10

Deuteronomy

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

34

Joshua 1 2 3

Psalm 25-28

Week 11

Joshua 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22 23 24

Psalm 29-31

Week 12

Judges

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Psalm 32-35

Week 13

Judges 20 21

I Samuel 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17

Psalm 36-39

Week 14

I Samuel 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

30

II Samuel 1 2 3 4 5 6

Psalm 40-43

Week 15

II Samuel 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

20 21 22 23 24

I Kings 1 2

Psalm 43-46

Week 16

I Kings 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

19 20 21 22

Psalm 47-50

Week 17

II Kings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19

Psalm 51-54

Week 18

II Kings 20 21 22 23 24 25

I Chronicles 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Psalm 55-58

Week 19

I Chronicles 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

25 26 27 28 29

II Chronicles 1 2 3

Psalm 59-62

Week 20

II Chronicles 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 22 23

Psalm 63-69

Week 21

II Chronicles 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34
35 36

Ezra 1 2 3 4 5 6

Psalm 70-73

Week 22

Ezra 7 8 9 10

Nehemiah 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Esther 1 2

Psalm 74-77

Week 23

Esther 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Job 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Psalm 78-81

Week 24

Job 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31

Psalm 82-85

Week 25

Job 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

Proverbs 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Psalm 86-89

Week 26

Proverbs 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Psalm 90-93

Week 27

Proverbs 30 31

Ecclesiastes 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Song of Solomon 1 2 3 4

Psalm 94-97

Week 28

Song of Solomon 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Psalm 98-101

Week 29

Isaiah 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30 31 32 33 34

Psalm 102-105

Week 30

Isaiah 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
48 49 50 51 52 53

Psalm 106-109

Week 31

Isaiah 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66

Psalm 110-113

Week 32

Jeremiah 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
17 18 19

Psalm 114-117

Week 33

Jeremiah 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38

Psalm 118-119(Daleth)

Week 34

Jeremiah 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
51 52

Lamentations 1 2 3 4 5

Psalm 119(He)-(Heth)

Week 35

Ezekiel 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19

Psalm 119(Teth)- (Lamedh)

Week 36

Ezekiel 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
33 34 35 36 37 38

Psalm 119 (Mem)-(Ayin)

Week 37

Ezekiel 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Daniel 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Psalm 119 (Pe)-end

Week 38

Daniel 10 11 12

Hosea 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Joel 1 2 3

Psalm 120-123

Week 39

Amos 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Obadiah

Jonah 1 2 3 4

Micah 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Psalm 124-127

Week 40

Nahum 1 2 3

Habakkuk 1 2 3

Zephaniah 1 2 3

Haggai 1 2

Zechariah 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Psalm 128-131

Week 41

Zechariah 9 10 11 12 13 14

Malachi 1 2 3 4

Psalm 132-135

Week 42
Matthew 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10; *Mark* 1 2 3 4;
Luke 1 2 3 4 5 6; *John* 1
Psalm 136-139

Week 43
Matthew 11 12 13 14

Mark 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Luke 9 10 11 12 13 14
Psalm 140-143

Week 44
Matthew 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22
Mark 13 14 15 16

Luke 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
Psalm 144-147

Week 45
Matthew 23 24 25 26 27 28

Luke 22 23 24
John 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22
Psalm 148-150

Week 46
Acts 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18
19 20 21 22 23

Week 47
Acts 24 25 26 27 28
Romans 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Week 48
I Corinthians 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16
II Corinthians 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Week 49
Galatians 1 2 3 4 5 6

Ephesians 1 2 3 4 5 6
Philippians 1 2 3 4
Colossians 1 2 3 4

Week 50
I Thessalonians 1 2 3 4
II Thessalonians 1 2 3
I Timothy 1 2 3 4 5

II Timothy 1 2 3 4
Titus 1 2 3
Philemon

Week 51
Hebrews 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
James 1 2 3 4 5
I Peter 1 2 3 4 5
II Peter 1 2 3

I John 1 2 3 4 5
II John
III John
Jude

Week 52
Revelation 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Revelation 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Week 1
Genesis.....

NEVER
CEASE TO READ,
TO STUDY,
AND
TO HEAR
THE BOOK

An Introduction to the Scriptures

Holy War: Basic Swordsmanship - Preface Session

I. Facts about the Bible

A. **The Bible** - *biblios Gk.* "The Book". It is **one** book. A unity, seamless, one story, one through composed book.

- Current organization - 66 books, 40 authors, covering a period of almost 1600 years
- Chapter and verse structure is not inspired
- 1,189 chapters
- 31,102 verses
- 775,693 words (Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew)

B. **Revelation** – Words reveal person. Who God is, worldview, covenant history, standards for life.

C. "Behind and beneath the Bible, above and beyond the Bible, is the God of the Bible."

D. **Covenants document** - God speaks and God writes a covenant document with a series of covenants. Covenants change history

E. **Authority, Inerrancy, Clarity, Necessity, Sufficiency**

- The Authority of Scripture means the Bible is written by the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

F. **Verbal Plenary Inspiration**

- **2 Peter 1:19-21**

¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- His words are commands for us, defining, absolute standards
- The inerrancy of Scripture means that the Scriptures contain no errors in the original manuscripts
- Clarity means that the truths of the Bible are accessible to us with the Holy Spirits reveling help
- Necessity means men cannot live without a written revelation from God
- Sufficiency means that what God has given us enough – it is all of exactly what we need to be commanded and instructed as the Church.

II. The Canon(s) of Scripture

- A. "Canon" means "rule" and refers to the list of books the Church acknowledges as inspired Scripture and is therefore normative for faith and practice.
- B. Dr. Wayne Grudem's chapter on how the canon was formed HO from *Systematic Theology pp.*
- C. **Old Covenant Canons - TaNaKh (Torah, Nevi'im, Kethuvim)**
 1. **Torah (teachings/law).** Those would be the first five books of Moses plus Joshua. Genesis is likely a collection edited and finalized by Moses. (Bull – the priestly book)
Approximately 350 years pass
 2. **Kethuvim (writings).** The following books are written over the course of the next 100 years: Judges, Samuel, Wisdom Books, Job, Psalms (most of them), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs. This canon ends with the death of Solomon. (Lion – the kingly book)
Approximately 200 years pass
 3. **Nevi'im (prophets).** These books were written over a period of 300 years until Malachi. Includes all the writing prophets, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther (Eagle – the prophetic book)
Approximately 430 years pass
- D. **New Covenant Canon** written over a period of 40 years includes everything from Matthew to Revelation. (Man – the book of wholeness or completion)

New Covenant Canon

Development of the Fourth Canon, commonly called New Testament

- I. **The writing and circulation of the four gospels**
 - A. Wide circulation of the Four Gospels and the Pauline Corpus along with the presence of the Apostles and a very strong oral tradition left no immediate need to create a definitive list of canonical texts.
 - B. The Four Gospels were widely read, referred to and quoted.
 - C. Matthew seems to be the first, then Mark, Luke, and John
 - D. AD 165 Tatian, a disciple of Justin Martyr produced a very influential version of the Gospels "under one cover" called the Diatesseron, a musical term meaning "a harmony of four". They achieved a status of their own especially in the Mesopotamia and Rome
- II. **The Pauline Epistles**
 - A. Officially called the Pauline Corpus a collection of St. Paul's epistles seems to have been formed around AD 80-85
 - B. From very early on they had the Status of Scripture (2 Peter 3:15-17)¹⁵ and consider that the long suffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;
 - C. From the very early 100's Paul's letters circulated as a collection.
 - D. The earliest surviving codex is supposed to be around AD 200. It contains the book of Hebrews.
- III. **Four fundamental criterion used to affirm authoritative books**
 - A. **Antiquity.** Antiquity meant the book had to be solidly attributed to the apostles or their disciples. Books appearing later, whatever their merit were not included among the apostolic or canonical books. The Shepherd of Hermas was considered a genuine work of prophecy but appeared too late. failed here as well as Clements Epistles.
 - B. **Orthodoxy.** Nothing contradicted already undisputed books and fit with the standards of sound doctrine found in apostolic tradition.
 - C. **Catholicity.** There must be recognition by a leading Church but especially by a majority of Churches. Widespread use confirmed an inner witness by the Church of the inspiration and worthiness of such books. This eliminated much of the Apocrypha.
 - D. **Traditional Use.** The books must have been in use since the "beginning" meaning - middle of the first century.

E. Current structure of the groupings of literature on the Bible:

1. Pentateuch - "The Book of the Law"/Torah
2. History (Joshua to Esther)
3. The Writings (Poetry and Wisdom)
4. The Prophets (Major and the Twelve)
5. The Gospels
6. History (Acts)
7. The Letters (church and pastoral)
8. Revelation

F. Apocryphal Sources - External sources cited in Scriptures but no longer extant.

- The Chronicles of Nathan the Prophet
- The Chronicles of Gad the Seer
- The History of Nathan the Prophet
- The Book of the Acts of Solomon
- The Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite
- The Visions of Iddo the Seer
- The Chronicles of Shemiah the prophet
- The Chronicles of Iddo the Seer
- The Story of the Prophet of Iddo
- The Chronicles of Jehu the son of Hanani
- The Vision of Isaiah the prophet
- The Chronicle of the Seers
- The Book of Enoch

II. The OC Apocrypha

A. The Apocrypha is a collection of writings found in the Septuagint and the Latin Vulgate, but not included in the Hebrew canon of Scripture. They are not accepted by the Catholic Church as inspired writings. The Roman Catholic Church accepts 12 of these books as "deuterocanonical," or a "second canon", meaning they are inspired, but not on the same level as the other books of the Old and New Testament.

B. They were **written between 200 B.C. and A.D. 200**. There is some interesting historical material in some of these books, but they do not have the same level of authenticity as do the inspired writings of the apostles and prophets. Protestants generally refer to these books as the "pseudepigrapha," which means "false writings."

The Third Book of Esdras
The Fourth Book of Esdras
The Book of Tobias
The Book of Judith
The rest of the Book of Esther
The Book of Wisdom
Jesus the Son of Sirach
Baruch the Prophet
The Song of the Three Children

The Story of Susanna
Of Bel and the Dragon
The Prayer of Manasses
The First Book of Maccabees
The Second Book of Maccabees

IV. The New Testament Apocrypha

A. Books considered but did not make it:

Apocalypse of Peter
Shepherd of Hermas
Acts of Paul
Epistle of Barnabas
The Didache
The Gospel According to Hebrews

B. The woolly, wild, and weird (the spurious books)

Gospel of Thomas
The Gospel of the Birth of Mary
The Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus

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Session 1

Assumptions

1. The Bible IS the Word of God.
2. The canon of Scripture closed and authoritative.
3. Therefore, every Word of Scripture commands us.
4. Therefore, every Word is significant, no word or portion of Scripture is insignificant.
5. Our translations are just that, translations of the Word of God.
6. Inescapable, critical, blessed Tradition.

7. The Bible, the Book, is a unified, through-written book – The One author, the Word, by the Holy Spirit, through many agents, produced one written seamless story from beginning to end. The Bible is written by a genius far greater than ours. Centuries of genius have worked at discovering the riches of the Book and many centuries more will be necessary to continue this work.

8. The Scriptures are a Transcript of the person of Christ. They are a record of His thoughts, His ways, His nature, His desires, His intentions, His perspectives, His will.

9. Ignorance of the Scriptures is, therefore ignorance of Christ.

10. We need to see the world through His eyes and therefore we need new eyes to see. The Scriptures provide us with those new eyes, giving us new perspective, seeing the world, ourselves, and our work, as God does.

11. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. All of God's creation must serve Him. Man's lives are in a studied rebellion against God. The Gospel is Holy War to slay the wicked and claim the obedience of all men in all ages – to worship the One true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

12. The sword must first slay us. Then, repeatedly we are cut as living sacrifices by this word – cut asunder and recreated as we move from glory to glory.

13. We will follow the themes of maturity, redemption, and holy war throughout our study.

14. This Bible in a Year is really only creating a sword (rather than a pen knife or steak knife.) The first step in skilled swordsmanship is to know your weapon. When have finished this year you will have completed 3rd grade. That, I am afraid, is the very best you can do if you do **all** the work.

The Bible's Language of Symbol – Introduction

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- I. Symbolism is the way God pictures the world for us.**
- A. And the Bible is full of symbols.
 - B. What are symbols?
 - C. Examples
 - i. Clothing, collar, vestments, white (Ecclesiastes 9:4)
Dress expresses glory
Dress expresses different roles
 - ii. Flag
 - iii. Cross
- II. Symbolism is not a code.**
- A. No symbol is isolated but part of a package for example:
 - i. clouds, fire, glory, sacrifices, trials, sanctification
 - ii. Sun, moon, stars. We will see star and heaven pictures in Scripture especially connected to rulers, kings, nations, time
 - iii. Rocks, gold, and gems, fortresses, judgment, security, rainbow,
 - iv. Trees, fruit, tall and reaching to the heavens, branches, people, nations, resting place, shade.
 - B. Animals are often used (learned about) by what they do – swimmers, swarms, crawlers, walkers. The Bible is not interested in scientific classification such as dinosaurs and dragons but how animals behave.
- III. Symbolism is like a language.**
- A. You need to learn the alphabet (phonics)
 - B. You need to learn the words (putting sounds together)
 - C. You need to learn the grammar (syntax) *red star*.
This is words put together in packages.
For example:
Altar table lamp
Parts of a sentence – holy place
Part of a larger sentence (Eden, oasis, tabernacle, temple)
- Notice how the tree becomes a lamp stand (watcher tree):
Green tree → golden tree → simplified tree (six branches) → fruit turns to bowls
→ sap turns to oil → light. The tree is an almond tree or a “watcher tree”. It symbolizes the priest watching over Israel and that God is over Israel.
- IV. Symbols we will cover as we begin Genesis**
- A. Glory/the Glory Cloud
 - B. Sun, moon, and stars
 - C. Rocks, gold, and gems (and color)
 - D. Trees and thorns
 - E. Cherubim, dinosaurs, and dragons

The Elementary Grammar of Bible Symbol

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Read Cumulatively

Think about starting a collection of anything, say beer steins. After a while you look for them when you visit stores you accumulate a collection over time. You find all kinds of variations.

To accumulate things in the Scripture you must begin at the beginning. Unfortunately we approach the Bible somewhat randomly and collect somewhat haphazardly. Dirt (stuff men are made of and returns to), dust on head (bury symbolically), grave and pit experiences (down in the earth → “death” experiences), an altar (made of stones) is a pit powered by fire, stones = hard dirt = people, we have “fire” in our dust (we are warm, we have the Holy Spirit), the altar “eats” food and we eat food, dust → rocks → gemstones e.g. gold and silver and precious stones are glorified dirt.

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The Transformation to Glory.

The Bible is all about earth, air, fire and water and the relations of these things to the transformation of all creation into glory. Everything has symbolic relationship with human life – stars represent people trees represent people, the temple represents human community and the human body. Notice the transformation into glory. This is the goal of history, e.g.

- Rough cut stones move to polished stones
- Adam drinks water – Noah drinks wine which is glorified fruit and glorified water
- Air is glorified → incense
- Glorified trees → cut and covered with gold
- Glorified wheat → bread

More Prominent Symbols

Work of Creation

(Genesis 1) unformed (NOT chaotic!) to formed, empty to full a picture of history/eschatology. God’s five-fold pattern of work - Lay hold of creation, divides it, gives new names and rules for use, and distributes new creation, evaluation follows. A picture of covenant history.

The world as God’s triple-decker house: heavens (firmament), earth (land), waters.

Geography of sanctuary, land, and world.
Earth, wind (air), fire (light), water

Time

Light/darkness – God, glory, truth, wisdom, splendor, brilliance, fire, sun, moon, and stars. Darkness is originally a part of the good creation but gradually becomes associated with evil history moves from darkness to light, from glory to more glory.

Sun, moon, and stars – Govern time, especially liturgical time, used to represent rulers, kings and nations in civil and liturgical, seasons. Joseph's dream, Jesus the sun, we are stars, the path of the righteous, sun/moon/stars become dark or red or they *fall from heaven* (eclipse of truth or power), dawn and evening (notice *when* things occur), associated with heavenly beings.

Day – Begins in dark and moves to light. Each day is a microchron of history. When in the week does a thing happen, how many days does it take?

Weeks/months/years – The time of man moving to rest, also a microchron of history. Everything moves to Sabbath. Adam falls and we hear about the eighth day (the first day of a new week) is the day of new beginnings, resurrection, rebirth, weeks of weeks (Pentecost), weeks of years(seven year Sabbath), weeks of Sabbath years (Jubilee), when in the week do things happen?

Other Symbols

Water – Connected with the Spirit's work, mists and rivers in Eden, wells (and brides) cleansing, rain/judgment (water a source of life and destruction), ark/salvation, rivers, seas (often represent Gentiles – so then what is a raging sea?), stands in and eventually flows from the tabernacle/temples (like Eden's four rivers), wells, wine (glorified water), blood, blood mixed with water, bitter waters, healing of bitter waters, sweat, purification, washing, inspection of jealousy, issues of fluids from body, rain clouds.

Clouds – Bring rain (blessing and judgment), make rainbow possible, clouds surround God's glory (Sinai, tabernacle, temple, Ezekiel), the glory is *in* the cloud (a glory cloud), the smoke of sacrifices are a cloud. God rides upon the clouds, Jesus comes with/upon the clouds (in glory and judgment), New Covenant Spirit comes without clouds on Pentecost (glory revealed).

Land – Dust, man, place for seeds, place of man's dominion, geography, mountains, valleys, rocks, stones, gardens, drought, desert (howling wasteland/cursed/dry), inheritance. Land often represents Israel (e.g. Gospel of John and Revelation), face of God, instrument of curse, judgment, blessing, covers head in repentance, vomits out abominations, cries out on behalf of innocent blood shed, place of sowing (death of seed => life), pits ("death" experiences/"under" the earth)

Rocks, stones, and gems – Made of dirt so things we learn of dirt stuff may apply to rocks stuff. Gemstones (glorified dirt/rocks) capture and reflect the fire of light, gold

(and later other precious metals) shiny and heavy (glory), altars are made from rocks, and the big Rock commands us (little rocks), to (corporately) pick up stones (tiny rocks) to stone/judge lawbreakers, water comes from the Rock, firm, solid, “unbreakable”, unmovable, shelter, shade, God is the Rock, Jesus the Rock that fills the entire earth, we are little rocks, chief cornerstone, fall on the stone and be broken or fall the rock falls on us and we are crushed, living stones, pillars, construction of the new Jerusalem covered with gemstones (glorified people refined by pressure and fire).

Color – onyx (black), gold, silver, rainbow (in the clouds, in heaven, around the throne of God), colorful clothing (especially in worship or as indicating office), colorful stones (gemstones), colorful worship (Tabernacle/temple), white, black, red, scarlet, blue (tabernacle, temple, Levitical cleansing), priestly clothing is colorful.

Trees, Plants, and Thorns – Trees given for food especially the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life (sacramental trees), fruit bearing, grains and fruits (bread and wine), oasis (70 trees) reaching to heaven, God often appears at trees, ladders to heaven, resting place, shade provider, roots, planting, harvest, seasons, seeds, the righteous man, nations (especially Israel), vines (Israel and Jesus), leaves (for healing – see Ezekiel and Revelation), cut and covered with gold, Aaron’s staff, the lamp stand (stylized almond or ‘watcher’ tree), oil is liquid glory used for consecration and ordination, different trees highlighted in different eras of covenant history, kingdom of God. Thorns are ungodly seed and represent the burden of the curse.

Adam and Eve – Image of God, man and woman, initiator and completer, bridegroom and bride, Adam the liturgical leader (failure of liturgical instruction in garden), head of Church and state, head of family, dominion calling, priest, king, prophet, Son of God is the true man - the exact representation of God’s image. Eve – body and liturgical responder, helper, counselor, seed bearer, godly seed, woman inflict fatal head wounds to enemies.

Cherub/Angel – Guardians of God’s presence, covenant administration of OC, containers of glory, theophany, Satan/Lucifer (the fallen cherub), Christ/the new Lucifer - the Angel of the YHWH (the LORD) in Hebrew scriptures - the true guardian cherub), New Covenant bishops/pastors called angels in Revelation, model service and worship for redeemed humanity.

Animals – Six biblical categories: *great monsters* (Leviathan, Rahab, Behemoth, often used prophetically to symbolize kingdoms or empires), *birds* (associated with the heavens and therefore often associated with spirits and the Spirit), *fish* (associated with waters under the earth – generally associated with the world of the Gentiles – Israel is the people of the land, the disciples were to be fishers of men/Gentiles), *domestic animals* (come to represent Israel as God’s domestic people), *wild animals* (often represent Gentiles, especially converted or ennobled ones), *creeping things* (live in the dirt, close to the cursed ground, associated with the serpent and with evil men).

The Bible presumes an analogy between men and animals (especially the animals used for sacrifice in worship.) Servants (helpers) to mankind. They image human life

more closely than any other aspect of creation. God is depicted with strikingly concrete animal imagery (lion, leopard, eagle, bear, she-bear, ox, hen, lamb). Given as food but no blood, clean and unclean animals (usually so categorized because of their relationship to dirt and things dead)

Sanctuary – Garden sanctuary, altars, tabernacle, temple, Ezekiel’s temple, restoration temple, New Covenant temple/city/bride. The special presence of God, detestable things (abomination in the sanctuary) History moves from garden to city.

Numbers as Symbol

Words and numbers are the structuring scaffold of created reality. Notice in Exodus - the Word (20)-Law (21-24) is given first and then the Tabernacle (25-31) was given, an architecture measured by precise numbers. Numbers are a second way of saying the same thing. Numbers relate to word content. Number symbols are not codes but are used to help us relate things together.

Basic Numbers as Symbols

1. One . Unity, integrity, wholeness, God.

2. Two.

- a. Two or three witnesses (Son and Spirit witness to the Father),
- b. two great lights,
- c. two (male and female) witnesses to the image of God,
- d. two walk together, two are better than one, two keep warm
- e. two sons, two covenants. In Revelation - word and testimony.
- f. If you double a word it is emphasized, often done in taking an oath, God to Adam, "In dying you will die." Amen and amen. (Truly, truly)
- g. Two in redemption (the failure of firsts - Cain & Abel, Ishmael & Isaac, Jacob & Esau, Reuben & Joseph, Moses (two attempts), Saul and David, Adam and Christ.

3. Three.

- a. God as Holy Trinity.
- b. Persons in community.
- c. Three falls of mankind.
- d. Chord of three strands,
- e. Three ages,
- f. Three temptations.

4. Four. God + creation (human community)

- a. Father, Husband, Matchmaker, Bride.
- b. Father, Son, Spirit, Daughter
- c. The extent of creation - the four rivers, four corners of the earth
- d. Extent of redemption, *Exodus 27:2* Make a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar are of one piece, and overlay the altar with bronze.
- e. Extent of a man's authority - *Deuteronomy 22:12* Make tassels on the four corners of the cloak you wear.

- f. Three things and four (Amos) that are... The extent of wickedness.
 - g. Person redemption – The four points of blood, thumb, toe, ear, circumcision
 - h. Sheet in Acts - four corners
 - i. Four canons.
 - j. Gospels - cherub faces four.
- 5. Five.**
- a. Pyramid (five points) => mountain
 - b. The number of power, impressiveness, strength
 - c. *Leviticus 26:8* Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.
 - d. Israel marched five in rank
 - e. The hand - Five fingers, a man's strength, a man's work and warfare
 - f. Covenant as word – five major points – THEOS.
- 6. Six.**
- a. Mankind
 - b. Created on the sixth day
 - c. Six days man works (slaves, Jericho)
 - d. Six stone pots.
 - e. Solomon's gold 666
- 7. Seven. Spirit action, fullness, perfection - 3(God) + 4(man) linkage of God and creation next to each other.**
- a. seven-fold spirit glorifier from dark and empty to full and beautiful, from glory to glory
 - b. seven days of creation, Sabbath laws, Jubilee
 - c. seventy - time of Israel's judgment
 - d. Revelation is full of sevens.
- 8. Eight. New creation (beginning of a new week)**
- a. *Genesis 17:12* For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner--those who are not your offspring.
 - b. *Exodus 22:30* Do the same with your cattle and your sheep. Let them stay with their mothers for seven days, but give them to me on the eighth day.
 - c. Cleansing and restoration to the worship of God. *Lev 14:10* "On the eighth day he must bring two male lambs and one ewe lamb a year old, each without defect, along with three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one log of oil.
 - d. Day of the resurrection, new birth, new life, new creation
- 9. Ten. Totality.**
- a. 10 commandments
 - b. 40 days
 - c. 70 years
 - d. Multiples of ten have differing significance
- 10. Twelve. Covenant as kingdom.**
- a. (4x3) marriage of God and creation- 12 tribes, 12 apostles,
 - b. 12 in Revelation, 12x12x10x10x10=144,000.
 - c. The Twelve – the 'minor' prophets

Major Images of God

Creator – History Mover

The Husband – Creating a Bride

The Elder Brother

The Shepherd – Caretaker of the Sheep

The King/Lord – Covenant Lord of the earth

The Judge/Warrior – The Judge of All Men and Nations

The Indweller – Of Sanctuaries/the Incarnation

If we look carefully we will see Jesus coming to and fro throughout the book.

Holy Trinity and the Eternal Covenant

Holy War: Basic Swordsmanship - Session 3

What is the eternal covenant?

The covenant created in eternity. By whom? For whom? The Holy Trinity.

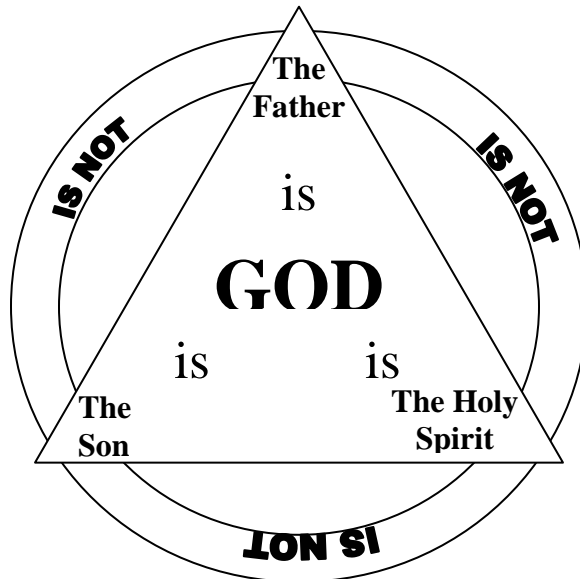
God is one and three - a unity of one Godhead where there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all of one substance, power, and eternity.

God not become three when He interacted with creation (Saballian-modalist).

The one is not primary, nor is three primary but they are both equally ultimate. We call this the principle of the one and the many (e.g. 1 Corinthians 12). The Trinity exists as three related persons, with the Father as the source of personality in some sense.

Covenant is a Life-Love Bond.

Trinity means that God, although He is One, is not solitary. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit did not come to be but all three persons are eternal. The three persons are not interchangeable.



Each mutually depends on the others personal existence. The Bible says God is love. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit loved each other ever before there was any creation. It means that God's very essence is community. The statement "God is love" becomes meaningless without Trinity. What makes God 'God' is relationship. The life of God is Trinitarian covenantal life. It is a covenant of love in which each of the persons of the Trinity gives Himself wholly to the others, denies Himself to bless the others, and humbles Himself to glorify the others. Each acts to preserve the personal distinctions and boundaries of the others – none seeks to rob the others of glory or position. Covenant love also means a covenant jealously to preserve what is right. Love is the fulfilling of the whole covenant, the essence of the Law. The unity of God is so complete that it is not solitude enclosed in itself but rather absolute fullness of communication, communion, and service. These persons live in a living bond with one another, with the Spirit who moves between the Father and Son as the source of life bonding in some sense. This is a bond of friendship, of family relations. They have a relationship of utter self-denial, self-effacing humility, seeking the honour and glory, utter commitment and availability to the others.

In God Himself [three persons] the one does not exclude the other, but wholly includes Him. There is a total mutual love and indwelling of each one by the other two. There is a mutual indwelling in which the three so perfectly indwell one another in covenant unity that they share a life so intimate that they may be describable as processing a common consciousness and are always absolutely committed to a common will.

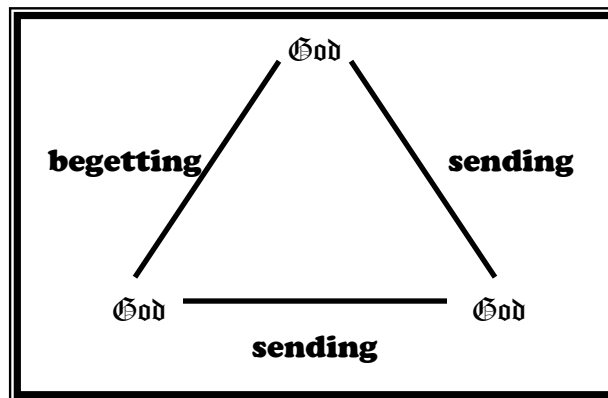
As God is community, human beings made in his image must be in community. We experience death when we are isolated from other people and from God. We often think of life as only being individual life. But there is no life apart from community (e.g. older people and cats and dogs). Life does not exist in isolation but only in bonded-ness with others. That is why those who are alive in hell are also "eternally dead" for they are cut off from God and from all other persons. We cannot make too much of this language of being cut off from the covenant or being strangers to the covenant, however, for ultimately it is not possible to be cut off from God entirely. Indeed, Revelation 14:10 says that that the lake of hell fire burns right in front of the throne of God, in the presence

of the Lamb. Men are either rightly or wrongly related to God. Such a bond is real – breaking it is painful and this pain is painful death. Therefore, we will call it a bond of life or a living bond.

Covenant is a Personal Structural Bond.

A *covenant* personal relationship that involves a bond and a structure. So, at its most basic level, a covenant is a personal and structural bond between two or more persons. The marriage covenant is a good example – two people are life-bonded together, in a structured relationship: the husband is the head who gives himself sacrificially to the wife who in turn subjects herself to him.

They also exist in a structure, with the Father as a Father to the Son, the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit.



When God created the universe the covenant already existing between Father, Son and Holy Ghost, was extended to the universe. God the Father is the Source of identity and particularly is the ultimate root of all things in the universe. God the Son is the Source of structure, the ultimate source of space and how specific things are placed in relation to one another in the universe. As the Word, He defines things. God the Holy Spirit is the Source of bonding and also of motion. He appears as the motion between the relationships in the Trinity.

God the Father spoke His Word (the Son) to creation and sent the Spirit into it. In the Old Covenant the Son-Word is not yet in the world but stands above it, and gives His Law-Word to it. But He will be in the world (Incarnation). So, covenant is the nature of God reflected in the structure and development of the world.

God's overflowing love was the basis for creation, for creating man in His image so that man could enjoy covenantal relationship with God. The meaning of creation is love. The Father redeems humanity for the Son (Luke 10:23; John 3:35); the Son worked in redemption "for the Father" (John 14:13; 1 Corinthians 15:24); the Spirit recreates for the Father and Son.

Creation is for the Son: the gift of the Father and the Spirit to the Son. (John 1:3, Colossians 1:16) The Father creates a Bride for the Son to love and cherish, the Spirit glorifies the Bride, the daughter-in-law, and prepares her for entrance into the Father's house.

Creation is for the Father: the gift of the Son and the Spirit to the Father. (1 Corinthians 8:6) The Son unites with creation with the Holy Spirit and offers to the Father a brother as keeper/teacher/older brother. He makes more sons and teaches them. With the Spirits work and guidance and makes them co-rulers.

Creation is for the Spirit: the gift of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit fills and indwells as the Lord and giver of Life; He receives a "house"/temple/city. (Genesis 1:2, 2:7; Exodus 40; 1 Kings 8:1-13; Ezekiel 40-48; Daniel 2:44-45; Acts 2; Revelation 21-22)

The three cooperate with each other, they glorify each other, they glorify creation, and they each share with and "gift" each other.

The act of creation is an inclusion and expression of the eternal so that non-divine persons enter into the covenant the Trinity enjoys. Love is the reason for man's existence and built into his very nature. God created man to participate in this divine fellowship.

"Inness" is a theme:

God is with God and God is with us (Immanuel)

Christ is in God and we are in Him (John 17:22)

God in us is a concept grounded in the Trinity (and we with him 17:22,26)

Covenant is the motion of God in History.

God is a Holy Family, a Holy Society and all human relationship and covenants reflect this ultimate root of covenant in the life of the Trinity. This is how God himself exists and so the ultimate root of covenant is in the life of the Trinity. Bishop Chartres says, "The idea of Trinity pervades the Scriptures and provides the very structure for

creation, reality, and our daily lives. God loves and sustains all of creation. This gift of life and love is an extension of a mysterious exchange at the heart of God Himself.”

Covenant expresses the goal of all creation because man, God’s image and representative, is destined to become covenantally one with the Trinity sharing the fellowship of love that is the life of the Trinity from all eternity. The final covenant conclusion is the realization of the goal of creation. The Trinity is the origin and the end of these relationships. We were created to participate in this life – now we are saved to participate in this life. God gives life as a gift for His creatures – HE creates the Daughter/Bride for the Son to add to the divine family.

The Spirit is in creation from the beginning. By the Spirit, God worked to fashion the earth to the point where it was ready to receive the Spirit in a special way. The Spirit entered into the dust of creation and formed mankind. Mankind is the face of creation in its personal relationship with God. We can say that the eternal covenant is “mediated” to the rest of creation through mankind. As goes man, so goes the world.

Jesus models life for us. The eternal Son hears and obeys. What He shows us in the flesh reveals the eternal nature of the Trinity. The life of Jesus gives us a powerful glimpse of the words and actions of God the Son to God the Father – insights into the Trinity. God loves God, God commands God, God obeys God, God gives to God, God receives from God, God speaks to God, God responds to God, God sacrifices Himself to God.

He does in life what He is eternally. He reveals the divine mode of life and existence. God’s expectation of obedience from us is found in God Himself. Love is obedience to the command of another and God is love. Other attributes we find in the Trinity – Faith, Hearing, Giving, Receiving, and Righteousness

God impresses His Triune character and nature upon the creation by the Holy Spirit. Heaven is the pattern (type) and the Spirit makes the pattern on earth. Each day God is pressing His character on the world more than the day before. For six days the Holy Spirit does it without us but then He dwells in us so that we start doing it to.

Analogy of the Father – *Persons, personal identity, uniqueness*

Analogy of the Son – *Structures – In Him all things hold together.*

Analogy of the Holy Spirit – Origin of time and history. Our time is a copy of the eternal movement between members of the Trinity.

Sometimes our talk about the nature of God being Three and yet One seems rather cerebral, abstract, and somewhat baffling but it is in fact a glimpse and vision of the very nature of God and His work among us. In our discussions about these things, at some point our language about God inevitably breaks down. As we express our thoughts about God we find He is beyond our categories language and our capacities to understand. We often recognize the presence of the Trinity, and encounter the mystery of God, but we can never adequately define Him. We must agree with Thomas Aquinas who ends his great work of Christian Theology, the Summa, with this phrase, “Everything flows out into mystery”.

The Eternal Covenant Applied to Redemption

Sometime in eternity...

God the Father: “I, the Most High, Yahweh, do hereby give unto My only begotten and well-beloved Son, a people countless beyond the number of the stars, who shall be by Him, washed from sin, by Him preserved, and kept, and led, and by Him, at last, presented before My throne, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.”

God the Son: “My Father, on my part I covenant that in the fullness of time I will become man. I will take upon Myself the form and nature of the fallen race, I will live perfectly. I will work out a spotless righteousness, which shall be acceptable to the demands of Thy just and holy law. In due time I will bear the sins of all My people. My Father, I covenant and promise that I will be obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. I will magnify Thy law, and make it honorable. I will suffer all they ought to have suffered. I will endure the curse of Thy law, and all the vials of Thy wrath shall be emptied and spent upon My head. I will then rise again; I will ascend into heaven; I will intercede for them at Thy right hand; I make myself responsible for every one of them, that not one of those whom Thou has given Me shall ever be lost, and I will bring all My sheep... safe to Thee at last.”

God the Spirit: “I hereby covenant that all whom the Father gives to the Son, I will in due time quicken. I will show them their need of redemption; I will cut off from them all groundless hope. I will bring them to the blood sprinkling; I will give them faith whereby this blood can be applied to them; I will work in them every grace; I will keep their faith alive; I will cleanse them and drive out all depravity from them, and they shall be presented at last spotless and faultless.”

-Charles Spurgeon-

The loving Triune Family graciously chose to bring others into the enjoyment of their life. Humanity is the "one" (made of many) gifted so as to be the wife of the Son and join the loving family. Humanity is not created so that the Son *can* love, but so that the loving God *might freely share his love* with others.

Major Covenants and Signs

A Vertical History

New Covenant <small>Gospels-Revelation</small> Hebrews 13:20 AM 3960 (AD 30)	Sabbath	Rainbow	Baptism Matthew 28:18-20 Colossians 2:11-15	Lord's Supper Luke 22:14-23 1 Corinth. 10:14-22	Throne
Restoration Covenant Jeremiah 31:31-34 32: 38-40 Darius yr. 2, mo. 11, day 24	“	“	“	“	“
Remnant Covenant Elijah - a new testament written, the writing prophets AM 3108	“	“	“	“	“
Davidic Covenant <small>1 Sam 11- Gospels</small> AM 2957/8	Sabbath	Rainbow	Circumcision	Passover	Throne 2 Samuel 7:12-14
Mosaic Covenant <small>Exo 12 - 1Sam 10</small> AM 2513 3rd mo 8 & 9	Sabbath	Rainbow	Circumcision	Passover Exodus 12:12 -14	
Abrahamic Covenant <small>Gen 12-Ex 11</small> Genesis 12 ?? Genesis 15 AM 2086	Sabbath	Rainbow	Circumcision Genesis 17:9-14		
Noahic Covenant <small>Gen 8-11</small> AM 1657 2nd mo.27 day	Sabbath	Rainbow Genesis 9:12-16			
Adamic Covenant <small>Gen 1-7</small> Day 6	Sabbath Genesis 2:2,3				

Adamic/Creation/Dominion Covenant - Sabbath

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. **Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.**

Noahic Covenant - Rainbow

Genesis 9:12 - 16 And God said: "This is **the sign of the covenant** which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, **for perpetual generations**: I set **My rainbow** in the cloud, and it shall be for **the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth**. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and **I will remember** My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember **the everlasting covenant** between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Abrahamic Covenant - Circumcision

Genesis 17:9-14 And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. **This is My covenant which you shall keep**, between Me and you and your descendants after you: **Every male child among you shall be circumcised**; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and **it shall be a sign** of the covenant between Me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, **and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant**. And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

Mosaic Covenant - Passover

Exodus 12:12-14 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Now **the blood shall be a sign for you** on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. So this day **shall be to you a memorial**; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by **an everlasting ordinance**.

Davidic Covenant - Throne

2 Samuel 7:12-15 When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**. I will be 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...

New Covenant - Retains all the signs except the ones with blood

Jeremiah 32: 38-40 "They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make **an everlasting covenant** with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of **the everlasting covenant**...

Holy War: Basic Swordsmanship

Session 4

We saw last time –

The members of the Trinity gift one another with creation:

Father and Spirit make a Bride for the Son

Son and Spirit bring many Sons to the Father

Father and Son make a house, dwelling, temple/city for the Spirit

Covenant is a life/love bond between the members of the Trinity

God is love.

Holy Spirit is the motion of relationship in the Trinity in some sense.

Covenant is a personal /structural bond between members of the Trinity.

Father eternally begets Son

Father sends Spirit

Son sends Spirit

Covenant is the motion of God in History

Holy Spirit is sent into creation to move all things to their appointed ends.

Love is our purpose and destiny.

Son is sent at the incarnation

God the Father is the source of identity and particularly is the ultimate root of all things in the universe.

God the Son – the Source of structure, ultimate source of space and how specific things are placed in relationship to one another.

God the Spirit – the Source of bonding and also of motion.

God exists as a community or society. All human relationship and covenants reflect the root of God's covenant life in the Trinity. Regardless of the terms of any covenant God's goal is the Father/Son relationship.

God is eternally mature while creation was made without form, empty, dark, and destined to become mature. The creation develops toward full maturity. Maturation is a copy of something in God. Men are made from the dust of the earth and destined for glory.

God moves history through stages of growth and development, through a series of covenants.

God has given us a written document, His covenant Word, that is the basis of our relationship with Him. The Covenant tells us how love will behave. (As creatures made in His image we should do the same when we enter agreements with other people. The we have marriage covenants, political contracts, business contracts.)

Many people today use the terms contract and covenant in a synonymous manner. A contract is a trade in which each party seeks to benefit. A covenant is the reverse: I give things

up for you; you give things up for me. A contract is for reciprocal profit; a covenant is for reciprocal sacrifice (e.g. marriage). Thus, in marriage the wife sacrifices her independence, vowing to obey, and the husband gives up his estate, vowing to "worship" [serve] her with his "body" [his possessions]. ["With my body I thee worship" is the ancient vow of the husband.]

The Bible is a covenant document. God speaks and man, as God's image, is created with an ability to hear and understand God's speech. In fact, men cannot help but understand God's speech. Man's mind was made to fit God's words as a glove fits a hand.

God writes. Writing is different than speech in that speech is permanent. Frail memories often distort what was heard but writing creates a memorial. The phenomenon of artificial memory is much in the news these days, as psychiatrists stimulate people to "remember" being sexually abused as children, being forced to worship Satan, etc. Others "remember" previous lives. The game of Gossip is based on the fact that information changes as it is transmitted orally: The first player whispers a sentence into the ear of the person sitting next to him or her, who then whispers it into his or her neighbor, and so on around the ring until it gets back to the original whisperer, generally garbled and distorted. Yahweh writes, He dictates, He inspires, HE reveals.

This written Word of God is not, however, a book of timeless philosophy, nor is it merely a book of historical events. It is a covenant document composed of a series of covenants. And covenants initiate history.

Covenant-Initiated History

Before you were married (assuming for the moment that you are), you had a certain history before you. The day you were married, you entered into a covenant that changed that future history. That marriage covenant dictated certain conditions, which would make your life different from then on. That marriage covenant, thus, changed history by redirecting it. The same is true of the contract(s) that created the United States of America. The same is true of each amendment to the Constitution. The same is true of a business partnership contract.

The really big movements in history are created by documents, by words, that set in motion historical change. Given that God is a God who writes covenants, and moves history forward along His plan by means of such covenants, we should be very surprised if these covenants were not dated. In fact, of course, they are dated, often very precisely.

Three things offend the modern mind. It is bad enough that Christians believe in a God who speaks; it is worse that Christians believe in a God who does not leave things to oral tradition but actually writes things down. But it seems to be supremely offensive to believe in a God who actually dates His writings. That is, nonetheless, exactly what God has done.

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Five-fold pattern of God's work and Six-fold pattern of man's work - from James Jordan in his book *Through New Eyes*

Five fold cycle from Peter Leithart in his book *A House for My Name*.

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A Summary of Old Testament Chronology

by James B. Jordan

Session 5

1. Genesis 1 must be taken as six normal days; there is no gap between Genesis 1:1 & 2; and there are no gaps in the chronology of Genesis 5. This puts the Flood in the year Anno Mundi (year of the world) 1656 (BC 2:3 & 3:6). Hermeneutics: we need the Bible to tell us how to read.
2. There are no gaps in the chronology of Genesis 11, and a comparison of Genesis 11:26 with Acts 7:4 puts the birth of Abram in A.M. 2008 (BC 2:4, 5, & 6). Again the text gives us no clues otherwise.
3. **Exodus 12:40-41** says that Israel was in Egypt 430 years, and a careful study of Genesis, together with Numbers 26:59 and Galatians 3:17 reveals that the Egyptian domination began with Abram's first descent into Egypt (Genesis 12). The exodus from Egypt came in A.M. 2513 (BC 2:7).
4. **1 Kings 6:1** states that the fourth year of Solomon was the 480th year after the exodus from Egypt. In this year, A.M. 2993, the foundations of the Temple were laid. The Temple was completed seven years later, A.M. 3000 (1 Kings 6:38). If we add up the years of the judges in the book of Judges, we come up with more than 480 years, but a careful reading of Judges shows which judges ruled conterminously (BC 2:8; 3:7 & 8).
5. A careful study of the chronology of the kings of Israel and Judah yielded the following results. First, the definitive "Adamic chronology" is tied to the Temple-maintaining kings of Judah. Second, the destruction of Jerusalem came in A.M. 3425 (or thereabouts) (BC 3:9 - 4:7). Third, current Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias err in the way they attempt to reconcile Biblical chronology with the Assyrian King Lists (BC 4:1-3).
6. **Daniel 9:24-27** speaks of two prophetic periods for the people of God, focusing on the coming of the last Adam. The first, 49 years in length, carries through the reign of good emperor Darius, who is also the Artaxerxes of Ezra-Nehemiah, and probably also the Ahasuerus of Esther (BC 3:2-5).
7. **Daniel's 70 weeks** should be seen as weeks of years, and should be taken literally. They must start with the decree of Cyrus in A.M. 3474 (or thereabouts). The chronology of the time between Cyrus and Christ that has been used in the Church for centuries is based on the very questionable chronology of Ptolemy. There are many reasons to question it, and good reasons to favor taking Daniel 9's chronology literally (BC 2:1, 11 & 12; 3:1).
8. The chronology carries us to the **crucifixion of Jesus Christ** mid-way through the 70th week of Daniel 9:24-27, which is A.M. 3960. If this happened in A.D. 30, the destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem, which was in A.D. 70, happened in A.M. 4000 (BC 4:7).

A General Chronology of the OC

- The Days of Genesis are literal days as we understand days.
- When did Adam Fall? Not the sixth day but maybe the evening (night) of the first Sabbath day.
- Cain murders Abel
Possibly around AM 130 because it seems that Seth was born soon after
The sacrifice was offered after many days - end of harvest and thus means in the autumn.
- Genesis genealogies have no gaps.

0	3932 BC	Adam created
125?	3807 BC	Cain kills Abel
130	3802 BC	Seth was born
930	3002 BC	Adam died
1056	2876 BC	Noah born (10th generation)
1556	2376 BC	Japheth was born
1558	2374 BC	Shem was born. Shem died when Abraham was 150. He outlived Sarah by 13 years. Isaac and Rebekah had been married 10 years.
1656	2276 BC	The Flood/Methuselah died
1657	2275 BC	End of the Flood (1657 = 33 jubilees of 50 years each plus seven years)
1658	2274 BC	Arpachshad was born. Abraham was 86 when Arpachshad died.
1723	2209 BC	Eber was born. Eber outlived Abram by 4 yrs. Jacob and Esau were 19 when Eber died.
1757	2175 BC	Peleg was born
1787	2145 BC	Reu was born
1819	2113 BC	Serug was born
1849	2083 BC	Nahor was born
1871?	2061 BC	Tower of Babel
1878	2054 BC	Terah born
1948	1984 BC	Either Haran or Nahor ben Terah was born
1996	1936 BC	Peleg died
1997	1935 BC	Nahor died

2006	1926 BC	Noah died
2008	1924 BC	Abram was born
2513	1419 BC	Exodus from Egypt
3000	932 BC	Solomon's Temple completed
3425	507 BC	Destruction of Jerusalem
3960	AD 30	Crucifixion/Resurrection
4000	AD 70	Destruction of Temple and Jerusalem

Ways to View the Bible Story

Two Phases

ETERNAL COVENANT

Old Covenant – Old Creation – Garden – Separation—Maturing

- Formless-void, dark
- Fill, enlighten
- Day two – heaven and earth separated by firmament. The Son has not entered history through the incarnation/
- Adam and Eve – Separated and reunited
- The Law a tutor – we are children, schoolmaster & pupils
- After Fall - Shut up under sin. The Likeness of God is lost.

New Covenant – New Creation – City – Reunification—Fulfillment

- When does the new Covenant really begin? Jeremiah 31:23-34
- Incarnation – reunites heaven and earth in the person of Christ. Revelation the firmament is removed.
- The Regeneration
- Redemption
- Old things have passed away, all things are becoming new.

Two Phases – See Four Canons Chart

Former Days (up to the exile – focus primarily on Israel)

Zechariah 8:10-12 NASB

¹⁰For before those days there was no wage for man or any wage for animal; and for him who went out or came in there was no peace because of his enemies, and I set all men one against another.

¹¹'But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the **former days**,' declares the LORD of hosts.

¹²For there will be peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

Latter Days (after the exile – international focus broadens)

Isaiah 2:2-4

2Now it will come about that

In the last days

The mountain of the house of the LORD

Will be established as the chief of the mountains,

And will be raised above the hills;

And all the nations will stream to it.

3And many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

To the house of the God of Jacob;

That He may teach us concerning His ways

And that we may walk in His paths."

For the law will go forth from Zion

And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4And He will judge between the nations,

And will render decisions for many peoples;

And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,

And never again will they learn war.

9:11

Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries from Rezin

And spurs their enemies on,

The Arameans on the east and the Philistines on the west;

And they devour Israel with gaping jaws

In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away

And His hand is still stretched out.

59:21

"As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the LORD, "from now and forever."

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Ezekiel 11:16-21

"Therefore say, Thus says the Lord GOD, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone. Therefore say, Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it. "And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God. "But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will bring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord GOD.

26:24-33

"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations. I am not doing this for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

"Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

Daniel 10:14

"Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future."

Micah 4:1

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It will be raised above the hills,
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Three Phases – See Jordan’s Chart

The three falls of mankind are answered in subsequent history:

Age of the Father - Beginning to Sinai—

The Father is the Initiative, Source, beginnings, identity. God=the father of Adam
Fall of Father Adam and whole human race, garden sanctuary lost
Adam is the first priest the first ruler the first husband and the first father
Age of the Patriarchs—restoration of Fatherhood and godly rule
Restoration of Father in Noah – Rule of World is given to the
Righteous – altar worship begins (ascensions)
Abraham – Righteous Father of a multitude (Abraham=exalted Father)
Restoration of True Worship
Altars placed throughout the land.
Adam’s sin in Edenic garden sanctuary. Sin against the Father sacrilege.

Age of the Son - Sinai to Pentecost

Husband King betroths Israel and structures his people. Provides a ‘constitution’, a written covenant structure. The tabernacle/temple [garden] is restored, priest (Malchizedek, Aaron, Hebrew’s High Priest), king, prophet, culminates in the Son’s incarnation. Prophet, priest and King are all images of the Son.

Betrothal Language

Age of the Holy Spirit - Pentecost to Present

The word and regeneration, beautification of the Bride, Mobile Living Stone Temple, power for proclamation.

As each age comes to a close, before it ends, the seeds for the beginning of the next have already been planted.

Four Phases – See Four Canons Chart

These divisions are related to the division of the four canons of Scripture which are related to the faces of the cherub angels – angels are the ministers of God.

Priest (Ox) – Beginning to Joshua – Living in the Father’s House. Law is given, house provided.

King (Lion) – Judges to Wisdom Literature - Ruling the Israel. There was no king.

Prophet (Eagle) – Writing Prophets to Christ - Expand to the Nations

Whole Man (Man) – Christ to Present - Fill the World

The Scriptures are given to us in stages because the Church was to be thoroughly acquainted with the previous revelation. Each new canon assumes knowledge of all that was written before.

Five Phases – See Leithart’s Chart

Notice the five-fold patterns suggested earlier in our discussion about covenant.

Creation to Patriarchs/Moses

Exodus to Conquest

Conquest to Return of the Ark/David

David to Return from Exile

Exile to A.D. 70

Six Phases - Major Covenants and Signs – See McNamara’s Chart

Adamic or Creation Covenant (Genesis 1-7)

Genesis 1:26-2:25

Noahic Covenant (Genesis 8-11)

Genesis 8:20-9:17

Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12-Exodus 11)

Genesis 12, 15, 17

Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 11-1 Samuel 10)

Exodus 11, 19-20, Deuteronomy 5

Davidic Covenant (1 Samuel 11- Gospels)

2 Samuel 7:12-14, 1Kings 9:1-9

New Covenant (Gospels-Revelation)

Luke 22:14-23; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17;

Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 2:11-15

Seven Phases – Seven Worlds

Creation/Garden

Genesis 1 - 5

Patriarchs/Altar	Genesis 9 - Exodus 18
Tribes/Tabernacle/David's Tent	Exodus 19 - 2 Samuel 24
Kingdom/Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 1 – 2 Kings 25
Oikomene/Ezekiel's Visual Temple	Ezekiel 40 – 48
followed by the smaller Temple built on site of Solomon's Temple then the massive Herod's Temple on the same site.	
World/People Temple	Acts 1 - present
Final Coming/Eternal City	????????????????

The Former Days

(One Nation)

The Latter Days

(International)

OX	Priest Palace-servant Rules to follow	Ear Hearing Listening	Law and Dictation	Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy Joshua	Matthew	Jesus is a new Moses and priest (lawgiver).
LION	King Vice-regent Acts and rules over the world. Reflectively applies rules.	Hand Doing/Action Wisdom - e.g. applying knowledge	Psalms Inspiration Wisdom Lit Our response to the Law	Judges Ruth Samuel 1 Kings 1-11 Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	Mark	Jesus is a new David- He heals and battles evil & suffering. The servant King
EAGLE	Prophet "Rules" for the world Tears down old worlds and initiates new ones.	Foot Going Go to the nations	Prophecy Dictation	Kings Esther Chronicles/ Ezra/ Nehemiah The Prophets	Luke	Jesus is a new Elisha, More traveling attention to gentiles and women
MAN	Son of God Establishes new creation as Priest, King, and Prophet	Whole Man	Analysis Inspiration	Matthew to Revelation	John	Jesus is a world creator, the fullness of being, the image of God

The Faces of the Cherubim.

Ezekiel 1:10 (4-24)

As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Revelation 4:7 (6-8)

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf (ox), and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Angels/cherubim oversaw human history until the coming of our maturity in Christ.

Acts 7:52-53

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: **Who have received the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept it.

Galatians 3:

What then is the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained (put into effect) by **angels** in the hand of a mediator.

Hebrews 1

And of the **angels** he says, Who makes his **angels** spirits, and his **ministers** a flame of fire.

You will find the ox and lion faces on various pieces of furniture in Solomon's temple, representing priest and king. The eagle and human faces do not emerge until Ezekiel. The eagle is associated both with prophecy and with the world emperor. With the coming of the New Creation, the angelic/animal faces give way to the human face.

See also Revelation 7:1-2, 11; 8:2, 6, 13; 9:14-15; 12:7-9

A Suggested Pattern for Organizing the Bible

Peter Leithart

Creation	Fall	Initial Judgment	Decline	Final Judgment	Recreation
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Exodus	Rebellion at Kadesh	No entry into land	40 years of wandering	Death of first Generation	Conquest of Canaan
Conquest/ Inhabit	Failure to conquer	Nations remain	Period of Judges	Capture of Ark	Return of Ark
David/ Solomon	Solomon's Decline	Division of Kingdom	Divided Kingdom	Exile	Return from Exile
Return from Exile	Jews reject Jesus	Jesus turns to Gentiles	Jews reject Apostles	Jerusalem destroyed A.D. 70	Church New Heavens/Earth*

*40 year period of closing old age and full establishment of the new

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Elohim – Defined

The first word for God in Hebrew is *Elohim*, which is a plural word. When used of the Creator of heaven and earth, it implies the Tri-unity of God. Since, however, human beings are made in the image and likeness of Elohim, it is appropriate to call human beings *elohim*. The Hebrew singular word *el* refers to might or power. Thus, the *elohim* are the "powers," and Elohim is the ultimate Power.

What we find is that only certain human beings are called *elohim*, those who have matured to the point of exercising judgment and rule. It is such men who display God's Elohim-rule over the earth. Paul's phrase "the powers that be," or "authorities on high" (Rom. 13:1-3) is virtually equivalent to the Hebrew "*elohim*," gods.

Specifically, who are the other gods that actually exist? First, they are the angels, who have been given some rule over human affairs during the Old Creation, when humanity was in its childhood. The Bible calls angels "sons of *elohim*," or "sons of God" (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7). If you are a son of God, you are in some sense a god yourself.

The Bible says that the Torah was given through the ministry of angels (Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2). No such gods were to be worshipped. Fallen angels, like Satan, might seek to receive divine honors themselves (Mt. 4:9), and human beings, being idolaters, might seek to give divine honors even to unfallen angels; even the righteous might fall into this trap (Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9).

The other group of gods that really exist are human rulers. Psalm 58:1 begins: "Do you speak righteousness indeed, O gods? Do you judge uprightly the sons of men?" (or, "Do you judge uprightly, you sons of men?") Whichever translation we take, it is clear that men are here addressed as gods. In the first case, they are the human gods who judge other men. In the second case, they are identified as sons of men. The psalm contrasts the false judgment of these gods with the true judgment of the ultimate Elohim (v. 11).

Psalm 82 begins: "Elohim takes His stand in the congregation of the *elohim*; He judges in the midst of the *elohim*." Verses 2-4 make it clear that this assembly of gods is a human law court. In verses 6 & 7 God says to these gods: "I on My part said, `You are gods, and all of you are sons of the Most High'; nevertheless, you will die like men and fall like one of the princes." We see from this that becoming a god is at God's appointment. (Cf. John 10:34).

Similarly, Philippians 2:6 says that Jesus, being incarnated in the form or image of God, did not try to grasp equality with God (as Adam did), but remained humble until God exalted Him.

The judges of Israel are called 'elohim', or 'gods', in Exodus 21:6; 22:8, 9, & 28.

Because Mormons and other heretics speak of human beings as gods or as little gods in the sense of being literal offspring of Mr. and Mrs. God, orthodox Christians have been very reluctant to deal with these passages in the Bible. We must not, however, permit heretics to bully us away from Biblical language and concepts. Adam was made in God's image, and in His likeness. It seems clear that the likeness is something that might increase with maturity, for in Genesis 3 the tempter suggests that Adam seize greater Godlikeness, and God even says that Adam has become like "one of Us." Partaking of the Tree of Rule makes a person a god in the secondary sense, a ruler and a judge. Adam seized this station without waiting for God to bestow it upon him.

Thus, in terms of Biblical language, it would be appropriate for us to speak to Congress and say, "You men are gods, under God's appointment. You'd better shape up or you will die like mere men!"

Session 4 – Notes

We saw last time –

The members of the Trinity gift one another with creation:

Father and Spirit make a Bride for the Son

Son and Spirit bring many Sons to the Father

Father and Son make a house, dwelling, temple/city for the Spirit

Covenant is a life/love bond between the members of the Trinity

God is love.

Holy Spirit is the motion of relationship in the Trinity in some sense.

Covenant is a personal /structural bond between members of the Trinity.

Father eternally begets Son

Father sends Spirit

Son sends Spirit

Covenant is the motion of God in History

Holy Spirit is sent into creation to move all things to their appointed ends.

Love is our purpose and destiny.

Son is sent at the incarnation

God the Father is the source of identity and particularly is the ultimate root of all things in the universe.

God the Son – the Source of structure, ultimate source of space and how specific things are placed in relationship to one another.

God the Spirit – the Source of bonding and also of motion.

God exists as a community or society. All human relationship and covenants reflect the root of God's covenant life in the Trinity. Regardless of the terms of any covenant God's goal is the Father/Son relationship.

God is eternally mature while creation was made without form, empty, dark, and destined to become mature. The creation develops toward full maturity. Maturation is a copy of something in God. Men are made from the dust of the earth and destined for glory.

God moves history through stages of growth and development, through a series of covenants.

God has given us a written document, His covenant Word, that is the basis of our relationship with Him. The Covenant tells us how love will behave. (As creatures made in His image we should do the same when we enter agreements with other people. The we have marriage covenants, political contracts, business contracts.)

Many people today use the terms contract and covenant in a synonymous manner. A contract is a trade in which each party seeks to benefit. A covenant is the reverse: I give things

up for you; you give things up for me. A contract is for reciprocal profit; a covenant is for reciprocal sacrifice (e.g. marriage). Thus, in marriage the wife sacrifices her independence, vowing to obey, and the husband gives up his estate, vowing to "worship" [serve] her with his "body" [his possessions]. ["With my body I thee worship" is the ancient vow of the husband.]

The Bible is a covenant document. God speaks and man, as God's image, is created with an ability to hear and understand God's speech. In fact, men cannot help but understand God's speech. Man's mind was made to fit God's words as a glove fits a hand.

God writes. Writing is different than speech in that speech is permanent. Frail memories often distort what was heard but writing creates a memorial. The phenomenon of artificial memory is much in the news these days, as psychiatrists stimulate people to "remember" being sexually abused as children, being forced to worship Satan, etc. Others "remember" previous lives. The game of Gossip is based on the fact that information changes as it is transmitted orally: The first player whispers a sentence into the ear of the person sitting next to him or her, who then whispers it into his or her neighbor, and so on around the ring until it gets back to the original whisperer, generally garbled and distorted. Yahweh writes, He dictates, He inspires, HE reveals.

This written Word of God is not, however, a book of timeless philosophy, nor is it merely a book of historical events. It is a covenant document composed of a series of covenants. And covenants initiate history.

Covenant-Initiated History

Before you were married (assuming for the moment that you are), you had a certain history before you. The day you were marriage, you entered into a covenant that changed that future history. That marriage covenant dictated certain conditions, which would make your life different from then on. That marriage covenant, thus, changed history by redirecting it. The same is true of the contract(s) that created the United States of America. The same is true of each amendment to the Constitution. The same is true of a business partnership contract.

The really big movements in history are created by documents, by words, that set in motion historical change. Given that God is a God who writes covenants, and moves history forward along His plan by means of such covenants, we should be very surprised if these covenants were not dated. In fact, of course, they are dated, often very precisely.

Three things offend the modern mind. It is bad enough that Christians believe in a God who speaks; it is worse that Christians believe in a God who does not leave things to oral tradition but actually writes things down. But it seems to be supremely offensive to believe in a God who actually dates His writings. That is, nonetheless, exactly what God has done.

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Hungry Man in God's Garden

Preliminary- The One Book. The Bible is a through written seamless book, one book, one author, one revelation, one plan and purpose revealed.

Covenant – Personal-structural bond, corporate-structural bond, life-love bond.

Geography of the first world - Three zones of ancient geography:

Garden sanctuary (trees, water, meet with God, apparently walled and with an entrance)

The land or homeland around the garden sanctuary, Eden proper, rocks and gold.

The world outside of Eden.

Two Commands

It is interesting that two commandments are given to Adam:

“Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.”

And second only to this very important, defining command is a commandment regarding food, God gives Adam instructions about eating: Genesis 1:29

“All the trees” and “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil....”

Man is a Hungry Being

Man is created with a hunger for things in the world.

All that exists is God's gift to man

To make God known to man

To make man's life communion with God.

Love made all things.

Love made life for man

Love made food

God blesses everything He creates

He makes all of creation as a sign and means of His presence and wisdom, His love and revelation. Sacramental – He communicates truth and life through created things.

The whole world is given by God as communion with God.

Man is a hungry being, he is hungry for things in creation, but ultimately he is hungry for God. Behind all desire is a desire for Him.

The Sacramental Nature of Life

The whole creation depends on food. Life from death.

Man receives God's life and blessings through creation and he is to bless God, to give praiseful gratitude, to give his life back to God.

To bless is a way of life (in everything give thanks.) God blessed the world and filled it with His genius, goodness, and love. He gave us a blessed, holy and sanctified world.

He sees God's genius, goodness, and love.

Man sees God's genius, goodness, and love and Man's natural reaction is to bless the Lord (Psalm 103).

Man sees the meaning of his hunger and the purpose of his thirst – he is *homo adorans* – 'man the worshipper' before he is *homo sapiens* – 'man the thinker.' His whole life yearns for God and lives in response to Him.

Sacramental Trees

Two special trees in the garden sanctuary chosen by God to communicate certain qualities, gifts, or graces to Adam.

The tree of life – the quality of living forever, given regularly

The tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil.

Open one's eyes

Become god like

Know good and evil

Death – not in the sense that we normally think of it as the death from corruption but death from transformation like Enoch, or Elijah, like the "death of the child".

Represented maturity and I believe the office of Prophet/Judge.

Adam given kingly mandate to subdue, naming (to understand the value and place, the meaning and function) and possess, a priestly mandate to care for, nourish, the garden sanctuary (Genesis 2:) included in that word is the meaning: to guard or protect., but he is not given the prophet/judge office, not yet.

Man, the king/priest.

- i. He receives life from God.*
 - ii. He receives the world from with thanksgiving,*
 - iii. He is transformed by the world and transforms the world. He labors under God's direction and returns the fruit of his labor to God as worship for evaluation.*
 - iv. The life man receives from the world is transformed into communion with God.*
- E. The dependence of man on the world is to be transformed into communion with God.

The Fall

The Fall centers on food, the sacramental food of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

All the trees were good for food but this fruit was not blessed for Adam's use.

Adam could not receive this fruit with thanksgiving as a love gift from God because had not yet given it to him

Adam could not receive blessing and life from this fruit because God had forbidden it.

Three aspects to this one event. (See chart)

Adam loved the world for itself. The significance here is not primarily that he chose the world instead for God but that he chose the world without God. He chooses life without God he communes with the creation alone. And so we see that the world became an end in itself. The life of the world Adam appropriates for himself without regard to the desire and commandment of God.

Adam sought knowledge not given him by God (occultism). This knowledge of good and evil.

Adam reached for position before God was ready to give it to him.

Adam did not trust God for the future so he tried to steal it.

Priest – Canon 1

- Priest = Palace servant
- Priests live in
- Ox is a domesticated servant animal
- Israel is called to be a priesthood for the world.
- Levites are called to a special priesthood among the people of God.
- Israel is God's house/tabernacle/dwelling place. Tent and people
- God gives rules for living in his house for worship, love, and living together.
- Ear
- Serving as we are told, learning the ways of the house, the mind and expectations of the householder: Moses and Jesus (Hebrews 2)

~350 years

King – Canon 2 ends with Wisdom Literature.

- Kings apply the law to life in the land
- The hand accomplishing the tasks of governing the people, godly dominion and extending kingdom into the world. Other peoples are conquered. Tyre becomes a God-fearing nation.
- Lion
- The Temple is built bigger and better.
- The king's house is adjacent to the throne of YHWH.
- Wisdom Literature is reflections and kingly application of law.
- Hand – Taking dominion, kingdom work, Israel's borders extended
- Bad king Saul, Good king David – a type of Christ

~200 Years

Prophet – Canon 3 – The Writing Prophets ending with Malachi

- Eagle – Flies over and sees the broad picture
- World creators and destroyers
- Focus on the nations/later empires
- Israel destroyed focus on empire begins
- Empires are protectors of the Church (Esther)
- Synagogues begin and the law goes forth out of Zion
- Foot – go into the world

~ 430 Years

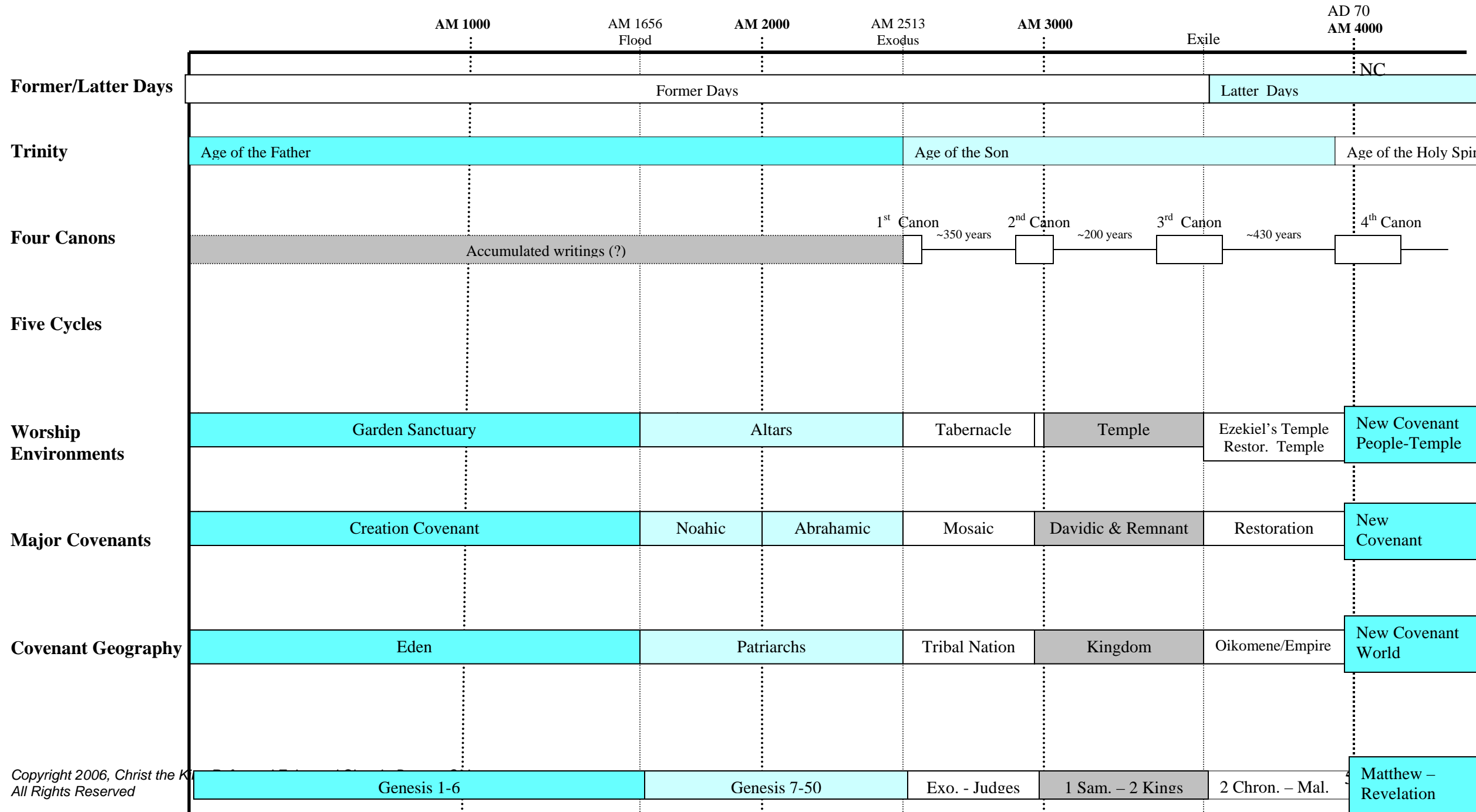
Man - Canon 4 – The Greek Writings

- Priest, King and Prophet are summed up in Christ the true man
- Fulfillment in the person of Christ the King Reformed Episcopal Church
- The body of Christ is the new Adam
- New heavens and earth
- Man is restored more fully to his place of dominion
- New priesthood
- New kingdom/holy nation
- Go into all the world

COVENANT OVERVIEW SUMMARY CHART

<p>Creation Covenant</p> <p>Adam and Eve, seed</p> <p>Be fruitful multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.</p> <p>Sabbath</p> <p>Garden Sanctuary Sacramental Trees Scheduled Visits (Fall happens early on the Sabbath day)</p> <p>Food Rules All grain and fruit bearing plants given for food TOKOGAE – temporarily forbidden Clean and unclean animals</p> <p>3 Falls Adam and Eve Kicked out of garden sanctuary into the land Animal coverings Curses and consequences</p> <p>Drawing near – Cain and Abel - Acceptable sacrifices Cain kills Abel Kicked out of land into world</p> <p>Garden sanctuary worship lost. Sons of God (Seth’s line) intermarry Wickedness matures Kicked off the world</p>	<p>Noah (New Adam-Father) Noah, (righteous ruler), sons (Shem), and wives</p> <p>Be fruitful, increase in number and fill the earth. Accounting for blood, both man and animal – capital sentence for murder Covenant with Noah, his seed, and every living creature – never again will flood cut off life and destroy the earth</p> <p>Rainbow causes Elohim to remember</p> <p>Altar worship No sanctuary YHWHism, idolatry</p> <p>Food Rules Animals fear and dread man Every beast of earth, flyers, all that moves on the ground, and fish of the sea are given into the hands of man; they are now given as food for man. Flesh with its life, the blood, must not be eaten.</p> <p>Shem is the godly line.</p> <p>Seventy Nations Repopulation of the world - Diversity by design.</p> <p>Rebellion against the dominion mandate – tower of Babel.</p>	<p>Abraham Father of Multitude</p> <p>Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, tribal heads</p> <p>YHWH will make him a great nation and bless him YHWH will make his name great and he will be a blessing. All the peoples of the earth will be blessed through him. Fill the world with godly seed.</p> <p>Isaac is the promised seed, covenant headship, godly line</p> <p>Father of many nations. Kings will come from him. The covenant is between Abraham and his seed, and the generations after them, to be their God and to give them the land.</p> <p>Circumcision of every male A covenant ‘in your flesh’ Natural born or servants Not circumcised => cut off. Sarah also blessed.</p> <p>Altar worship continues</p> <p>No new food rules</p> <p>Moves from world to Land</p> <p>Covenant headship passes to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph - descent into Egypt, eventual enslavement, pogrom to exterminate</p>	<p>Moses</p> <p>Moses, Joshua, elders, judges, Priesthood</p> <p>Israel constituted as a tribal nation. Judge system begins. Law is given. Land use laws.</p> <p>Elohim remembers and delivers the people. Passover and Exodus. Baptized in Red Sea.</p> <p>YHWH renews his covenant with his people. Law is given. Book of the Covenant is read and people agree to obey, ascension and communion offerings, sprinkled ‘blood of the covenant. Blessings/curses</p> <p>Tabernacle worship Liturgical Calendar. Rules for worship Sacrificial worship expanded Aaronic priesthood</p> <p>Food rules Clean and unclean Blood again forbidden. Eating and drinking for priest and sacrifices. Eating and drinking for celebrations</p> <p>Return to land</p> <p>Judges – cycle of sin, oppression, repentance, and deliverance</p>
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<p>David</p> <p>David, Solomon, kings, Priesthood, Prophets</p> <p>Israel reorganized to kingdom. God chooses Jerusalem as the place where He will put His Name. Wisdom literature is written.</p> <p>YHWH will make David's name great. God will establish David's house. Raise up seed, a promised son, Solomon, to build the new house for His Name. and bring peace. The Lord will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.</p> <p>Temple worship Music, instruments, Psalter calls the nations to worship Levitical orders are expanded</p> <p>No new food rules</p> <p>Israel's borders are expanded and under Solomon Israel knows rest</p> <p>Kingdom divides under Rehoboam. Both Israel, and Judah succumb to idolatry. God uses empires to judge, Jerusalem is destroyed, Israel is exiled for 70 years. Upon returning the nation is never reconstituted. Focus turns to empires.</p>	<p>Restoration Covenant</p> <p>Ezra, Nehemiah, Zerrubabel, Joshua, Priests and Levites in exile.</p> <p>Oikomene Tribal distinctions maintained but loosely since not connected to Land. Israel is never again a nation (with one small exception) The focus is now the oikomene – the wider realm of empires. The world is prepared for the coming of Christ and the spread of the gospel.</p> <p>Ezekiel's Exilic, Visual Temple Never built or intended to be built Gloriously big, many more gates, more people from the nations will be coming to worship. Glory of the Lord enters. Spatial restrictions retained Special clothes for worship. Living water river from the temple. Priests are also judges. Prince</p> <p>Food Rules Grain, sin and guilt offerings are eaten (not before). Priest may not eat things found dead or torn.</p> <p>Rebuilt (less glorious) Temple A center for worship God is present but glory cloud is never seen. Priesthood takes on a greater scope.</p> <p>Synagogues Law goes forth out of Zion to the exiles.</p> <p>Boundaries of the land and division of tribal allotments are different</p>	<p>New Covenant</p> <p>Old covenant is fulfilled in the person of the Promised Son. Apostles, prophets, the historic episcopacy (bishop, presbyter, deacon)</p> <p>World A new heavens and earth, new creation The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. The world is cleansed and commission is to go into all the world conquering in the Name of Jesus. Men from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.</p> <p>New Covenant Living Stone Temple/New Jerusalem Glory comes without the cloud on Pentecost. Temple becomes moveable again. Bloody sacrifices fulfilled in Christ Liturgical feasts fulfilled in Christ. Basic disciplines of prayer retained. Holy Communion as new memorial and sacrificial offering. Circumcision replaced by Baptism All nations will worship.</p> <p>Food Rules All animals clean. Wine (blood – the blood of Christ) is now consumed by New Covenant priesthood in worship. Requirement to eat the body of Christ (bread) and drink His blood (wine).</p> <p>. Promises to Adam are kept. Promises to Noah are kept Promises to Abraham kept. Promises to Moses kept. Promises to David kept. The promises spoken through the prophets are kept.</p>
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YHWH (or JHVH) DEFINED

The Hebrew, transliterated here as YHWH (or JHVH) is called the **tetragrammaton** - the 4 letters.

In the original Hebrew there are only consonants, so much debate has ensued about the proper vowel pointing – that is, which vowels should be used and where. There are no exact sound equivalents for some Hebrew consonants so we have a variety of opinions: Jehovah, Jahve(h), or Yahweh. Yahweh appears to be the ‘majority’ choice at this time.

The name is first encountered in **Genesis 2:4**:

*These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that **YHWH Elohim** made the earth and the heavens.*

The meaning of the Name comes more fully to us in **Exodus 3:13-15**:

13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

*15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'YHWH, the God [Elohim] of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' **This is my name forever**, and thus I am to be **remembered [and this is my memorial]** throughout all generations."*

The Name is variously translated legitimately: **I am what I am, or I am who I am, or I am that I am, or I will be what I will be.**

The Name speaks of the eternal constancy, unchanging nature, and integrity of God, that He is forever faithful, that His words are true, that He is a Father who keeps His covenant promises. It is God’s covenant Name.

The use of YHWH in Genesis 2:4 indicates that the Covenant Lord is making a covenant with His creation, especially with the adam.

The word ‘memorial’ is connected with ‘YHWH’ as God’s covenant Name and this is significant. Memorials, especially memorial offerings, “remind” the Lord of His covenant promises. It is not that God has forgotten, but the memorial appeals to God to come, to inspect us and our situation, and to act covenantally in accordance with the terms of His relationship with mankind which he sets forth in His covenants.

Holy War: Basic Swordsmanship

Bible Session 3

Structure of initial dialogue really begins in vs. 25 of chapter 2.

1. Nakedness

25 Now the two of them were naked, the man and his woman, and they did not sense shame.

2. Serpent's nature

1 Now the serpent was more [becomes] crafty than any other beast of [life of] the field that the **YaHWeH** Elohim had made.

3. Serpent speaks

He said to the woman, "Did Elohim actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" *In the Hebrew it is not really a question but more like, ["So, YHWH says you shall not eat of any tree of the garden."]*

4. Woman speaks

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the tree of the garden we are eating, 3 and from the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, Elohim He says you shall **not** eat from him and you shall **not** touch him, lest you die."

5. Serpent speaks

4But he said the serpent to the woman, "You will **not** surely die [you shall **not** dying die.] 5For Elohim, He knows that that day you eat of it your eyes will be opened [unclosed], and you will be like Elohim, ones knowing good and evil."

6. Eve [Humanity] adopts serpents nature

6So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight [yearning] to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired [coveted] to make one wise [intelligent], she took of its [his] fruit and ate, and she also [moreover] gave some to her husband [man] *who was with her*, and he ate.

7. Nakedness

7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked [ones]. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths [*translated also girdles, aprons, but every other place is translated tunic.*]

