

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 37
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21. The Relationship of Major Events and Time Frames to the Conflict.

- A. In the Restoration, God demonstrated Grace in providing a “Test Tube Case” for Satan’s appeal. Gen 1:2-31; Job 38:7
- B. In the Garden of Eden, He established a situation similar to the angels, being in perfect environment, in an unfallen condition, in direct contact with the Love of God and under established Law. Gen 2-3
1. Two opportunities exist for their fall, those of cognizance and being deceived.
 2. It is reasonable to believe that God would offer salvation to both.
- C. The offer of salvation to mankind included the First Prophecy, the Promised Seed of the Woman. Gen 3:15
1. God placed His Omniscience on the Line.
 2. He made mankind responsible to believe and obey. Gen 1:28
- D. Satan’s attack focused on mankind via the Angelic Infiltration into human genetics. Gen 6:1-4; 2 Pet 2:4-5; Jude 1:6
1. This attack was designed in part to produce a genetically contaminated race of “hybrids” that could genetically self-destruct, and hence kill humanity.
 2. It was a direct attack on the “Promised Seed of the Woman,” which the angels had specifically agreed beforehand to not do. Jude 6
 3. For this violation of law, God executed the Justice that His Righteousness required, in His own timing, and used His Omnipotence to bring about the Flood on all the earth. Gen 7-9
 4. It also demonstrates that mankind’s unbelief does not nullify God’s faithfulness. Rom 3:3
 5. It also graphically illustrates God’s deliverance of the Righteous. Gen 6:8 Cf 1 Pet 3:18 ff; Cf 2 Pet 2:5
- E. In Abraham, God displayed that obedience to His Word brings long-term promises that will not change (Immutability and Veracity). Gen 26:5; Heb 7:18, 11:13
1. The Noahic Covenant also demonstrates this fact. Gen 9
 2. God’s Omnipotence will do what is necessary for Him to keep His Promises, even in “impossible” situations. Rom 4:19-20
 3. For example, God will have to raise Abraham from the dead to give him the balance of what was promised. Heb 11
- F. In Sodom and Gomorrah God displays that His grace will expire to those who continually refuse His offer of Love, and flagrantly violate His standards. 2 Pet 2:7; Jude 7

- G. The Exodus from Egypt displays God's Integrity to keep His promises in spite of the inadequacies and unbelief of man, and also the precision of His prophecies. Exo 12:41**
1. It pictures Divine Discipline, backed by Omnipotence, on the ungodly.
 2. It also pictures eternal deliverance via eternal security.
- H. The Mosaic Law came into existence to define sin and hence the categories of personal sins that Christ would pay for on the cross. Cf Rom 5:13**
1. It also defined the necessary qualifications of the Messiah.
Matt 5:17
 2. It included requirements Messiah would have to fulfill.
Cf 1 Pet 2:22
 3. It publicly defined sin so all might see the need for the Messiah.
Rom 3:23
- I. The United Monarchy demonstrates how God can bless many by association with one. 1 Cor 15:22; Rom 5:15**
1. David in many respects was a type of Christ.
 2. God expanded existing prophecies and promises to David.
 3. This further tested God's Omniscience and power to control history without overruling Volition.
 4. The more prophetic specifics, the greater the demonstration of Omniscience and the Glory of God.
- J. The Divided Monarchy under the kings of Israel and Judah demonstrate the magnitude of God's Grace even when His "Chosen" descend into evil.**
- K. The Dispersions of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms demonstrate God's Veracity to keep His Word even in the administration of Divine Discipline to His "Chosen."**
- L. The Regathering of Israel displays again His Grace to restore those that come under Divine Discipline and repent. Cf Daniel**
- M. The Intertestamental Period displays that the "silence" of God for long periods of history, does not mean He doesn't know or care about what is happening. Cf 2 Pet 3:3-9**
- N. The First Advent is the focal point of the Angelic Conflict:**
1. He brought into being the "Promised Seed of the Woman," our Lord Jesus, via the Virgin Birth who was not affected by Adam's Original Sin. Rom 5:12-14; 2 Cor 5:21
 2. Jesus fulfilled every required detail of the revealed Word of God, fulfilling all prophecies of the First Advent.
 3. Our Lord did not violate the Law in any regard, and thus committed absolutely no sin. 1 Pet 2:22
 4. This refuted a possible claim of Satan that "no one can keep Your laws".
 5. God Himself, in Hypostatic Union, kept His own laws. Php 2:5-10

6. **God demonstrated His Love for His creation in providing salvation and also that He do so without compromising His Righteousness and Justice, through a personal payment for sins. John 3:16,18,36**
 7. **This payment for Personal Sins removed them as an issue for eternal salvation in the Angelic Conflict.**
 8. **All Satan's plans and schemes to stop the First Advent failed.**
- O. The Lord Jesus Christ in "Glorified Hypostatic Union" demonstrates how He can rule from heaven and still bring about prophesied events without compromising His Essence.**
- P. The Church Age is called the "Age of Grace" and points out how "easy" it is to serve Christ because of His Work on the Cross.**
- Q. The "Rapture" of Living Believers displays how God can eliminate any form of "Second Death" because His Righteousness and Justice has been satisfied. The Rapture of those who have "fallen asleep in Christ," dramatically demonstrates how His Omnipotence stands behind promised blessings. 1 Thes 4:13-18**
- R. The Coming Tribulation demonstrates that even during unparalleled pressures, never before seen in the history of the world, humanity with volition can and will still come to God, no matter the personal cost, during a time of maximum control by Satan and his forces. God's Plan will still be fulfilled.**
- S. The Second Advent will fulfill a multitude of major prophecies of Scripture demonstrating again God's Omniscience. It will also be the time of fulfillment of promises contained in the Covenants and the time of Discipline for unbelief. Cf Isa 24:21; Cf Matt 25:41**
- T. The Millennium will be the time of "Peace on Earth" to demonstrate that peace is only through the Lord of the Armies, and that a Shepherd can shepherd with a "rod of iron." Psa 2:9; Rev 12:5; 19:15**
- U. The Gog/Magog rebellion is Satan's final appeal. It probably has to do with the revelation of his "personal glory," which has been veiled through history. Satan fails. Rev 20:6 - 8**
- V. The New Heavens and Earth will be another period of God demonstrating His Omnipotence to bring about maximum blessing from His Love. Rev 21-22**
- W. The Eternal State will be a place where Free Moral Agents eternally give the Glory to God. Psa 30:12; 61:8; 75:9; 79:13; 111:10; 115:18; 145:1**