



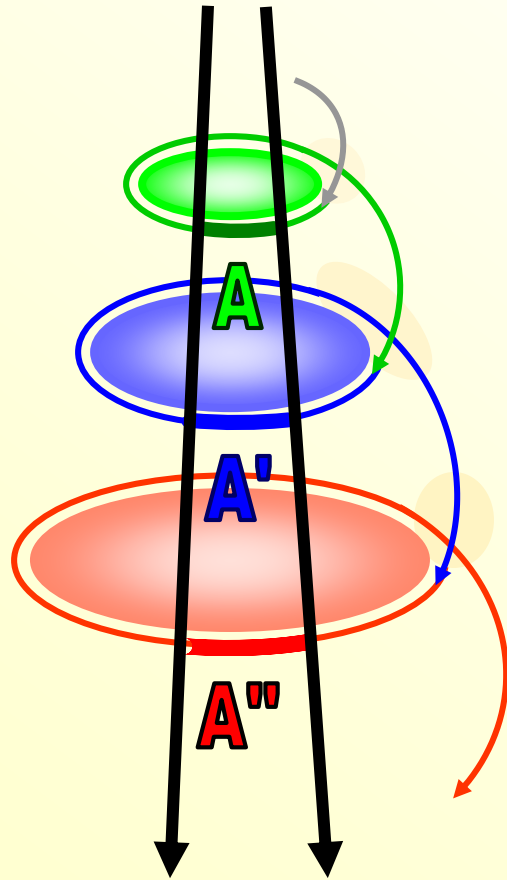
Chapter 3

The Periods in Providential History and the Determination of Their Lengths

Section 1

Parallel Providential Periods

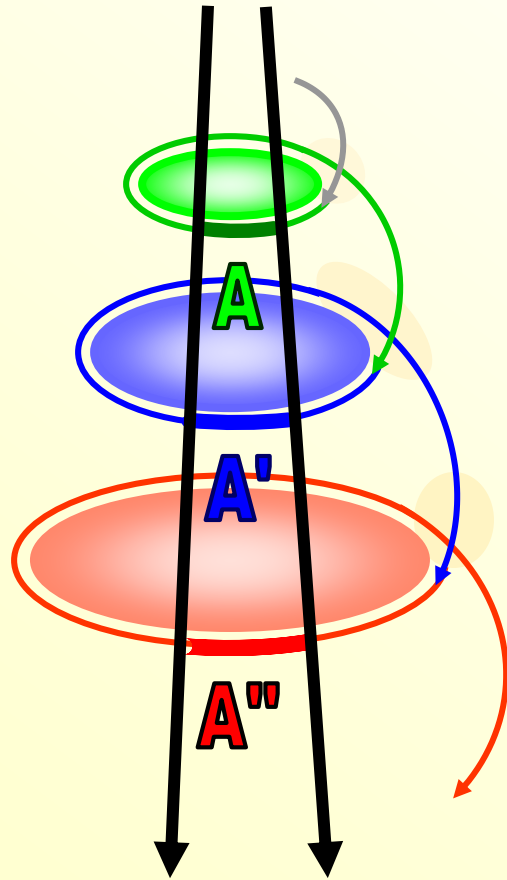
Parallel Providential Periods



Repeat the events
of a previous period

- When a period of history repeats the events of a previous period, albeit with **differences** in scope and degree, the two periods are called parallel providential periods (p. 289).

Parallel Providential Periods

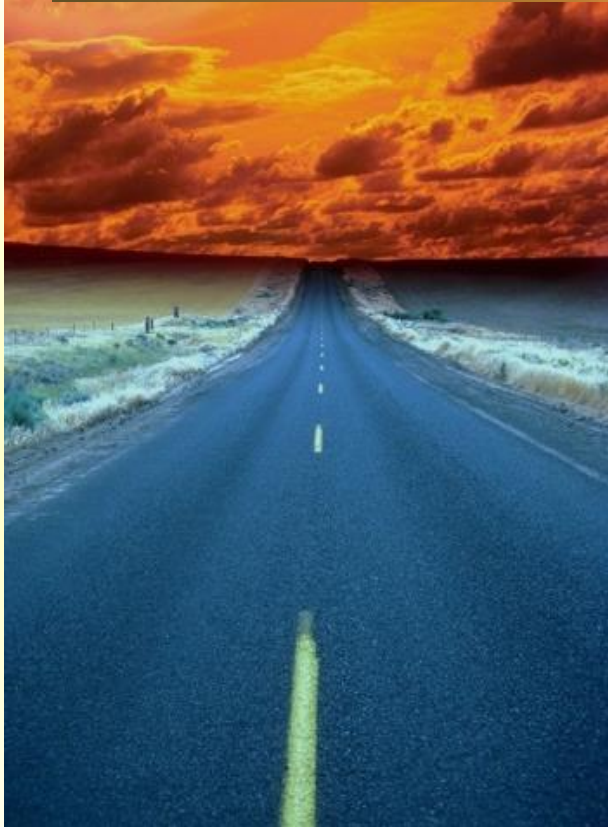


Repeat the events
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- The principal cause behind these parallels lies in God's providence of restoration through indemnity.

(1) Factors determining the parallel providential periods

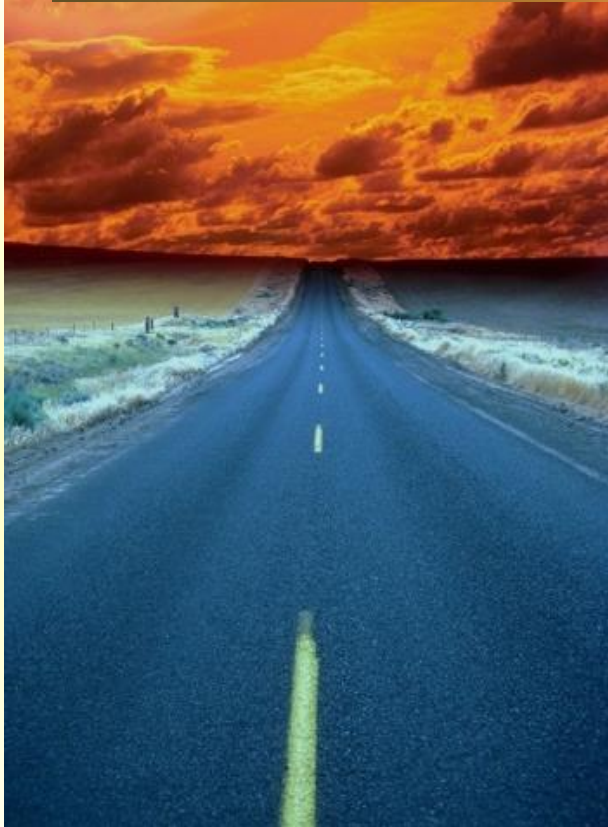
Foundation for the Messiah



- **Parallel providential periods recur because of repeated dispensations to restore the foundation for the Messiah (p. 290).**

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- Accordingly, the factors which determine the formation of parallel providential periods are:

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**Foundation
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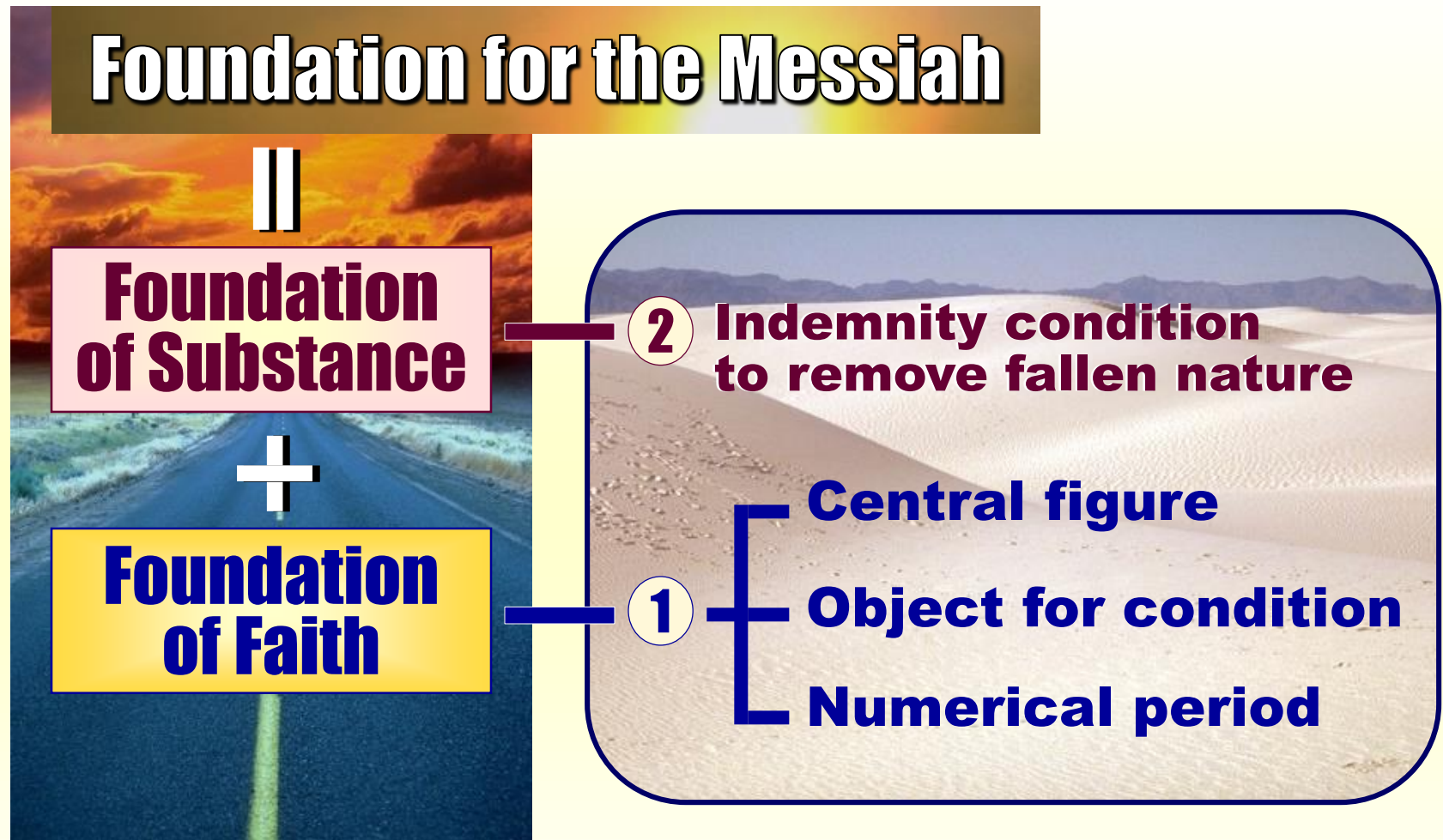
Central figure

Object for condition

Numerical period

- First, the three conditions necessary for the foundation of faith (central figure, object for the condition, and the numerical period of indemnity).

(1) Factors determining the parallel providential periods



- Second, the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature, which is necessary to restore the foundation of substance.

(2) Two characteristics of parallel providential periods

- Two characteristics of parallel providential periods stand out:

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**Foundation
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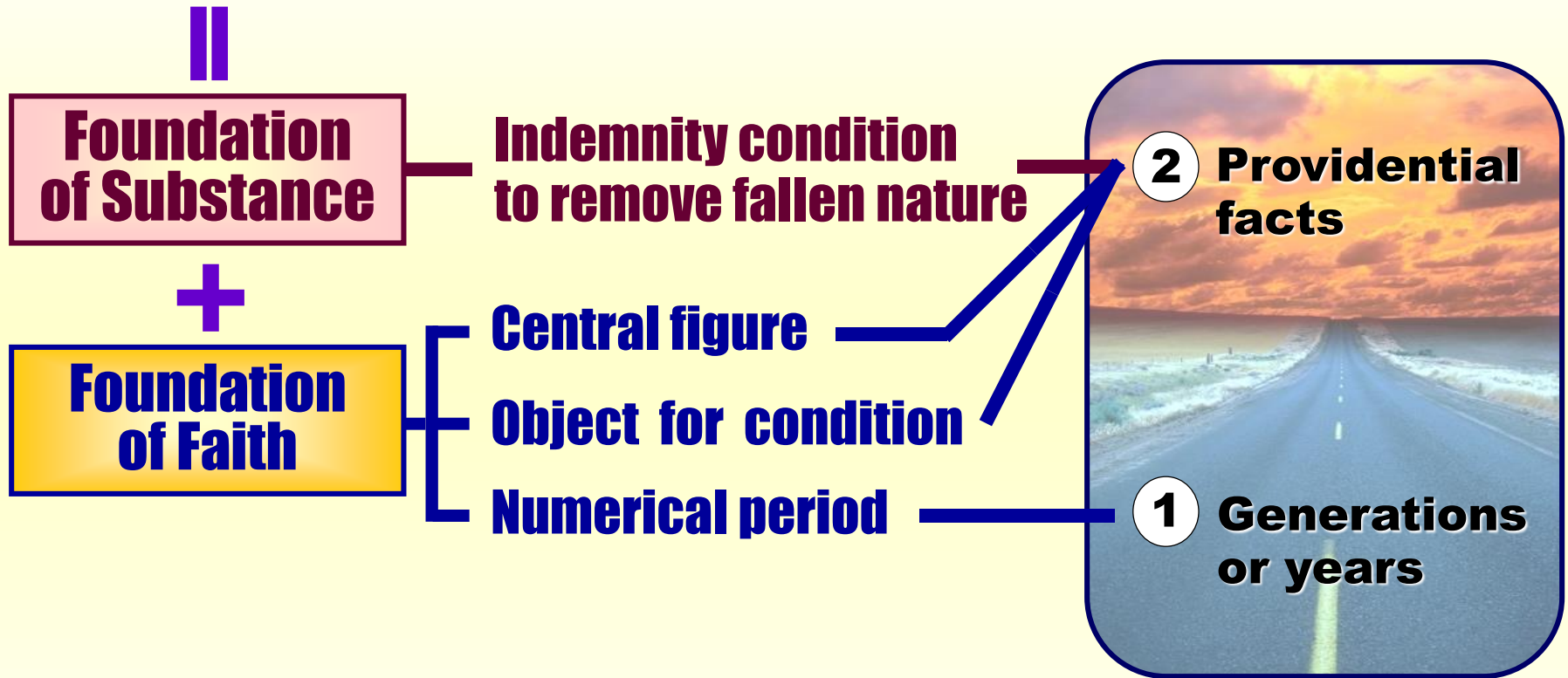
— **Numerical period** —

**1 Generations
or years**

- First, the lengths of the parallel providential periods are determined based on a fixed number of generations or years of the indemnity period necessary for restoring the foundation of faith.

(2) Two characteristics of parallel providential periods

Foundation for the Messiah



- Second, the parallels of history are shaped by providential facts: the central figure and the object for the condition offered for the foundation of faith, and the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature for the foundation of substance (p. 291).

Section 2

The Number of Generations
or Years in the Periods
of the Age of the Providence
to Lay the Foundation
for Restoration

2.1 Why and How the Providence of Restoration Is Prolonged

Why Prolonged?



..... **Absolute predestination**

- According to the principle of predestination, since God absolutely predestines His Will, He surely will realize it one day (p. 291-2).

2.1 Why and How the Providence of Restoration Is Prolonged

Why Prolonged?



..... **Absolute predestination**



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Conditional predestination

- However, whether God's Will is fulfilled through any particular individual is conditional upon the fulfillment of his portion of responsibility, which is in addition to God's portion of responsibility.

2.1 Why and How the Providence of Restoration Is Prolonged

Why Prolonged?



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Conditional predestination

- 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.

How Prolonged?



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**Being of number three
[Principle of Creation]**



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**Three-stage process
(Existence, movement, and growth)**

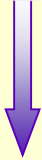
- According to the Principle of Creation, God is a being of the number three. All things created in His likeness manifest themselves through a three-stage process with respect to their mode of existence, movement and growth (p. 292).

How Prolonged?



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**Being of number three
[Principle of Creation]**



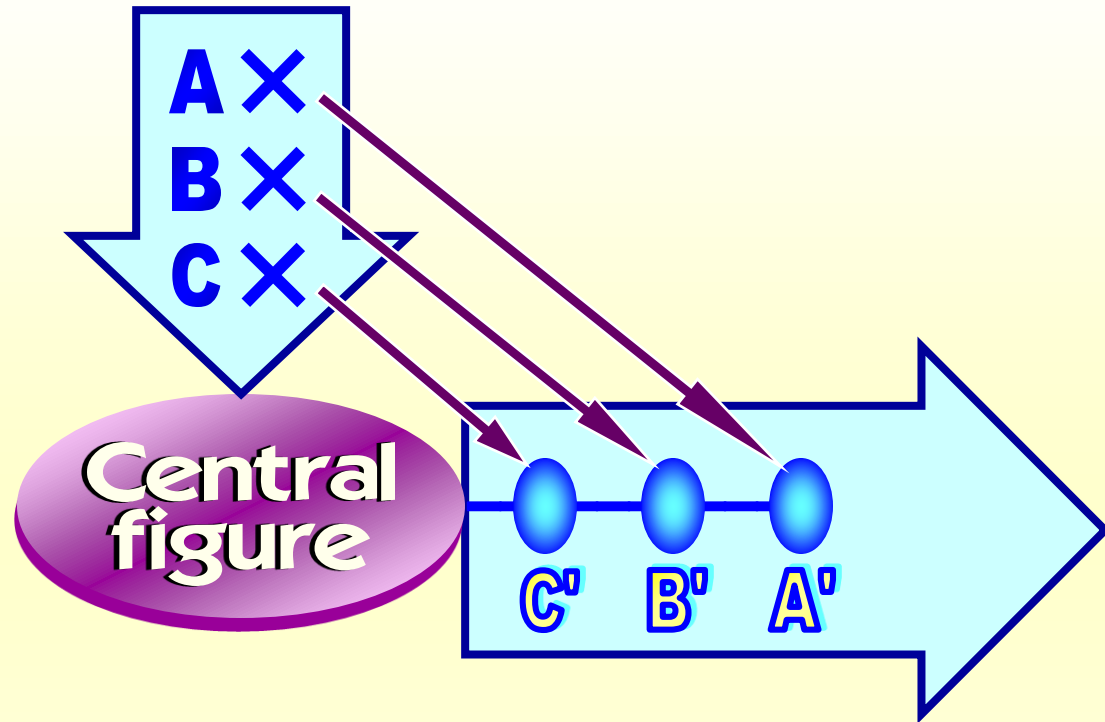
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**Three-stage process
(Existence, movement, and growth)**

Prolongation to three stages

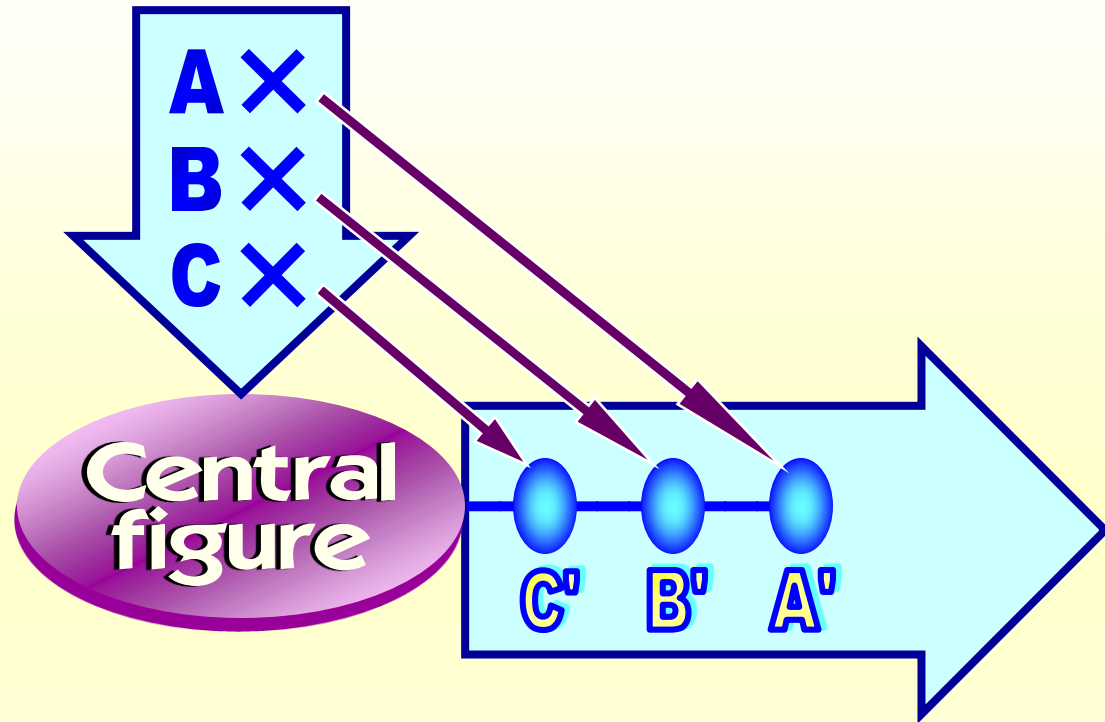
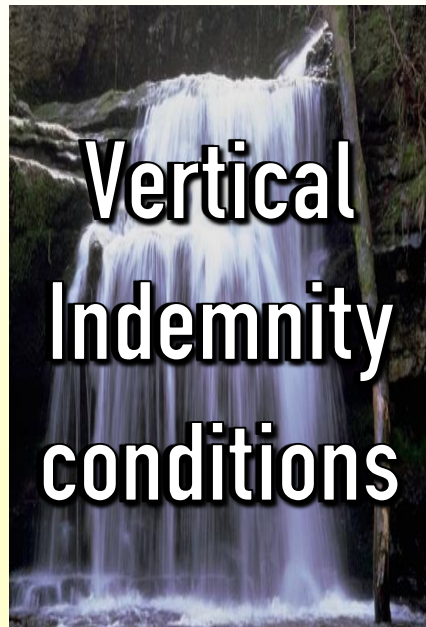
- Therefore, whenever the providence of restoration is prolonged, it may extend to as many as three stages.

2.2 Vertical Indemnity Conditions and Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity



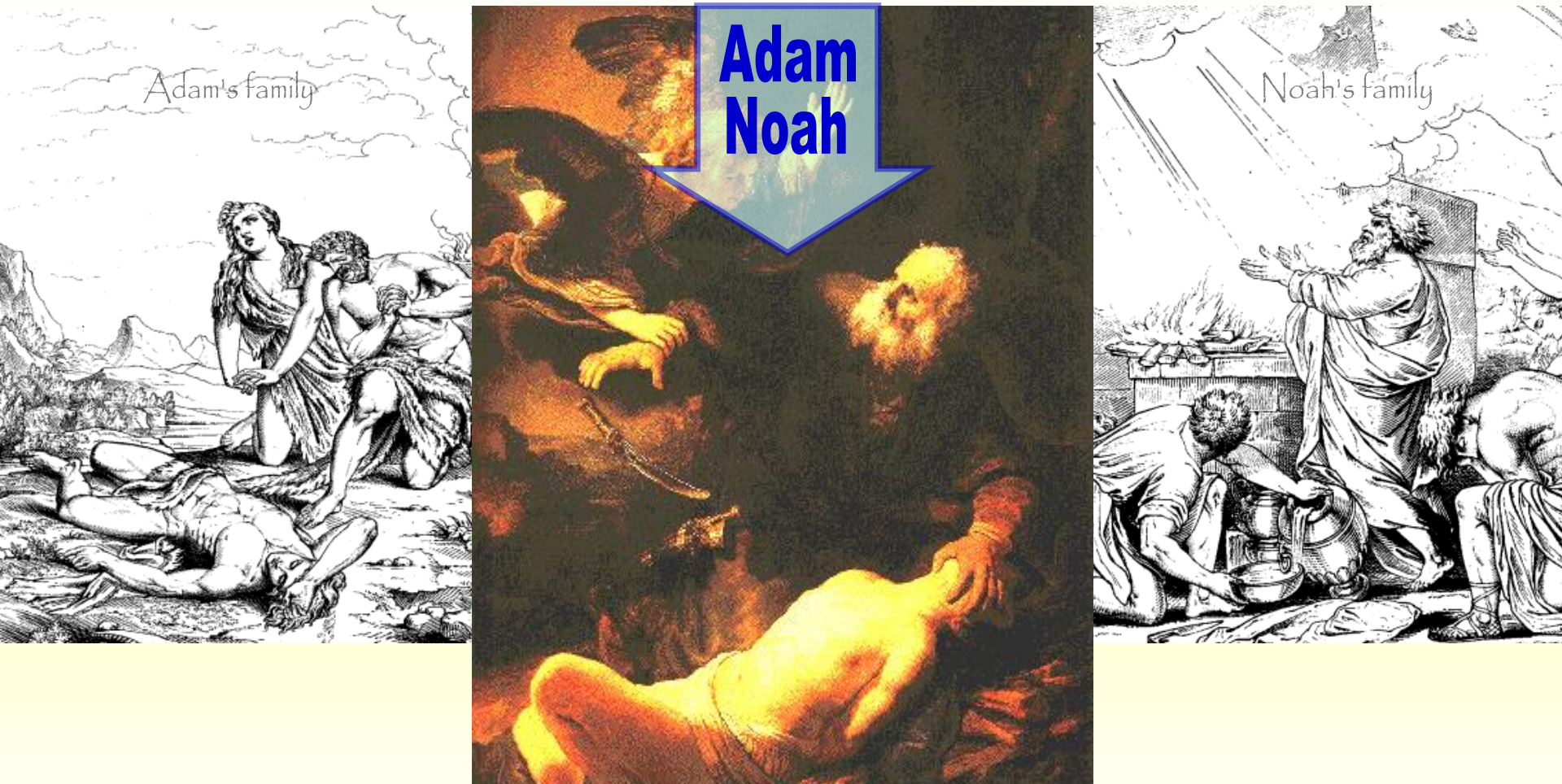
- A central figure responsible for the providence of restoration must fulfill, in a short time, all the indemnity conditions which his predecessors tried to fulfill.

2.2 Vertical Indemnity Conditions and Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity



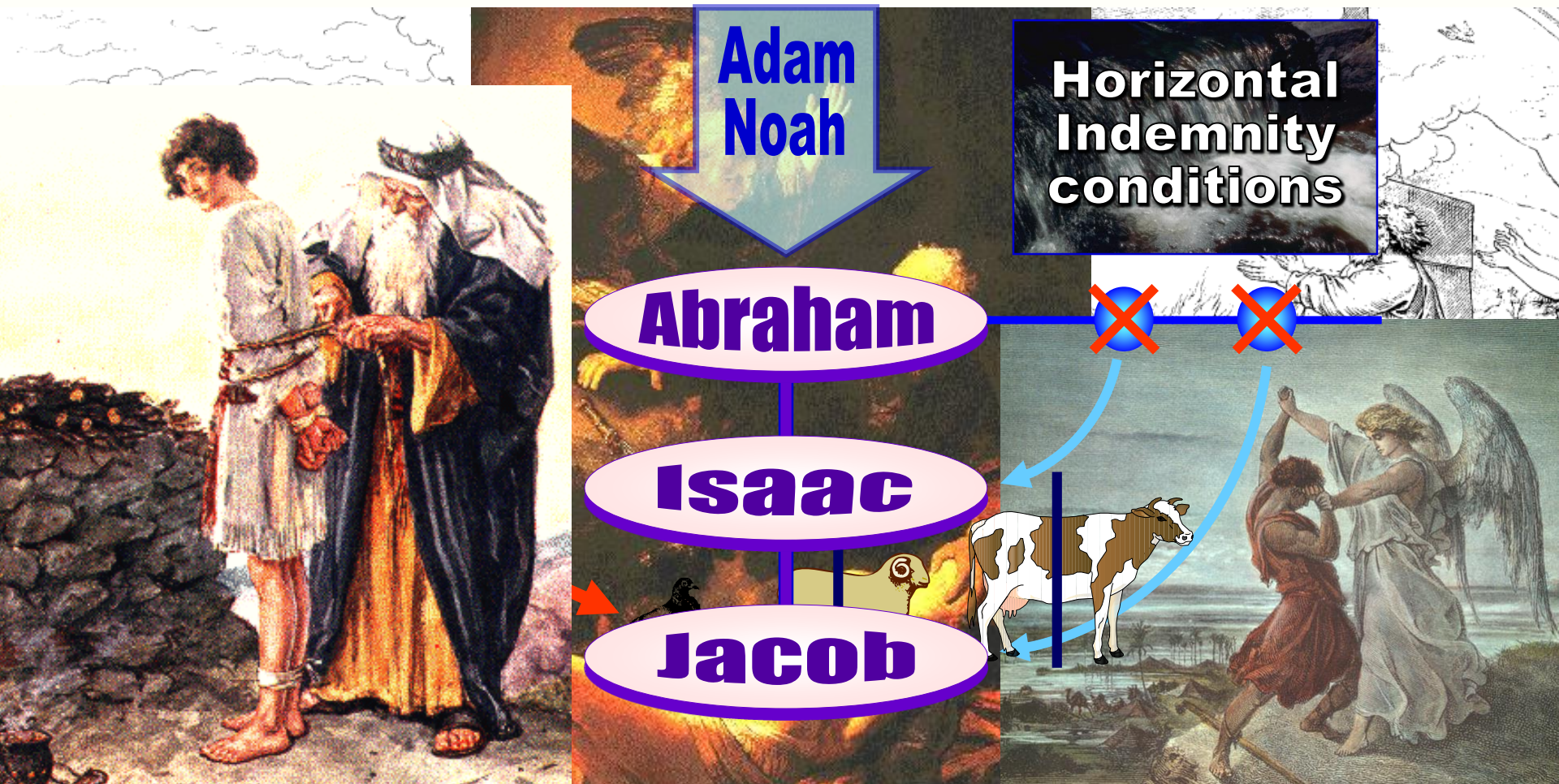
- The conditions which accumulate in the course of providential history are called vertical indemnity conditions. The task of the central figure to fulfill all these conditions in a short time is called horizontal restoration through indemnity (p. 293).

2.3 Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically



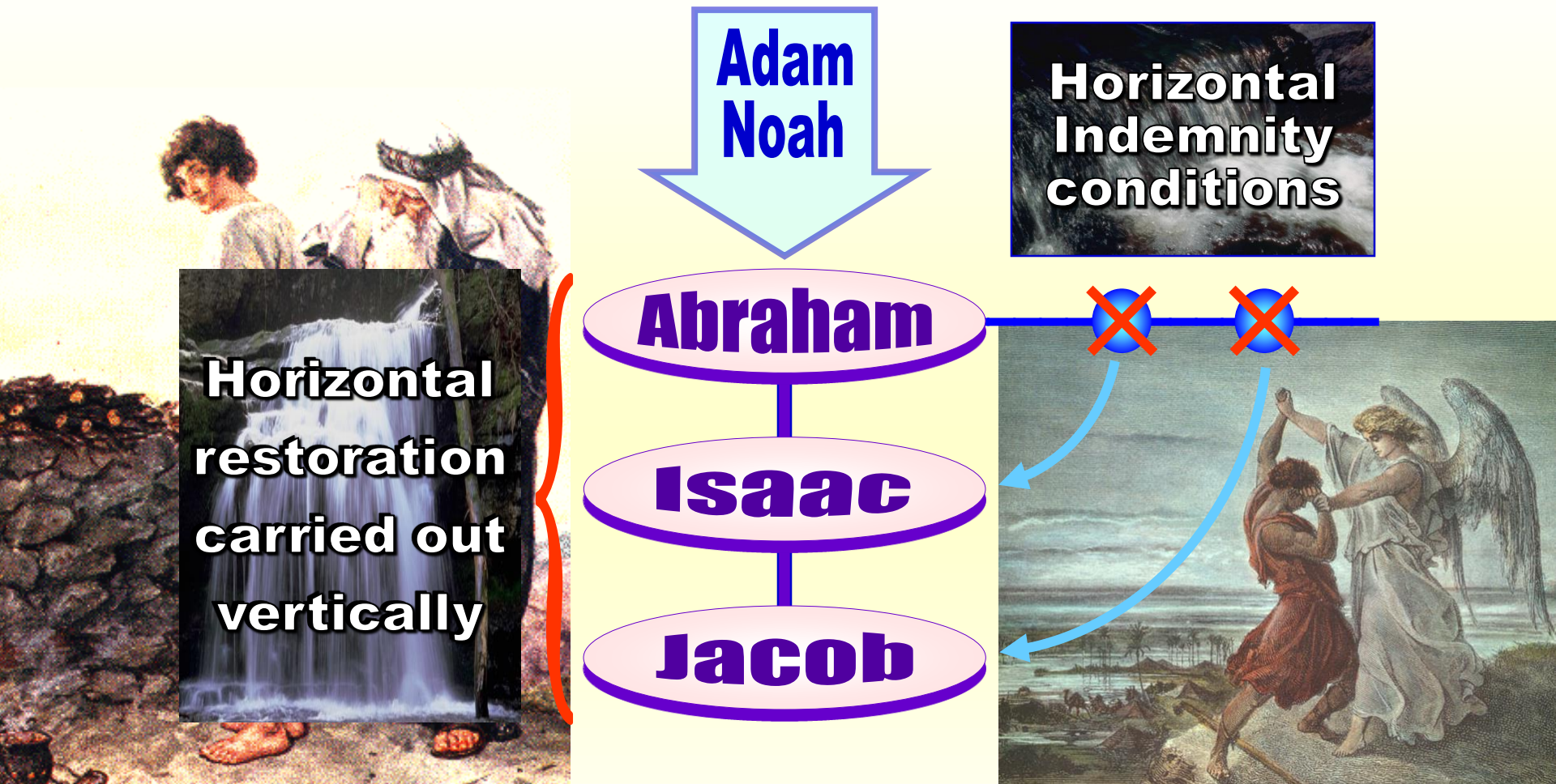
- Since the work of restoration in Abraham's family was the **third** attempt in the providence to restore the family foundation for the Messiah, the Principle required that his family accomplish God's Will without fail (p. 294).

2.3 Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically



- Hence, when Abraham failed to complete the horizontal indemnity conditions, he completed them vertically through the generations of Isaac and Jacob, and God could still credit him with having fulfilled them in his own generation.

2.3 Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically

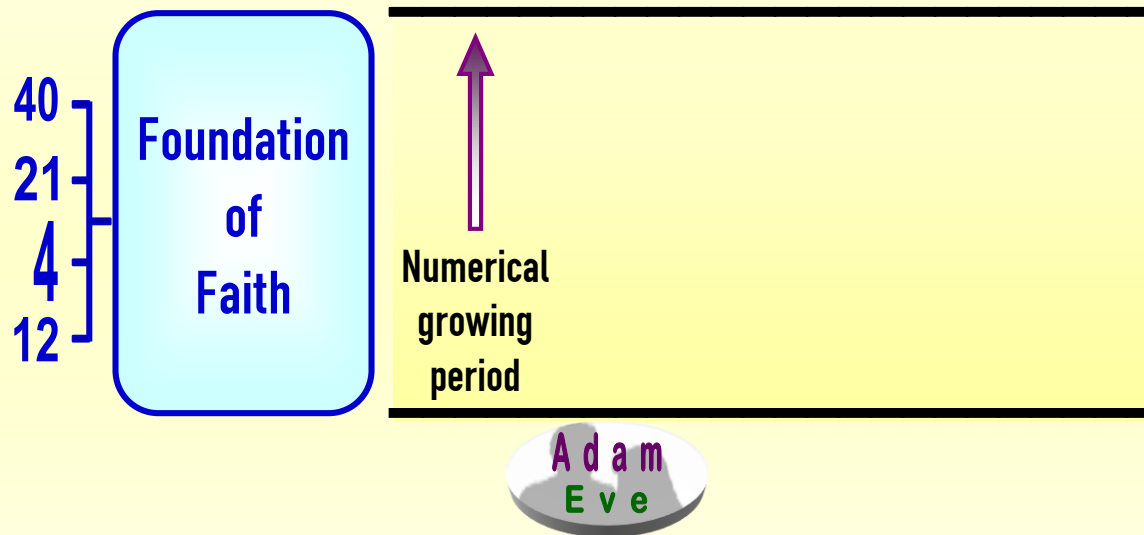


This type of restoration is called horizontal restoration through indemnity carried out vertically.

2.4 Numerical Indemnity Periods for Restoring the Foundation of Faith

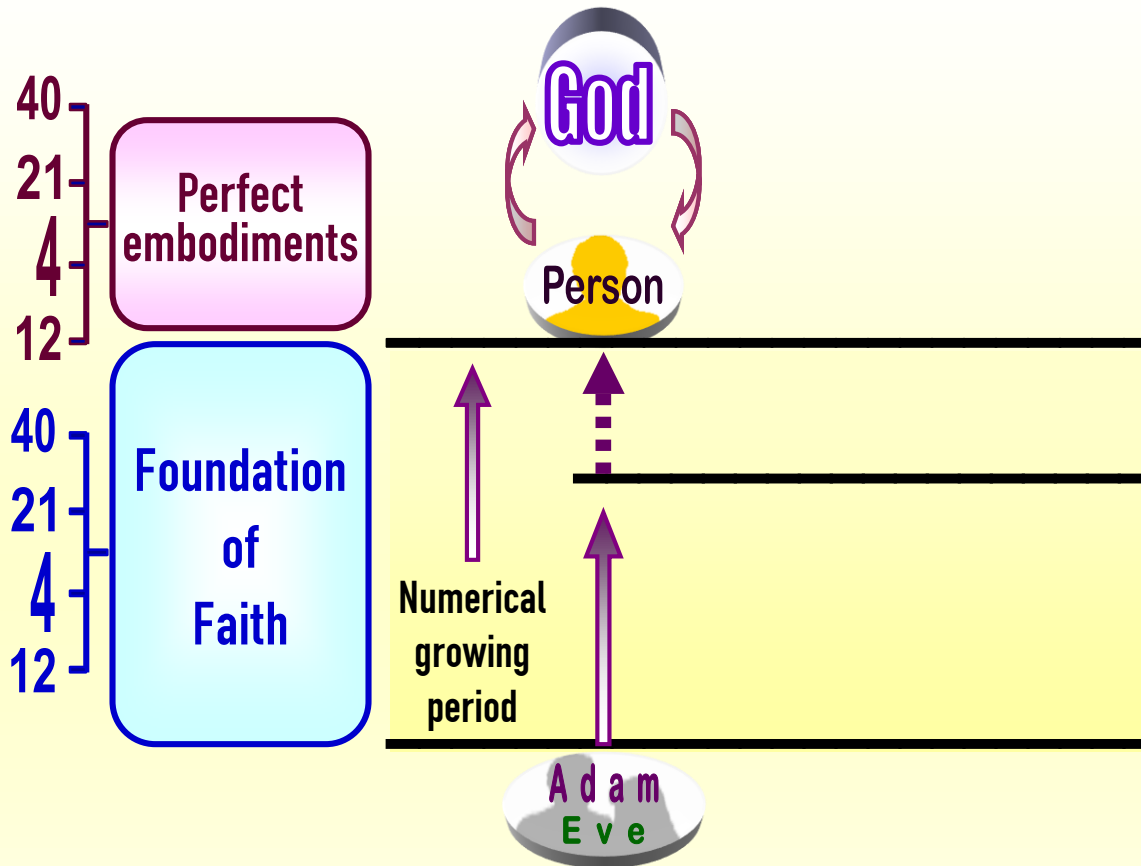
- A central figure has to fulfill one or more numerical indemnity periods in order to restore the foundation of faith.

2.4 Numerical Indemnity Periods for Restoring the Foundation of Faith



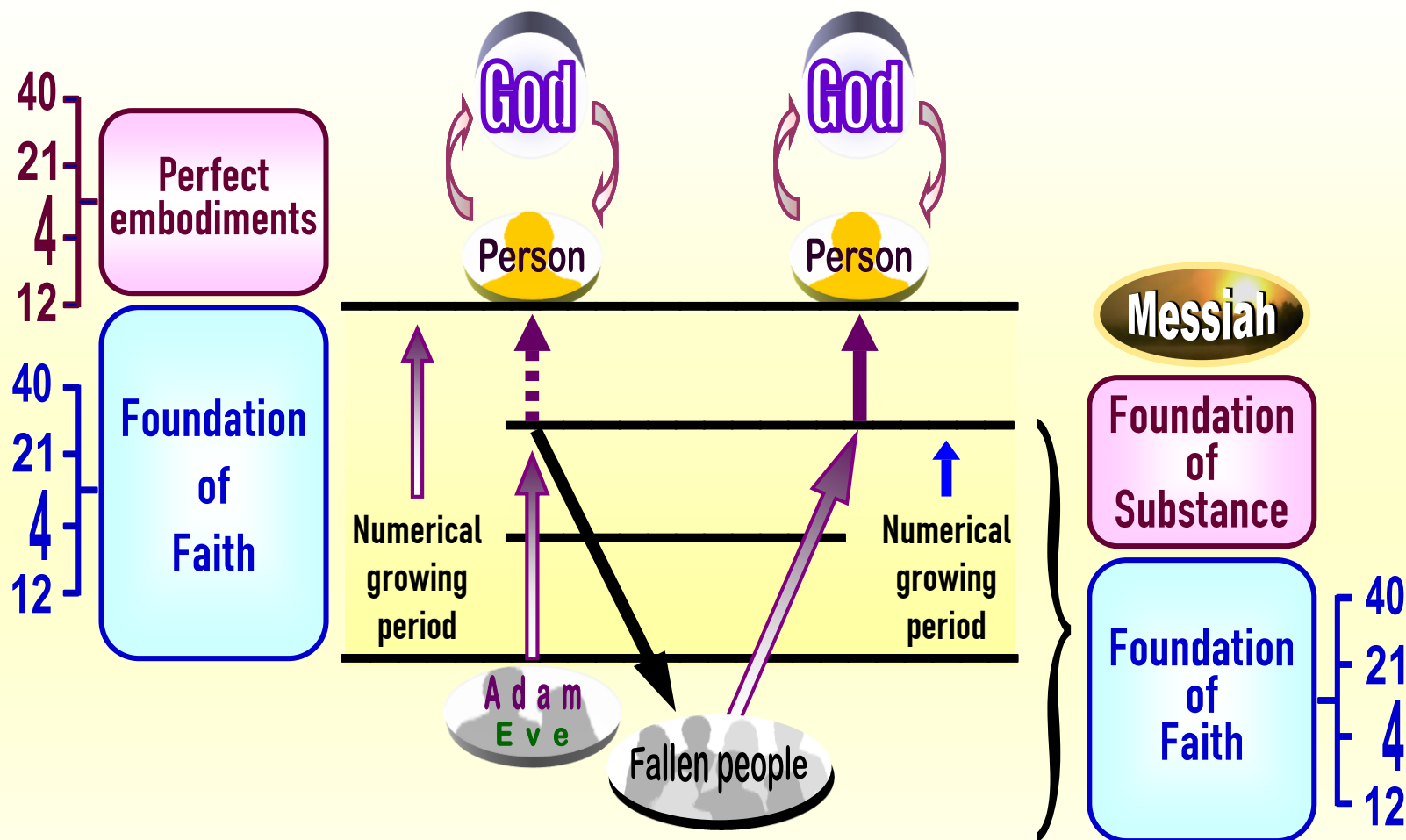
- The first human ancestors were to lay the foundation of faith based on significant numbers, including 12, 4, 21, and 40, which represent the numerical growing period.

2.4 Numerical Indemnity Periods for Restoring the Foundation of Faith



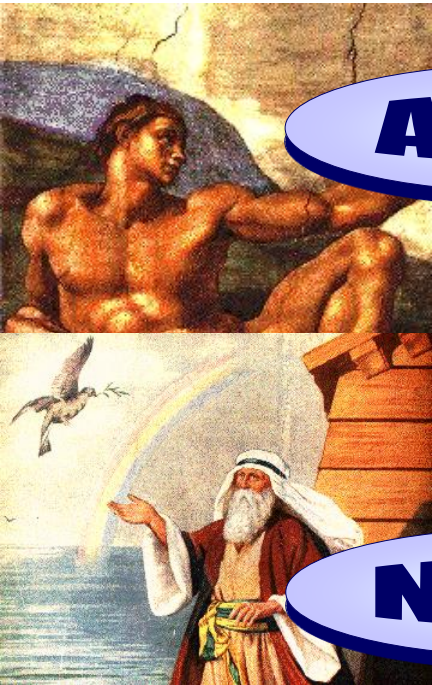
When they then accomplished the purpose of creation, they would have become the perfect embodiments of the quality of these numbers (p. 295, 299).

2.4 Numerical Indemnity Periods for Restoring the Foundation of Faith



- Yet due to their fall, all these numbers were claimed by Satan. Therefore, the central figures in **providential history** must fulfill numerical periods of indemnity to restore the numbers 12, 4, 21, and 40.

2.5 The Parallel Periods Determined by the Number of Generations



Adam

12 · 4 · 21 · 40

1600

10 generations

Noah

120 · 40 · 21 · 40

- God chose Noah to shoulder the providence of ten generations and sixteen hundred years after Adam.

2.5 The Parallel Periods Determined by the Number of Generations



Adam

12 · 4 · 21 · 40



1600

10 generations

Noah

120 · 40 · 21 · 40



400

10 generations

Abraham

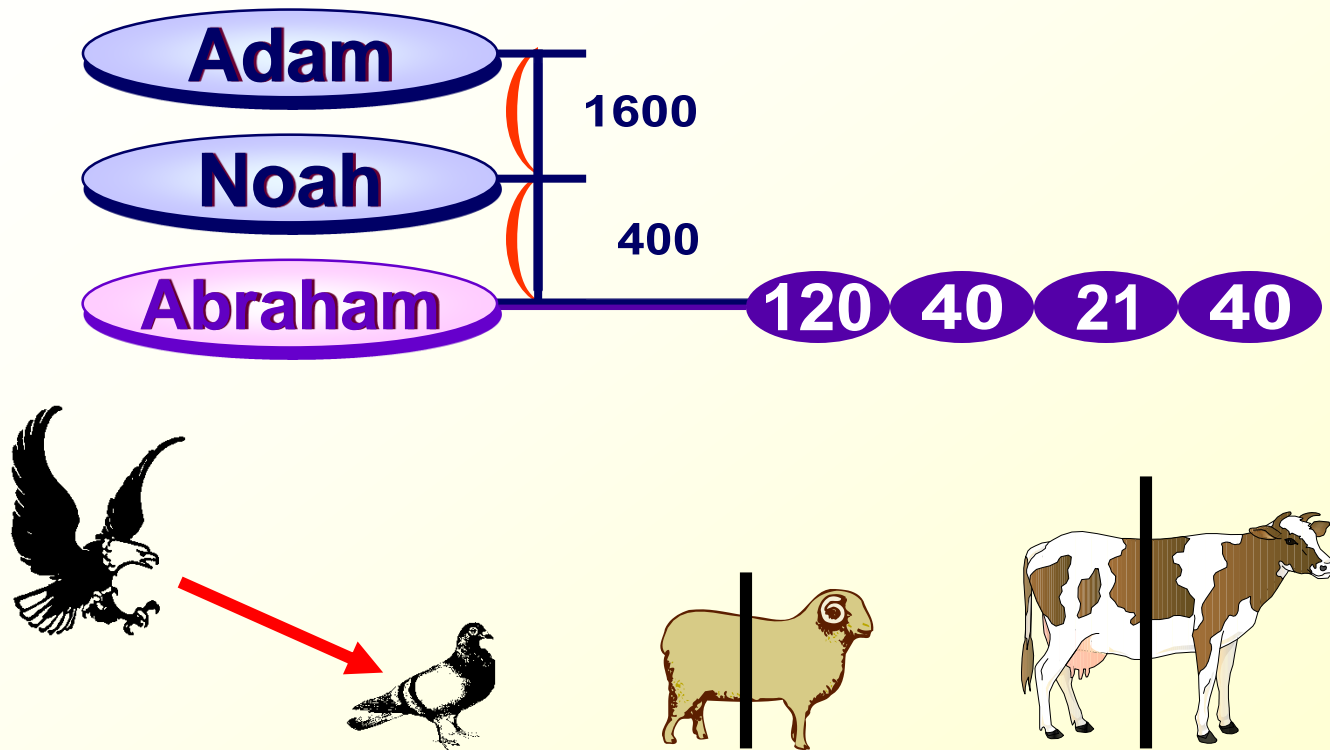
After the failure of the providence in Noah's family, God waited ten generations and four hundred years before calling Abraham to carry the burden of the providence (p. 299-300).

2.5 The Parallel Periods Determined by the Number of Generations



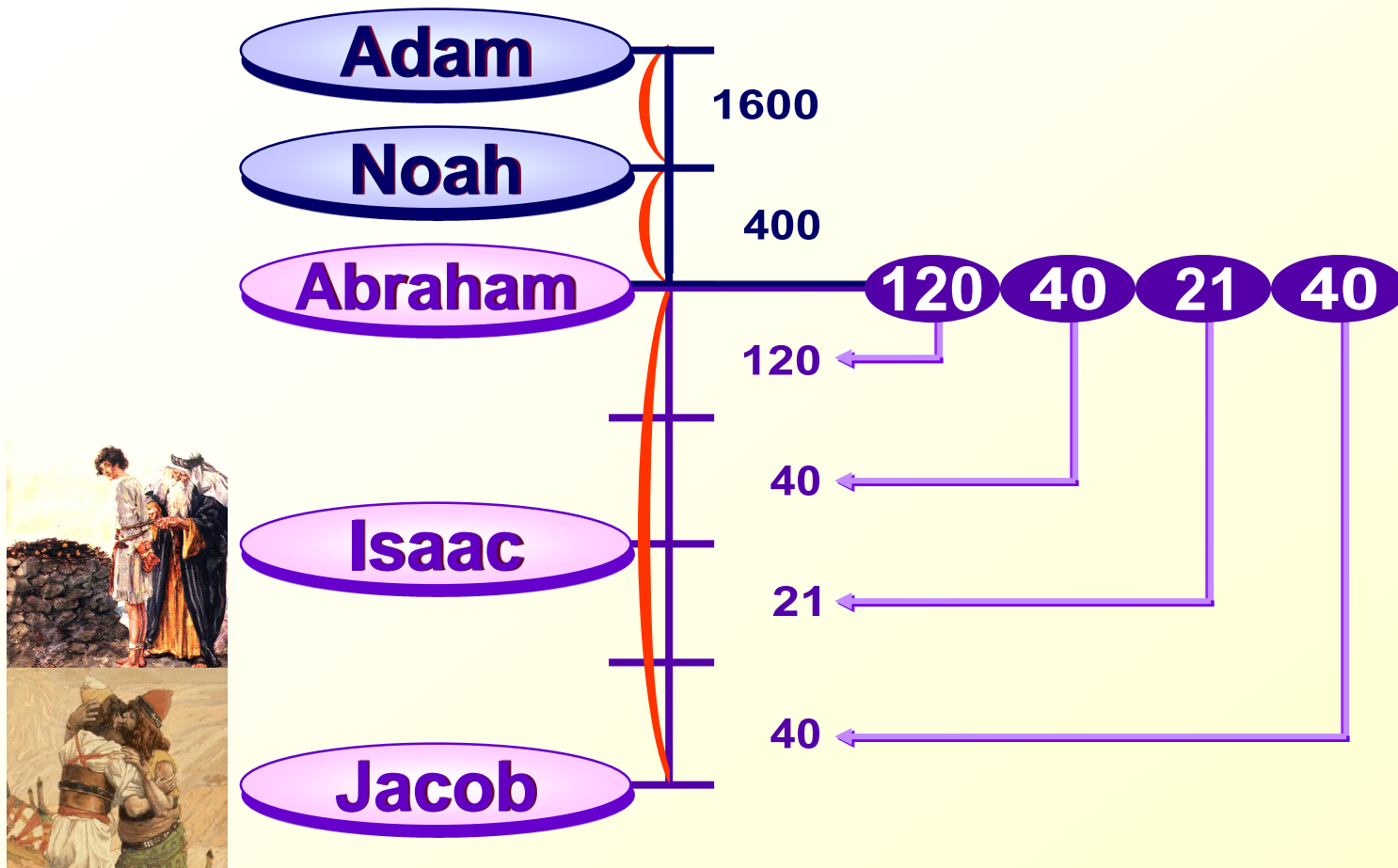
- Set according to the number of generations, the period from **Noah** to Abraham was parallel to the period from **Adam** to Noah, and was to restore that earlier period through indemnity.

2.6 Providential Periods of Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically



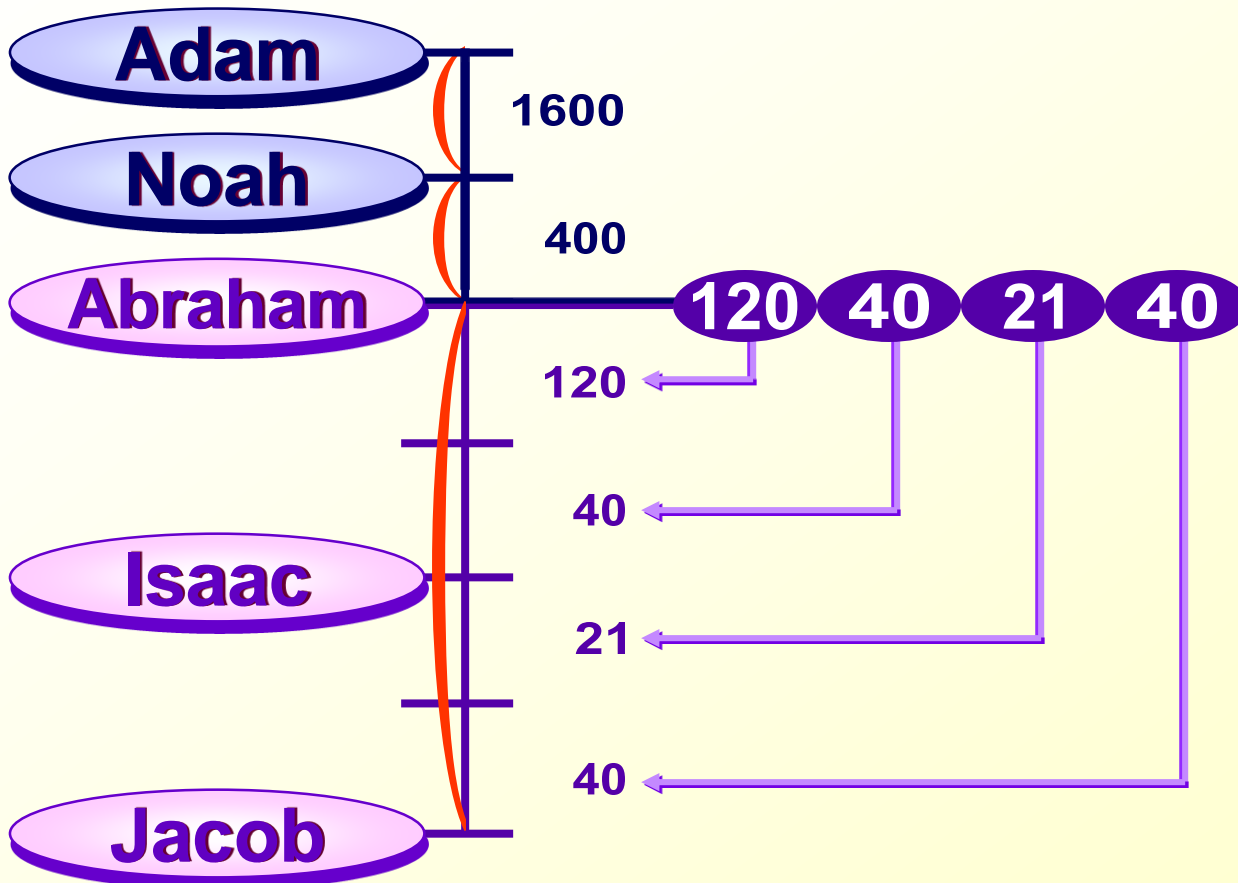
- Because Abraham failed in his offering, the **indemnity** periods could not be restored **horizontally**.

2.6 Providential Periods of Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically



- They then had to be restored vertically: by prolonging the fulfillment of His Will through Isaac and Jacob, God worked to fulfill in succession indemnity periods to restore the numbers 12, 4, 21, and 40 (p. 301).

2.6 Providential Periods of Horizontal Restoration through Indemnity Carried Out Vertically



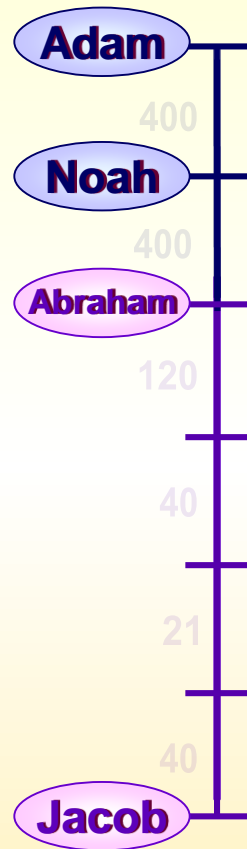
- The age from Adam to Jacob is called the Age of the Providence to Lay the Foundation for Restoration.

Section 3

The Periods in the Age of the Providence of Restoration and Their Lengths

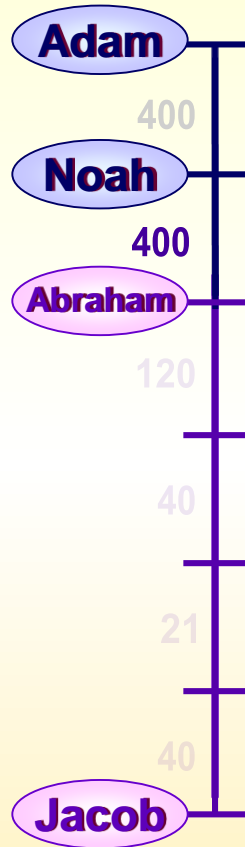
Age of Foundation for Restoration

Age of Restoration

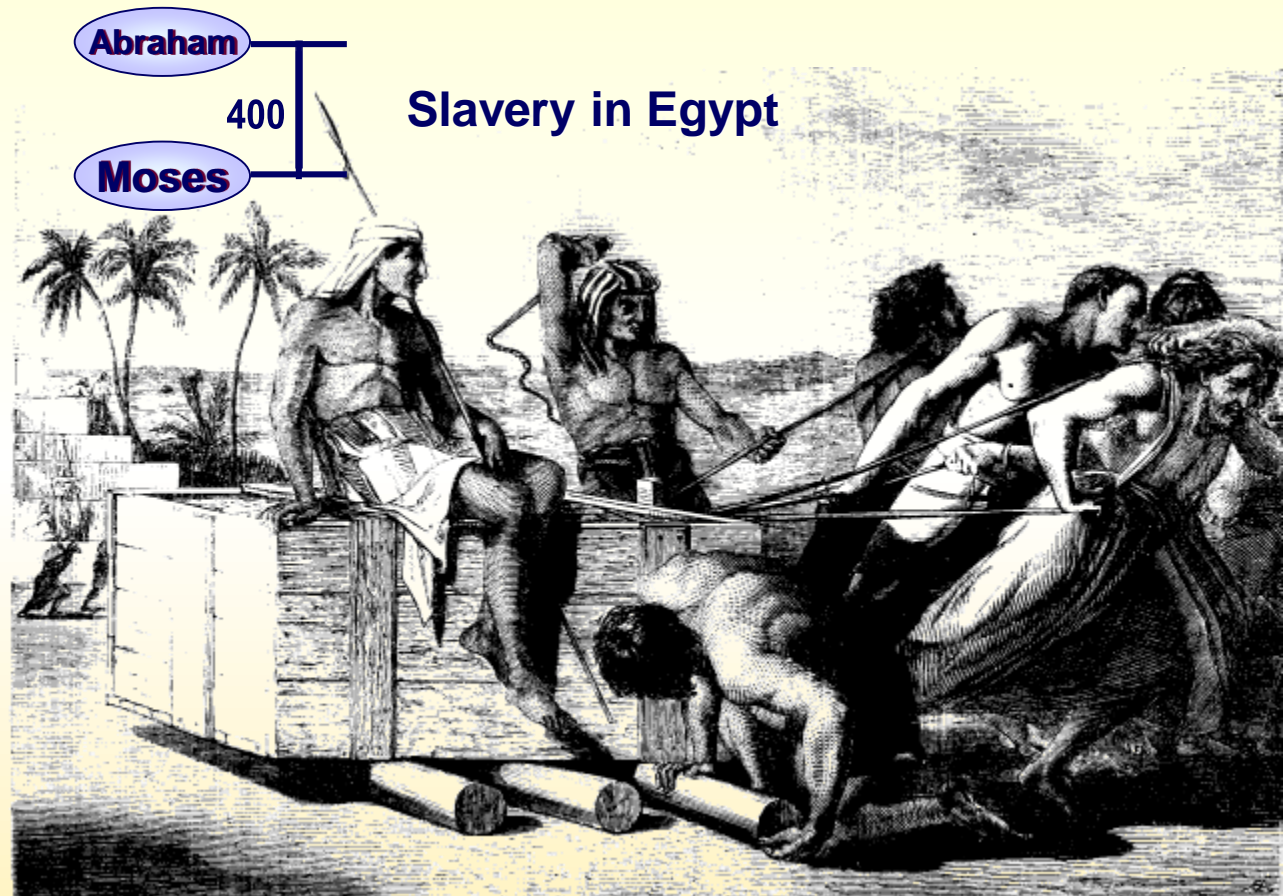


- The Age of the Providence of Restoration, which was the age of image parallels, was to restore through indemnity the Age of the Providence to Lay the Foundation for Restoration, the age of symbolic parallels (p. 302).

Age of Foundation for Restoration



Age of Restoration

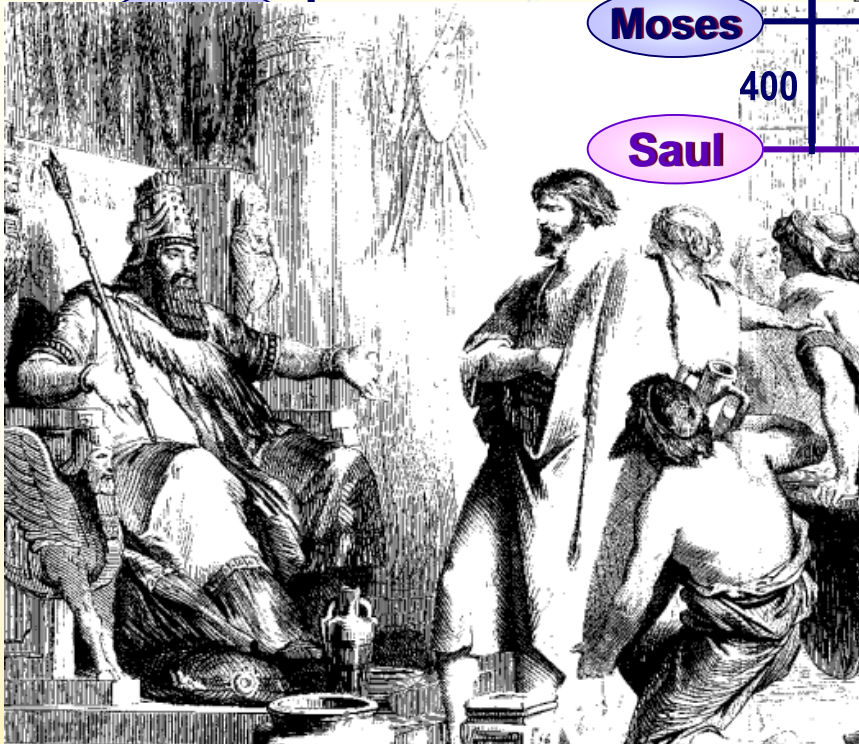


- The 400-year period of slavery in Egypt was the time in which God had the Israelites separate Satan once more in order to recover the foundation of **400 years** defiled by Satan due to Abraham's mistake.

Age of Foundation for Restoration

Adam

400



Age of Restoration

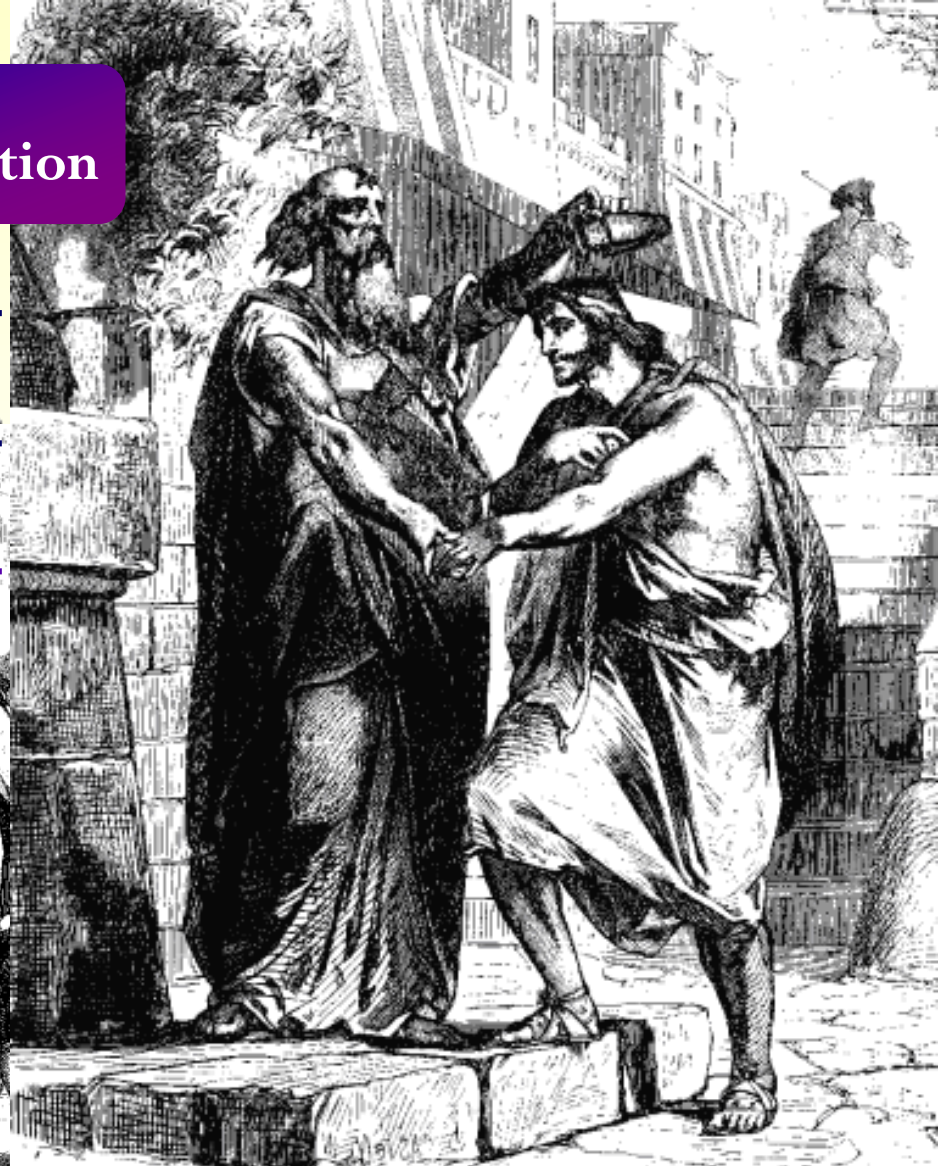
Abraham

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Moses

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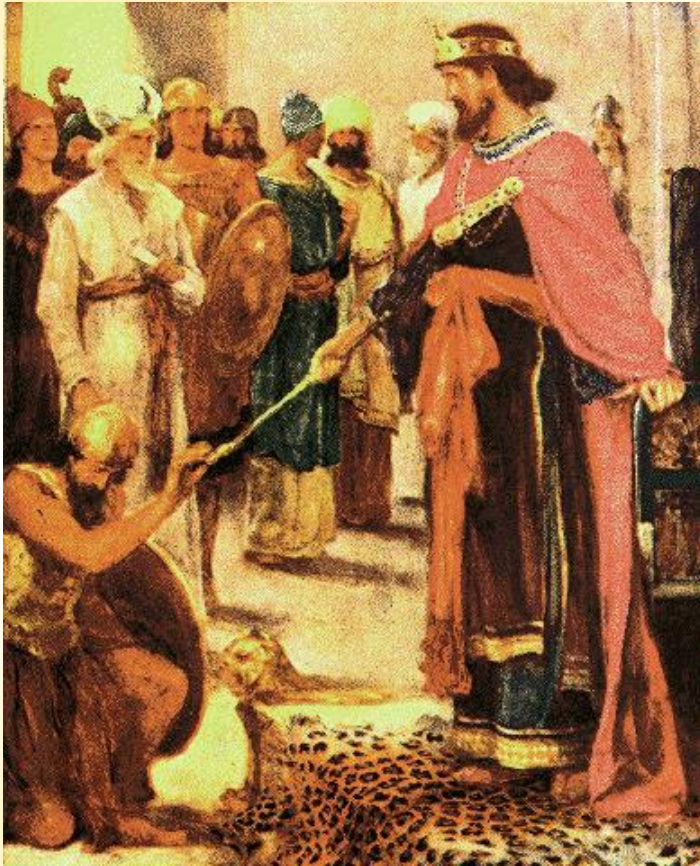
Saul



- The 400-year period of the judges was from the time the Israelites entered Canaan until the **enthronement** of King Saul (p. 303).

Age of Foundation for Restoration

Age of Restoration



- The 120-year period of the united kingdom was formed as **King Saul** became faithless, and God's Will to build the Temple was prolonged through the **two 40-year** reigns of King David and King Solomon (p. 305).

Age of Foundation for Restoration



Age of Restoration



- The 400-year period of the divided kingdoms of north and south was the time when the united kingdom was divided into Israel in the north and Judah in the south due to their faithlessness.

Age of Foundation for Restoration

Age of Restoration



- The 210-year period of Israel's exile and return was the time when the **Jewish people** were taken as captives in Babylon for 70 years and then gradually **returned** to their homeland for 140 years (p. 306).

Age of Foundation for Restoration

Age of Restoration

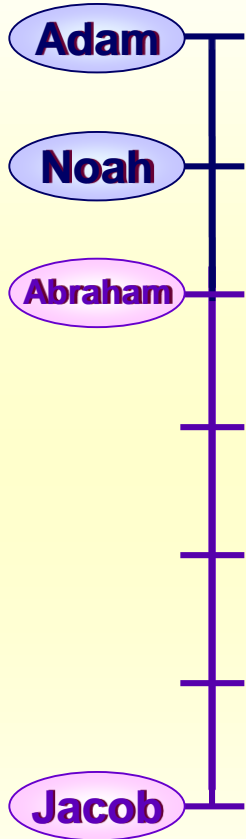


- The 400-year period of preparation for the advent of the Messiah was **from the time** the Jewish people returned from exile to their homeland of Israel and, based on Malachi's prophecy, began as a nation to prepare for the Messiah until the birth of Jesus.

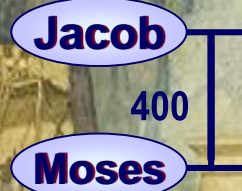
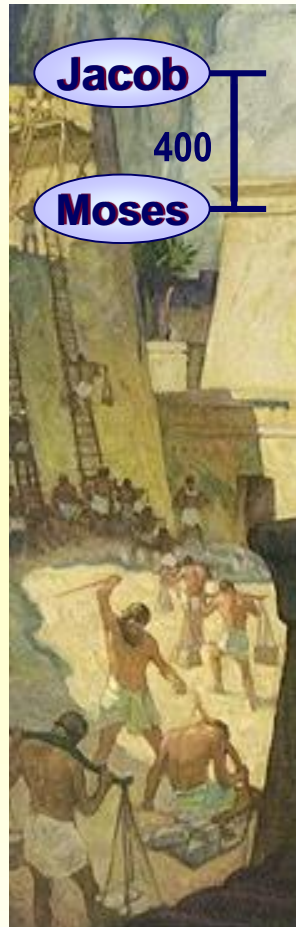
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and Their Lengths

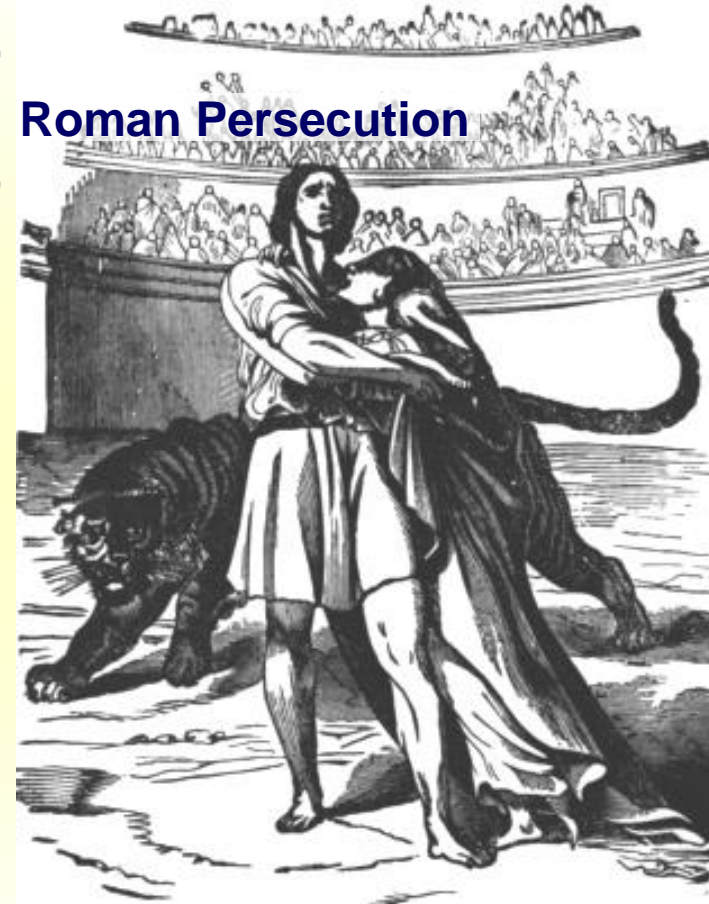
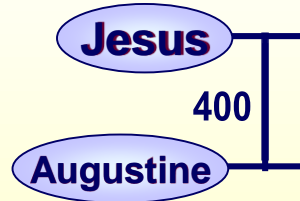
Age of Foundation for Restoration



Age of Restoration



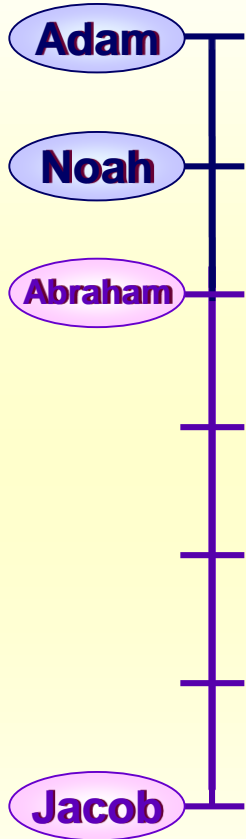
Age of Prolongation of Restoration



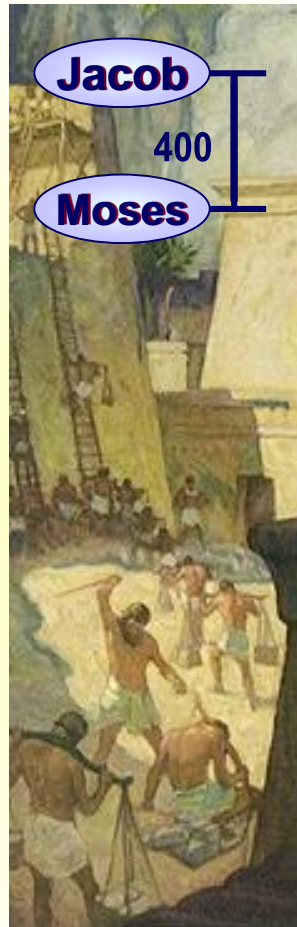
Roman Persecution

- The 400-year period of persecution in the Roman Empire, until Christianity was established as the state religion in 392 A.D., was the substantial parallel to the Israelites' 400-year period of slavery in Egypt.

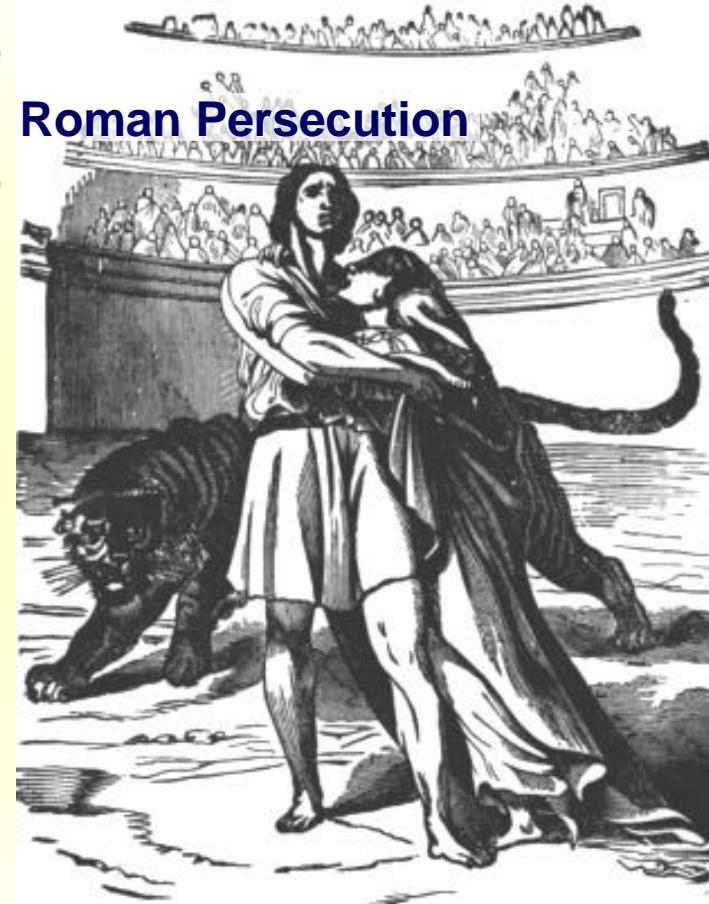
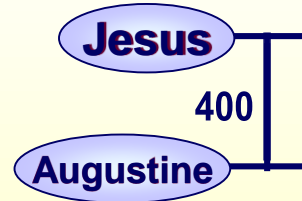
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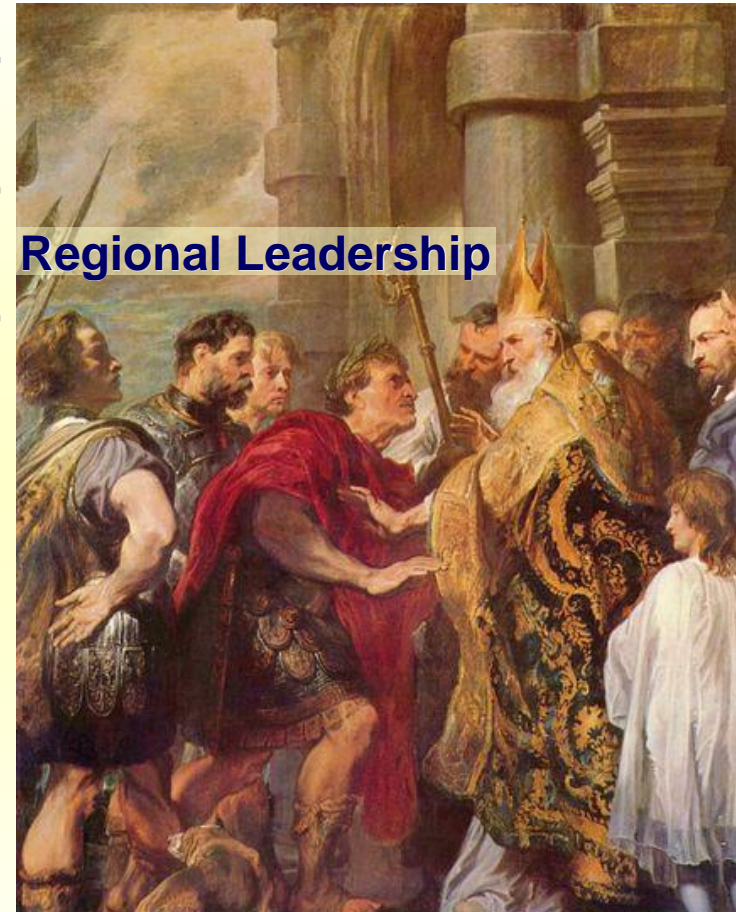


Its purpose was to restore that earlier period through parallel indemnity conditions.

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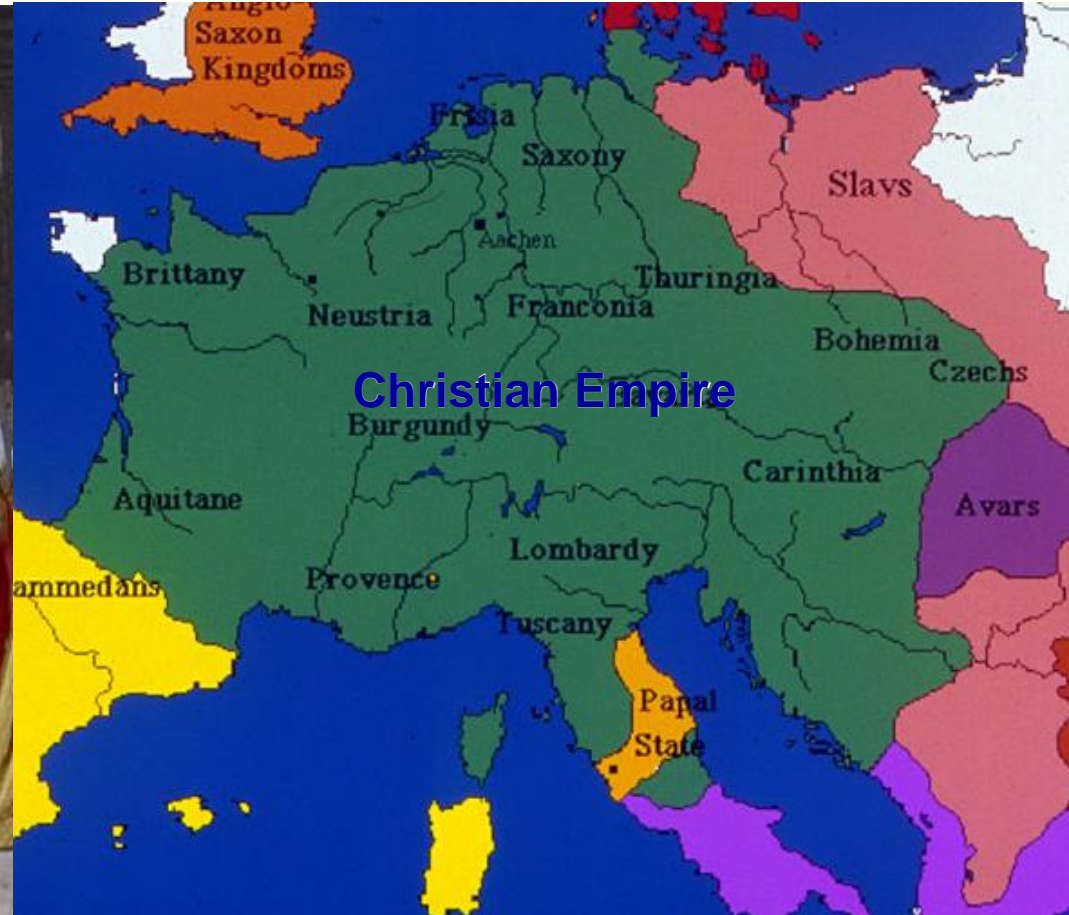


- The 400-year period of regional church leadership, until the enthronement of **Charlemagne** in 800 A.D., was to restore the 400-year period of the judges through parallel indemnity conditions (p. 308).

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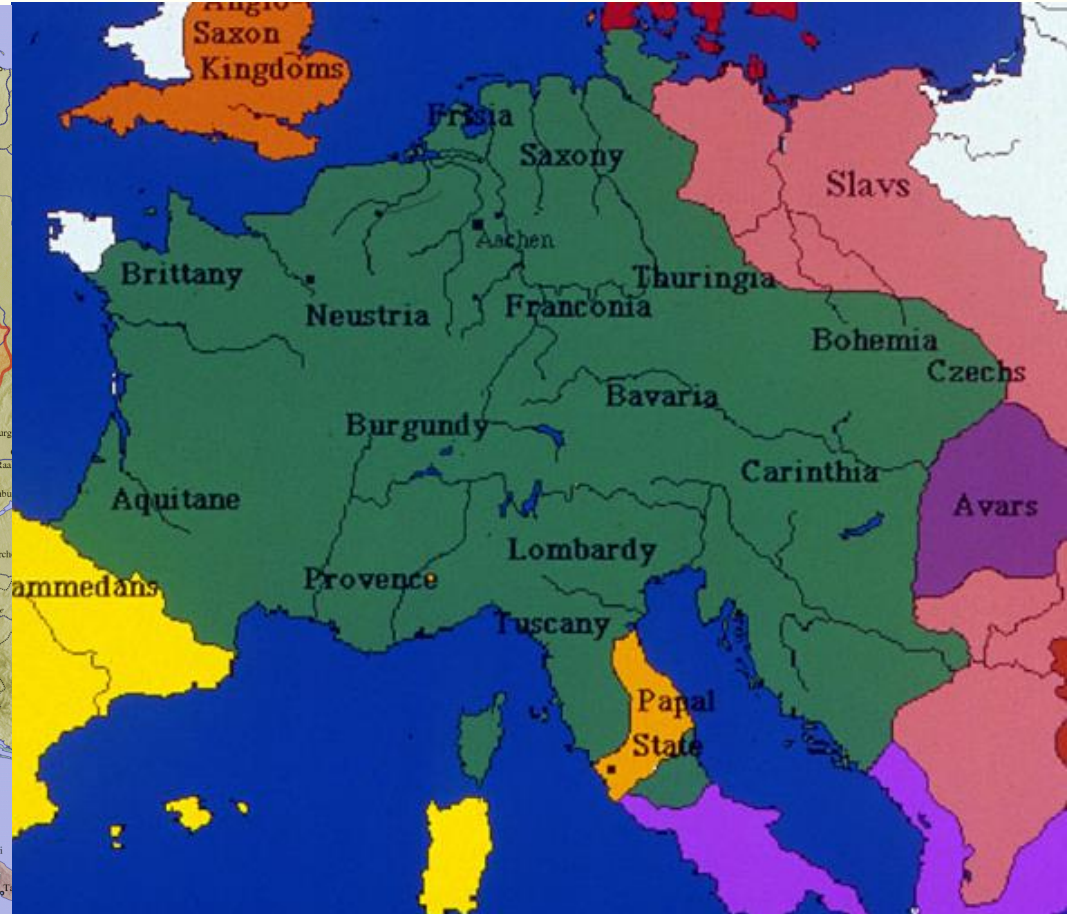
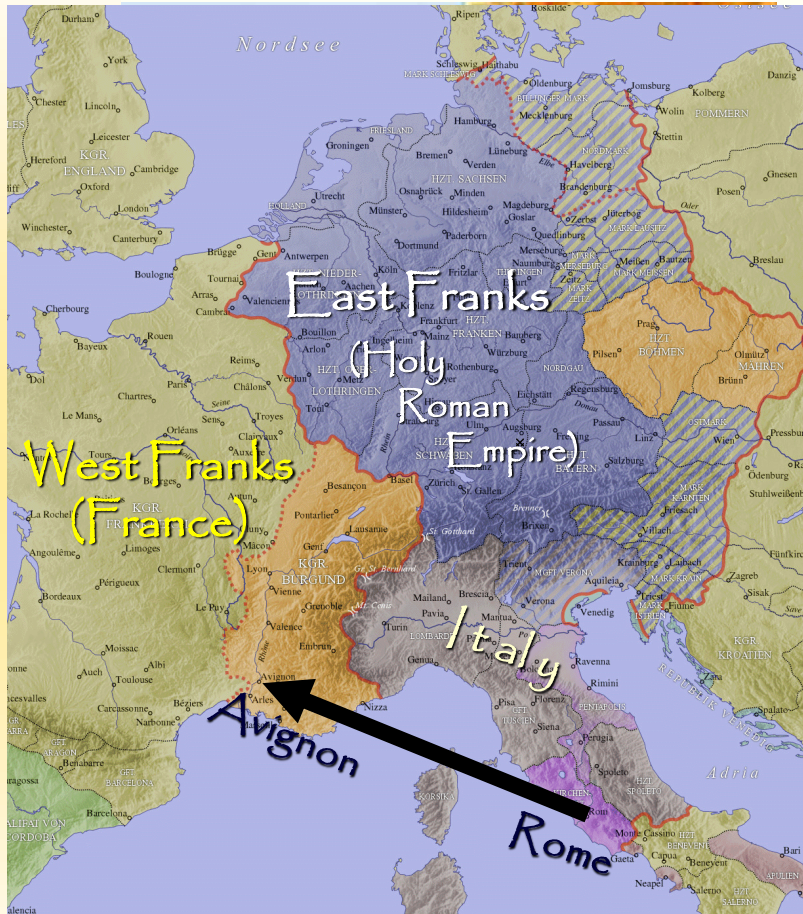


- The 120-year period of the Christian empire, until **Henry I** was elected king of the German lands in 919 A.D., was to restore the 120-year period of the **united** kingdom through parallel indemnity conditions.

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- The 400-year period of the divided kingdoms of east and west began with the division of the Christian empire in 919 and ended in 1309, when the papacy **moved** to Avignon, in what is now southern France.

Age of Foundation for Restoration

Age of Restoration

Age of Prolongation of Restoration



Its purpose was to restore the 400-year period of the **divided** kingdoms of north and south through parallel indemnity conditions (p. 309).

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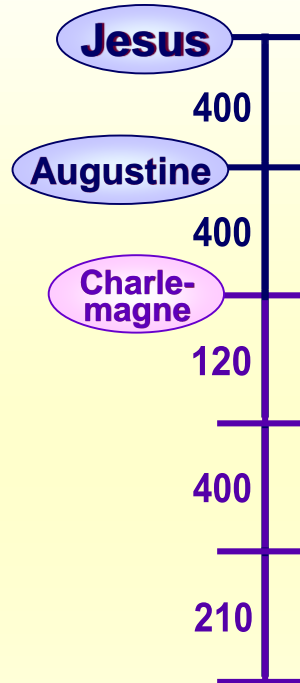


- The 210-year period of Papal exile and return began in 1309 A.D., when **Pope Clement V** was forced to move the papacy from Rome to Avignon, and ended with the **Protestant** Reformation in 1517.

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Roman Persecution

Regional Partnership



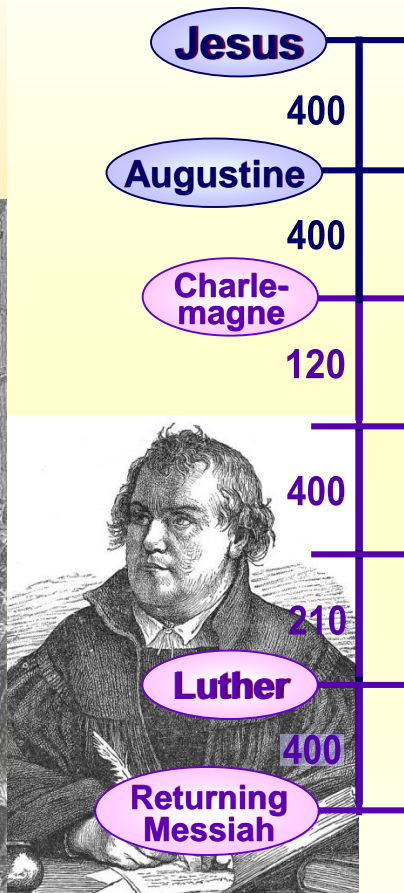
Papal exile and return

Its purpose was to restore the 210-year period of Israel's exile and return through parallel indemnity conditions.

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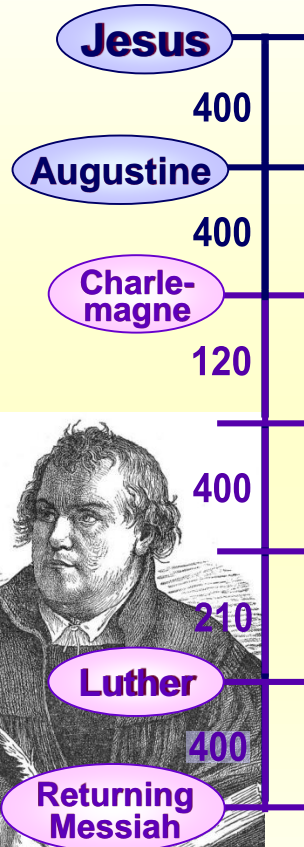
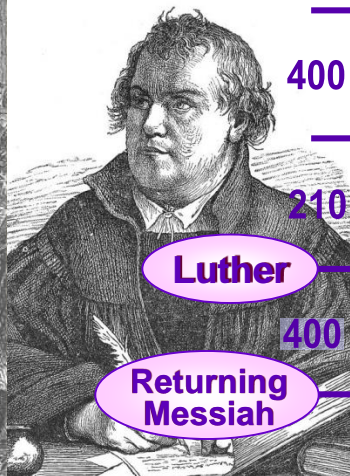


- The 400-year period of preparation for the second advent of the Messiah began in **1517** with Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation and has lasted until the eve of the Second Advent of Christ on the earth.

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of Restoration



Its purpose has been to restore the 400-year period of preparation for the **advent** of the Messiah through parallel indemnity conditions (p. 310).

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