Exposition of the Divine Principle

Diagramed Lecture Manual for One Hour Lectures

THE HOUSE OF UNIFICATION FOR WORLD PEACE

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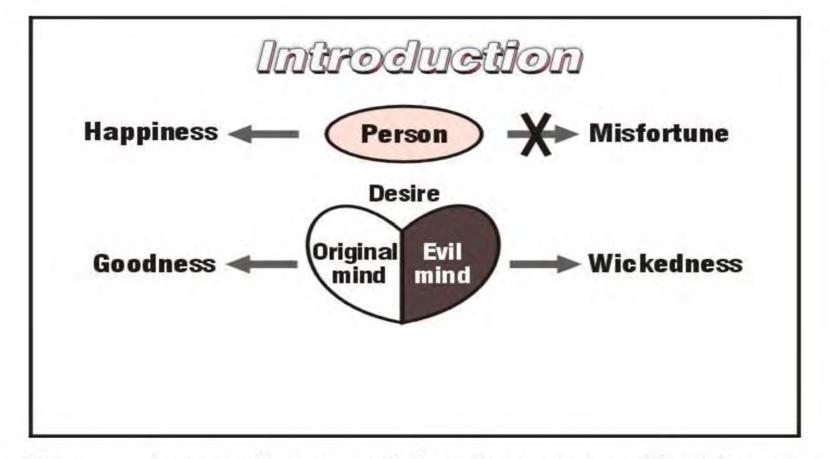
At sixteen, I had a mysterious experience. In the morning of Easter, after I made a long tearful prayer, <u>Jesus Christ appeared to me</u> and gave me many revelations and teachings. He told me much about deep and amazing things. <u>He said that God is grieved because of the suffering humanity</u>.

And he asked me to undertake a special role on earth for the sake of God's work. In short, the <u>spiritual world</u> suddenly opened up before me and I could freely communicate with the saints there.

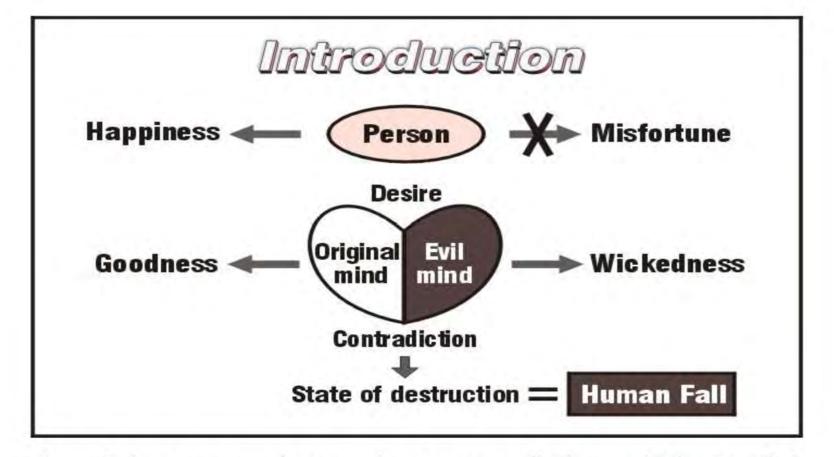
In the quietude of a deep North Korean mountain, I talked with Jesus Christ several times. The truth revealed at that time forms the core of the Unification Principle. That was the beginning of the revelation.

Ever since that special meeting, I have been conversing with the saints of the spiritual world including the living God and Jesus. Little by little, God taught me the amazing truth. It was as if the morning sun was rising after a long and dark night. In this truth, I could see the dawn of the glorious new culture. This special revelation, based on the New Testament, has the power to bring all the religions together. Today this revelation is called the Divine Principle, and I have received an order from God to spread the Divine Principle to the ends of the earth.

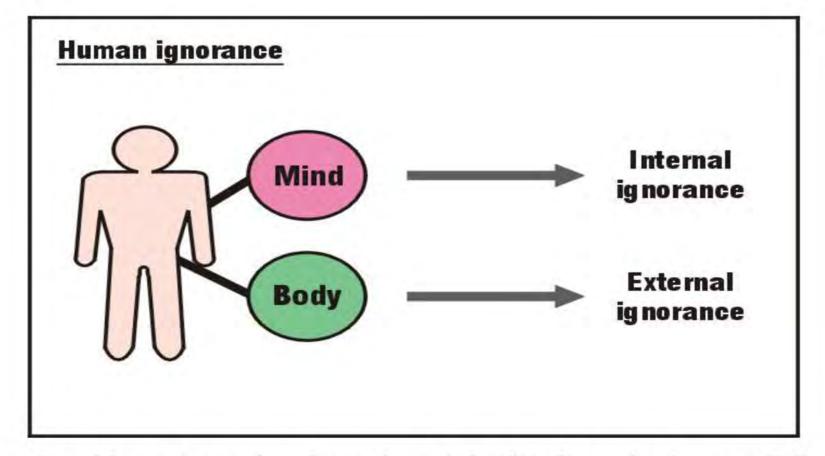
The main branches of the Divine Principle are the Principle of Creation, Human Fall, and Restoration (salvation) and Second Advent. Now, we introduce a one-hour manual, which presents just the core contents of the Principle. But there are other versions of the manual that organize more detailed contents.



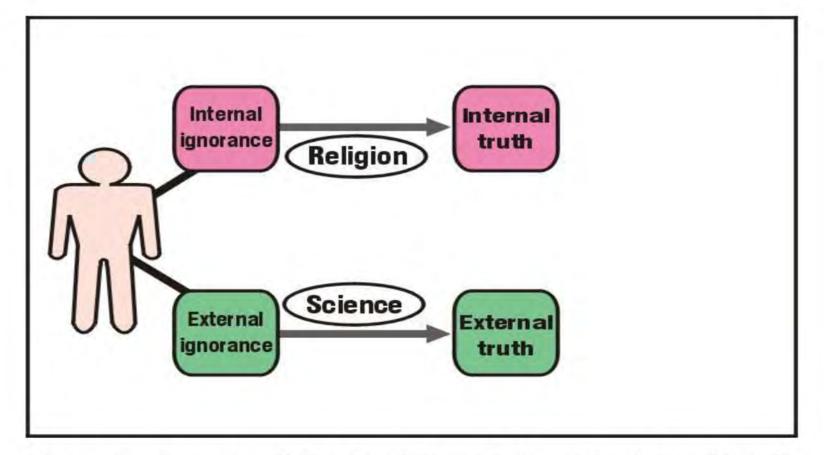
- Everyone is struggling to attain <u>happiness</u> and avoid <u>misfortune</u>.
- People feel joy when their <u>desires</u> are fulfilled.
- Within the self-same individual are two opposing desires: the original mind, which desires goodness, and the evil mind, which desires wickedness.



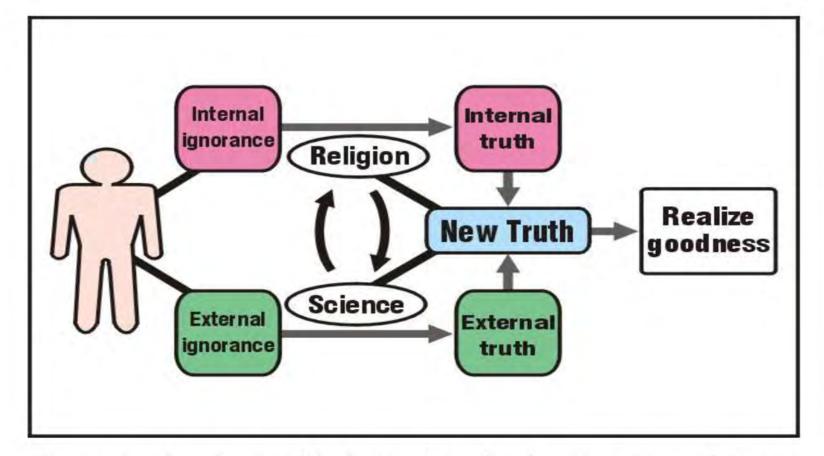
- •Any being possessing such a <u>contradiction</u> within itself is doomed to perish.
- Christianity sees this <u>state of destruction</u> as the result of the human Fall.



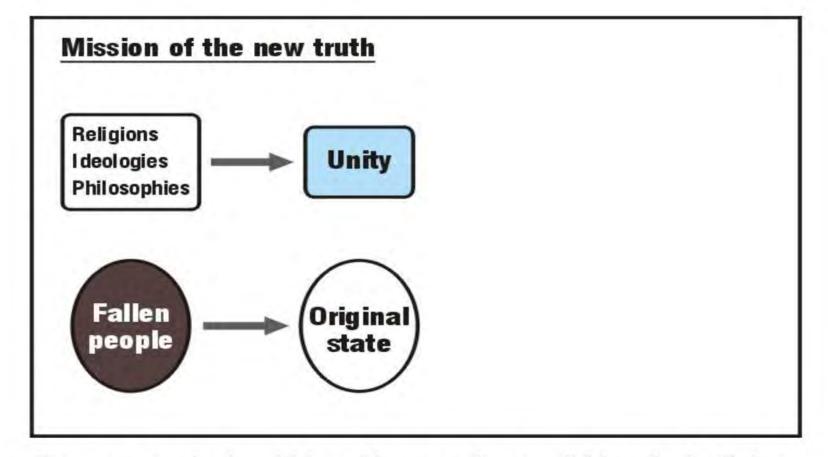
- Considered from the viewpoint of the intellect, the human Fall represents humanity's descent into ignorance.
- People are composed of two aspects: internal and external, or mind and body;
- In the same way, there are two types of ignorance: <u>internal</u> ignorance and <u>external ignorance</u>.



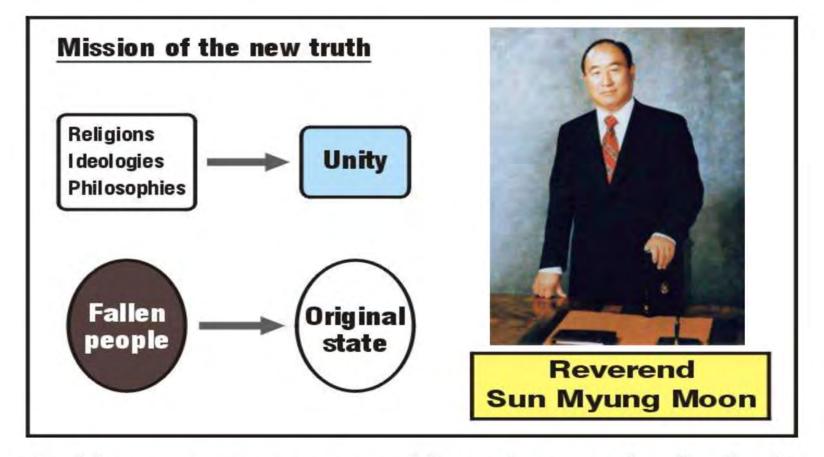
- •Humanity through <u>religion</u> has followed the path of searching for internal truth.
- •And through <u>science</u> has followed the path of seeking <u>external</u> <u>truth</u>.
- Religion and science have seemed, in the course of their development, to take positions that were contradictory and irreconcilable.



•However, for humankind to completely overcome the two aspects of ignorance and fully <u>realize the goodness</u> which the original mind desires, at some point in history there must emerge a <u>new truth</u> which can reconcile <u>religion</u> and <u>science</u> and resolve their problems in an integrated undertaking.

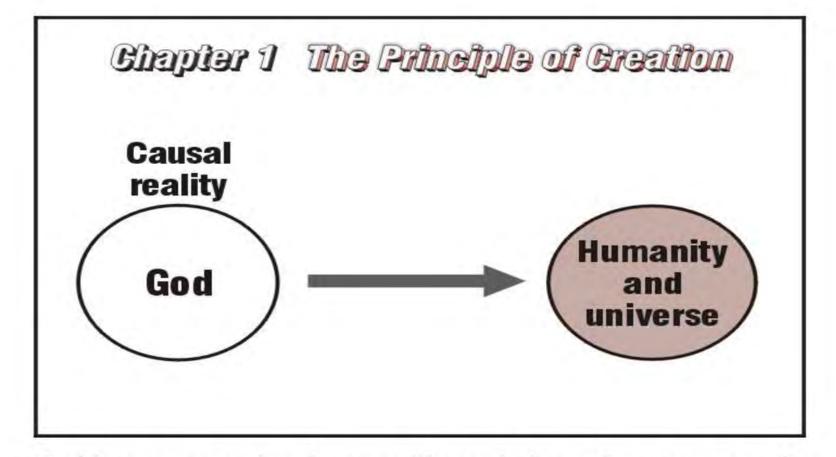


- •The new truth should be able to embrace all historical <u>religions</u>, <u>ideologies</u>, and <u>philosophies</u> and bring them into complete <u>unity</u> among them.
- •The new truth should guide <u>fallen people</u> to return to their <u>original</u> state.

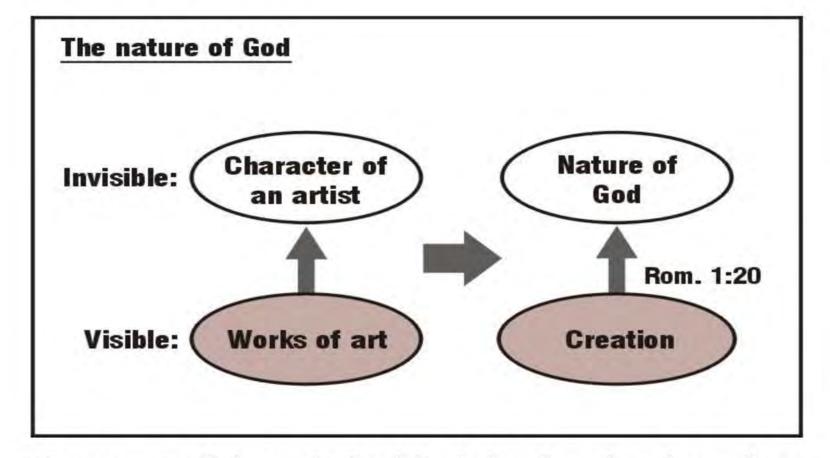


•God has sent one person to this earth to resolve the fundamental problems of human life and the universe. His name is Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

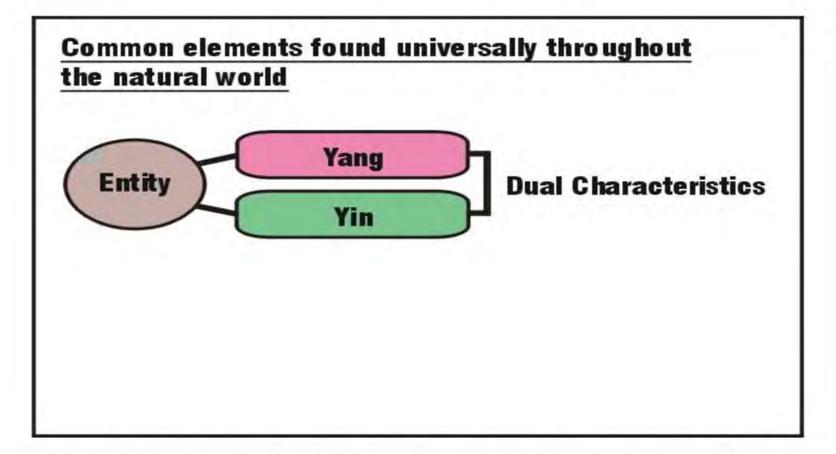
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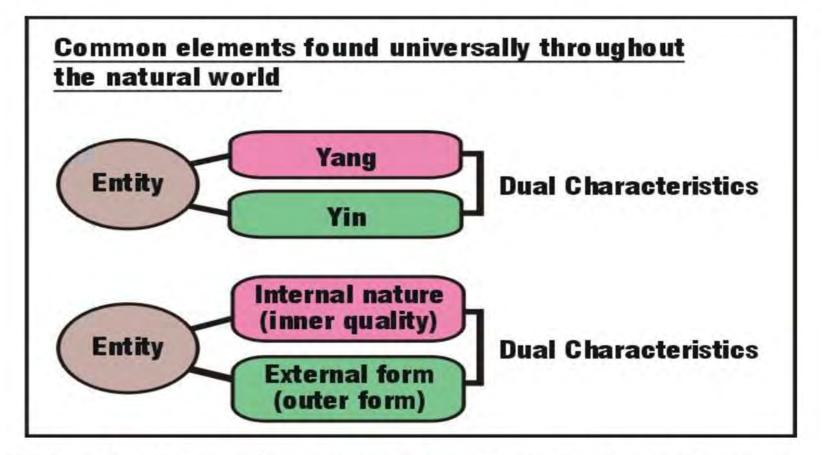
•Problems concerning <u>human life and the universe</u> cannot be solved without first understanding the nature of <u>God</u>.



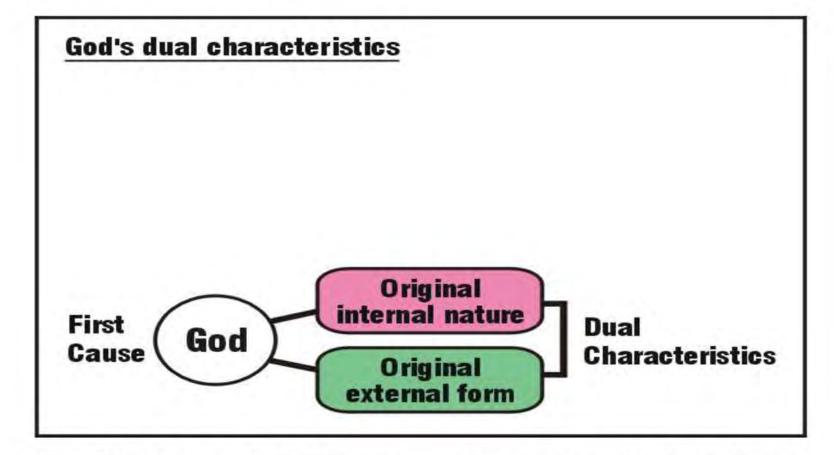
- One way to fathom God's deity is by observing the universe which He created.
- •Just as we can come to know the <u>character of an artist</u> through his <u>works</u>, so we can understand the <u>nature of God</u> by observing the diverse things of <u>creation</u> (Rom. 1:20).



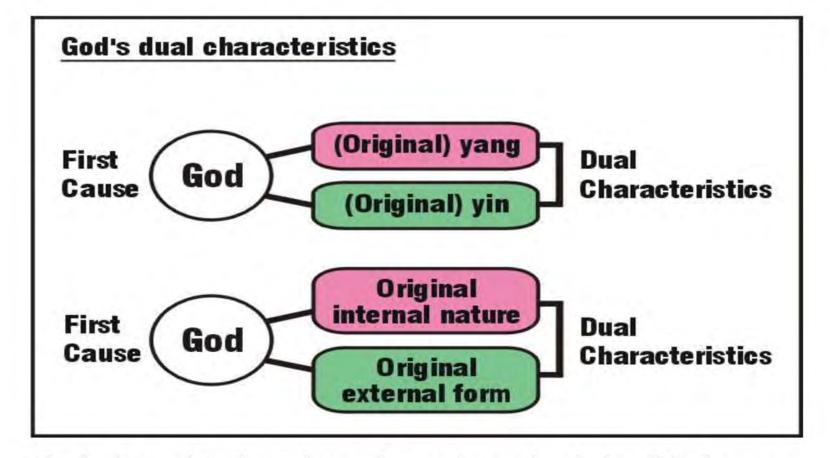
- •Let us begin by pointing out the <u>common elements</u> which are found universally throughout the natural world.
- ①Every <u>entity</u>, both within the entity and between it and other entities, possesses <u>dual characteristics</u> of <u>yang</u> and <u>yin</u>.



②More fundamentally, every entity possesses both an <u>outer form</u> and <u>inner quality</u>. The visible outer form resembles the invisible inner quality. The inner quality is called <u>internal nature</u>, and the outer form or shape is called <u>external form</u>. The internal nature and external form together constitute <u>dual characteristics</u>.



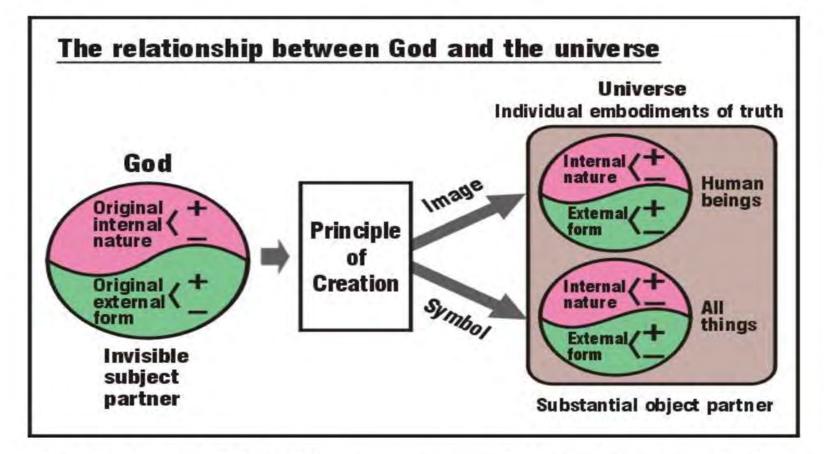
•The <u>First Cause</u> of all things must also possess the dual characteristics of internal nature and external form, which stand in the position of <u>subject partner</u> to the internal natures and external forms of all beings. We call this First Cause <u>God</u>, and His internal nature and external form the <u>original internal nature</u> and <u>original external form</u>.



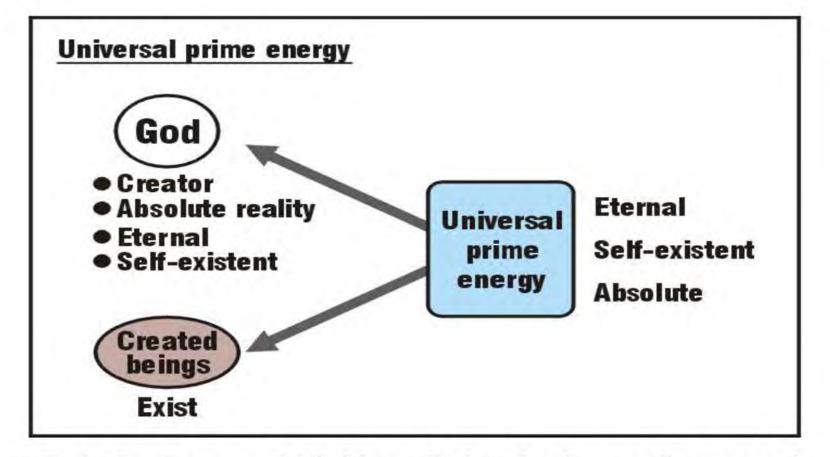
•God also exists based on the reciprocal relationship between His <u>dual characteristics</u> of the <u>yang</u> and <u>yin</u>.

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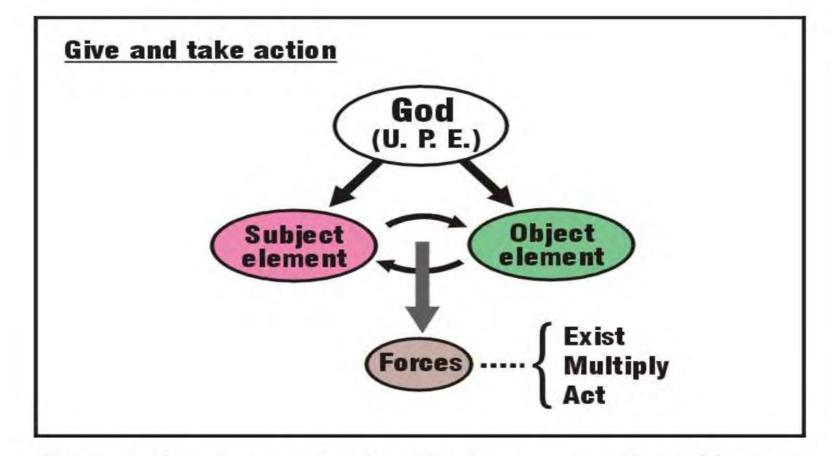
- Harmonious union of the original internal nature and original external form
- Harmonious union of masculinity (yang) and femininity (yin)
- Subject partner of internal nature and masculinity towards the universe



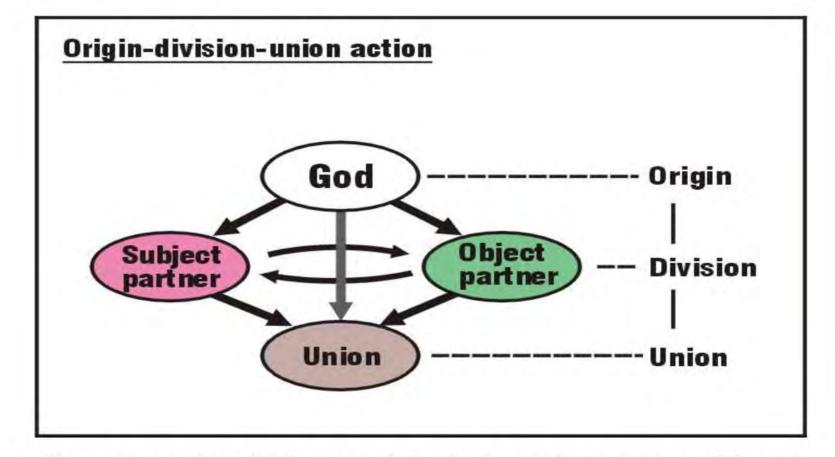
•God is the <u>invisible subject partner</u>, and the <u>universe</u> as a whole is a <u>substantial object partner</u> to God. In accordance with the <u>Principle of Creation</u>, God's dual characteristics manifests itself <u>symbolically</u> or <u>in image</u> as individual embodiments of truth, which constitute the universe.



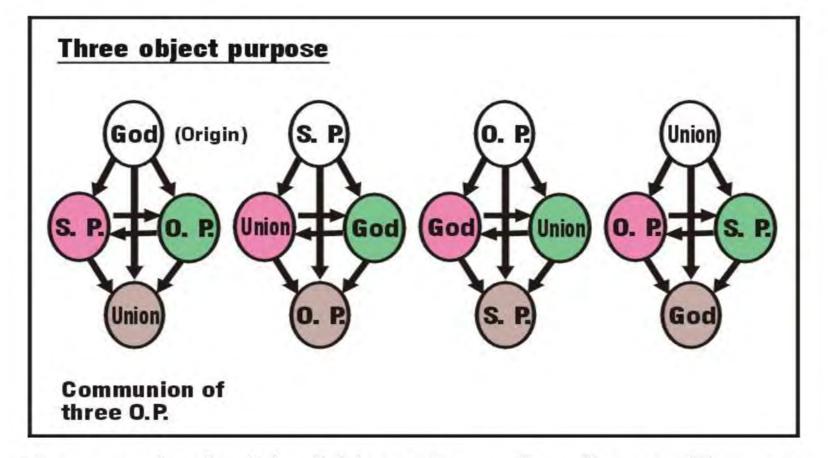
- •God, the <u>Creator</u> of all things, is the <u>absolute reality</u>, eternal, self-existent and transcendent of time and space. *Universal prime energy* is the fundamental energy of <u>God</u>'s being.
- It is the origin of all energies and forces that allow <u>created</u> beings to exist.



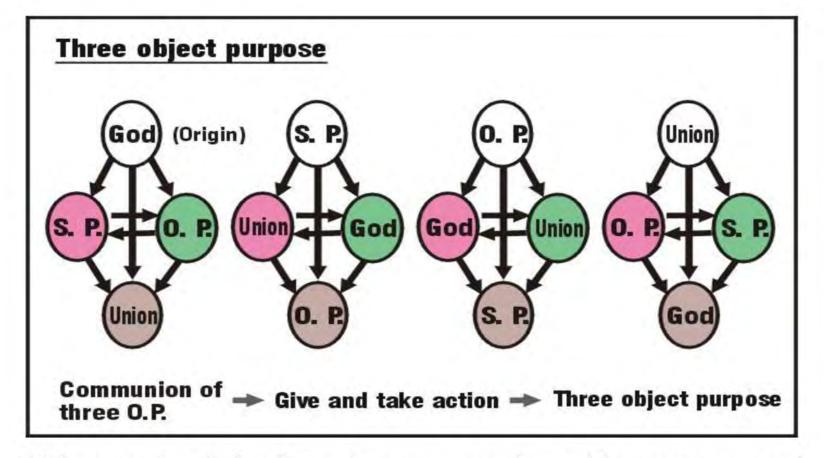
- •Through the agency of <u>universal prime energy</u>, the <u>subject</u> and <u>object</u> elements of every entity form a common base and enter into <u>interaction</u>. This interaction, in turn, generates all the <u>forces</u> the entity needs for <u>existence</u>, <u>multiplication</u> and action.
- •The interaction generating these forces through this process is called give and take action.



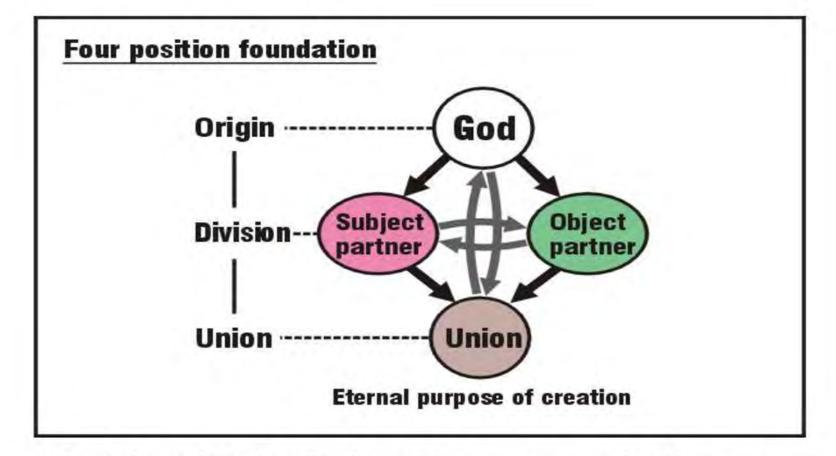
•The process in which out of <u>God</u>, the Origin, <u>two entities</u> are separately manifested and <u>reunited</u> in oneness is called <u>origin</u>-<u>division-union action</u>.



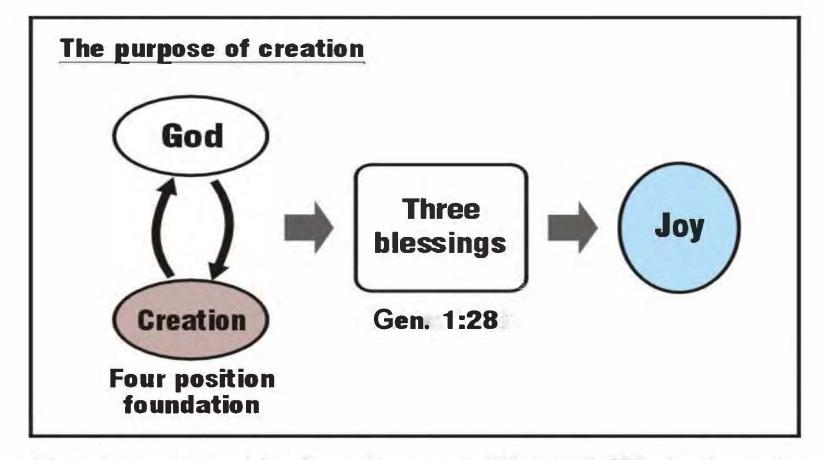
•As a result of origin-division-union action, four positions are formed: the <u>origin (God)</u> at the center, the <u>subject partner</u> and the <u>object partner</u>, and their <u>union</u>. Any one of the four positions may <u>assume the position of subject partner</u> and engage the other three as its object partners, forming a <u>communion of</u> <u>three object partners</u>.



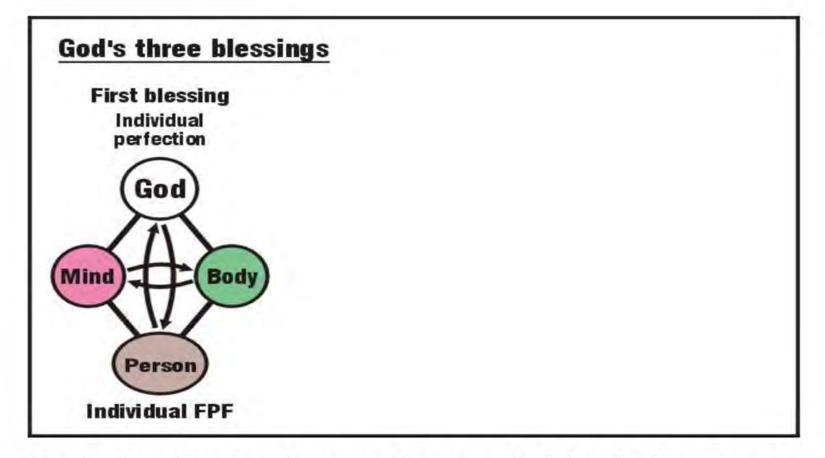
•When each of the four then acts as the subject partner and enters into give and take with the other three revolving around it, they fulfill the <u>three object purpose</u>.



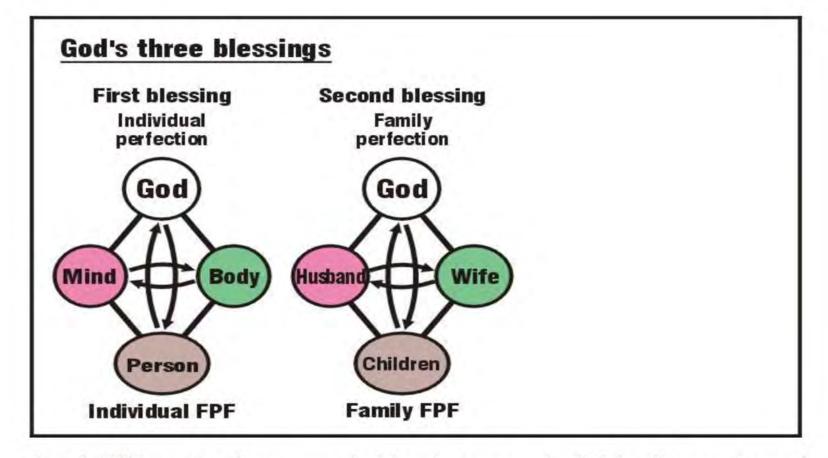
- •When the <u>origin</u> (God), the <u>subject partner</u> and <u>object partner</u> projected from the origin, and their <u>union</u> all engage in a harmonious give and take action and fulfill the three object purpose, the four position foundation is established.
- •The four position foundation is the fundamental foundation of goodness and the realization of God's eternal purpose of creation.



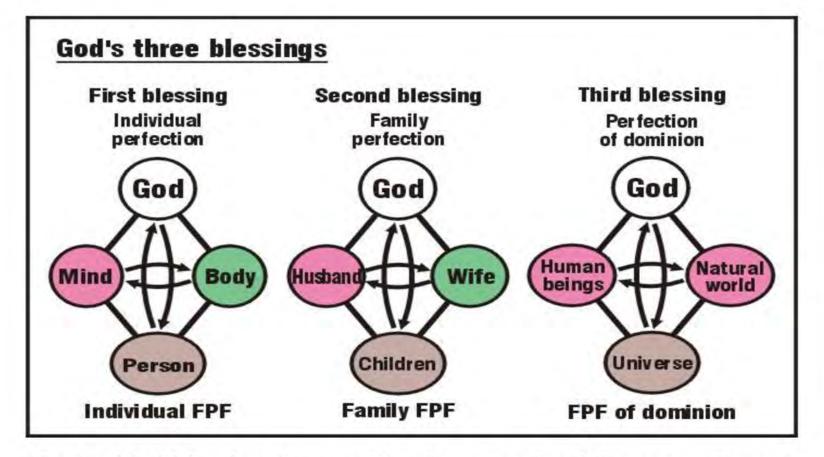
The three great blessings (Gen. 1:28) are fulfilled when the whole creation, including human beings, completes the four position foundation with God as the center. This is the King-dom of Heaven, where ultimate goodness is realized and God feels the greatest joy. This is, in fact, the very purpose for which God created the universe.



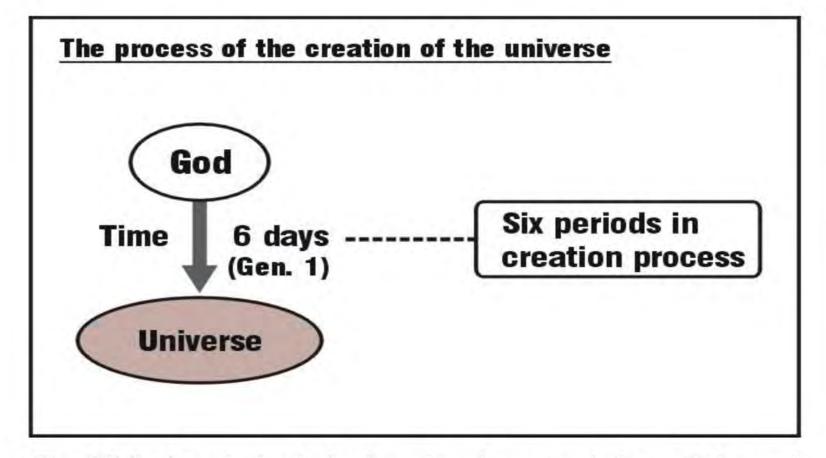
•God's <u>first blessing</u> is to perfect our <u>individual character</u>; for this, an individual's <u>mind</u> and <u>body</u> should become <u>one (person)</u> through give and take action, thereby forming a Godcentered individual four position foundation.



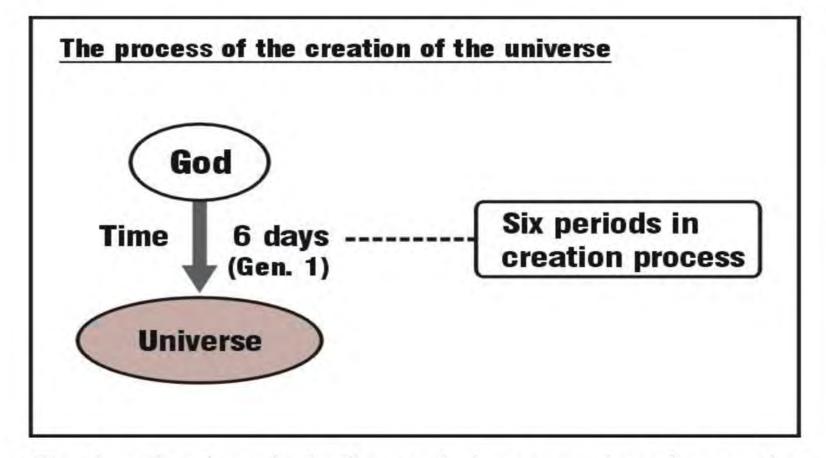
•In fulfilling God's second blessing, an individually perfected man and woman should join in loving oneness as <u>husband</u> and <u>wife</u> and raise <u>children</u>, thereby constructing a Godcentered family four position foundation.



•God's third blessing is to perfect human dominion over the natural world; for this, human beings and the natural world should become completely one (universe), thereby establishing a God-centered four position foundation of dominion.



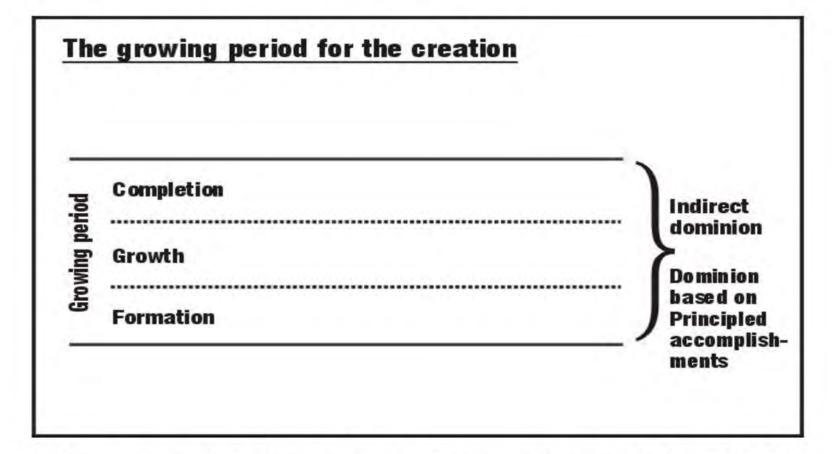
•The biblical period of six days for the completion of the universe in Genesis 1 is not to be reckoned by the number of literal sunrises and sunsets. It symbolizes six ordered periods of time in the creation process.



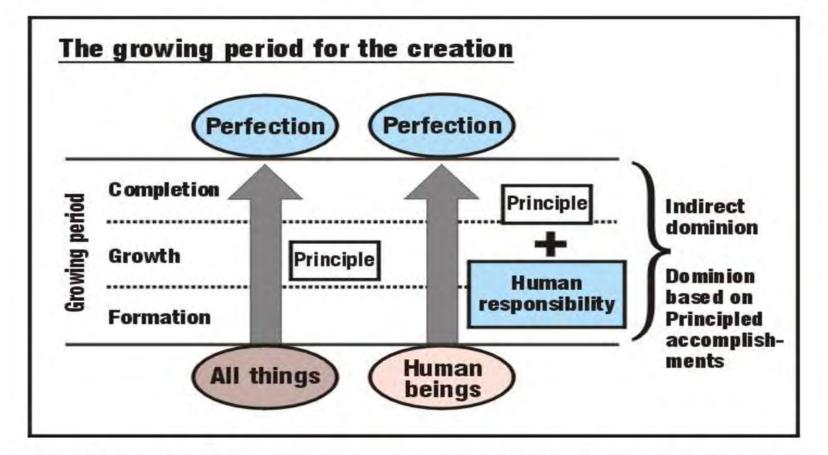
•The fact that it took six time periods to complete the creation of the universe implies that some period of time was also necessary to complete the creation of each of the individual entities that make up the universe.

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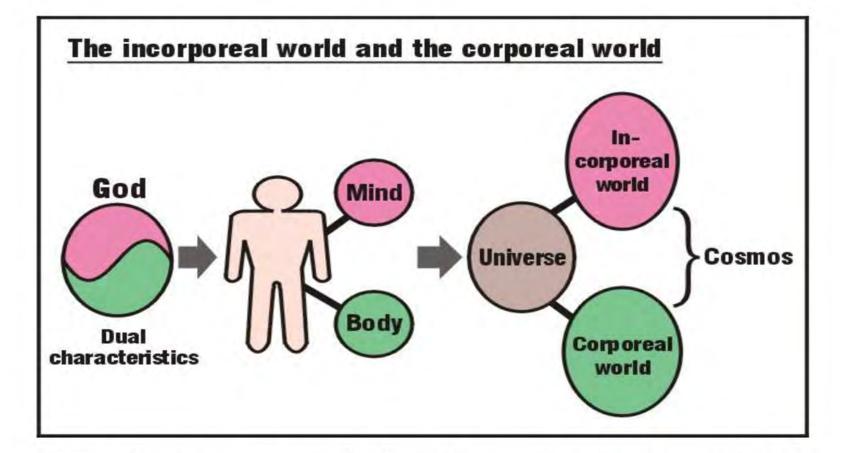
•All creation reaches perfection by passing through three ordered stages of growth: <u>formation</u> stage, <u>growth</u> stage and <u>comple-</u> <u>tion</u> stage.



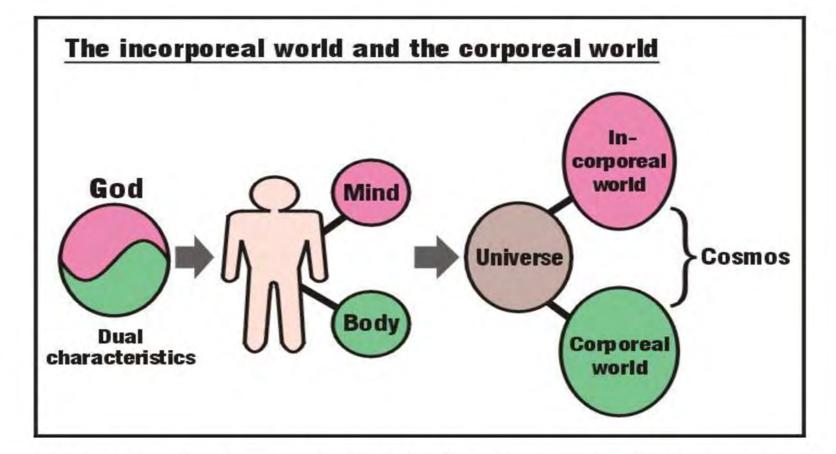
•When created beings are in the growing period, God has regard only for the fruits of their growth which are based on the Principle. In this way, He governs all things indirectly. We call this growing period the realm of God's indirect dominion or the realm of dominion based on accomplishments through the <u>Principle</u>.



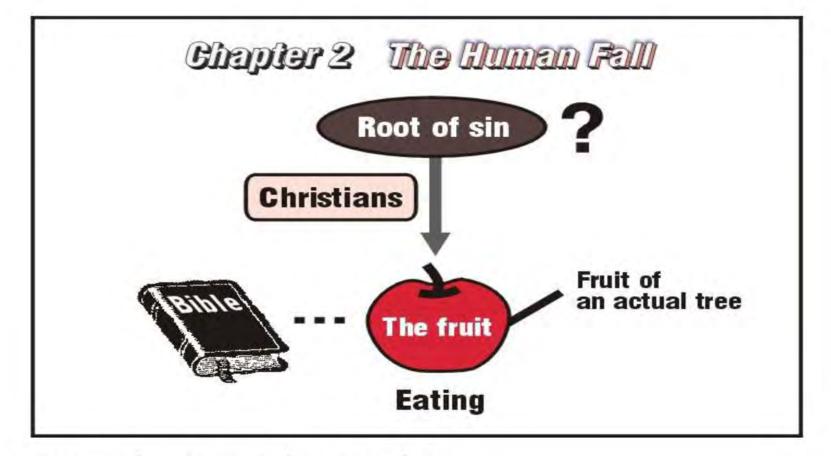
- All things reach perfection after passing through the growing period by virtue of the autonomy and governance given by God's Principle.
- •Human beings, however, pass through the growing period and reach <u>perfection</u> by fulfilling their own portion of <u>responsibility</u>, in addition to the guidance provided by the Principle.



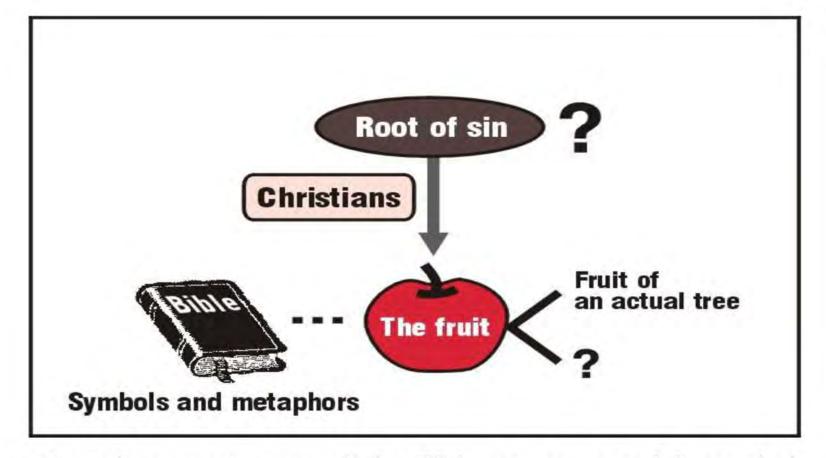
- •The <u>universe</u> was created after the pattern of a <u>human being</u>, who is in the image of <u>God's</u> dual characteristics.
- •Hence, corresponding to the human mind and body, the universe consists of the incorporeal world and the corporeal world, both of which are real and substantial. The two worlds together form the cosmos.



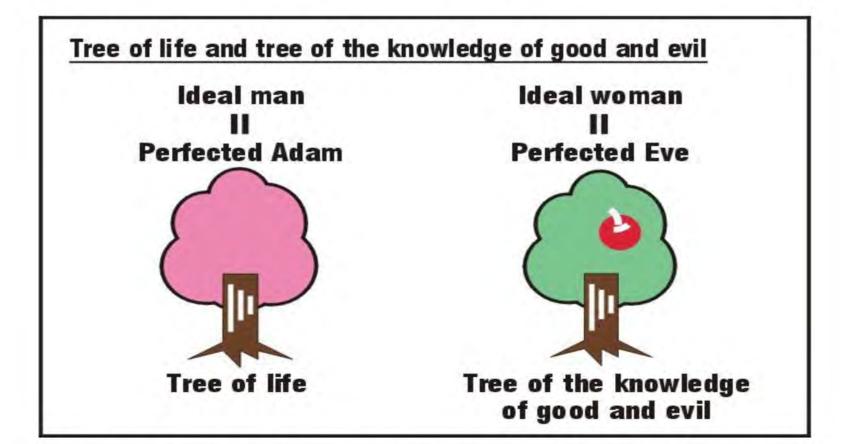
•When we shed our physical bodies, we enter the <u>incorporeal</u> world as spirits and live there for eternity.



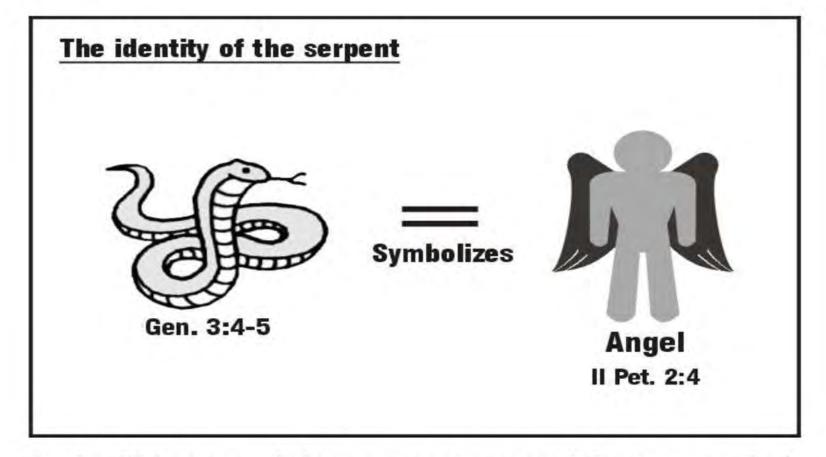
- •No one has known the root of sin.
- Christians, on the basis of the <u>Bible</u>, have held to a vague belief that Adam and Eve's <u>eating the fruit</u> of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the root of sin.
- •Many Christians have thought that the fruit was that of an actual tree.



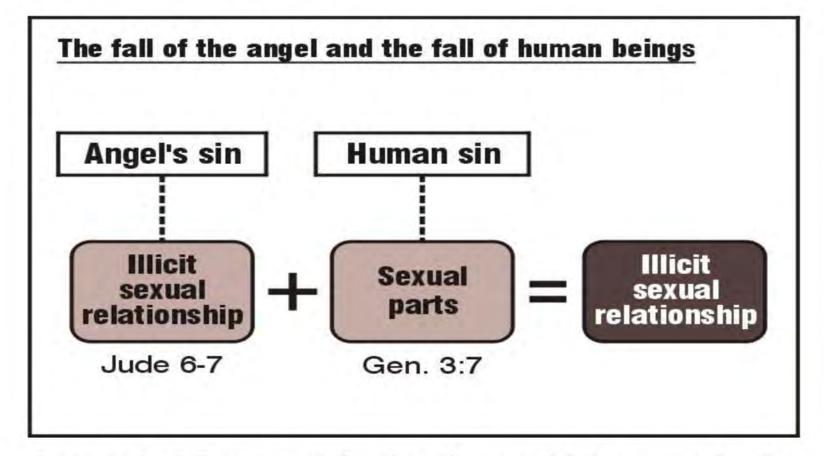
- •Many important parts of the Bible are expressed in <u>symbols</u> and <u>metaphors</u>; then, <u>what</u> does the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represent?
- •To learn this, let us first investigate the tree of life, which stood next to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9).



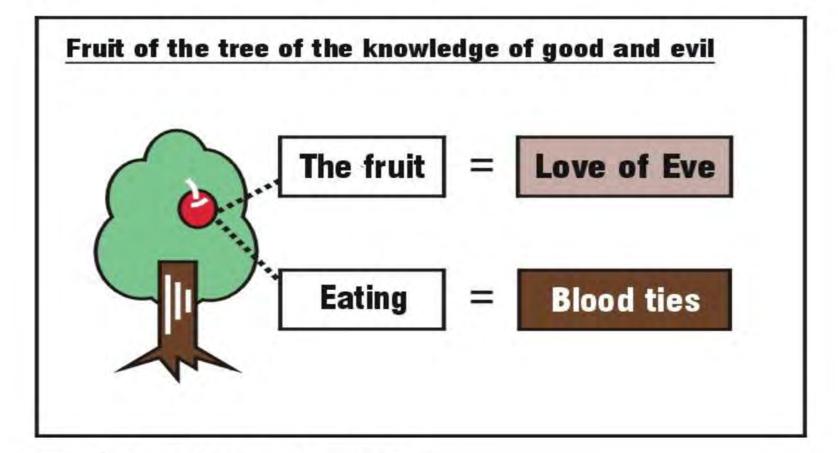
- •The tree of life symbolizes an ideal man, who has fully realized the ideal of creation. It thus symbolizes perfected Adam.
- The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the ideal woman, perfected Eve.



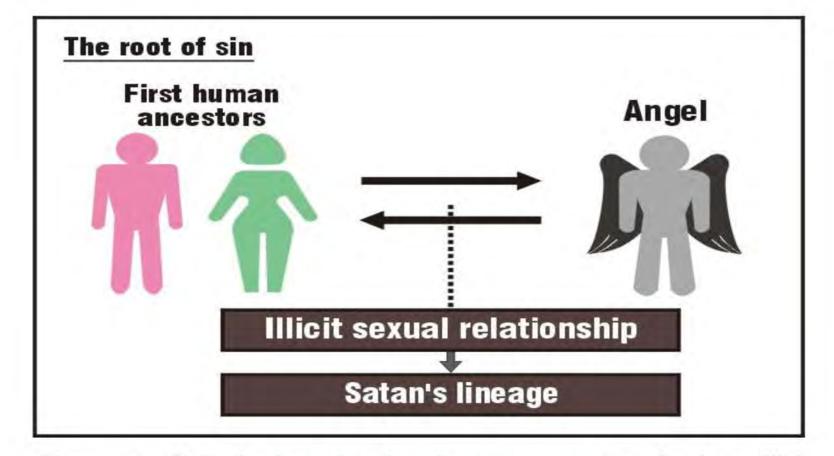
- •In the Bible we read that a serpent tempted Eve to commit sin (Gen. 3:4~5).
- •The spiritual being represented by the serpent was originally created with a good purpose, but later fell and became Satan.
- •We must conclude that the serpent is an angel (II Pet. 2:4).



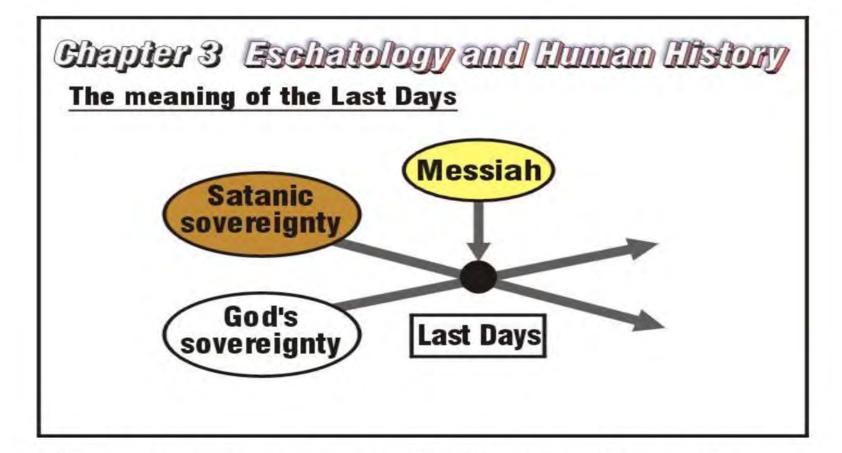
- •From Jude 6-7 we can infer that the <u>angel</u> fell as a result of an illicit sexual relationship.
- From Gen. 3:7, we can infer that <u>Adam and Eve</u> sinned with their sexual parts.
- •Hence, we can deduce that an <u>illicit sexual relationship</u> must have occurred between the angel and human beings.



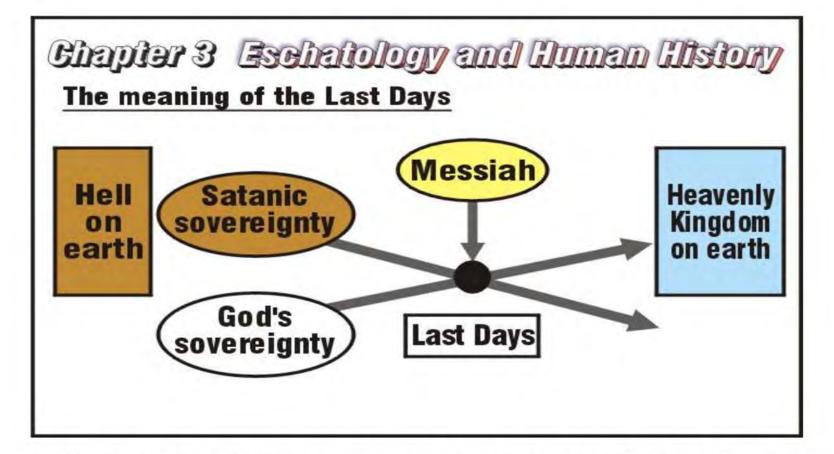
- The fruit signifies the love of Eve.
- •Eve's <u>eating</u> of the fruit denotes that she consummated a satanic love relationship with the angel, which bound her in blood ties to him.



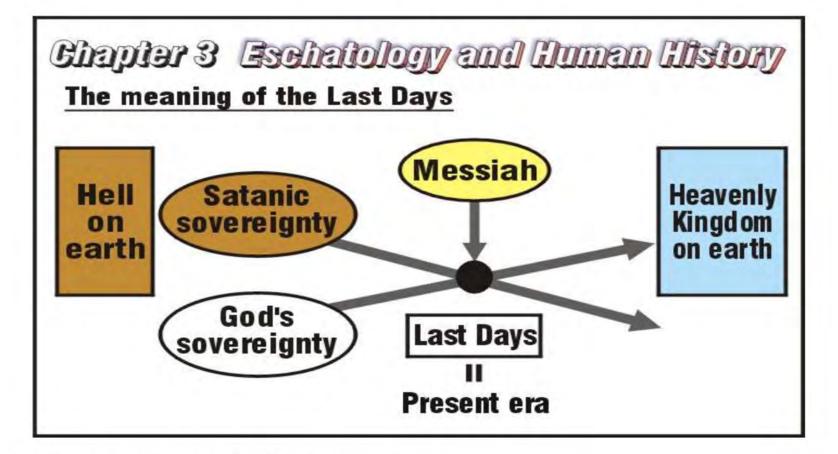
- •The root of sin is that the <u>first human ancestors</u> had an <u>illicit</u> sexual relationship with an <u>angel</u> symbolized by a serpent.
- •They could not multiply God's good lineage but instead multiplied Satan's evil lineage.



- •The Last Days comes as a result of God's providence of restoration to save the fallen people.
- •The <u>Last Days</u> is this time, when, with the advent of the <u>Messiah</u> as the <u>turning point</u>, the evil world under <u>satanic sovereignty</u> is replaced by the ideal world under <u>God's sovereignty</u>.



- <u>Hell on earth</u> will be transformed into the <u>Kingdom of Heaven</u> on earth.
- •Therefore, it will not be a day of fear when the world will be destroyed by global catastrophes, as many Christians have believed. In fact, it will be a day of joy, when the cherished hope of mankind will be realized.



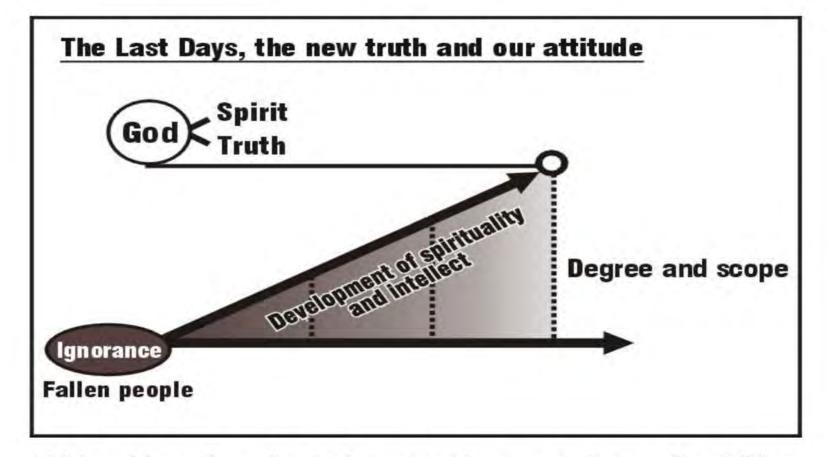
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Signs of the Last Days

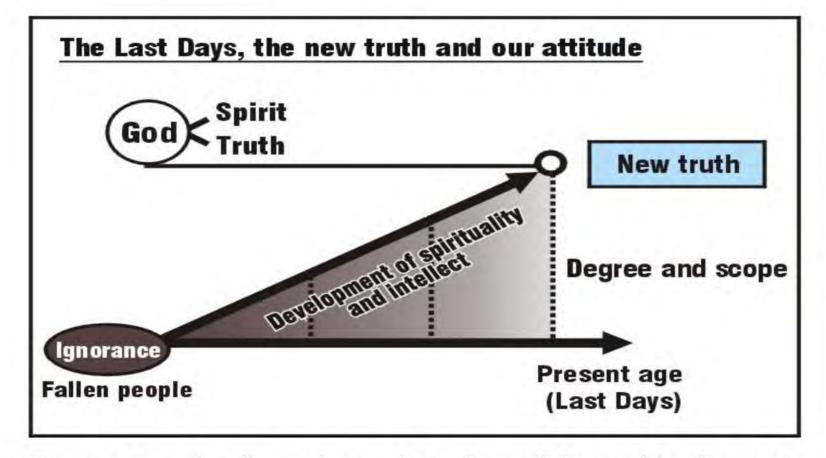
- Fire judgment: "The heavens will be kindled..."
 (II Pet. 3:12)
- "The tongue is a fire." (James 3:6)

Fire judgment = judgment by tongue = judgment by Word

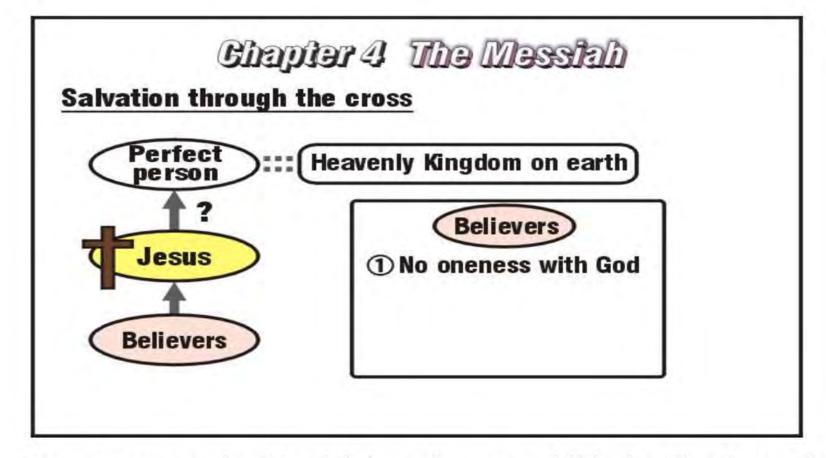
- Il Pet. 3:12 says, "The heavens will be kindled and dissolved and the elements will melt with fire."
- •As James 3:6 says, "The tongue is a fire," the fire judgment Jesus came to bring was a judgment by the tongue, and thus a judgment by the Word.



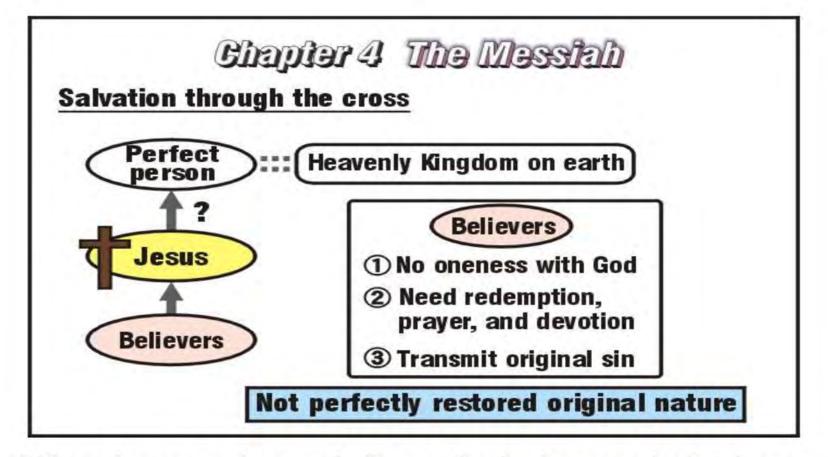
- With <u>spirit</u> and <u>truth</u>, God restores human beings, who fell into <u>ignorance</u> through the Fall.
- Spirit and truth are unique, eternal, and unchanging. However, the <u>degree and scope</u> of their teaching and the means of their expression will vary from one age to another as they <u>restore</u> <u>humankind</u> from a state of utter ignorance.



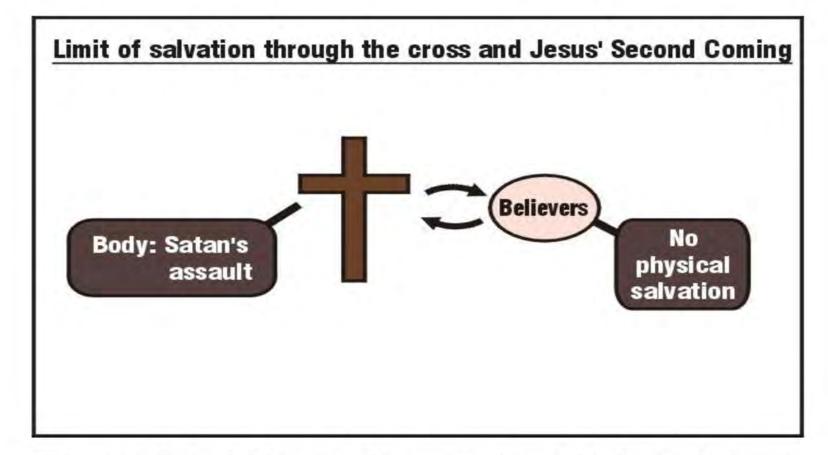
•For modern, intellectual people to be enlightened in the truth, there must appear another textbook of higher and richer content, with a more scientific method of expression. We call this the new truth.



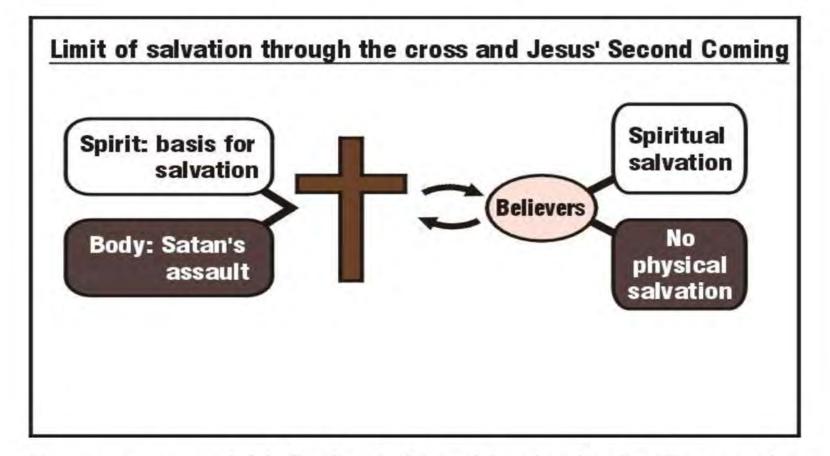
- Jesus came as the Messiah in order to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on the earth.
- •Did Jesus' <u>crucifixion</u> enable the faithful <u>believers</u> in Jesus to become perfect and build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?
- There has been no one who lived his life in inseparable oneness with God.



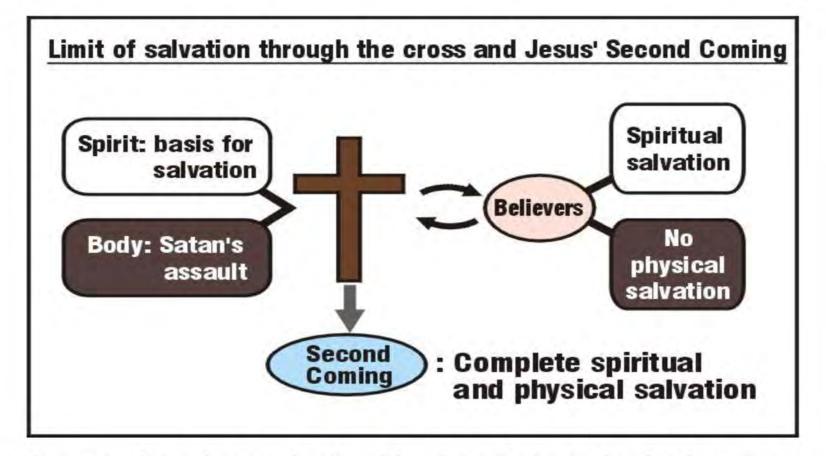
- There has never been a believer who had no <u>need of redemption</u> or a life of ardent prayer and devotion.
- 3 Christian parents continue to <u>transmit the original sin</u> to their children.
- This teaches us that the cross has <u>not perfectly restored our original nature</u>.



•The people led him to the cross. Jesus' body took Satan's assault, and he was killed. Consequently, Christians cannot attain physical salvation.



•However, Jesus laid the <u>basis for spiritual salvation</u> by securing the victorious foundation for his resurrection through the redemption by his blood on the cross. As a result, all believers since his resurrection have received the benefit of <u>spiritual sal-</u> vation.



•To complete the work of <u>spiritual and physical salvation</u>, Jesus must come again on earth.

Jesus' death on the cross

① Words and deeds of the disciples (Acts 7:51-53)

- •Was Jesus' death on the cross the most desired Will of God?
- ①Judging from the words and deeds of the disciples as recorded in the Bible, concerning the death of Jesus, they were unanimously grief-stricken and indignant (Acts 7:51-53).

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- ③ Words and deeds of Jesus himself (John 6:29, Matt. 23:37, John 10:38)

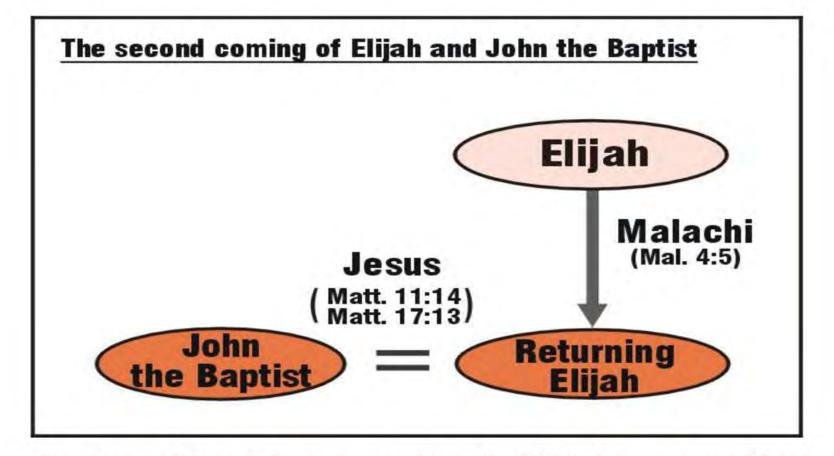
- ②Judging from the <u>viewpoint of God's providence</u>, God called the chosen people of Israel and prepared them to receive the Messiah.
- The words and deeds of Jesus himself were meant to engender belief on the part of the people that he was the Messiah (John 6:29, Matt. 23:37, John 10:38).

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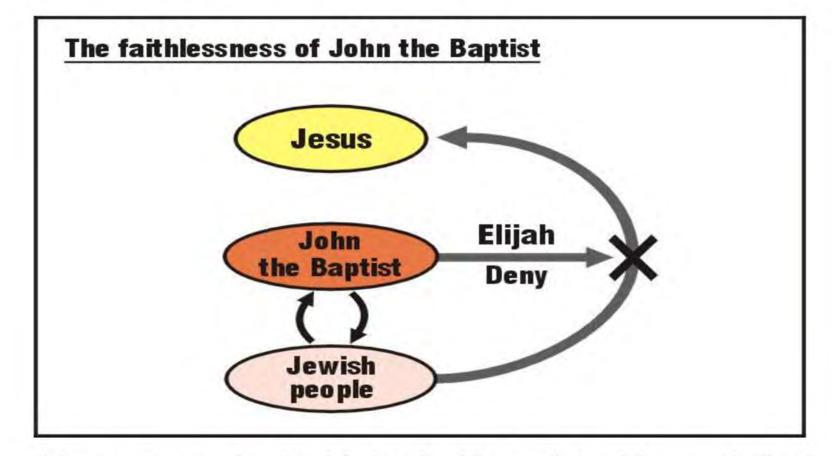
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Outcome of the ignorance and disbelief of the people

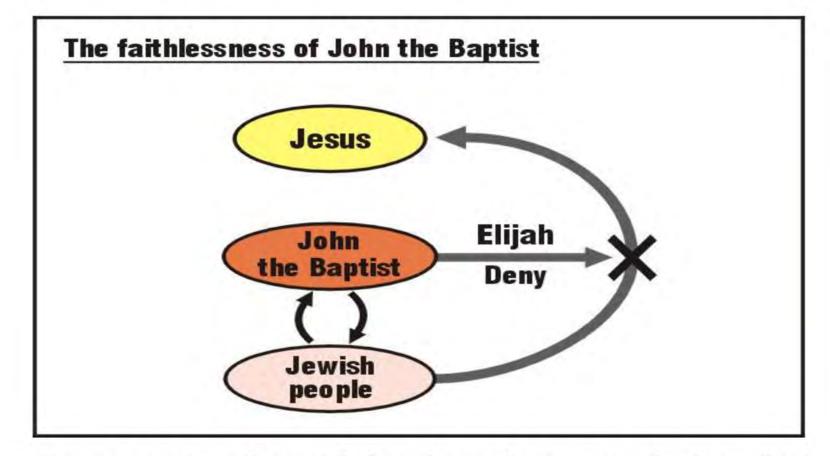
•From all the above evidences, we can deduce that Jesus' death on the cross was the unfortunate outcome of the <u>ignorance</u> and <u>disbelief of the people</u> of his day, and not a necessary outcome of God's predestination.



- •The Jews of Jesus' day were waiting for <u>Elijah</u> because God had promised through prophet <u>Malachi</u> that Elijah would return before the advent of the Messiah.
- <u>Jesus</u> testified that the prophesied coming of <u>Elijah</u> was realized in John the Baptist (Matt. 11:14, 17:13).



- Many among the Jewish leadership and <u>Jewish people</u> had the highest respect for <u>John the Baptist</u>; some even thought of him as the Messiah.
- •But in ignorance of God's providence, John <u>denied</u> his being Elijah, which became the principal reason why the Jewish people rejected Jesus.



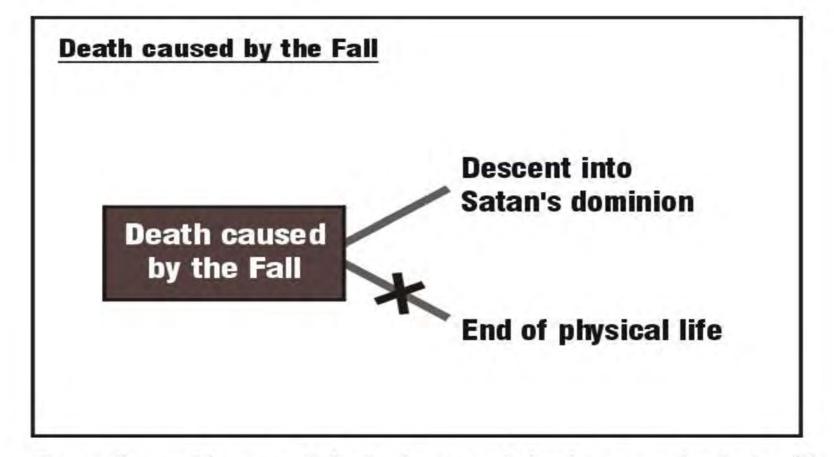
•Here we can understand that the main reason why Jesus had to die on the cross was the failure of John the Baptist.

Ghapter 5 Resurrection

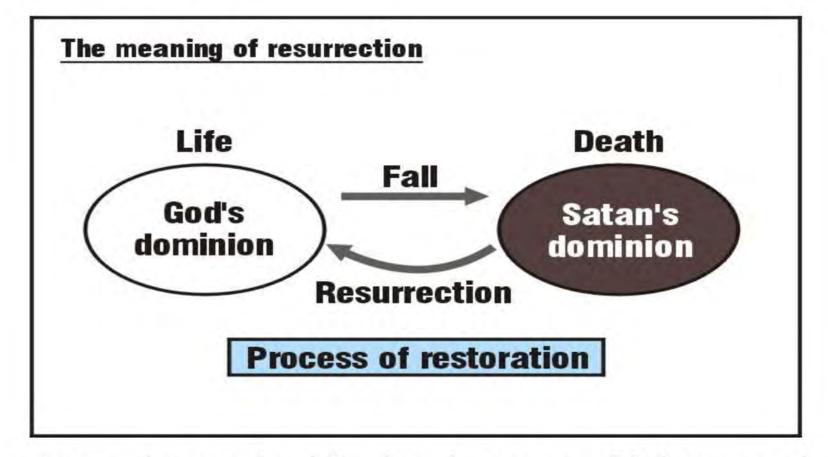


Death: death caused by the Fall

- Resurrection means to come back to life. To come back to life implies that we have been dead.
- •Here, death means the death caused by the Fall.



- Regardless of human fall, God created the human physical self to grow old and return to dust. Only the spirit self enters the spirit world and lives eternally there.
- •Hence, the <u>death caused by the Fall</u> does not mean the <u>end of physical life</u>, but rather the <u>descent into Satan's dominion</u> through eating the fruit.



•Resurrection may be defined as the <u>process</u> of being restored from the death caused by the Fall to life, from <u>Satan's dominion</u> to <u>God's direct dominion</u>, through the providence of restoration.

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- Theological controversy over predestination has caused great confusion in the religious lives of many people.
- •In the Bible, we find many passages which are often interpreted to mean that everything in human life comes to pass exactly as predestined by God.

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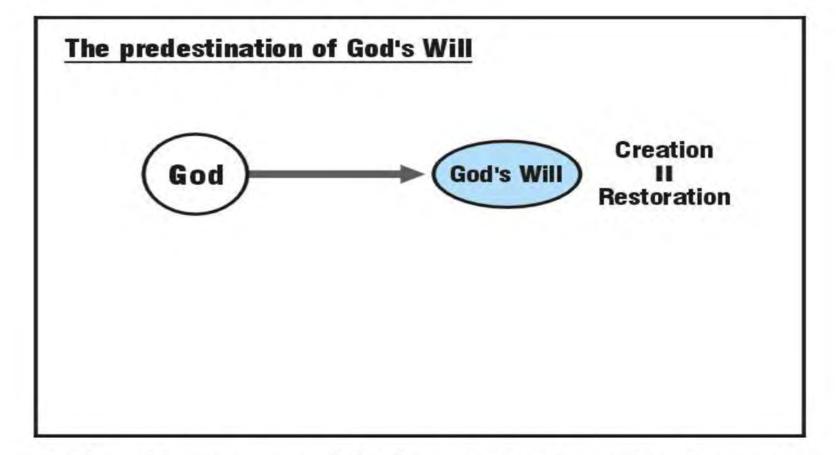
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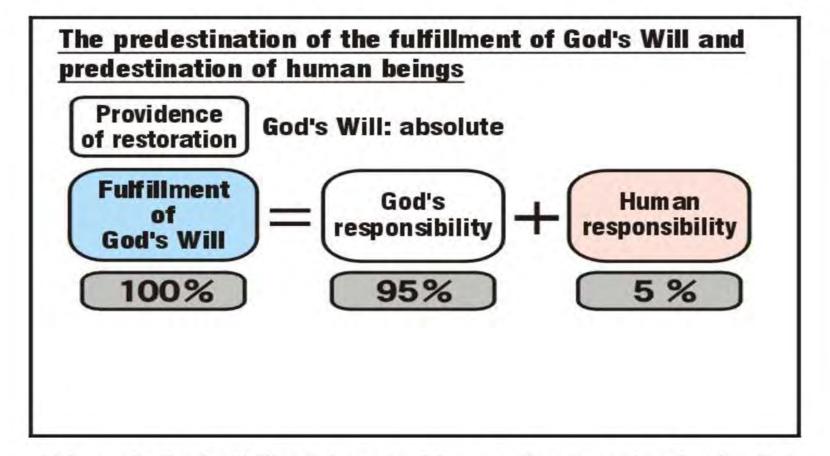
- Yet we can find sufficient evidence in the Bible to <u>refute the</u> doctrine of absolute predestination.
- •How does the Divine Principle resolve this issue?



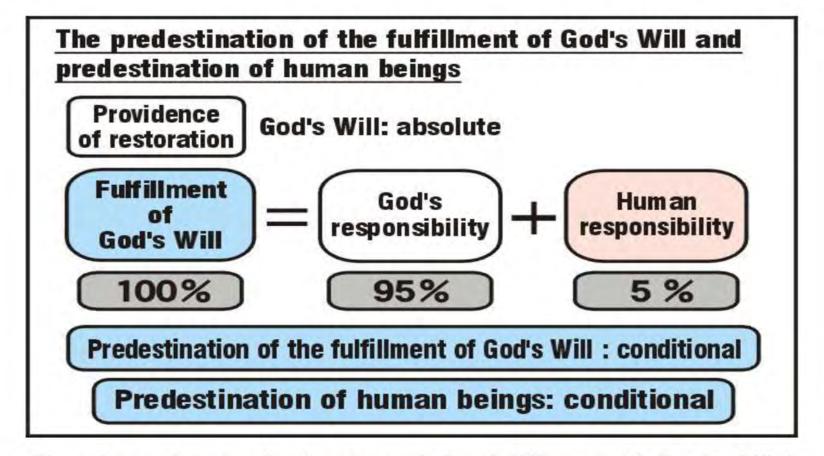
•God could not accomplish His purpose of creation due to the human Fall. Accordingly, <u>God's Will</u> in carrying out His providence for fallen humanity is still to accomplish the purpose of <u>creation</u>. In this sense, God's Will is that <u>restoration</u> be accomplished.

The predestination of God's Will Creation God's Will God Restoration Absolute, unique, Absolute, unique, eternal, and eternal, and unchanging unchanging Predestination of God's Will: absolute

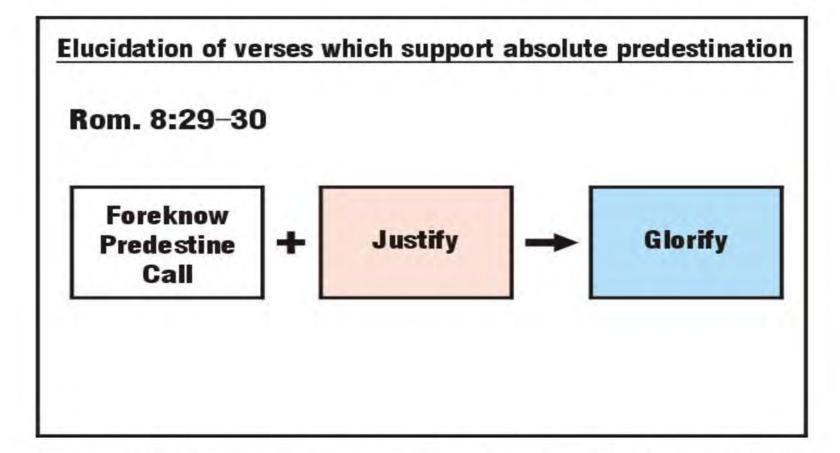
- God is the <u>absolute</u>, <u>unique</u>, <u>eternal</u> and <u>unchanging</u> Being; therefore, His Will must also be <u>absolute</u>, <u>unique</u> and unchanging.
- •The predestination of God's Will is absolute.



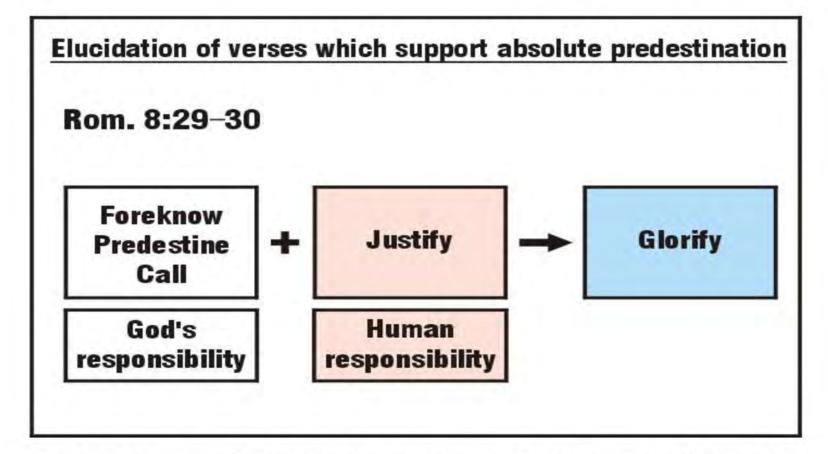
- Although God's Will of the providence of restoration is <u>absolute</u> and beyond human influence, its fulfillment necessarily requires the accomplishment of the human portion of responsibility.
- •God predestines the process of its <u>fulfillment</u> conditionally, contingent upon the completion of the 5% <u>human responsibility</u> in addition to the 95% responsibility of God.



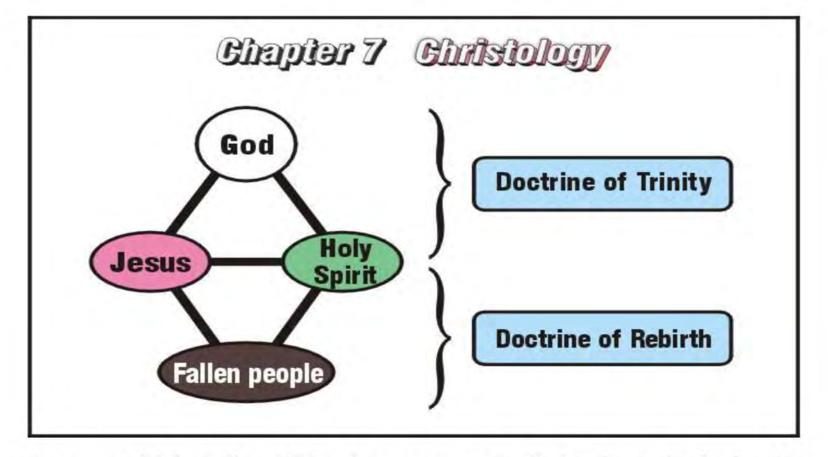
- •Therefore, the predestination of the fulfillment of God's Will is conditional.
- •And the predestination of human beings is conditional.



•The book of Romans says: "Those whom He foreknew He also predestined . . . those whom He predestined He also <u>called</u>; and those whom He called He also <u>justified</u>; and those whom He justified He also glorified" (Rom. 8:29-30).

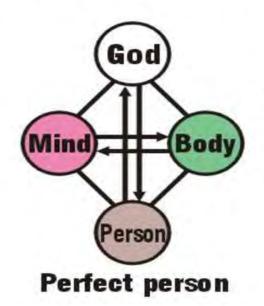


- •Predestining and calling the person is <u>God's responsibility</u>, but only when the person completes <u>his responsibility</u> after being called by God, is he justified.
- •Hence, God's predestination concerning an individual's glorification is thus contingent upon the fulfillment of his portion of responsibility.



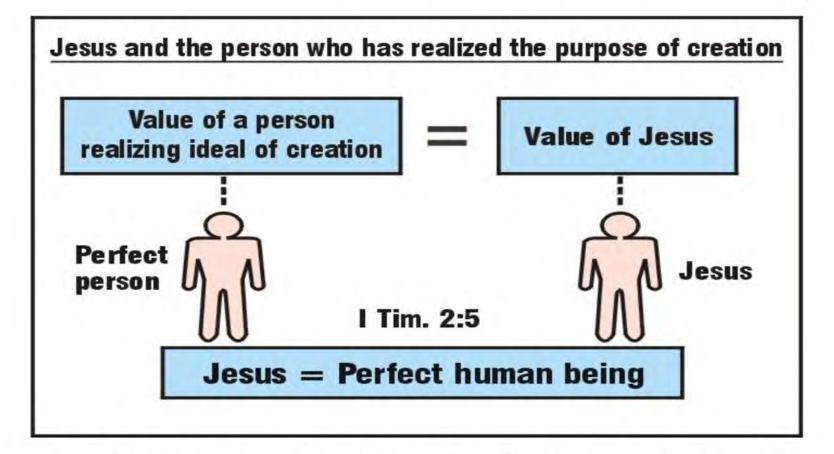
•Issues which fall within the scope of Christology include the <u>Trinity</u>, which deals with the relationship between <u>God</u>, <u>Jesus</u> and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>; and <u>rebirth</u>, which concerns the relationship between <u>Jesus</u>, the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and <u>fallen people</u>.

The value of a person who has realized the purpose of creation



- ① Divine value
- ② Unique existence
- 3 Value of the entire cosmos

- A perfect person, who has realized the purpose of creation:
- ①Assumes a <u>divine value</u>, comparable to God.
- ②Is a unique existence in the cosmos.
- 3 Has the value of the entire cosmos.

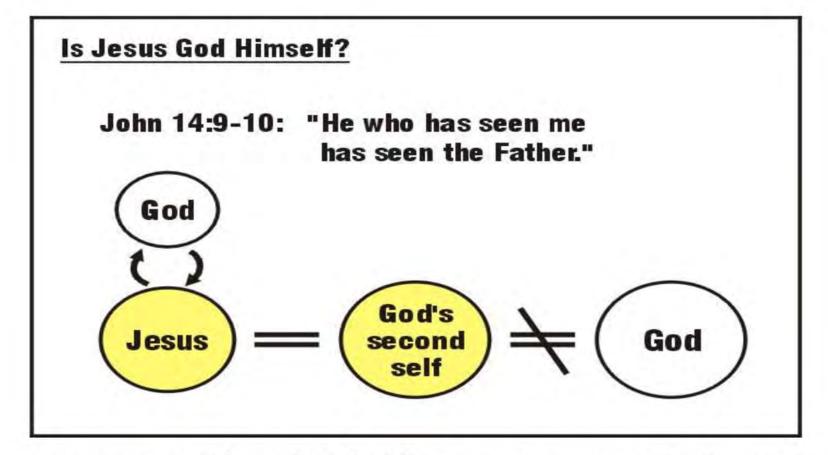


- •There is no greater value than <u>value of a person</u> who has realized the ideal of creation. This is the <u>value of Jesus</u>, who surely attained the highest imaginable value.
- •Thus, <u>Jesus</u> is a <u>perfect human being</u>, who realized the ideal of creation.

Is Jesus God Himself?

John 14:9-10: "He who has seen me has seen the Father."

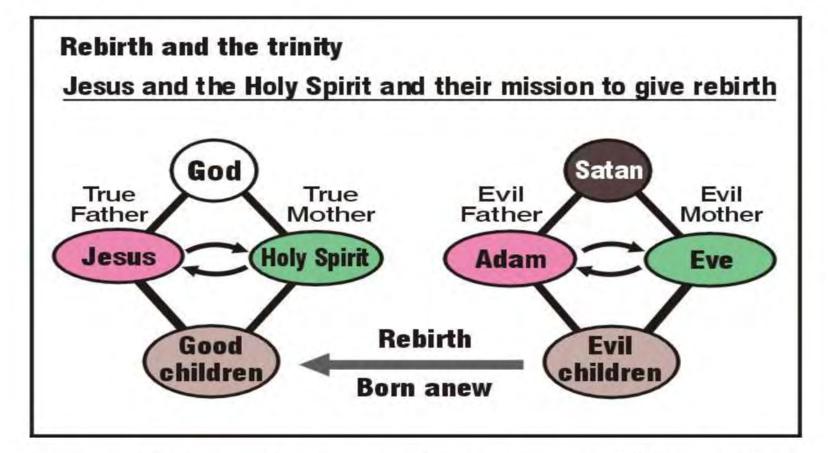
- •When Phillip asked Jesus to show him God, Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show me the Father?' Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?" (John 14:9-10)
- •Based on such biblical verses as this, many Christians have believed that Jesus is God, the Creator.



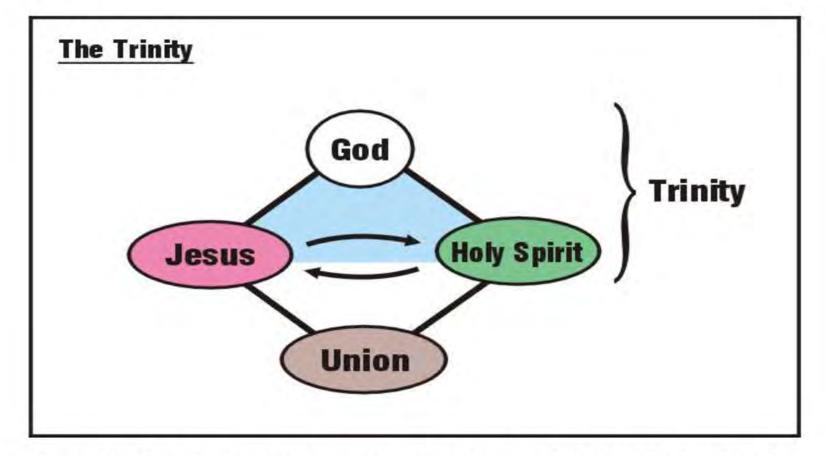
- <u>Jesus</u> may well be called God because, as a man who has realized the purpose of creation and who lives in oneness with <u>God</u>, he has a divine nature. Nevertheless, he is not God Himself.
- •The body may be understood to be the mind's second self, but it is not the mind itself; by analogy, Jesus may be understood to be God's second self, but he is not God.

Rebirth and the trinity Jesus and the Holy Spirit and their mission to give rebirth Satan Evil Evil Mother Father Eve Adam Evil

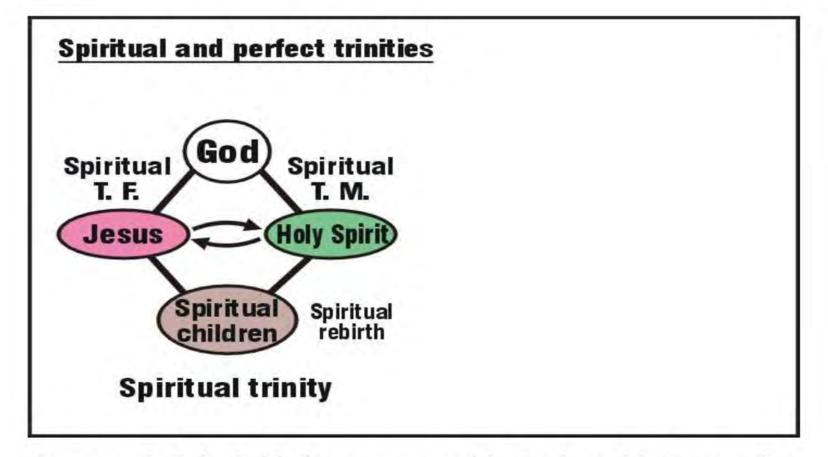
- •Jesus said, "Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Why must fallen people be born anew?
- <u>Adam</u> and <u>Eve</u> fell and became <u>evil parents</u>, multiplying <u>evil</u> children.



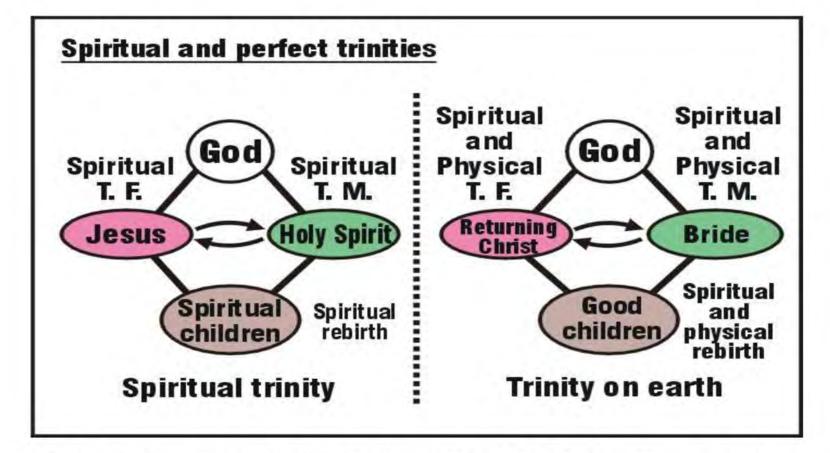
- •Hence, fallen people must be <u>born anew</u> as children without original sin.
- <u>Jesus</u> came as the <u>True Father</u> in order to give rebirth to fallen people, transforming them into <u>good children</u> thoroughly cleansed of original sin. The <u>Holy Spirit</u> came as the <u>True</u> Mother.



- •To fulfill the purpose of creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit <u>unite</u> through give and take with each other with God as the center and form the four position foundation.
- •God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit thus become one, and this oneness constitutes the Trinity.



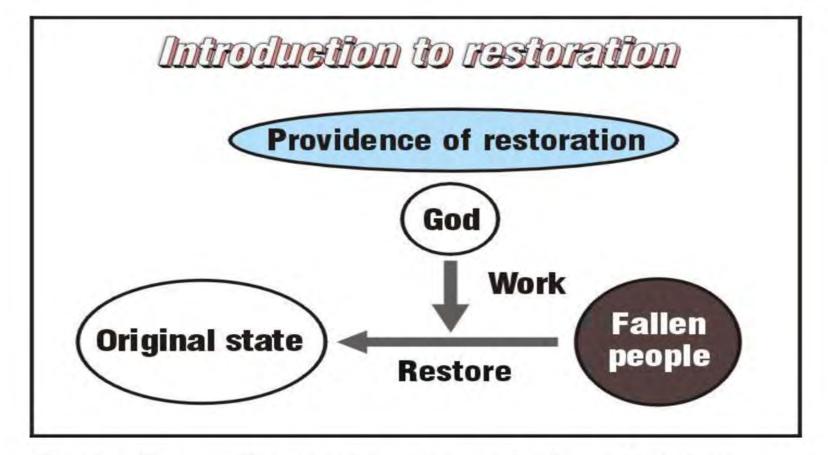
<u>Jesus</u> and <u>Holy Spirit</u> in oneness with <u>God</u> could form only a spiritual trinity and fulfill only the mission of spiritual True Parents.



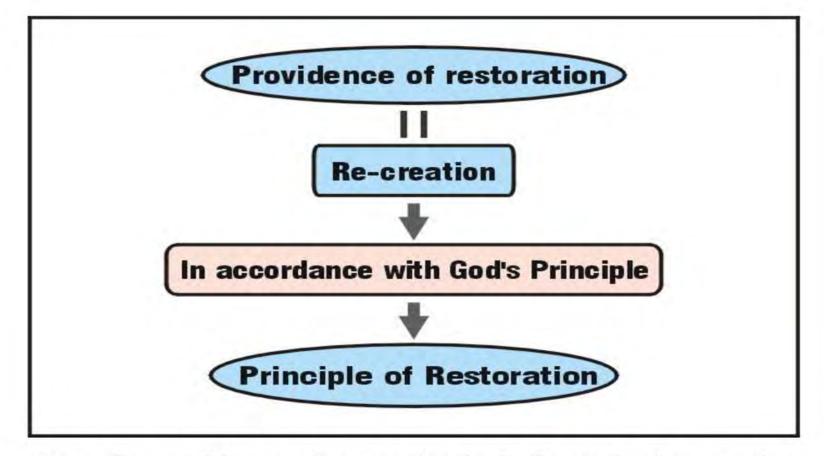
Christ must return in the flesh and find his <u>Bride</u>. They will form on earth a perfect trinity with <u>God</u> and become True Parents both spiritually and physically. They will give fallen people <u>spiritual</u> and <u>physical rebirth</u>, removing their original sin and enabling them to build <u>trinities on earth</u> with God as the center.

Part II

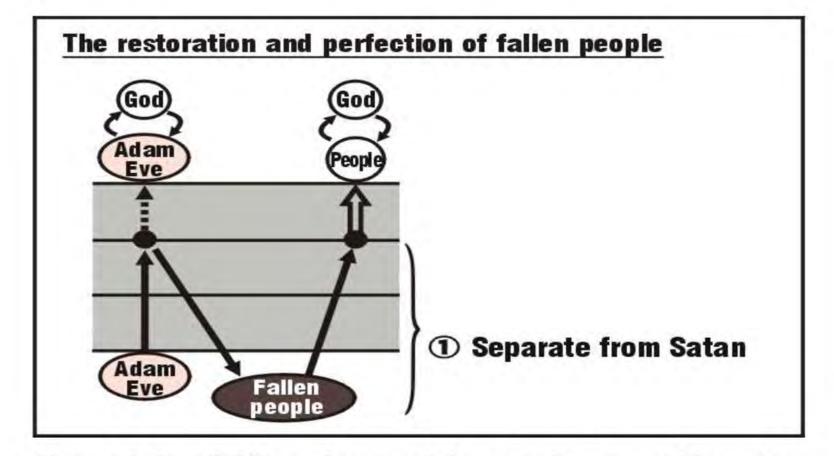
The Principle of Restoration



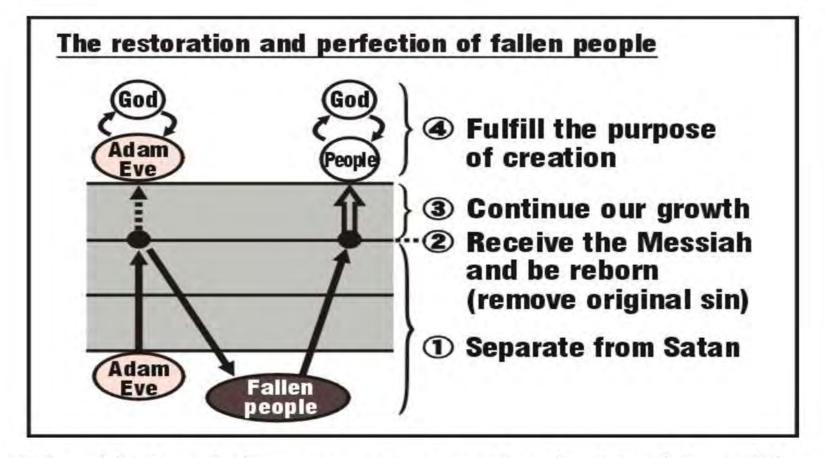
•The providence of restoration refers to God's work to restore the fallen people to their original, unfallen state so that they may fulfill the purpose of creation.



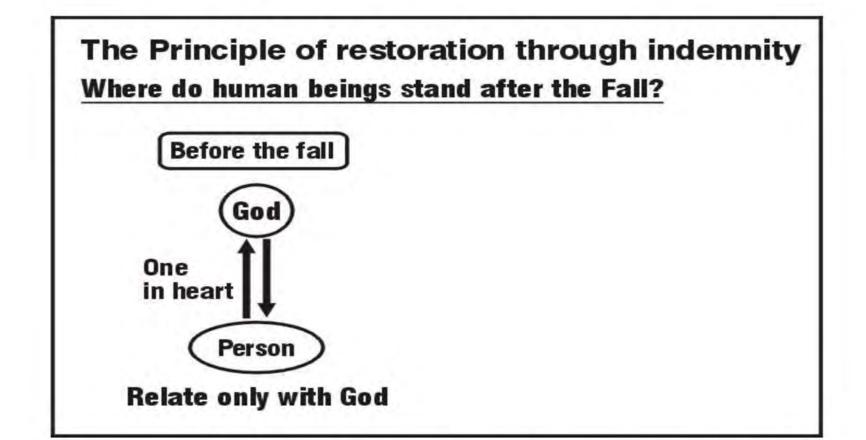
Since the <u>providence of restoration</u> is God's work of <u>re-creation</u>, which has as its goal the fulfillment of the purpose of creation, God works this providence <u>in accordance with His Principle</u>. In the course of the providence of restoration, this principle is called the <u>Principle</u> of Restoration.



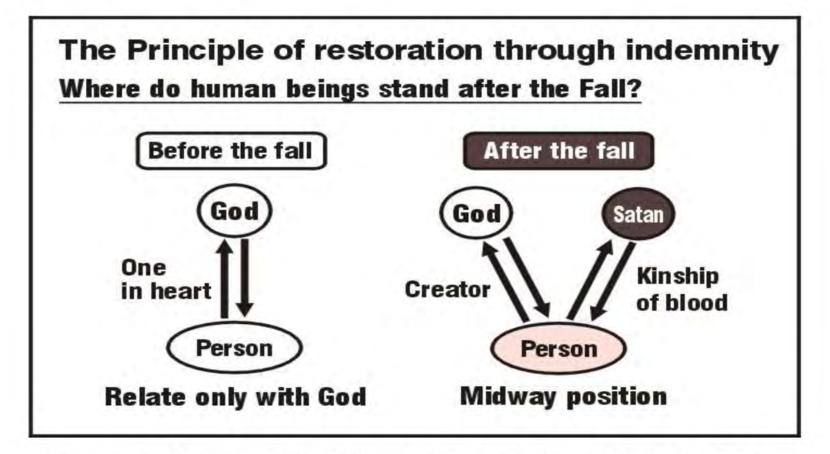
- •Human beings fell from the top of the growth stage and have been held under Satan's dominion.
- To be restored, we, fallen people:
- ①First need to go through a course to <u>separate Satan</u> from ourselves in order to restore ourselves in form to the spiritual level which Adam and Eve had reached before the Fall—the <u>top of the growth</u> stage.



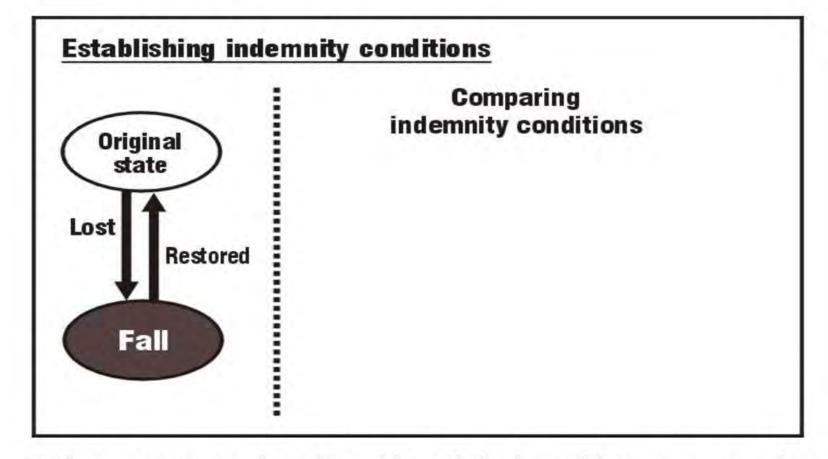
- ②On this foundation, we are to <u>receive the Messiah and be</u> <u>reborn</u>, <u>remove our original sin</u>, and thereby be fully restored to the original state of human beings before the Fall.
- ③Finally, by following the Messiah, we should <u>continue our</u> growth to maturity,
- Where we can <u>fulfill</u> the purpose of creation.



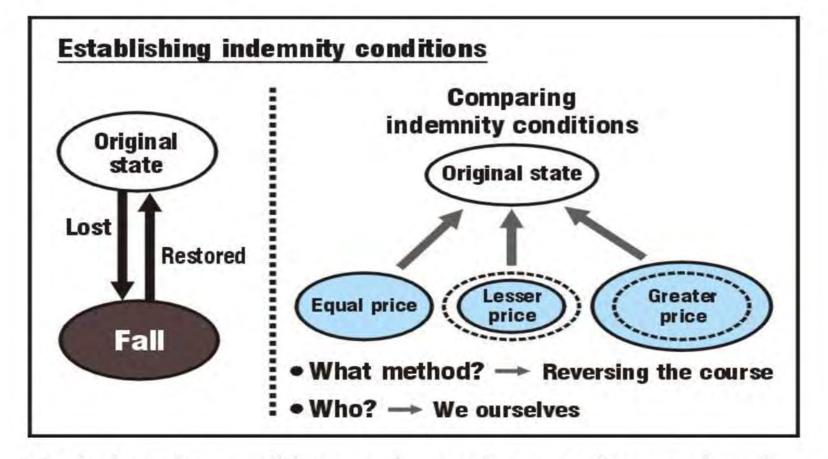
If the first <u>human</u> ancestors had reached perfection, they would have lived relating only with <u>God</u>.



- •However, due to their Fall, they joined in a kinship of blood with Satan. Hence, immediately after the Fall, they found themselves in the midway position between God and Satan, where they were relating with both.
- •A fallen person will go to God's side if he makes good conditions and to Satan's side if he makes evil conditions.



- When someone has <u>lost</u> his original position or state, he must make some condition to be <u>restored</u> to it.
- •The making of such conditions of restitution is called indemnity.
- •How does a condition of indemnity compare with the value of what was lost?



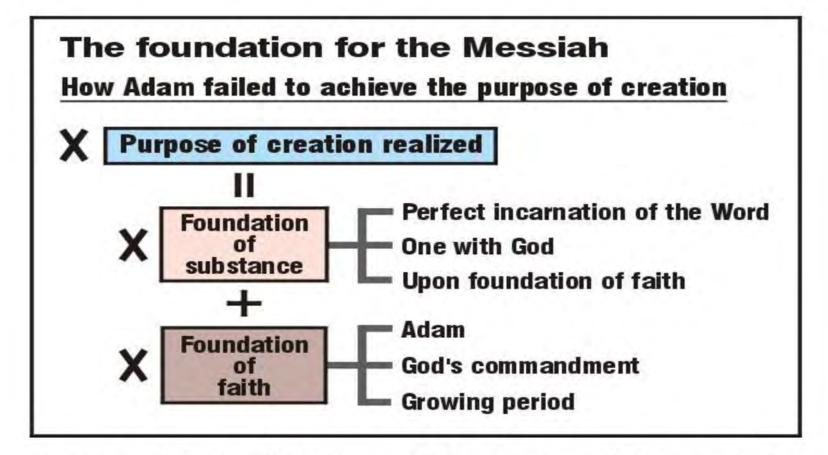
- An indemnity condition can be made at a price equal to, less than, or greater than the value of what was lost.
- •As for the <u>method</u>, an indemnity condition is made by <u>reversing the course</u> through which the original state was lost.
- •It is <u>we ourselves</u> who must fulfill the necessary indemnity conditions as our portion of responsibility.

The foundation for the Messiah How Adam failed to achieve the purpose of creation

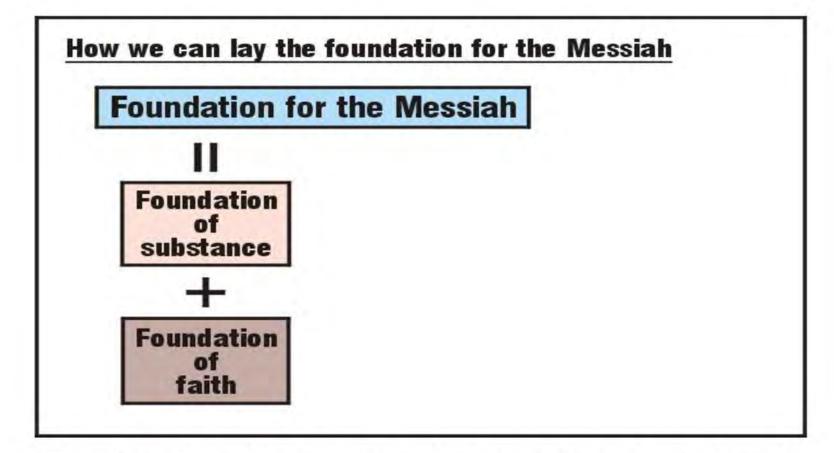
- •For us, fallen people, to receive the Messiah, we must establish the foundation for the Messiah.
- •To establish this foundation, since an indemnity condition is established through a reverse course of the failure, we must know how Adam failed to achieve the purpose of creation.

The foundation for the Messiah How Adam failed to achieve the purpose of creation Perfect incarnation of the Word **Foundation** One with God substance Upon foundation of faith Adam Foundation **God's commandment** faith **Growing period**

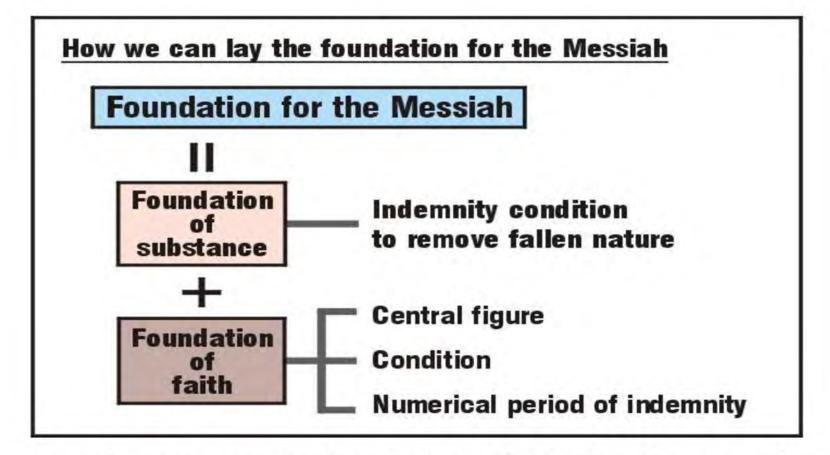
- First, <u>Adam</u> should have established the <u>foundation of faith</u> by keeping strictly <u>God's commandment</u> and passing through a set <u>growing</u> period.
- Second, Adam should have established the <u>foundation of substance</u>: after establishing an unshakable <u>foundation of faith</u>, he was then to become <u>one with God</u>, thereby becoming a <u>perfect incarnation of the Word</u> and attaining individual perfection.



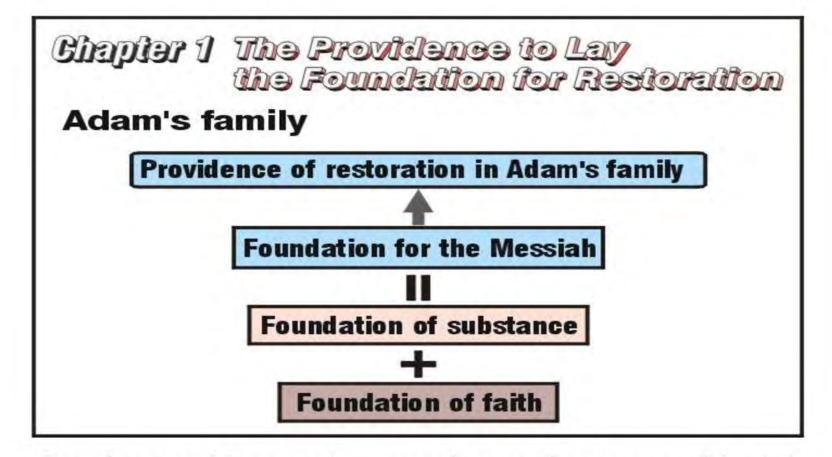
•However, Adam failed to establish these conditions and thus failed to achieve the purpose of creation.



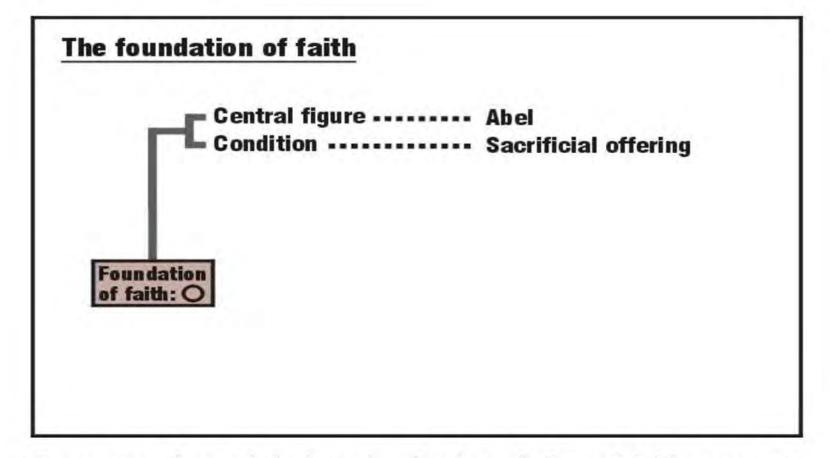
•Therefore, in order to receive the Messiah and complete the purpose of creation, we must restore the <u>foundation of faith</u> and <u>foundation of substance</u> and thereby the <u>foundation for</u> the Messiah.



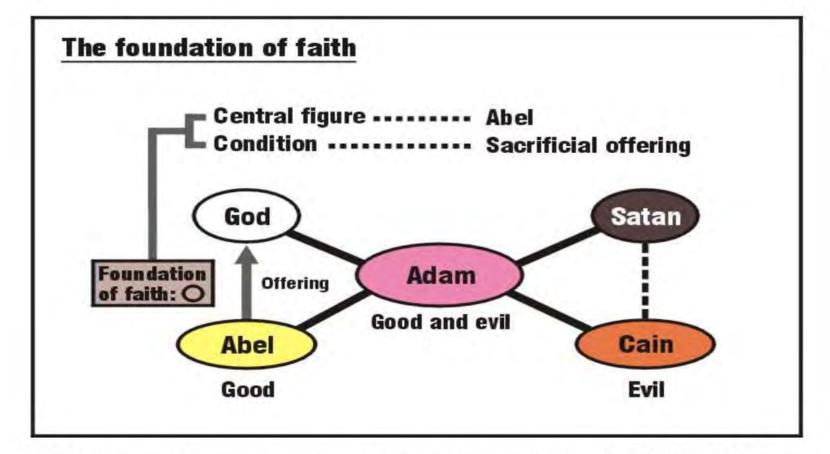
- •In order to restore the foundation of faith, first there must be a <u>central figure</u>. Second, a <u>condition</u> must be offered. Third, a <u>numerical period of indemnity</u> must be completed.
- •In order to lay the foundation of substance, we must make the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature.



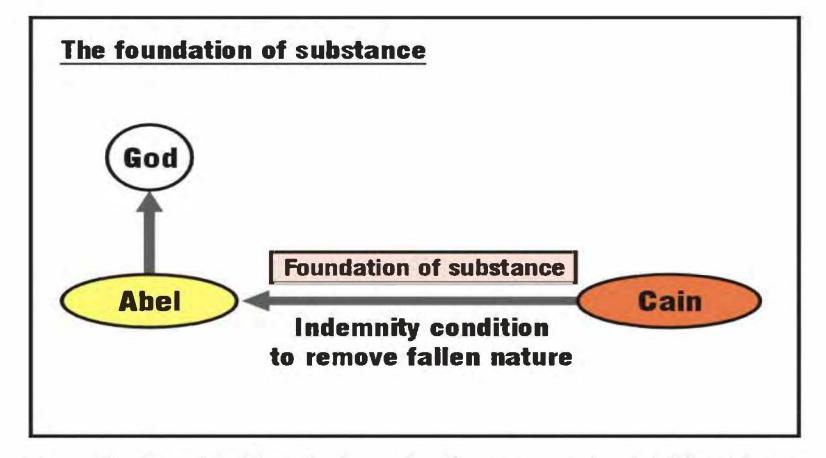
•For the providence of restoration to be accomplished in Adam's family, the members of his family had to make certain conditions of indemnity to restore the <u>foundation of faith</u> and the <u>foundation of substance</u>. On these two foundations, the <u>foundation for the Messiah</u> was to be established, and the Messiah could have come to Adam's family.



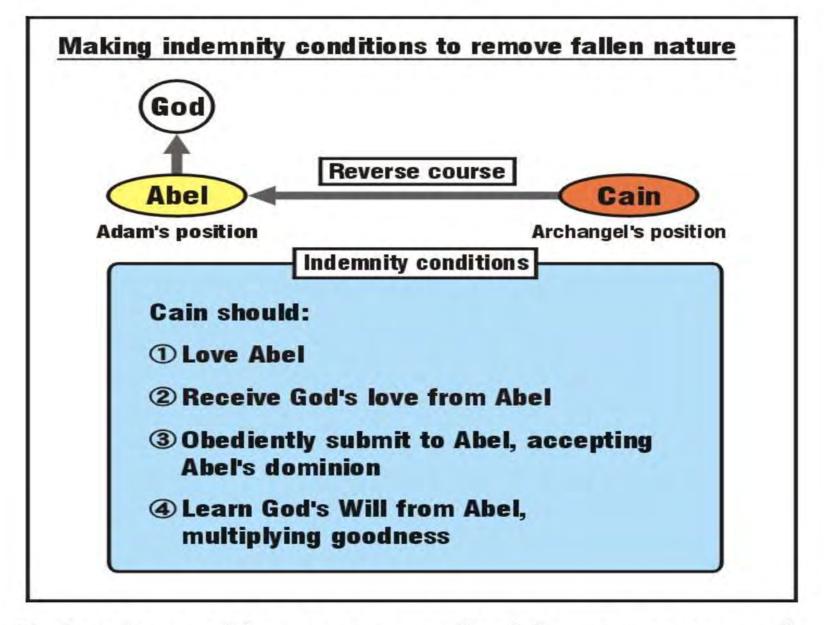
- •To restore through indemnity the foundation of faith, we must set up a <u>condition</u> substituting for God's Word. For Adam's family, this object was a <u>sacrificial offering</u>.
- •The foundation of faith also requires a <u>central figure</u>: Instead of Adam, his sons Cain and <u>Abel</u> offered the sacrifice.



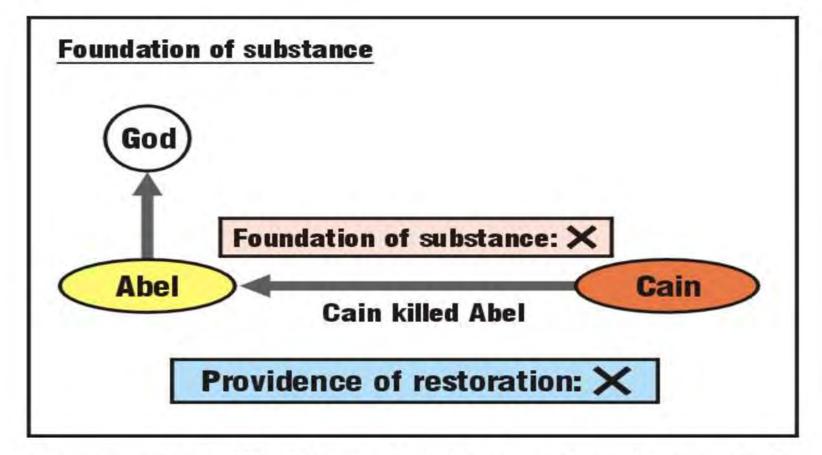
- •What was the reason for this? God symbolically divided <u>Adam</u>, who embodied both good and evil, by giving him two sons, <u>Abel representing good</u> and <u>Cain representing evil</u>. God set them in positions where each dealt with only one master, <u>God</u> or <u>Satan</u>, and had them offer sacrifices separately.
- <u>Abel</u> made the offering in a manner acceptable to God; in this way, he successfully laid the <u>foundation of faith</u>.



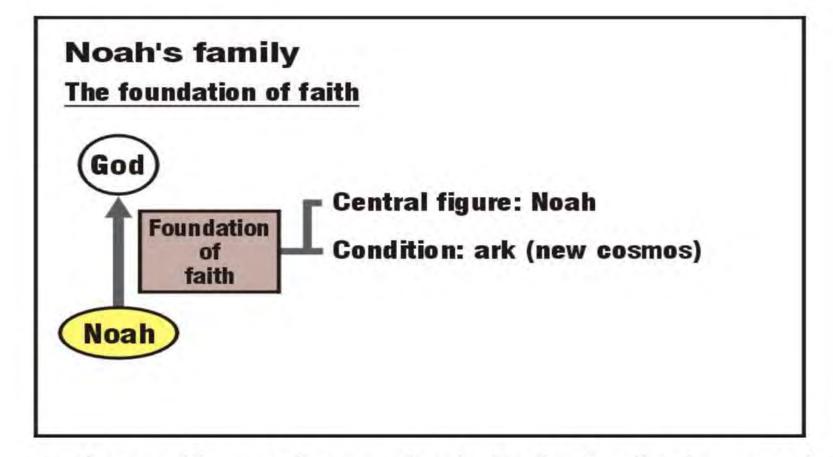
•In order for the foundation of substance to be laid in Adam's family, <u>Cain</u> had to fulfill the <u>indemnity condition to</u> remove the fallen nature by submitting to <u>Abel</u> so that God could gladly accept Cain's sacrifice.



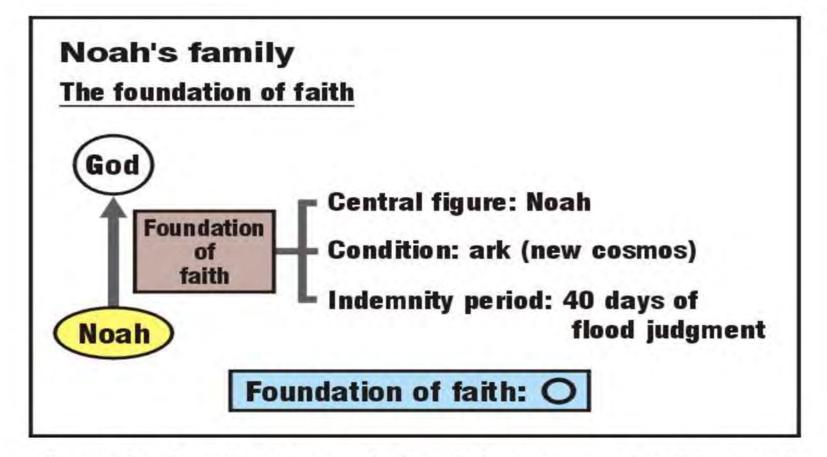
•Indemnity conditions to remove the fallen nature are made through the reverse course of the fall.



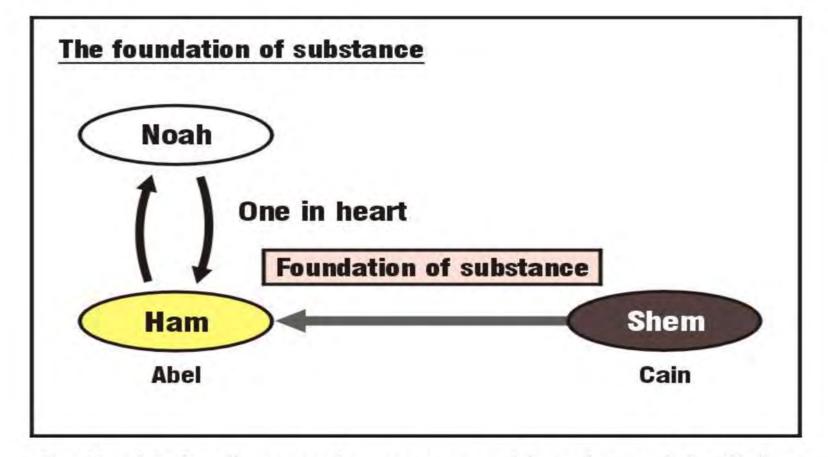
- •However, <u>Cain killed Abel</u>, thereby repeating the sin of the Archangel and manifesting the primary characteristics of the fallen nature. Adam's family thus failed to lay the <u>foundation</u> of substance.
- Consequently, God's <u>providence of restoration</u> through Adam's family could not be fulfilled.



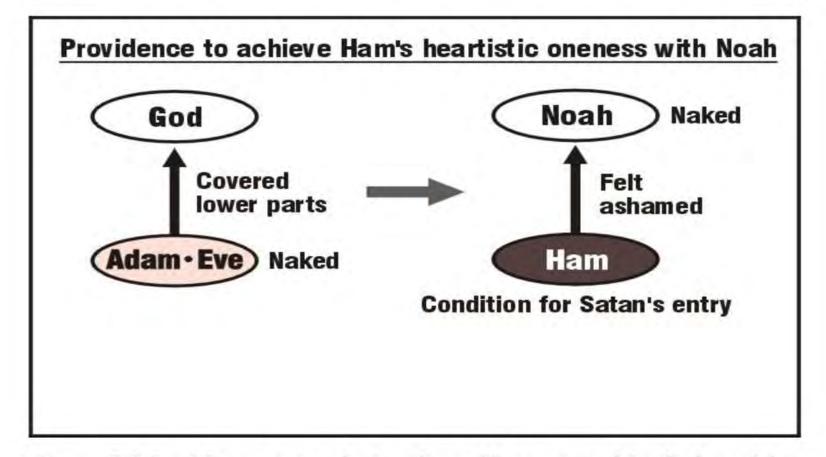
- In the providence of restoration in Noah's family, the central figure to restore the foundation of faith was Noah.
- The condition through which Noah was to restore it was the ark, which signified the new cosmos.



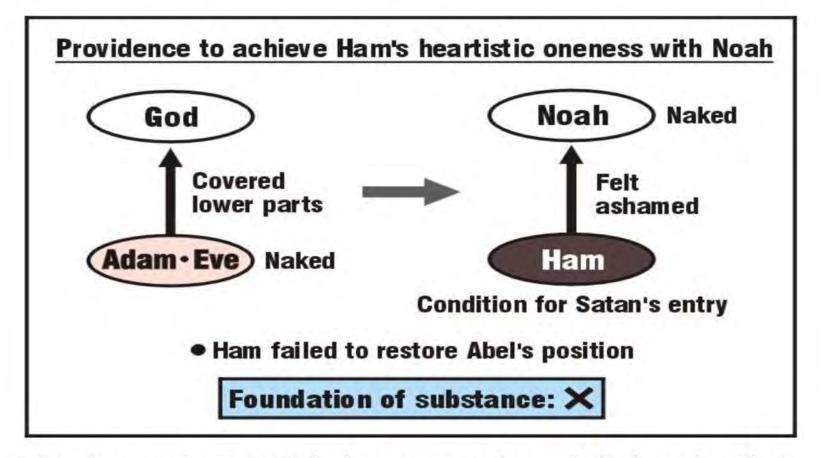
•Through the 40 days of flood judgment, Noah's family offered the ark in the manner acceptable to God and restored through indemnity the <u>foundation of faith</u>.



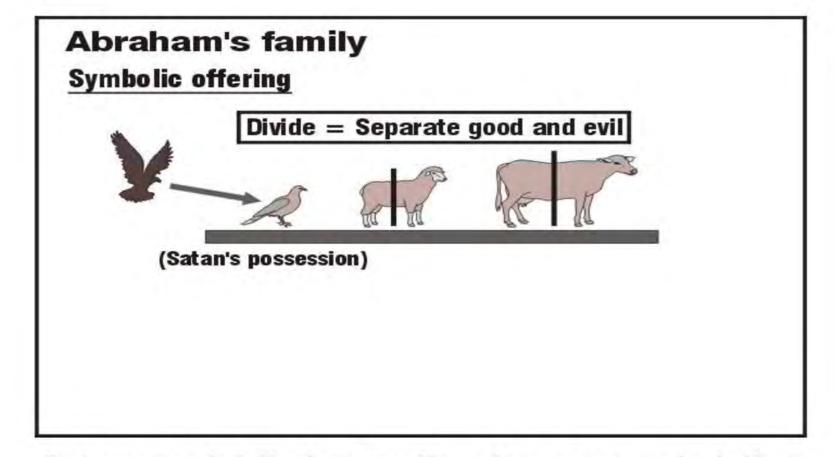
- For Noah's family to make an acceptable substantial offering, Ham, Noah's second son and the central figure of the substantial offering, was to restore the position of <u>Abel</u>.
- •To do this, Ham had to become inseparably one in heart with his father, Noah, who had made the symbolic offering.



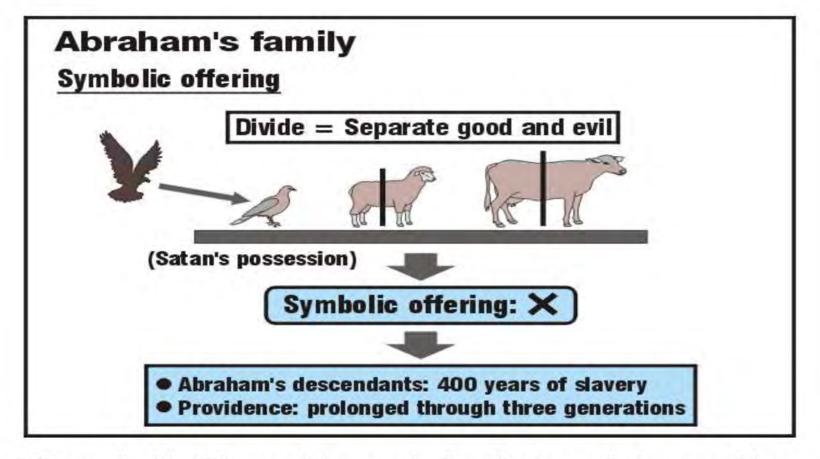
- •Gen. 9:20~26 reports that when Ham saw his father lying naked in his tent, he felt ashamed of Noah and stirred up the same feelings in his brothers, Shem and Japheth.
- When Ham <u>felt ashamed</u> of his father's nakedness, an act that resembled <u>Adam and Eve</u>'s <u>covering their lower parts</u> and hiding, he made a condition for Satan to enter; hence his feeling and act constituted a sin.



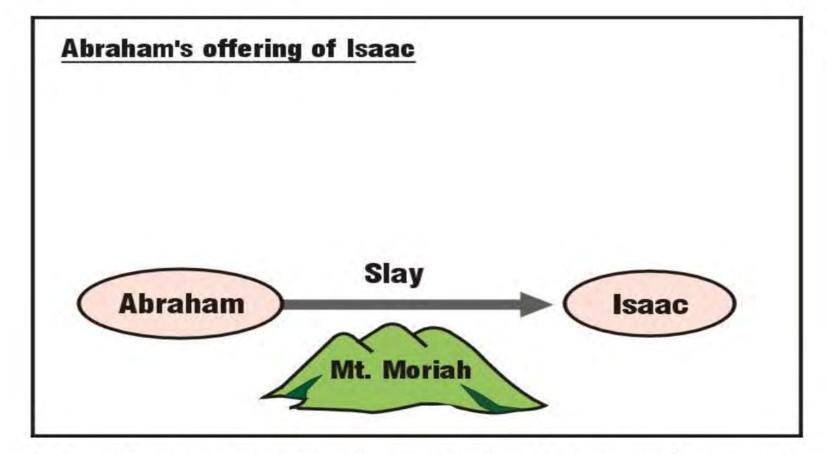
- Consequently, Ham <u>failed to restore</u> through indemnity Abel's position from which to make the substantial offering.
- •Hence, Ham failed to establish the <u>foundation of substance</u>, and the providence of restoration in Noah's family ended in failure.



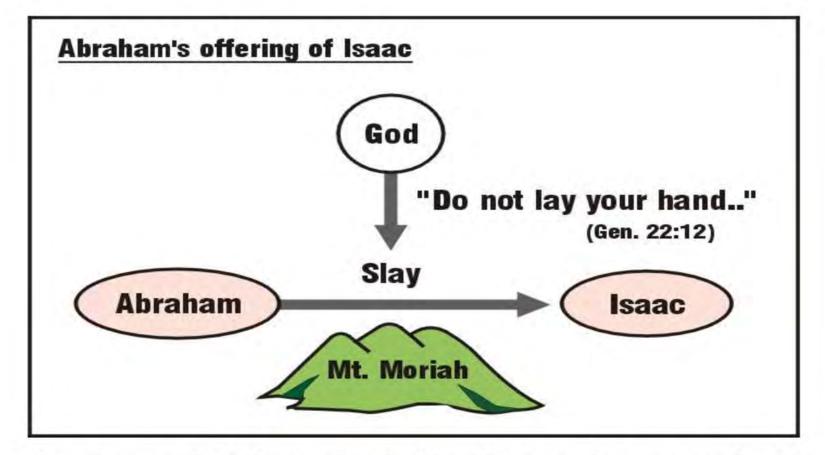
- •God commanded Abraham to offer a dove, a ram, and a heifer to restore the foundation of faith.
- •Because Abraham did not cut the <u>dove</u>, <u>birds of prey</u> came down and defiled the sacrifices.
- •This mistake meant that he did not separate good and evil, and thus had the effect of acknowledging <u>Satan's claim of possession</u> over the sacrifices.



- •Through this failure of the <u>symbolic offering</u>, all the conditions God intended to restore through it were lost.
- •As a consequence, Abraham's descendants had to suffer 400 years of slavery in Egypt, and the providence centered on him was prolonged through the three generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



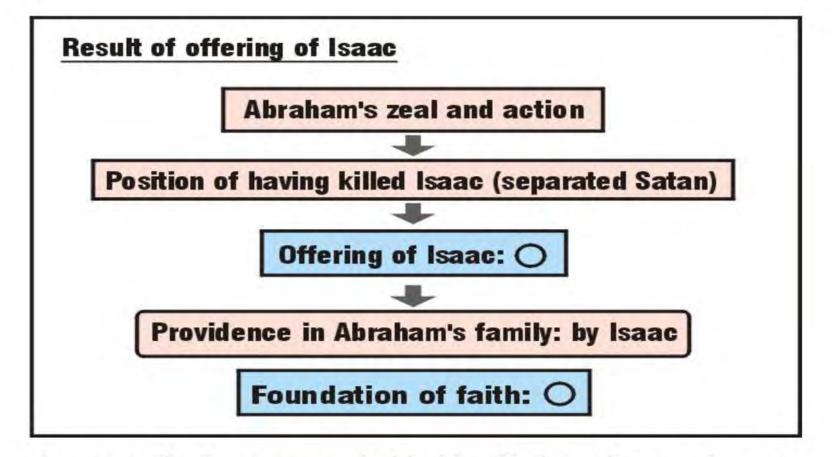
- After Abraham failed in the symbolic offering, God gave him another chance by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac as a burnt offering.
- With absolute faith, Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay Isaac.



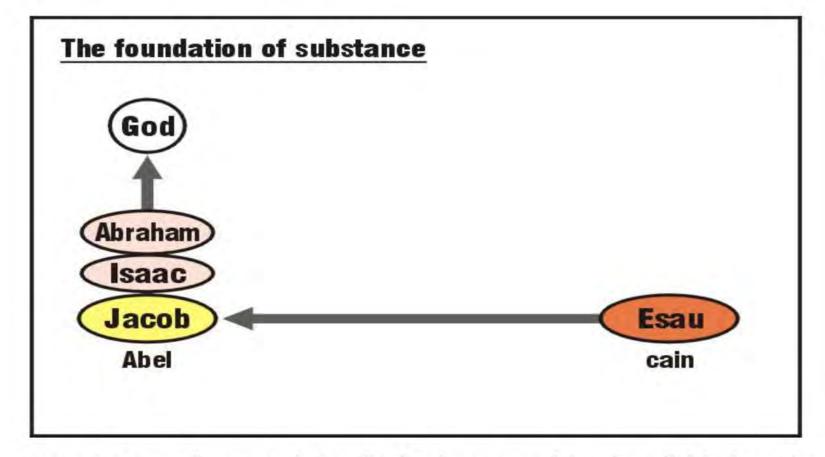
•But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God."

Result of offering of Isaac Abraham's zeal and action Position of having killed Isaac (separated Satan)

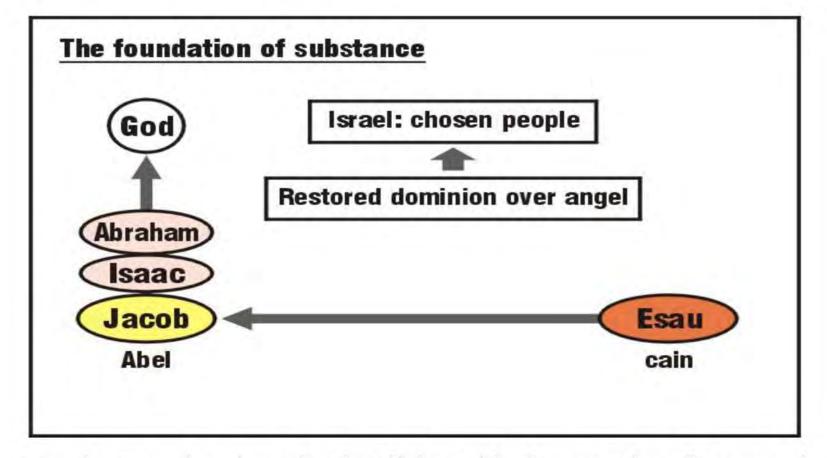
Abraham's zeal to do God's Will and his resolute actions, carried out with absolute faith, obedience and loyalty, lifted him up to the position of already <u>having killed Isaac</u>. Therefore, he completely <u>separated Satan</u> from Isaac.



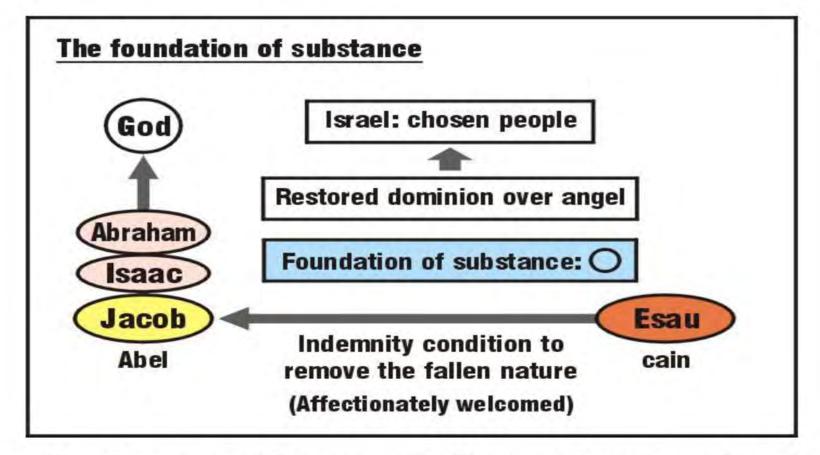
- Because Abraham succeeded in his <u>offering of Isaac</u>, the <u>providence of restoration in Abraham's family</u> could be carried on by Isaac.
- •In this way, Isaac, having inherited Abraham's mission, made the symbolic offering and restored through indemnity the foundation of faith.



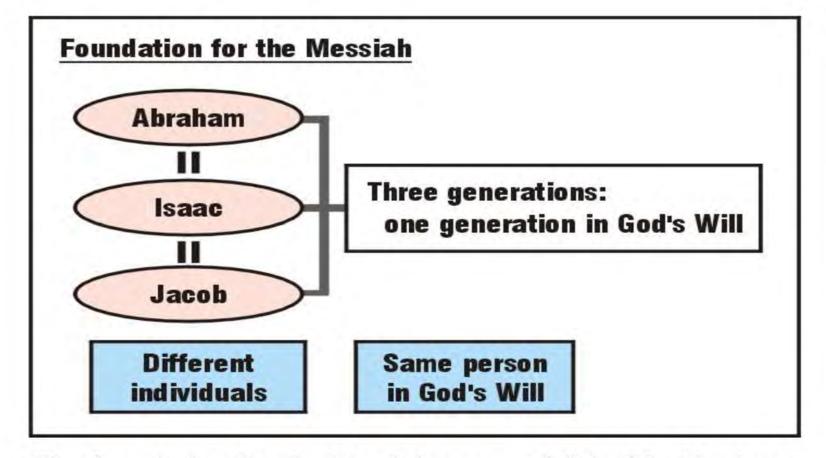
•Isaac's sons, <u>Esau</u> and <u>Jacob</u>, had to stand in the divided positions of Cain and Abel respectively. Then, by making a substantial offering, they had to fulfill the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature and lay the foundation of substance.



Jacob was victorious in the fight with the angel and <u>restored</u> dominion over the angel. Thereupon, he received the name "<u>Is-rael</u>" and laid the groundwork upon which the <u>chosen people</u> would be established.



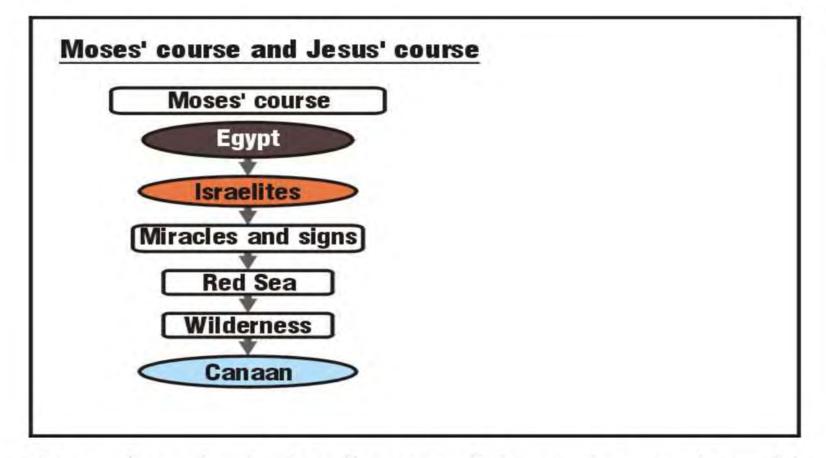
- •When Esau opened his arms and <u>affectionately welcomed</u> Jacob as he returned to Canaan, they fulfilled the <u>indemnity condition</u> to remove the fallen nature.
- •Their victory restored through indemnity, horizontally in one family, the long vertical course of history in which God had been working to restore the foundation of substance.



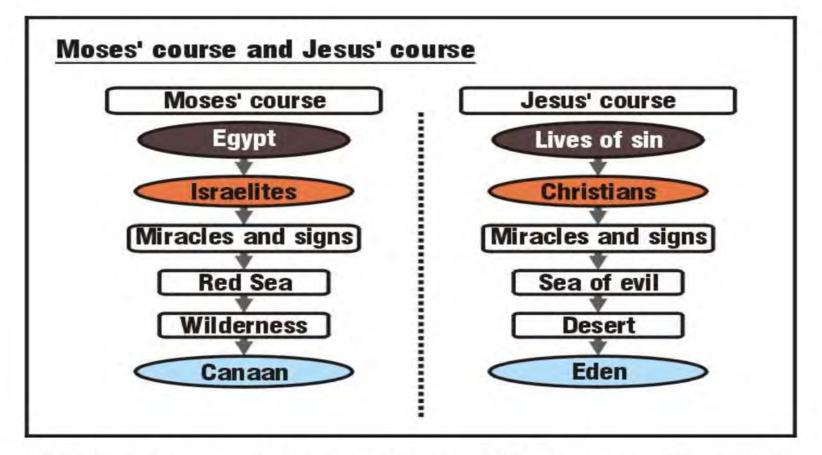
- •The foundation for the Messiah was established in Abraham's family, despite the failure of Abraham's symbolic offering.
- •God regarded <u>Abraham</u>, <u>Isaac</u> and <u>Jacob</u> as the <u>same person</u> with respect to His Will, even though they were three <u>different</u> ent individuals.

Ghapter 2 Moses and Jesus in the Providence of Restoration Model courses for bringing Satan to submission Why Jacob's course and Moses' course were set up as the models for Jesus' course God Jacob Moses Jesus **Believers** Humanit Satan

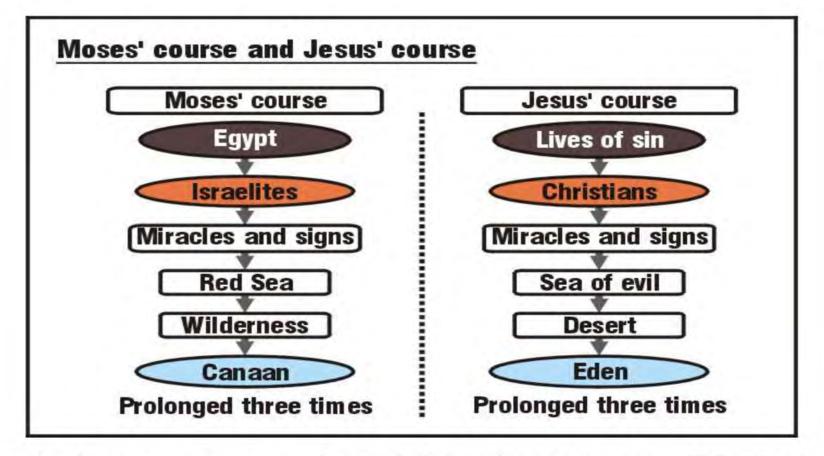
- •God set up the courses of Jacob and Moses as models for Jesus' course to save humankind.
- Satan, who does not meekly surrender even before <u>God</u>, would by no means readily surrender to Jesus. Therefore, God called upon <u>Jacob</u> and <u>Moses</u> and worked through them to show the course for bringing <u>Satan</u> to submission.



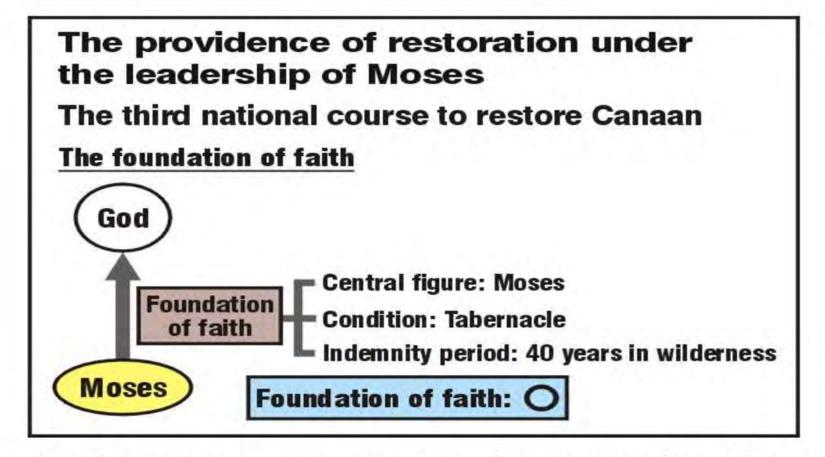
• Moses brought the Israelites out of Egypt, the satanic world, with miracles and signs, led them across the Red Sea, and had them wander through the wilderness before entering the promised land of Canaan.



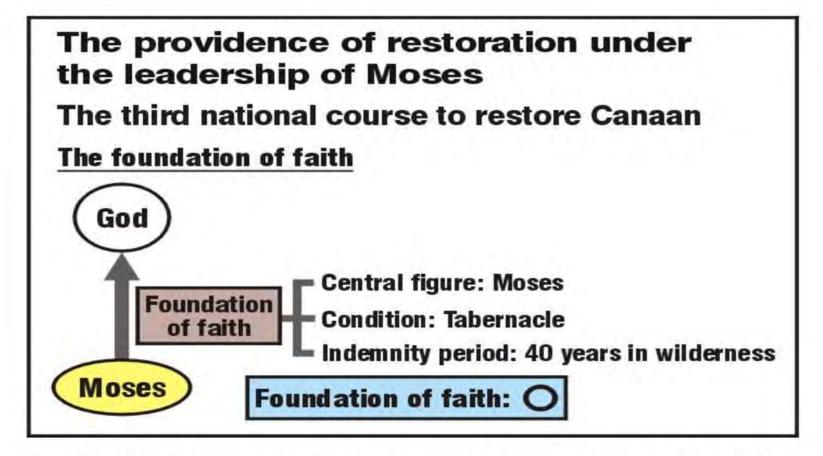
•This foreshadowed the course on which <u>Jesus</u> would one day lead <u>Christians</u>. With miracles and signs, Jesus would bring Christians out of <u>lives of sin</u> and lead them safely across the troubled sea of evil. He would take them through a desert devoid of life-giving water before guiding them into the Garden of Eden of God's promise.



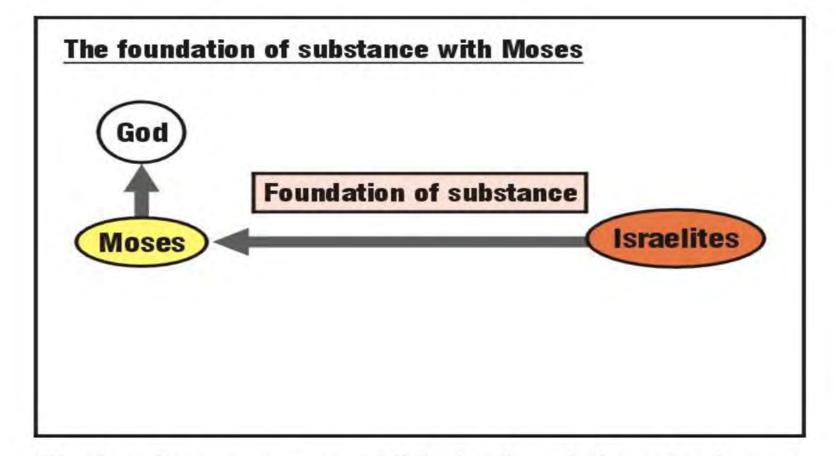
Both courses were prolonged three times because of the Israelites' faithlessness.



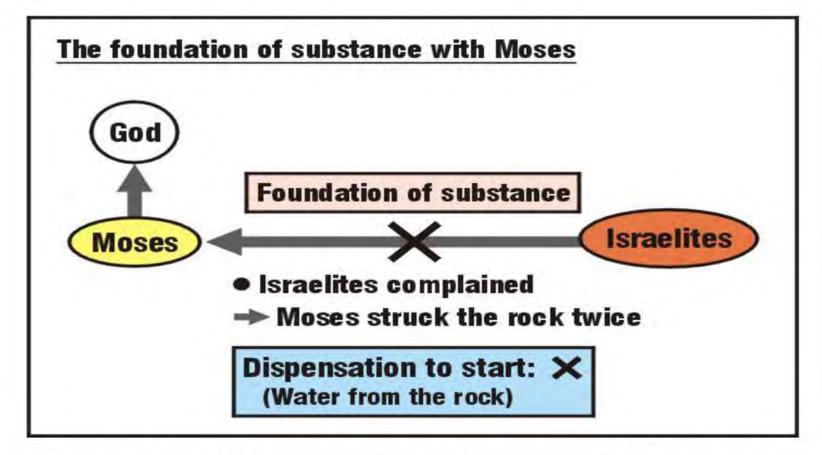
•The first national course to restore Canaan, based on Moses' 40 years in Pharaoh's palace, and the second national course, based on his 40 years in the wilderness of Midian, all ended in failure due to the faithlessness of the Israelites.



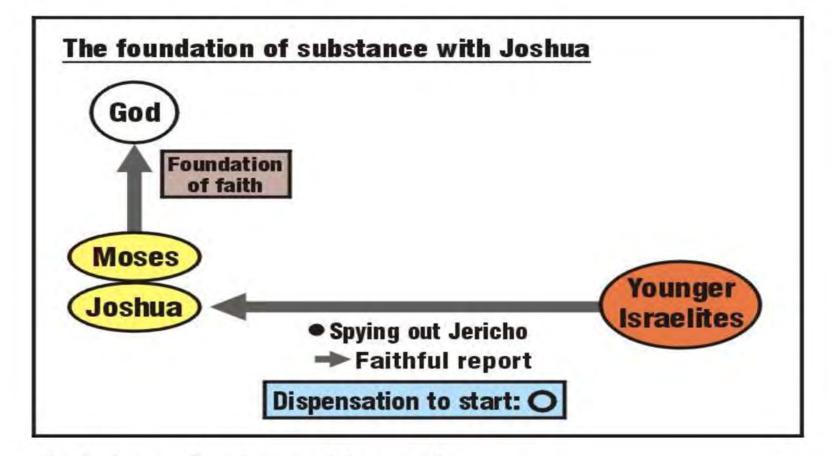
•In the third national course, through the <u>40-year's wandering</u> in the wilderness honoring the <u>Tabernacle</u> until the Israelites returned to Kadesh-barnea, <u>Moses</u> was able to establish the foundation of faith.



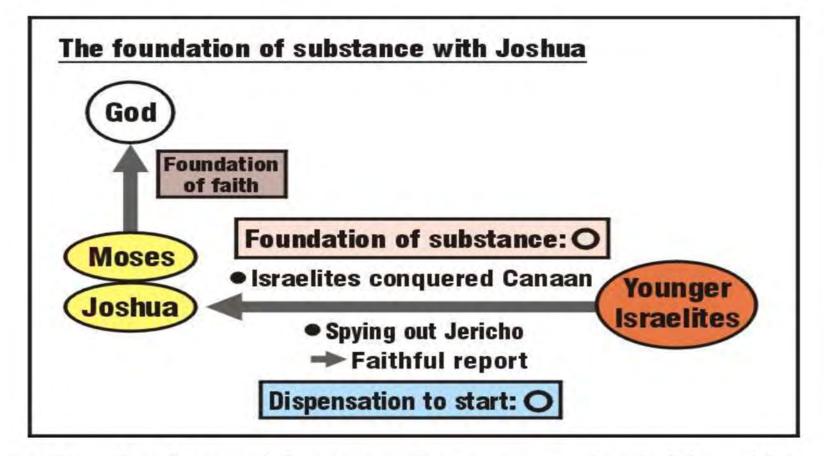
- •The Israelites were to establish the <u>foundation of substance</u> by honoring the Tabernacle with faith and devotion and following Moses into Canaan.
- •God instructed Moses to strike the rock with his staff that it might yield water and give drink to the people.



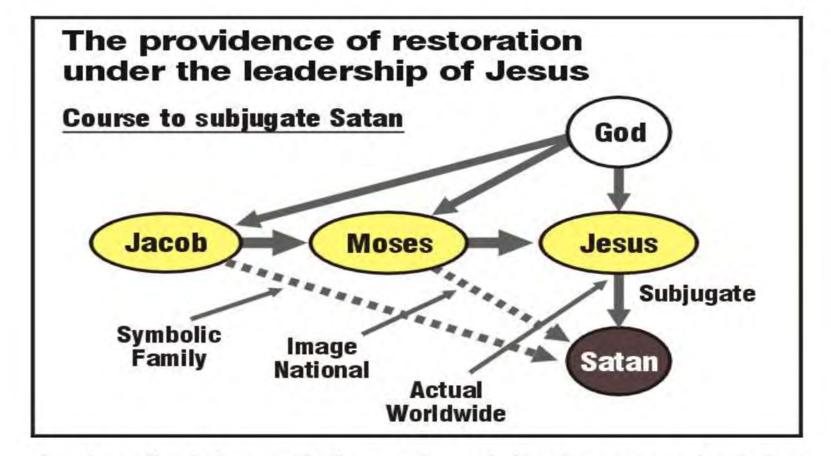
- •However, when Moses heard the people <u>complaining</u> against him, he raged in uncontrolled anger and <u>struck the rock</u> <u>twice</u>. This created a condition for Satan's invasion, and thus Moses failed the dispensation to start based on the rock.
- •As a consequence, he was not permitted to enter the promised land.



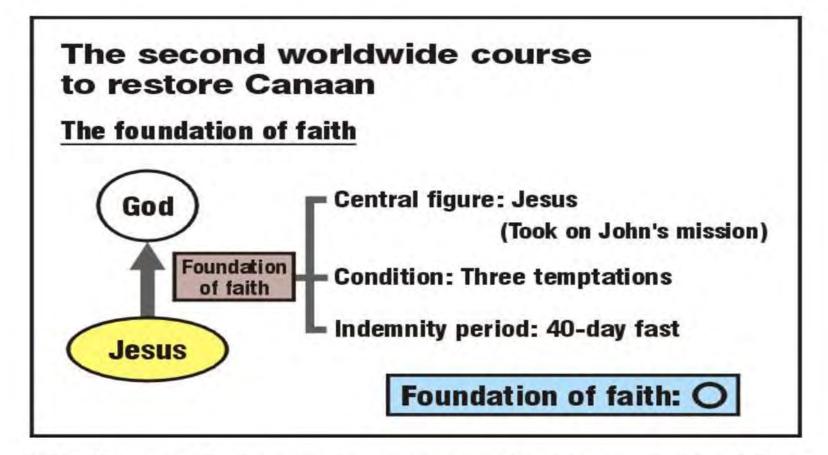
- God elevated <u>Joshua</u> to Moses' place.
- Joshua sent two men to spy out the city of Jericho. When they returned from Jericho, the two spies made a faithful report.
- •The younger generation of Israelites raised in the wilderness all believed the spies' words, and this faith enabled them to <u>start</u> the third course.



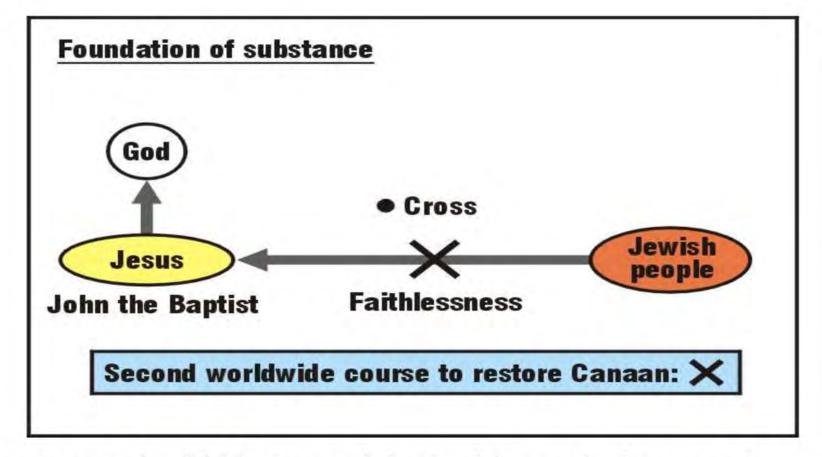
- •After the feast of Passover, they set out for Jericho. After marching around the city for seven days, they raised a great shout, and the city walls tumbled down. Joshua <u>conquered</u> <u>Canaan</u> and defeated thirty-one kings altogether.
- •Based on this victory, they laid the <u>foundation of substance</u> in the third national course.



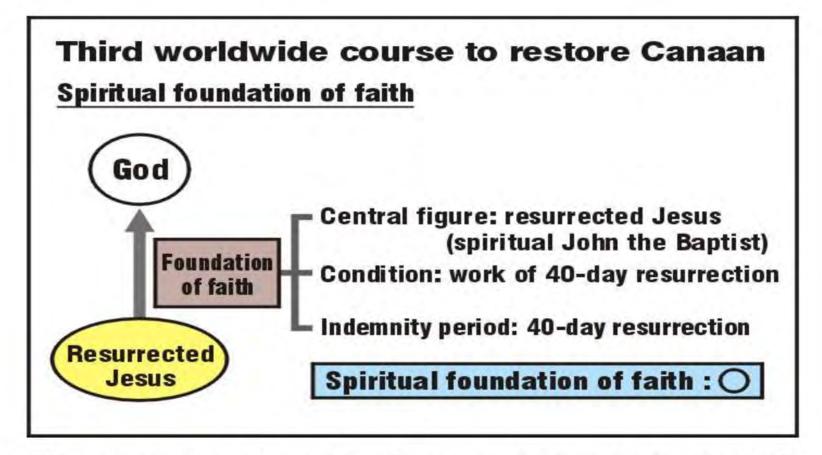
- Jacob walked the <u>symbolic</u> course to bring Satan to submission, while <u>Moses</u> walked the <u>image</u> course. Their courses pioneered the way for <u>Jesus</u> to walk the <u>actual</u> course.
- •In walking the worldwide course to subjugate Satan and restore Canaan, Jesus followed the model demonstrated in the <u>national</u> course to restore Canaan, in which Moses was working to subjugate Satan.



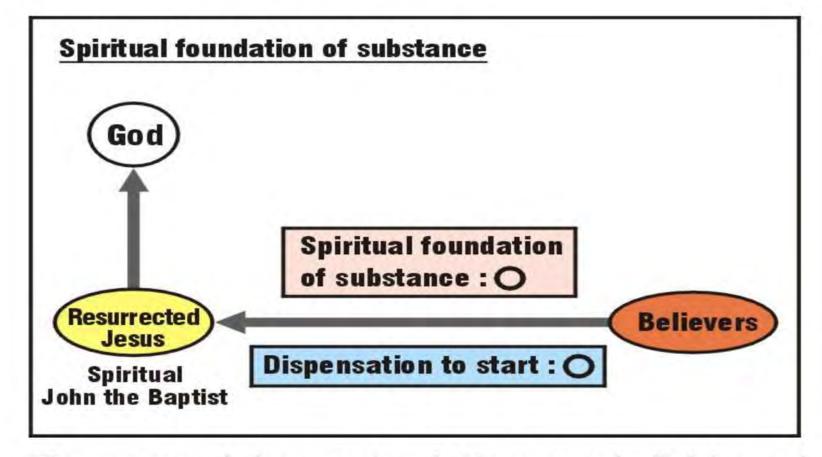
- •The first worldwide course to restore Canaan ended in failure due to the faithlessness of John the Baptist.
- •Jesus himself now took on John's mission. When Jesus went through the 40-day fast and three temptations in the wilderness, it was to separate Satan for the very purpose of restoring the foundation of faith and start the second worldwide course to restore Canaan.



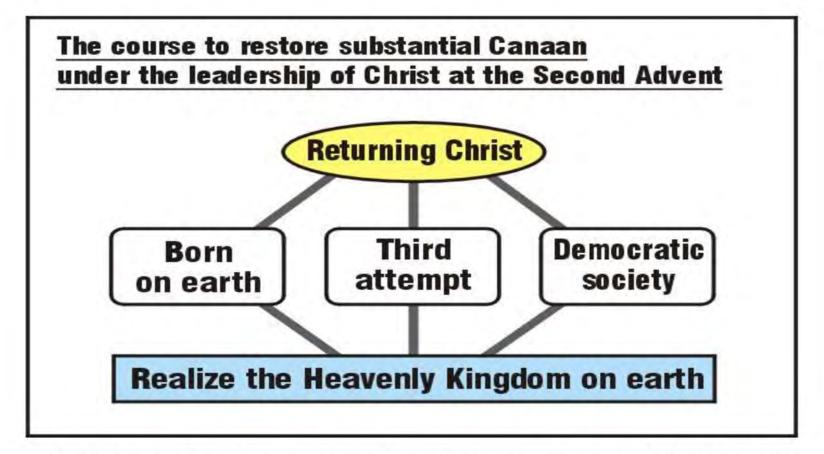
•Due to the faithlessness of the Jewish people, however, Jesus had to bear the cross, and the <u>second worldwide course</u> thus ended in tragic <u>failure</u>.



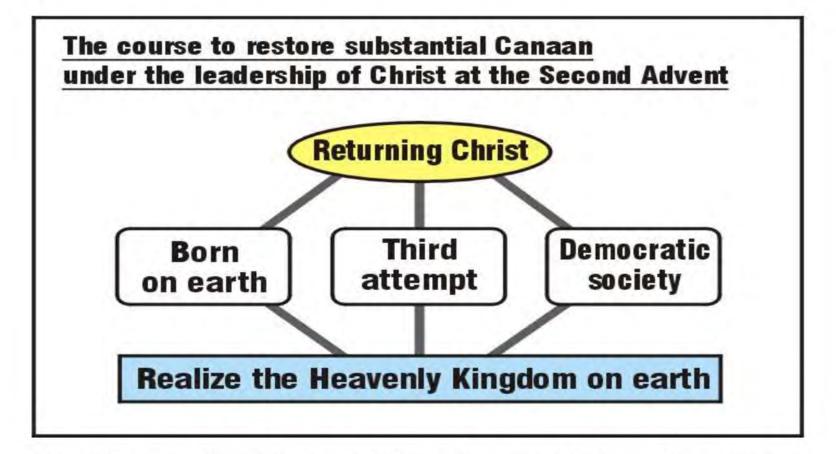
- •The resurrected Jesus spiritually resumed John the Baptist's mission. During the 40-day period of his resurrection, Jesus fulfilled the spiritual dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan.
- •By doing so, Jesus restored the <u>foundation of faith</u> for the spiritual course in the third worldwide course to restore Canaan.



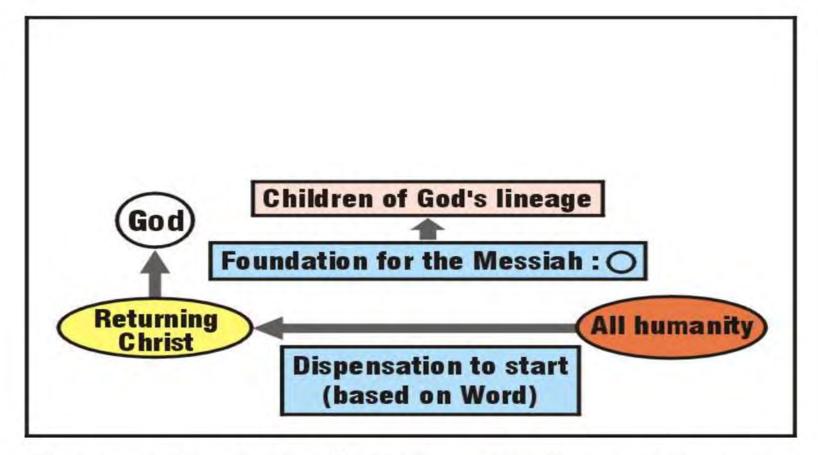
- •The <u>resurrected Jesus</u> gathered his scattered disciples and worked the <u>dispensation to start</u> by giving them the power to perform signs and miracles.
- •The faithful <u>believers</u>, in the position of Cain, believed in and devotedly followed the resurrected Jesus, thereby fulfilling the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature and restoring the spiritual foundation of substance.



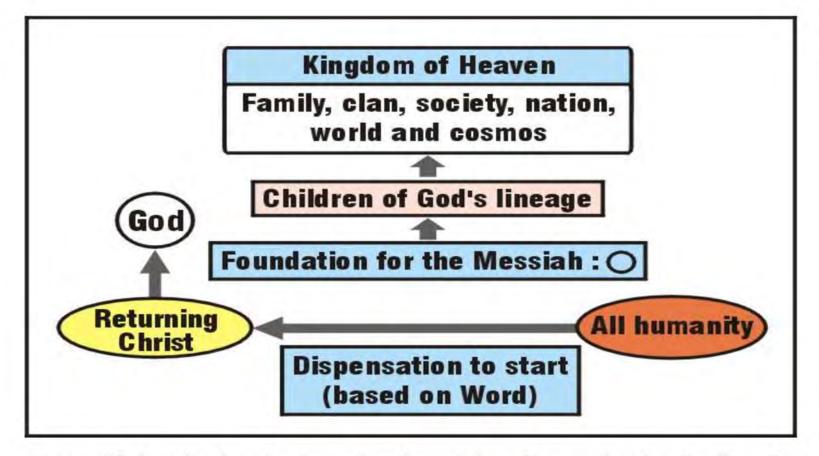
•While Jesus has been restoring Canaan as a worldwide spiritual realm, the Christ at the Second Advent is to complete this third worldwide course as a substantial course and <u>realize the actual Kingdom of Heaven on earth</u>. Hence, <u>returning Christ must be born on earth</u> in the flesh.



- •He will not die without fulfilling the providence of restoration because God's providence, after Adam and Jesus, will be successful on the <u>third attempt</u>, that is, at the time of the Second Advent.
- Moreover, God's spiritual providence of restoration during the two thousand years since Jesus has prepared a <u>democratic society</u> and legal environment which will protect Christ at the Second Advent.



•The returning Christ will conduct the <u>dispensation to start</u> based on the Word and then complete the <u>foundation for the Messiah</u> both spiritually and physically. Upon that foundation, he will cleanse all humanity of the original sin and restore them to be God's <u>children born of His lineage</u>.



•He will begin by laying, both spiritually and physically, the family foundation for the Messiah. He will then expand its scope to the clan, society, nation, world and cosmos. When this foundation is secure, he will finally be able to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ghapter 3 The Periods in Providential History and the Determination of Their Lengths

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- Parallel providential periods recur because of repeated dispensations to restore the foundation for the Messiah.

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- ② Foundation of substance
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- •Accordingly, the factors which determine the formation of parallel providential periods are:
- ①First, the three conditions necessary for the <u>foundation of faith</u>— <u>central figure</u>, the <u>condition</u>, and the <u>numerical period of indem-</u> nity.
- ②Second, the <u>indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature</u>, which is necessary to restore the <u>foundation of substance</u>.

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- According to the principle of predestination, since God <u>absolutely predestines</u> <u>His Will</u>, He surely will realize it one day.
- However, whether God's Will is <u>fulfilled</u> through any particular individual is conditional upon the fulfillment of <u>his portion of</u> <u>responsibility</u>, which is in addition to <u>God's portion of respon-</u> sibility.

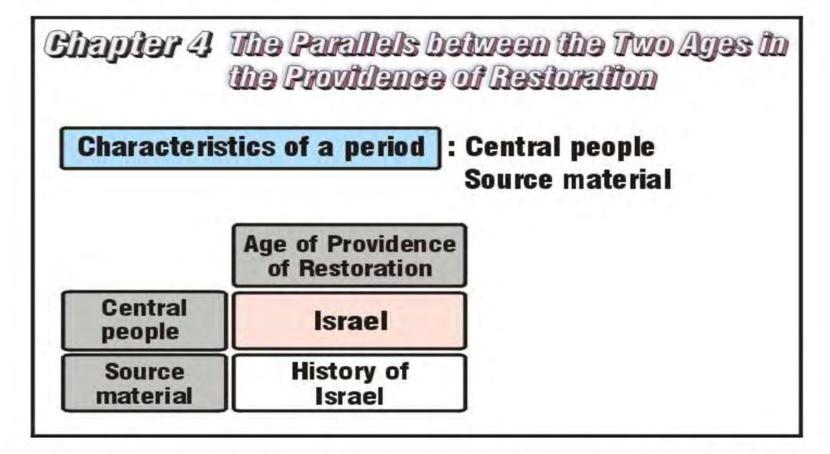
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- •Accordingly, when the Will is not fulfilled because the responsible person fails, God will choose another person in a different era to take his place. God will continue His work until its complete fulfillment, prolonging the providence in the process.
- •According to the Principle of Creation, when the providence of restoration is prolonged, it may extend to as many as <u>three</u> stages.

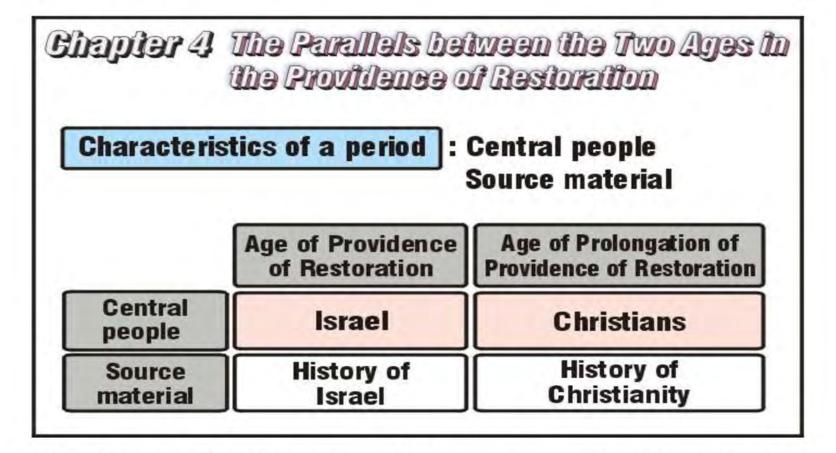
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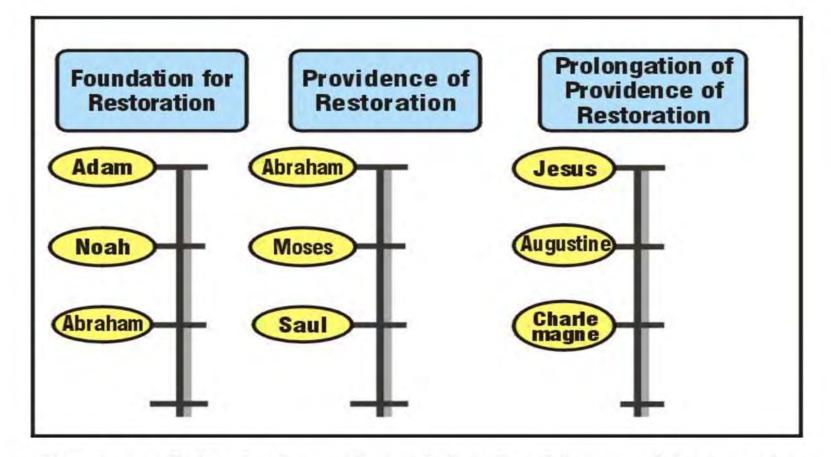
•In order to examine the characteristics of a providential period, we need to identify the <u>people centrally responsible</u> for God's providence in that period and the <u>source material</u> for their history.



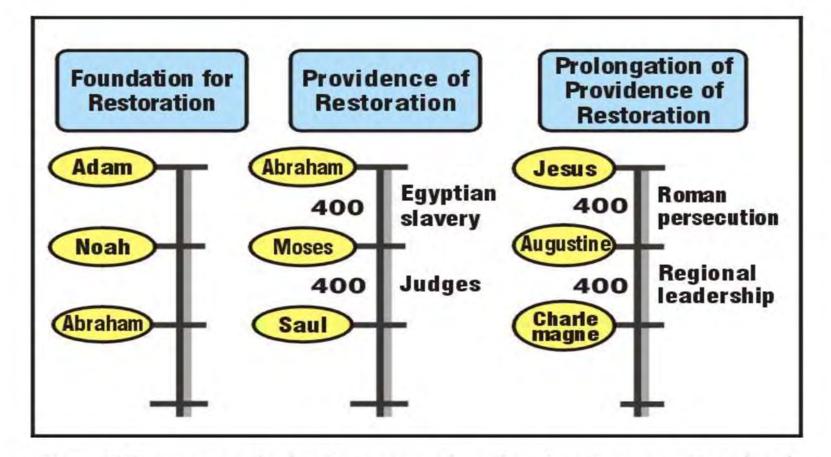
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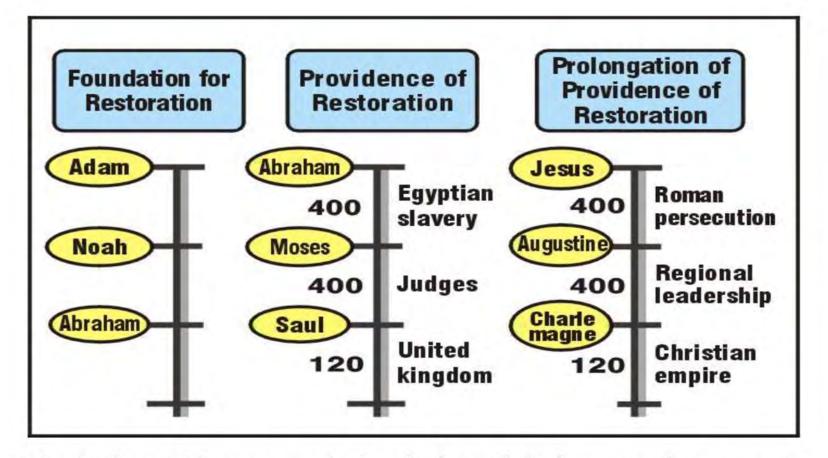
•The <u>history of Christianity</u>, which was centrally responsible for the providence in the <u>Age of the Prolongation of the Provi-</u> <u>dence of Restoration</u>, provides the source material for understanding the providential history in this age.



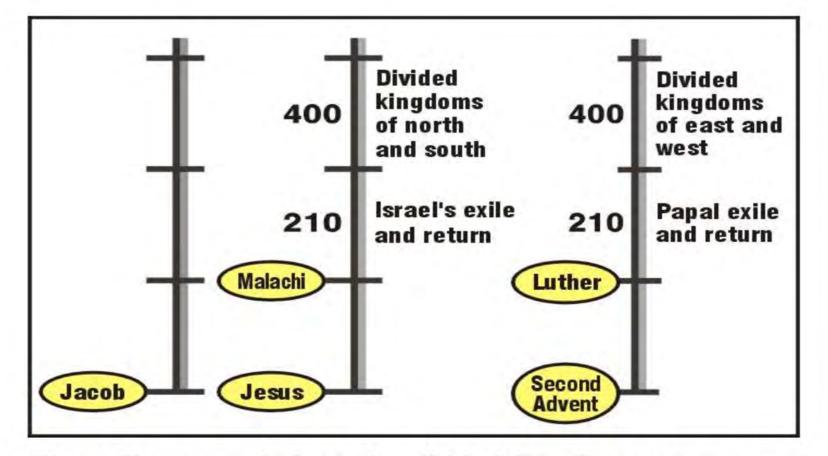
•The Age of the <u>Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration</u> has been to restore through substantial parallels the Age of the <u>Providence of Restoration</u>, the age of image parallels. As the periods of this age were to restore through indemnity the corresponding periods of the previous age, these periods proceeded in a parallel fashion, both in order and in length.



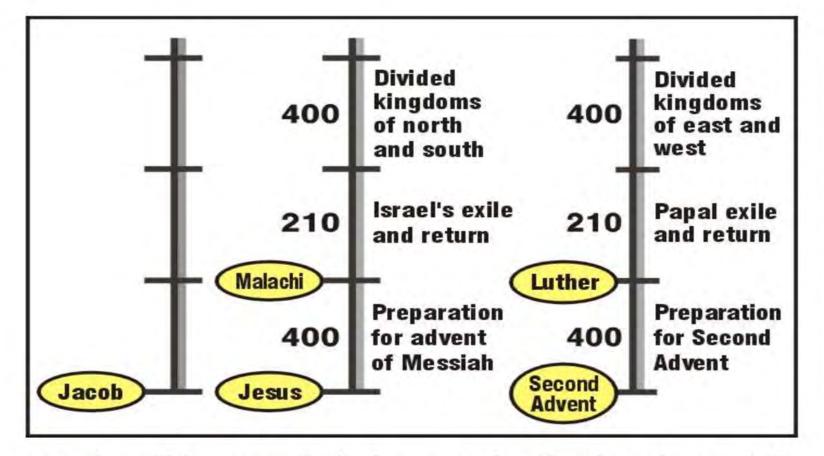
- •The 400-year period of <u>persecution in the Roman Empire</u> in the Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration was to restore Israelites' 400-year period of <u>slavery in Egypt</u>.
- •Likewise, the 400-year period of <u>regional church leadership</u> was to restore the 400-year period of the <u>judges</u>.



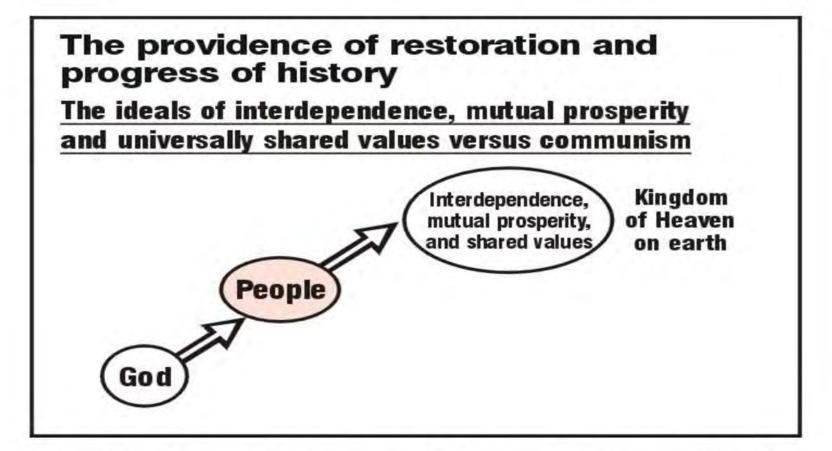
•And the 120-year period of the <u>Christian empire</u> was to restore the 120-year period of the <u>united kingdom</u>.



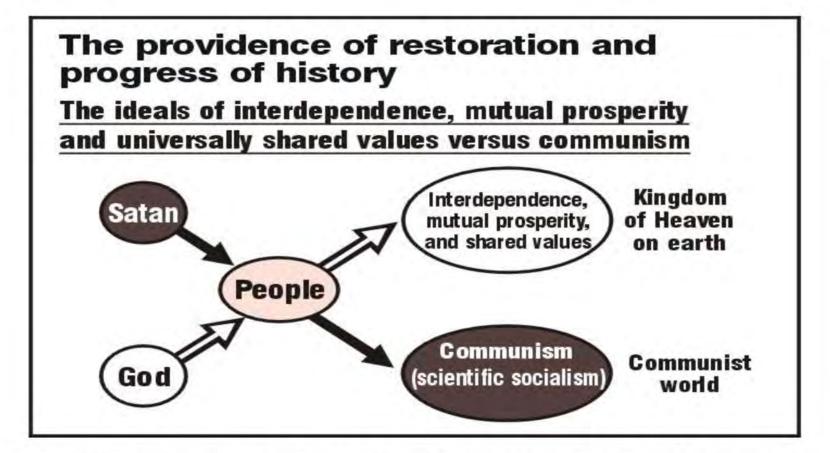
- •The 400-year period of the <u>divided kingdoms</u> of east and <u>west</u> was to restore the 400-year period of the <u>divided kingdoms</u> of north and south.
- The 210-year period of <u>Papal exile and return</u> was to restore the 210-year period of <u>Israel's exile to Babylon and return</u>.



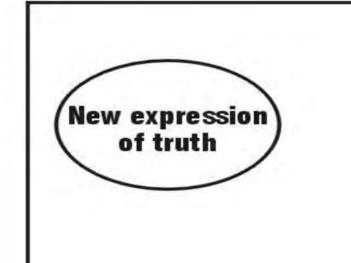
•Another 400-year period of <u>preparation for the advent of the Messiah</u> elapsed before Jesus came. Likewise, Christianity is to meet Christ at his Second Advent only after passing through 400-years of <u>preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah</u>.



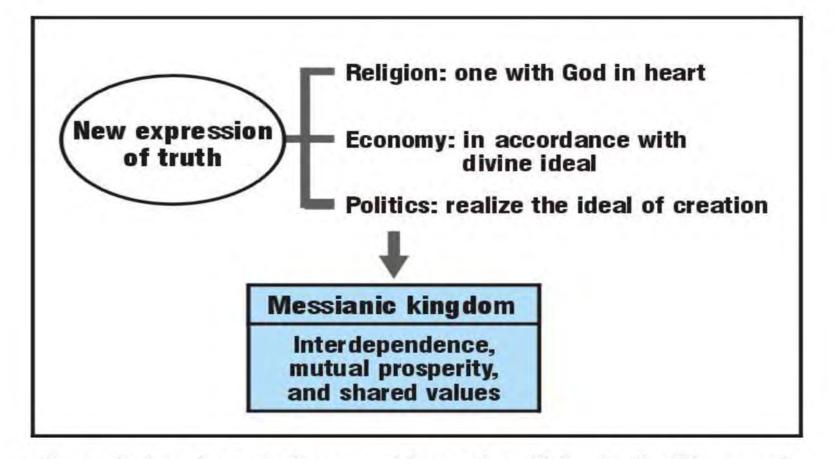
•In seeking for an ideal society on Heaven's side, people's original mind has drawn them to the ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. The world in which these ideals will finally be realized is none other than the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, under the leadership of the returning Christ.



Since <u>Satan</u> mimics God's providence in advance, the satanic side has advocated "<u>scientific socialism</u>" based on dialectical and historical materialism and built the communist world.



•For the paths of religion, politics, and economy to converge and realize God's ideal, a <u>new expression of truth</u> must emerge which can completely integrate religion and science.



The <u>religion</u> founded upon this truth will lead all of humanity to become <u>one with God in heart</u>. Such people will build an <u>economy</u> in accordance with <u>the divine ideal</u>, providing the foundations for a new <u>political</u> order to realize the <u>ideal of creation</u>. This will be the <u>messianic kingdom</u> built on the principles of <u>interdependence</u>, mutual prosperity and universally shared values.

Ghapter 5 The Period of Preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah

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- •This 130-year period began in <u>1517</u>, when Martin Luther raised the banner of the Protestant Reformation, and lasted until the religious wars were settled by the Treaty of Westphalia in <u>1648</u>.
- •In the late <u>Middle Ages</u>, man's original mind was repressed, its free development blocked by the social environment of <u>feudal-ism</u> and the corruption of the Roman church.

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•Thus, Medieval Europeans sought to break down their social environment to open the way for the <u>restoration of their origi-</u> nal nature.

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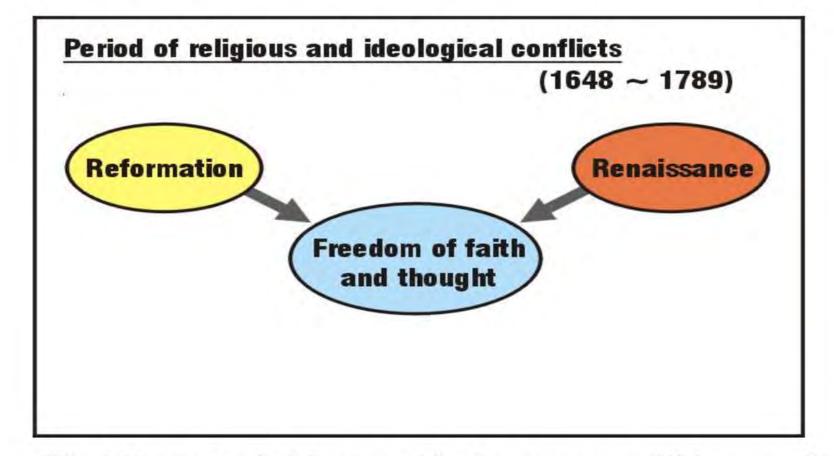


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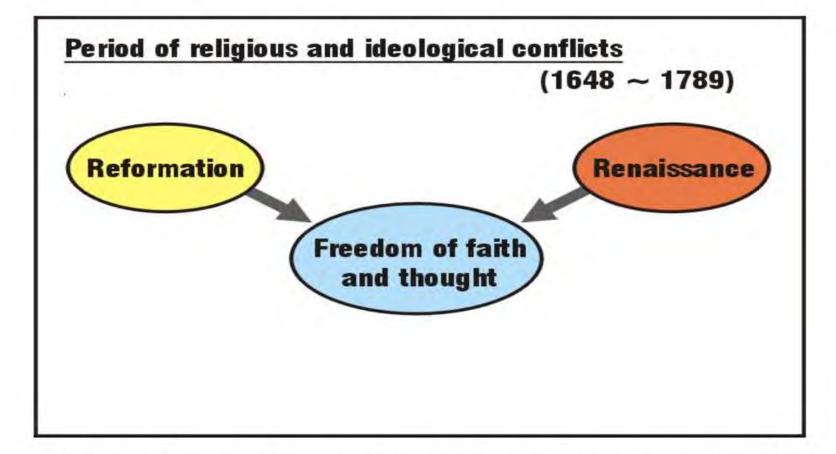
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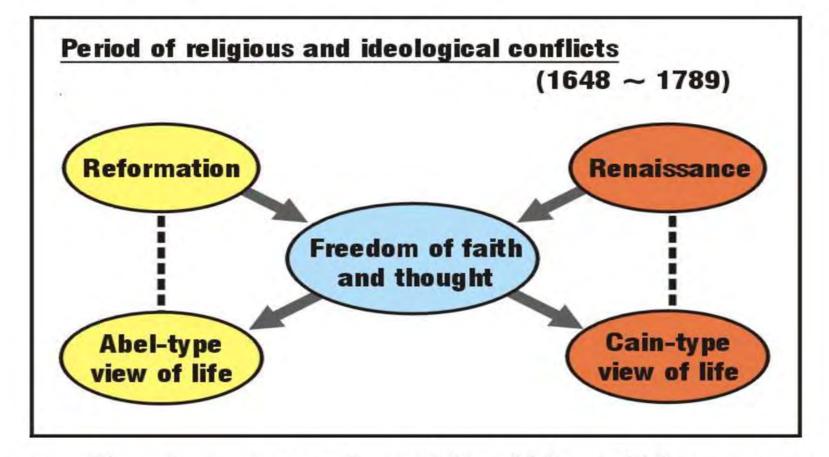
•The <u>Cain-type</u> movement began as a revival of Hellenism and gave rise to the <u>Renaissance</u>, whose core value was humanism. The <u>Abel-type</u> movement began as a revival of the Hebraic heritage of Israel and gave rise to the <u>Protestant Reformation</u>, whose core value was faith in God.



- •This 140-year period began with the secure establishment of Protestantism at the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 and ended with the French Revolution in 1789.
- •After the <u>Renaissance</u> and the <u>Reformation</u>, modern people could not avoid divisions in theology and disputes among philosophies arising from freedom of faith and thought.

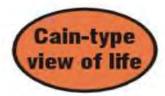


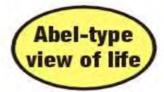
- •God's providence of restoration separates those representing Abel from those representing Cain, and in the Last Days, this fallen world is divided into the Cain-type and Abel-type worlds.
- •The Cain-type world is to submit to the Abel-type world to establish the worldwide foundation of substance. This is necessary before we can receive Christ at the Second Advent and realize the unified world.



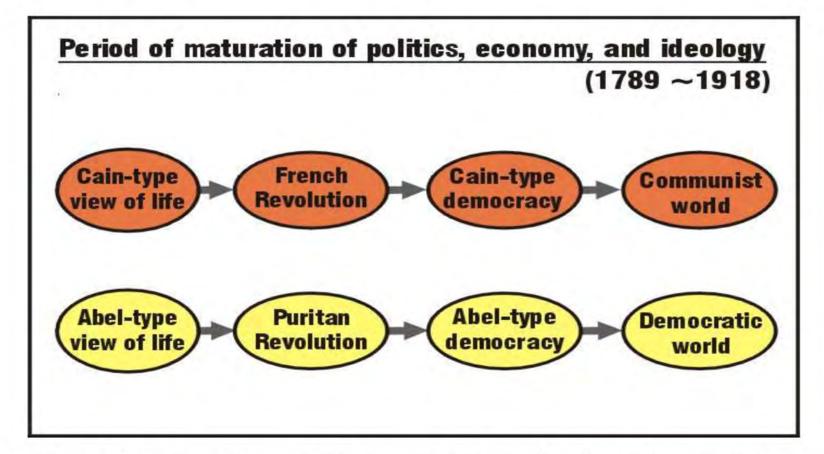
•For this to happen, two views of life which would later mature into these two worlds had to be established: the <u>Cain-type</u> and <u>Abel-type views of life</u> developed in this period.

Period of maturation of politics, economy, and ideology (1789 ~1918)





- •This period refers to the 130 years between the French Revolution in 1789 and the end of the First World War in 1918.
- <u>Cain-type</u> and <u>Abel-type</u> views of life matured, taking their separate paths, and founded a Cain-type society and an Abel-type society, respectively.



- •The <u>Cain-type view of life</u> gave rise to the <u>French Revolution</u> and thus <u>Cain-type democracy</u>, which eventually formed the communist world.
- •The <u>Abel-type view of life</u> led to the <u>Puritan Revolution</u> and thus <u>Abel-type democracy</u>, which developed into the <u>demo-</u> cratic world of today.

The World Wars The providential causes of the world wars Conflicts in politics, External economy, and ideology causes **World wars** God's providence Internal of restoration causes

- We cannot grasp the providential significance of the world wars by focusing only on their external causes—conflicts in politics, economy and ideology.
- •What are the <u>internal</u>, <u>providential causes</u> of the world wars, from the viewpoint of God's providence of restoration?

Internal, providential causes of the world wars

The world wars have occurred:

First, as a result of <u>Satan's last desperate</u> struggle to preserve his sovereignty;

Second, in order to fulfill the worldwide indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings defectively realized by Satan in advance;

Third, in order that all humanity may overcome on the world level Jesus' three temptations;

Fourth, in order to fulfill the worldwide indemnity condition to <u>restore</u>

<u>God's sovereignty</u>.

The providential results of the First World War

Victory of God's side: upholders of Christianity — US, Britain, France, Russia

Defeat of Satanic side: persecutors of Christianity — Germany, Austria, Turkey



Foundation for the birth of returning Christ Formation stage of the dispensation of Second Advent

•The victory of God's side (countries taking the same direction as God) in the First World War laid the <u>foundation for the</u> <u>birth of the returning Christ</u>, and the <u>formation stage</u> of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced.

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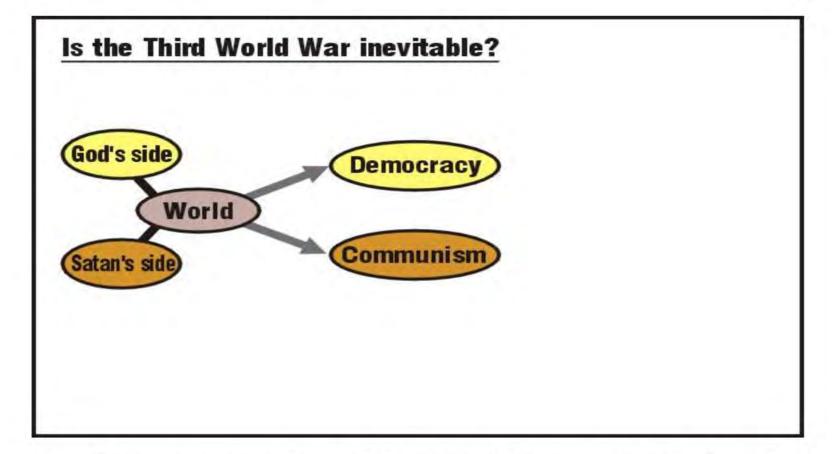
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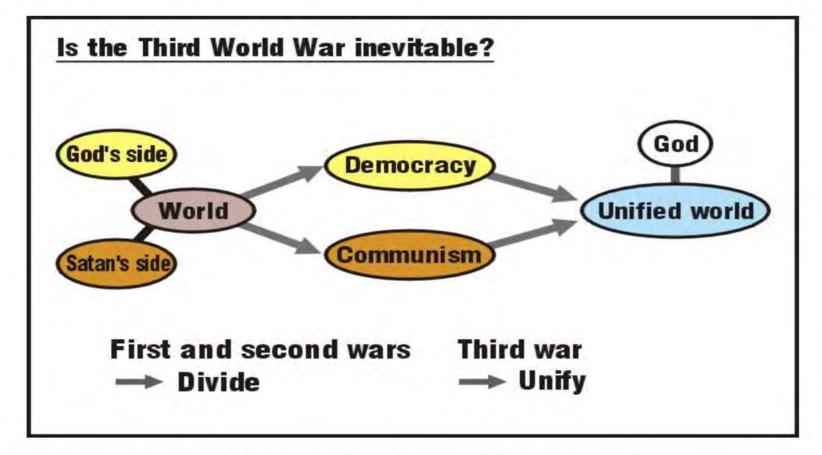


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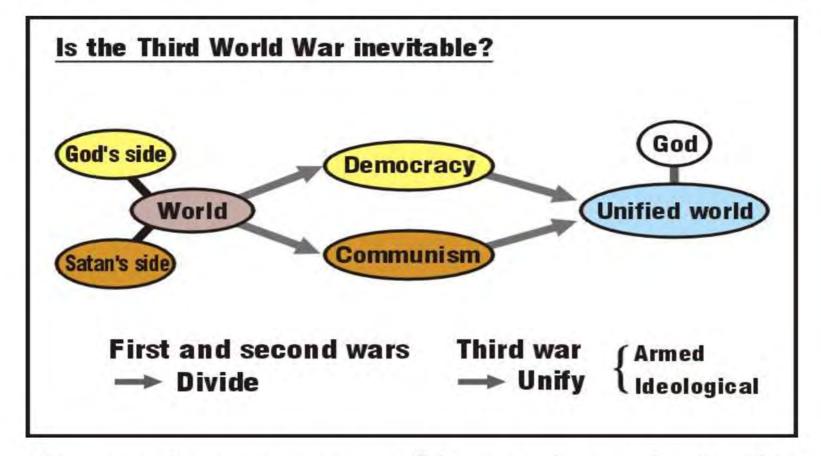
•Through the victory of God's side in the Second World War, the age for building a new heaven and new earth under the leadership of Christ at the Second Advent had begun, and the growth stage of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced



•At the consummation of human history, <u>Satan's side</u> and <u>God's side</u> will strive until they each attain sovereignty over <u>a</u> world. This is why the <u>democratic world</u> and the <u>communist</u> world stand confronting each other.



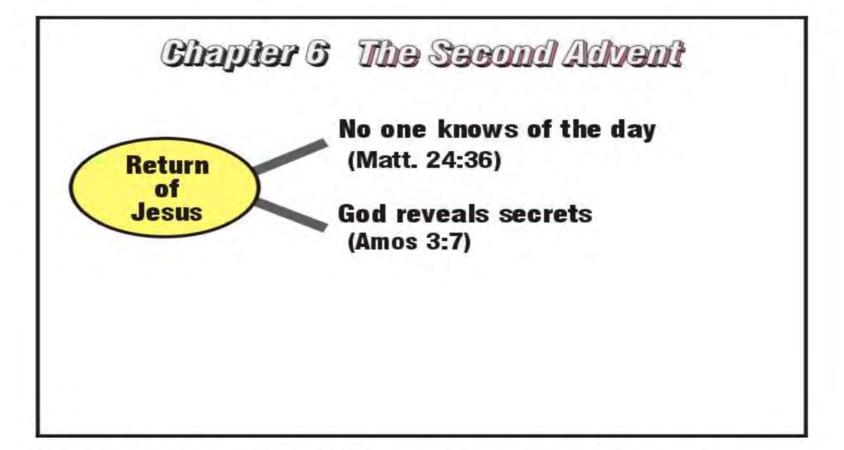
Consequently, it became inevitable that there be world wars, first to divide and then to unify these two worlds. The First and Second World Wars had the providential purpose to divide the globe into these two worlds; afterward, the Third World War must take place to unify them.



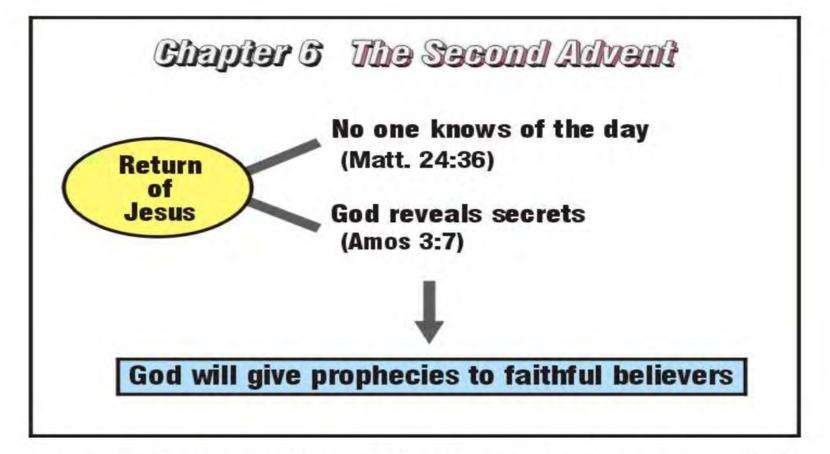
•However, there are two possible ways it may be fought through <u>armed conflicts</u> or as a wholly internal, <u>ideological</u> <u>conflict</u>. By which way the war will be fought depends upon success or failure in carrying out the human portion of responsibility.



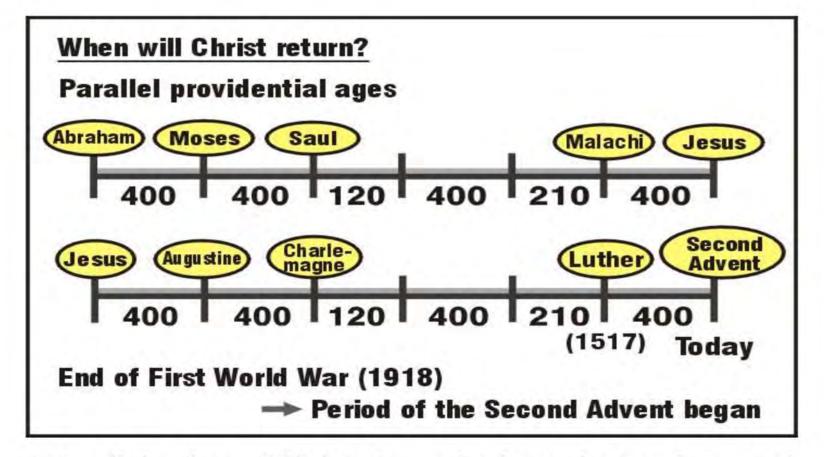
•By winning victory in the three world wars, which belong to the final chapter of providential history, God's side will fully restore through indemnity all the aspects of the providence of restoration and realize God's ideal world.



- <u>Jesus</u> clearly foretold of his return. Yet he added that <u>no one</u> knew of the day of his return (Matt. 24:36).
- •Nevertheless, we can deduce from the Scriptural verse "Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7) that God will surely <u>reveal all</u> <u>secrets</u> about the Second Advent to His prophets before He carries out His work.



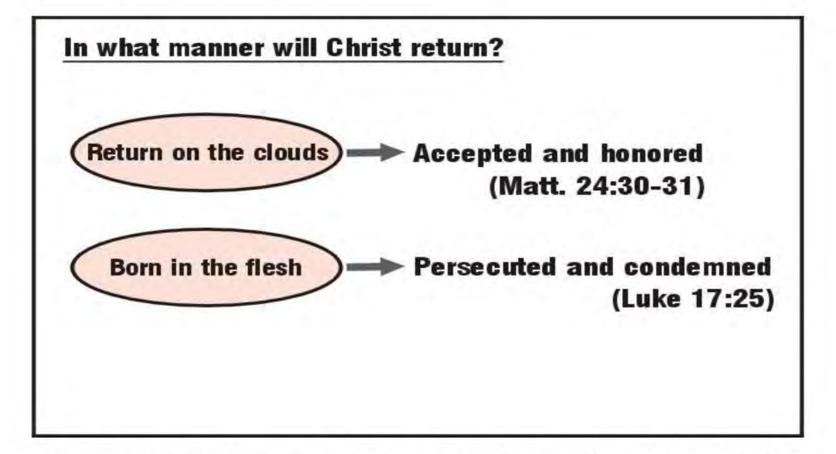
Accordingly, God will certainly give prophecies to those <u>faith-ful believers</u> who are in the light.



- •We call the time of <u>Christ's Second Advent</u> the Last Days. As it was already explained in Eschatology, we are living in the Last Days <u>today</u>. We can thus understand that today is truly the time of Christ's return.
- •We can thus conclude that the <u>period of the Second Advent</u> began soon after the end of the First World War.

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- •Many of us have read the Bible with the preconceived notion that Jesus will come on the clouds (Matt. 24:30-31).
- •If Jesus were to <u>return literally on the clouds</u> of heaven, however, would he not readily be accepted and honored, even by this sin-ridden world?



•Jesus foresaw that at the Second Advent, when he is <u>born in</u> the flesh, he is likely to be <u>persecuted and condemned</u> as a heretic. That is why he foretold: "But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation." (Luke 17:25)

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- •Also, in Luke 18:8, Jesus said: "When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
- •Hence, the <u>Second Advent of Christ</u> will take place through his physical birth on earth.

Where will Christ return?

Among the Jewish people

Rev. 7:4, Matt.10:23, Matt.16:28

To another people

Matt. 21:33-43

- •Based on such passages as <u>Rev. 7:4, Matt.10:23, and Matt.16:28</u>, some Christians expect that Christ will come again among the Jewish people.
- •But in Matt. 21:33-43, Jesus clearly conveyed that he would not come again among the Jewish people. God will take away the mission previously entrusted to them and give it to another people who can produce its fruits upon Christ's return.

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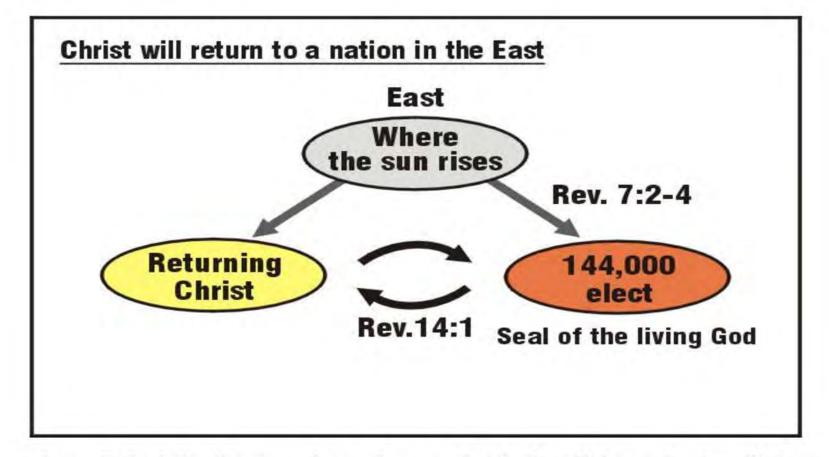
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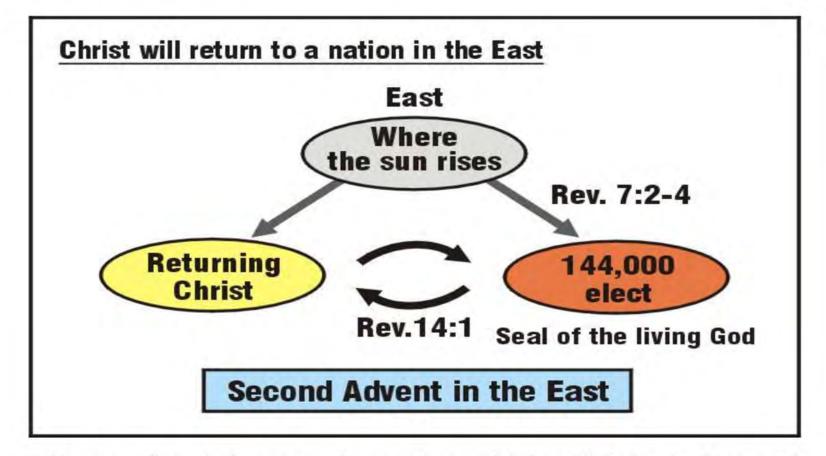
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Chosen people after crucifixion: Christians

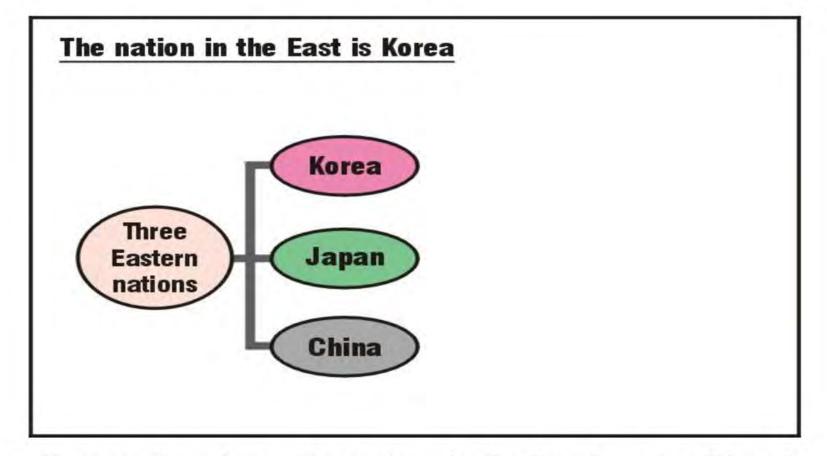
•Therefore, the <u>chosen people after Jesus' crucifixion</u> are not the descendants of Abraham, but rather the <u>Christians</u>, who have inherited the faith of Abraham.



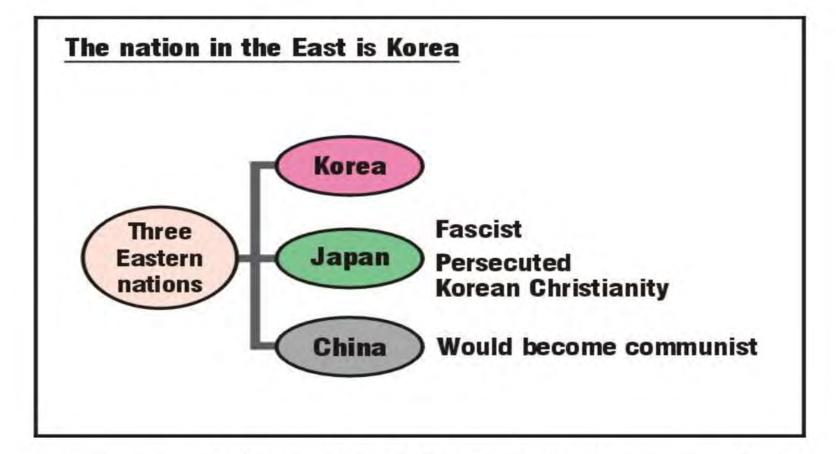
- •Rev. 7:2-4 indicates that the seal of the living God will be placed on the foreheads of the 144,000 in the East, where the sun rises.
- Rev. 14:1 says that these chosen ones will accompany the Christ at his return.



•We can thus infer that the nation which will inherit the work of God and bear its fruit for the sake of the Second Advent is in the <u>East</u>.



Since ancient times, the nations in the East have traditionally been considered to be the three nations of <u>Korea</u>, <u>Japan</u> and <u>China</u>.



- •Japan entered the period of the Second Advent as a fascist nation and severely <u>persecuted Korean Christianity</u>. China at this time was a hotbed of communism and would become a <u>communist</u> nation. Thus, both nations belonged to Satan's side.
- •Korea, then, is the nation in the East where Christ will return.

Qualifications of the nation to which the Messiah returns

- ① Object partners of God's Heart
 - Path of blood, sweat and tears

- •As the nation to which the Messiah returns, Korea had to meet the following qualifications:
- •To become the <u>object partners of God's Heart</u>, we must first walk a <u>path of blood</u>, <u>sweat and tears</u>. Hence, the miserable history of the Korean people was the path required of the chosen people of God.

Qualifications of the nation to which the Messiah returns

- ① Object partners of God's Heart
 - Path of blood, sweat and tears
 - People of goodness
 - Religious character (worship God; loyalty, filial piety and chastity)

- Such a nation must be a <u>people of goodness</u>. The homogeneous Korean people rarely invaded other nations.
- •The Korean people are by nature endowed with a <u>religious character</u>. They have evinced a strong desire to worship God, and always revered the virtues of <u>loyalty</u>, filial piety and chastity.

② Prophecies and revelations

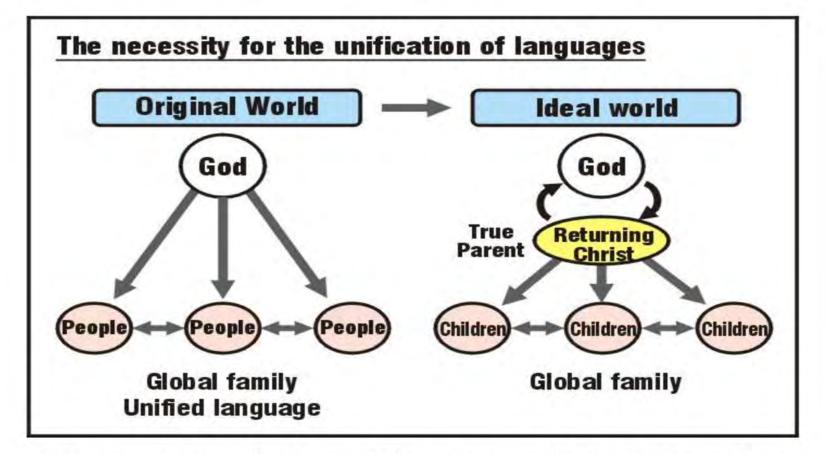
Messianic idea of Korean people (Chonggamnok)

•The Korean people have believed in the prophecy that the Righteous King will appear and found a glorious and everlasting kingdom in their land. This messianic idea was revealed through the Chonggamnok, a book of prophecy written in the fourteenth-century Korea.

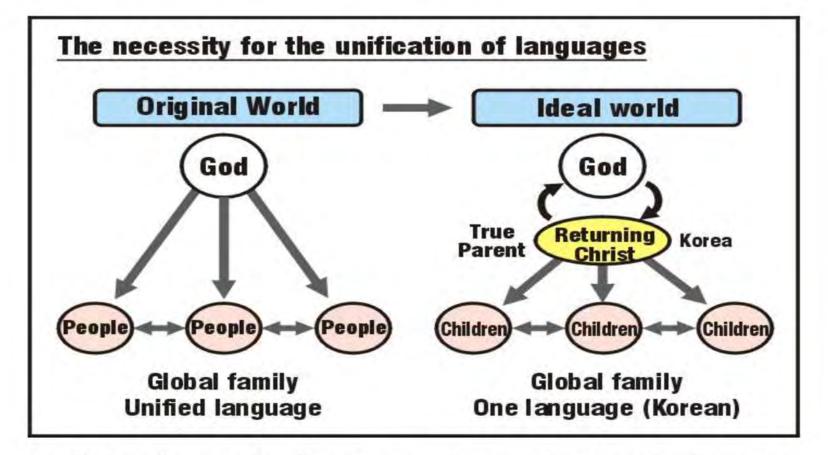
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- •Among the faithful of every religion in Korea are those who have received revelations that the <u>founders of their religions</u> will return to Korea.
- Revelations and signs are being given to spiritually attuned Christians testifying to the Second Coming of Christ in Korea; they are sprouting in profusion like mushrooms after a rain.

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 - Clear revelations that the Lord will come to Korea
- •Hence, many are receiving clear revelations that the Lord will come to Korea.



- •If human beings had not fallen, we would have formed one global family like a body with God as the head. Then there never would have risen a profusion of tongues unintelligible to one another.
- •If we are to realize the ideal world of one global family which can honor the <u>returning Christ</u> as our True Parent, surely our languages must be unified.



- •If Christ does indeed return to <u>Korea</u>, the <u>Korean language</u> will become the mother tongue for all humanity, and all people will have to speak it.
- All of humanity will become one people and use <u>one language</u>, thus establishing one global nation under God.

This ends our Principle lecture, and I will conclude by reading an excerpt from President Hak Ja Han's speech to world leaders.

From President Hak Ja Han's speech "Women are Leaders of the Ideal World"

The mission of the Messiah the Savior is to teach how to liquidate the sinful history, which has been tangled up after human beings had fallen away from the paths of true parents, true husband and wife, and true children.

Today, I declare to the heaven and earth that my husband, President Sun Myung Moon, is the one who has been pioneering the path of true parents and the Messiah all his life. As you know very well, despite the severe persecution by the evil world, my husband, President Moon, has been pioneering the future of humanity by revealing the purpose of God's creation and the original sin committed by the human ancestors.

His teaching, the Divine Principle, affirms that the <u>ideal of the Second Advent aspired to by the founders of all religions</u>, be it the return of Maitreya, the Awakened One, a New Confucius, or Jesus, is realized <u>in the advent of one Messiah as the True Parent of mankind</u>, through which the religions will be unified. However, this advent will not occur as a return on the clouds of Jesus, who died two thousand years ago, as Christians believe, but rather in the form of the <u>birth of</u> the one who inherits the mission of Jesus.

So far, no one has been able to fight against sexual promiscuity and adultery, which have been corrupting mankind, but now the truth of hope that can thoroughly resolve this problem has emerged in our age in Korea. This truth, brought to light by the True Parents, will be the light of all mankind to unify South and North Koreas and build the world of peace. Let us all embrace this truth and put an end to the sinful world, which has been tormenting us all throughout history, and as fighters build the world of unification overflowing with freedom, peace, and happiness.

Thank you.