

Chapter 1 The Providence to Lay the Foundation for Restoration

Section 1 The Providence of Restoration in Adam's Family

Foundation for the Messiah

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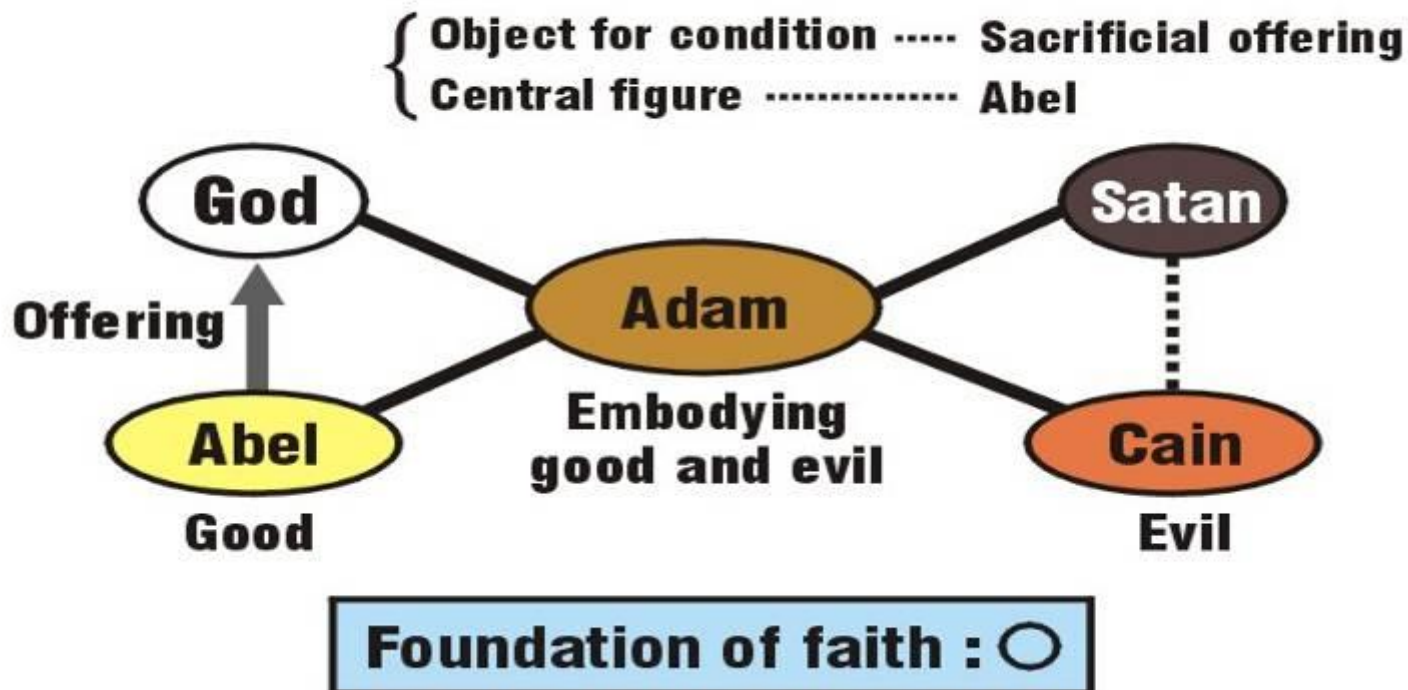
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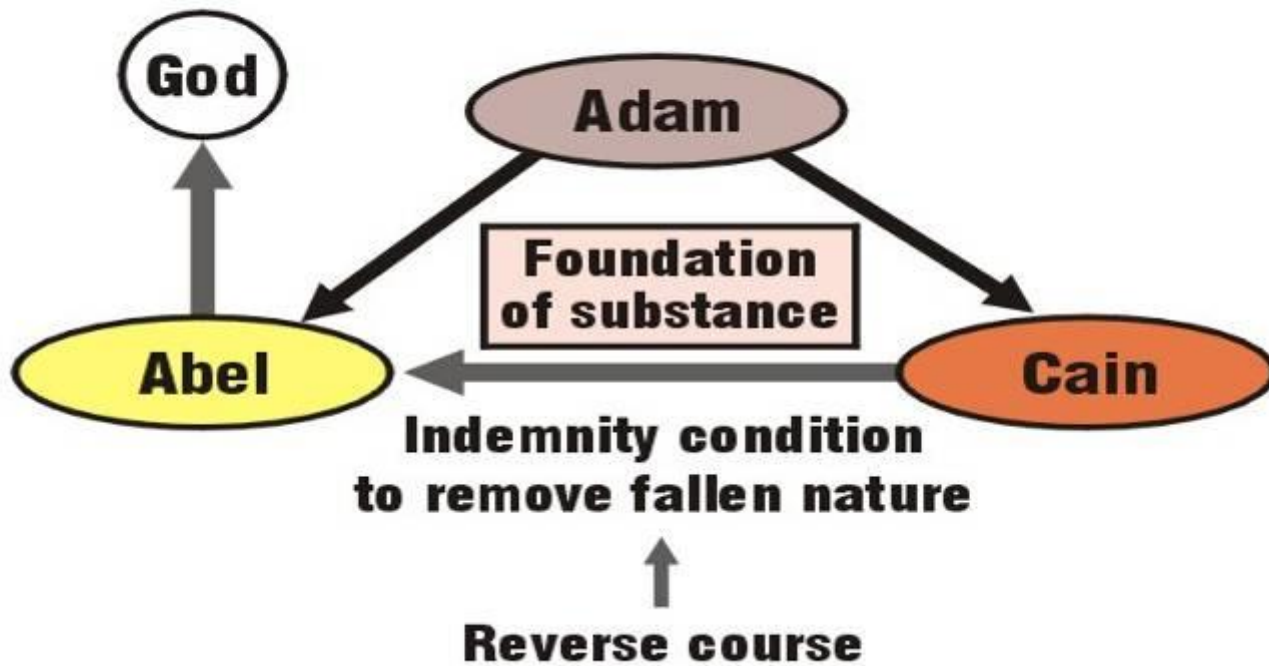
- For the providence of restoration to be accomplished in Adam's family, the members of his family had to make certain conditions of indemnity to restore the foundation of faith and the foundation of substance. On these two foundations, the foundation for the Messiah was to have been established, and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

Foundation of faith



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

Foundation of substance



- Had Cain fulfilled the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature, God would have gladly accepted his sacrifice. The foundation of substance would then have been laid in Adam's family.
- To remove the fallen nature, a person must make an indemnity condition by taking a course which reverses the process through which human beings initially acquired the fallen nature.

The primary characteristics of the fallen nature

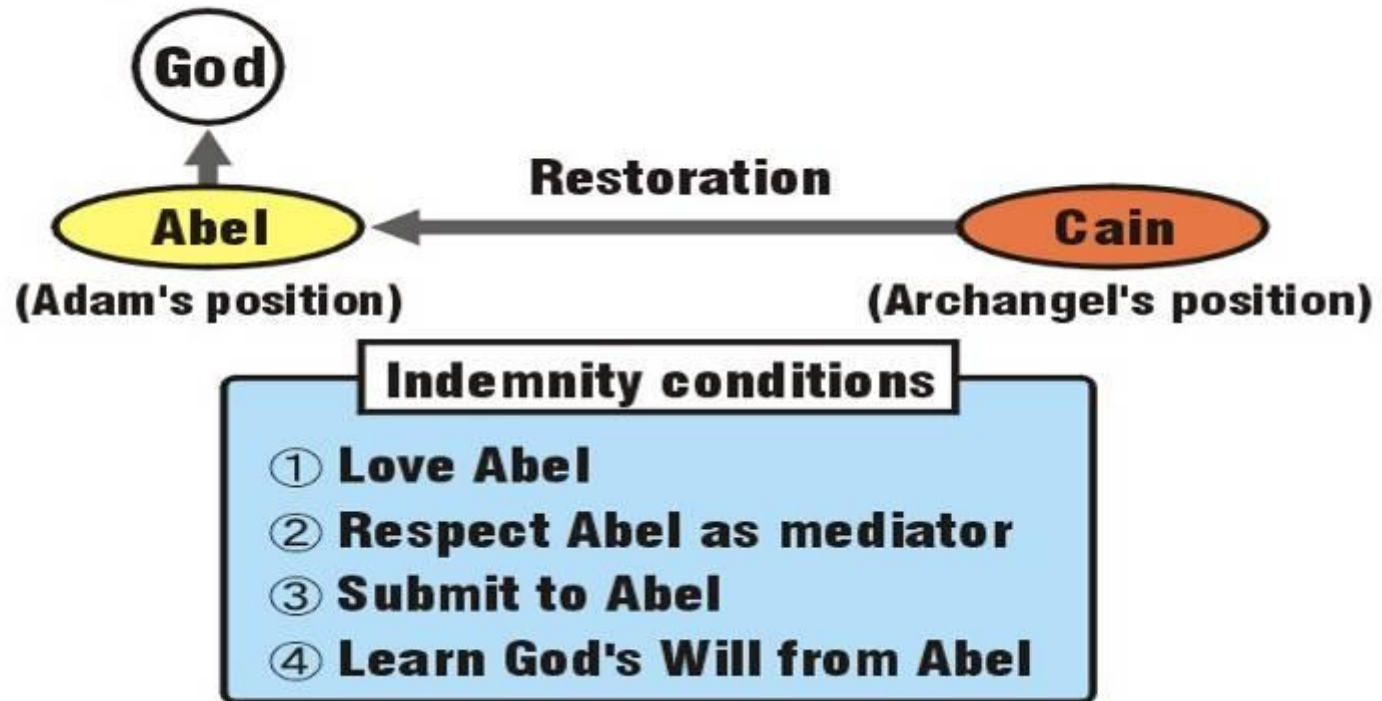


Primary characteristics of fallen nature

- ① **Failing to take God's standpoint**
- ② **Leaving one's proper position**
- ③ **Reversing dominion**
- ④ **Multiplying evil**

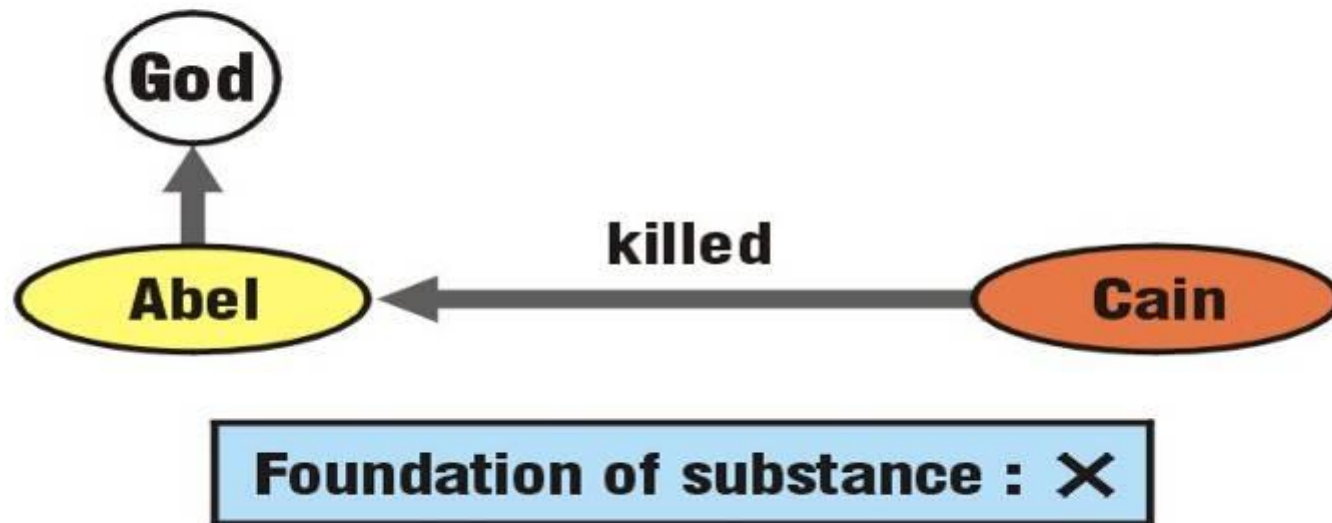
- ③ The Archangel claimed dominion over Eve and Adam, who were his rightful lords. This was the third primary characteristic of the fallen nature: reversing dominion.
- ④ The Archangel conveyed to Adam and Eve his evil will. This was the fourth primary characteristic of the fallen nature: multiplying evil.

Indemnity conditions to remove the fallen nature

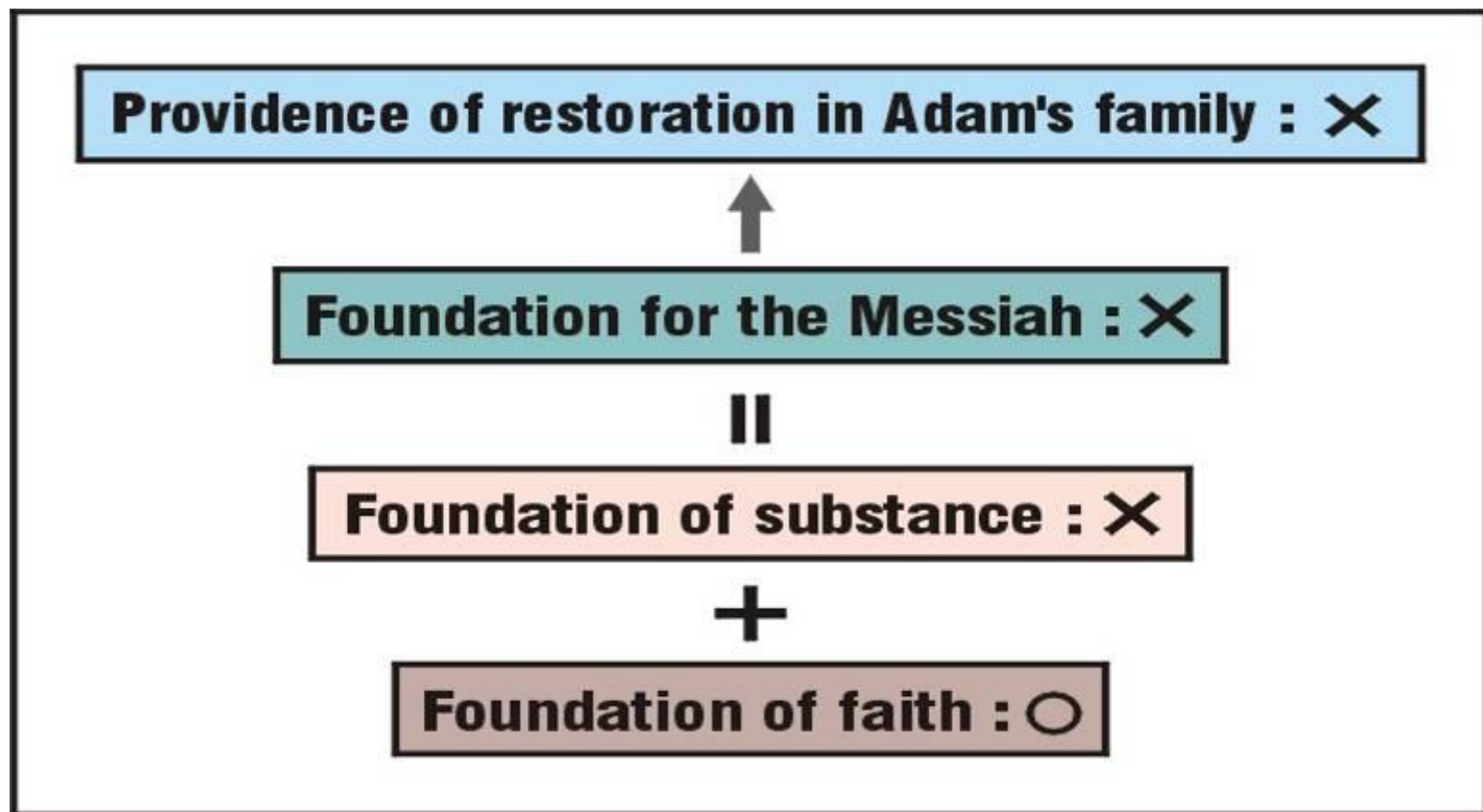


- ③ Third, Cain should have obediently submitted to Abel, accepting Abel's dominion.
- ④ Last, Cain should have learned God's Will from Abel, multiplying goodness.

Failure of the foundation of substance

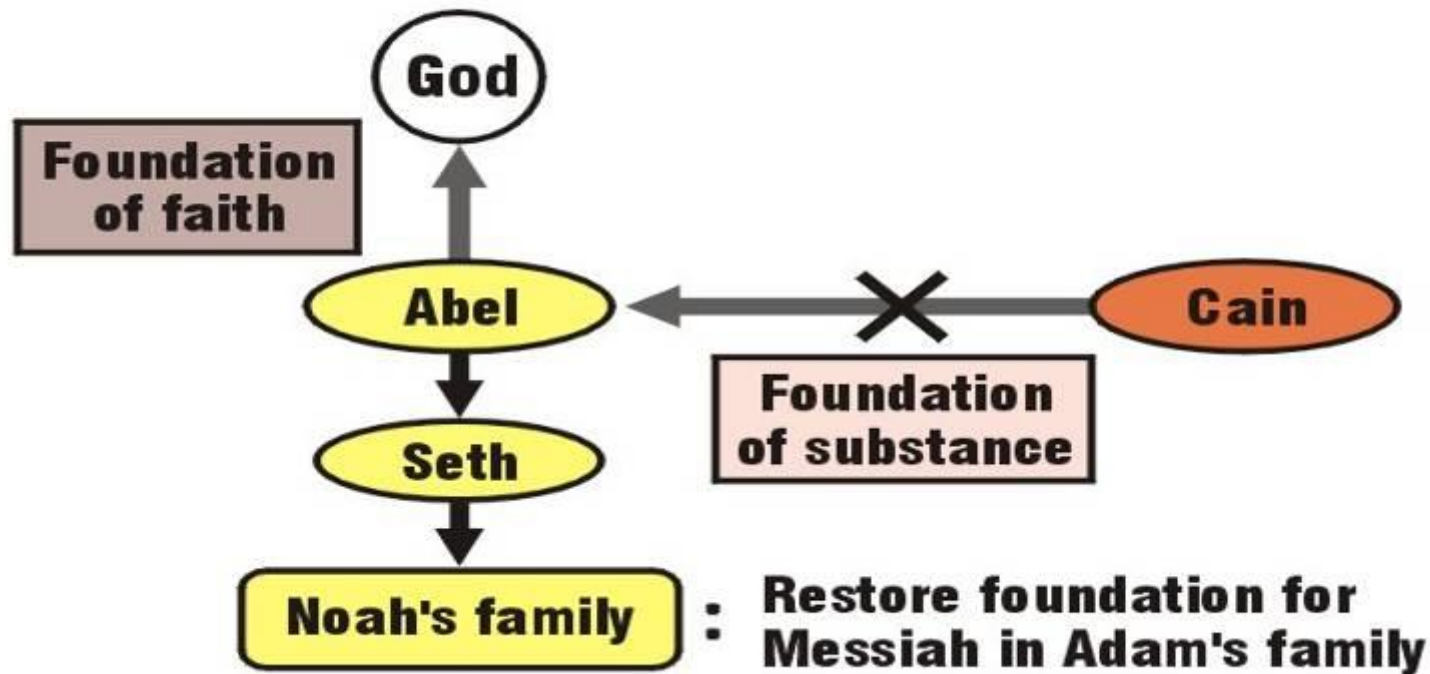


- However, Cain killed Abel. In murdering Abel, Cain repeated the sin of the Archangel. That is, he re-enacted the very process which had given rise to the primary characteristics of the fallen nature. Adam's family thus failed to lay the foundation of substance.



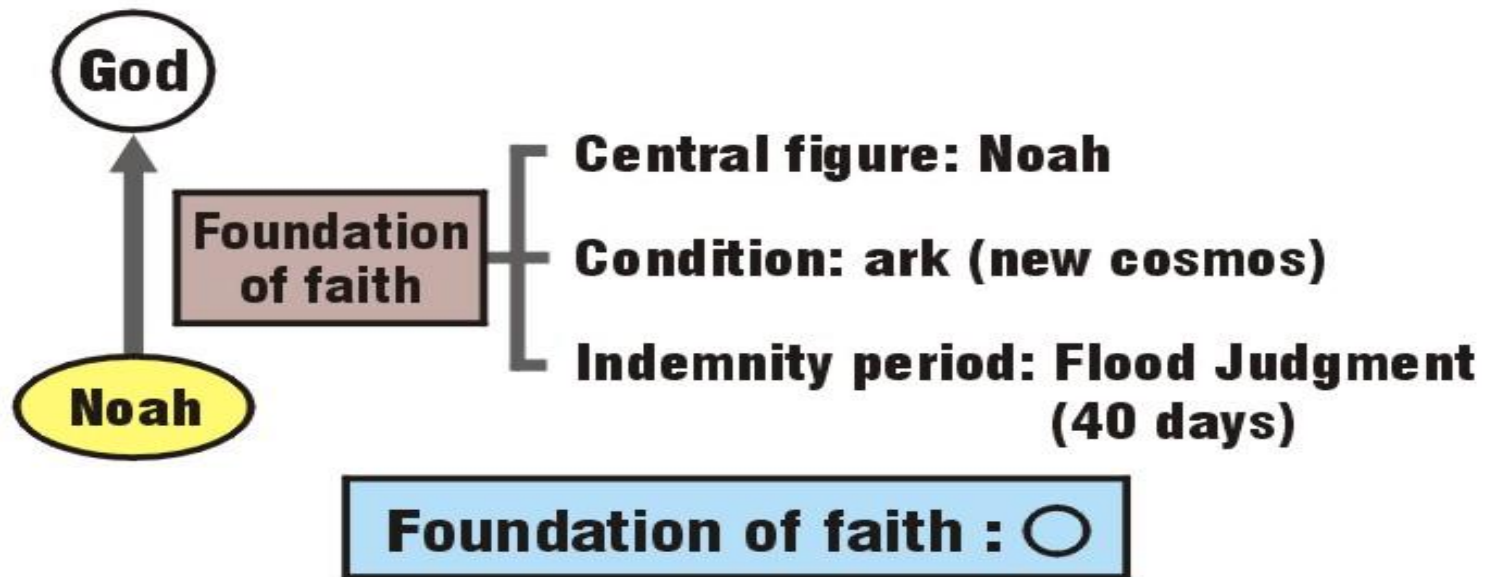
- When Abel made his sacrifice in a manner acceptable to God, he fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the foundation of faith and firmly secured his position as the central figure of the substantial offering .
- However, when Cain murdered Abel, they failed to make the substantial offering. Hence, neither the foundation of substance nor the foundation for the Messiah could be established.
- God's providence of restoration in Adam's family came to naught.

Section 2 The Providence of Restoration in Noah's Family



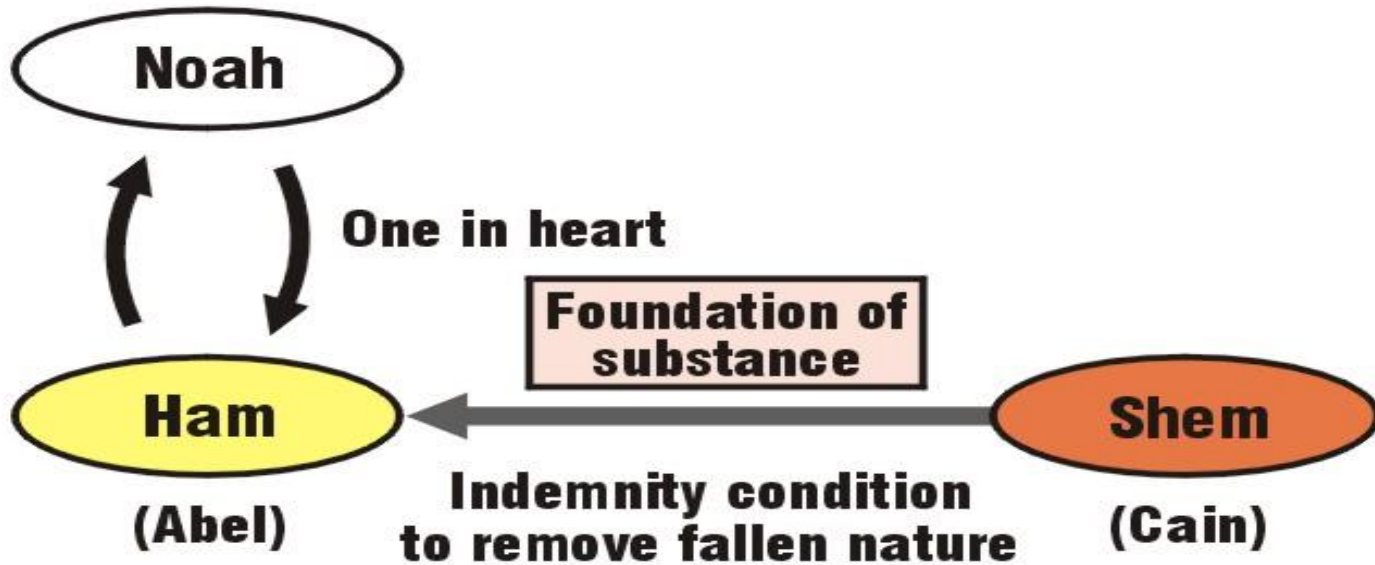
- God has predestined absolutely the fulfillment of the purpose of creation, and His Will remains unchangeable.
- God, upon the foundation of the loyal heart which Abel demonstrated toward Heaven, chose Seth in his place. From among Seth's descendants, God chose Noah's family and commenced a new chapter in His providence.
- Noah's family was responsible to fulfill the indemnity condition to restore the foundation of faith, and then the indemnity condition to restore the foundation of substance. They were to restore through indemnity the foundation for the Messiah, which Adam's family had failed to lay.

Foundation of faith



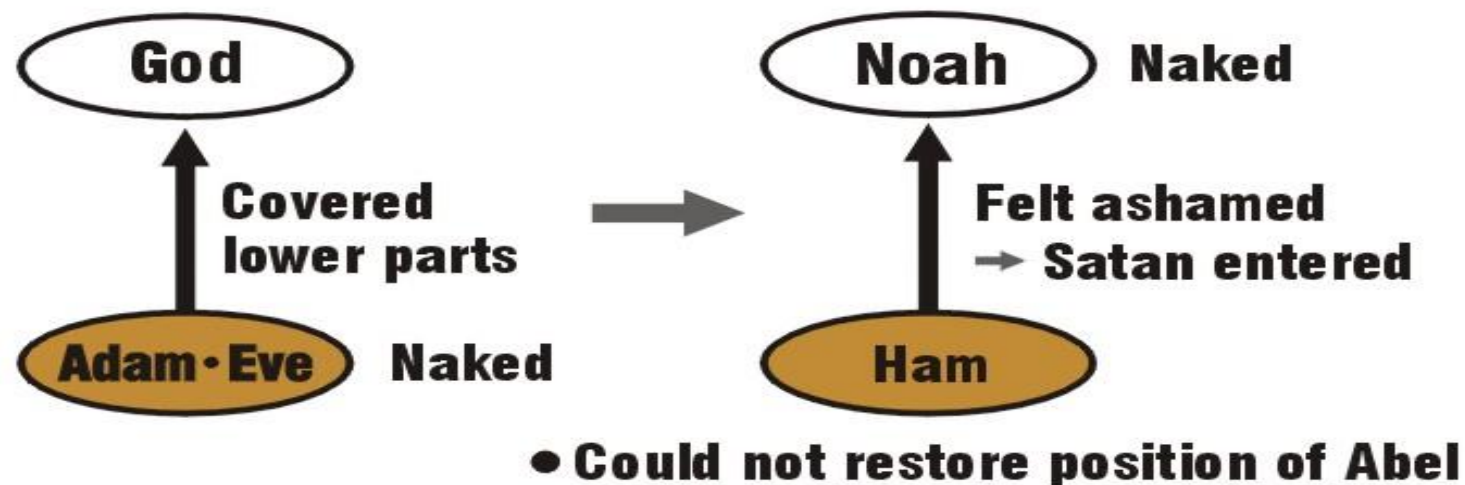
- Through the forty-day judgment, Noah's family offered the ark in the manner acceptable to God and restored through indemnity the foundation of faith.

Foundation of substance



- In the case of Noah's family, it was Noah, not Ham, who made the symbolic offering. Therefore, for Ham to stand in the position of Abel, as one who has succeeded in making the symbolic offering, he had to become inseparably one in heart with his father, Noah.

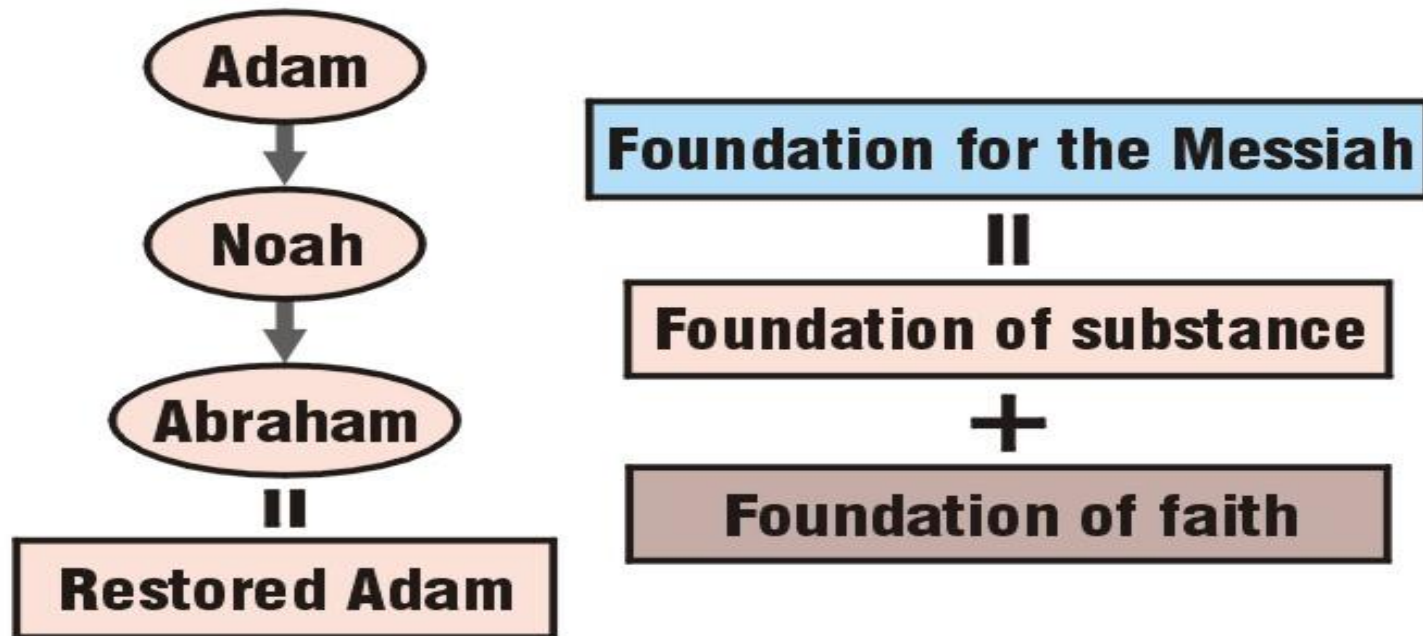
Providence to achieve Ham's heartistic oneness with Noah
(Gen. 9:20-25)



Foundation of substance: X, Providence in Noah's family: X

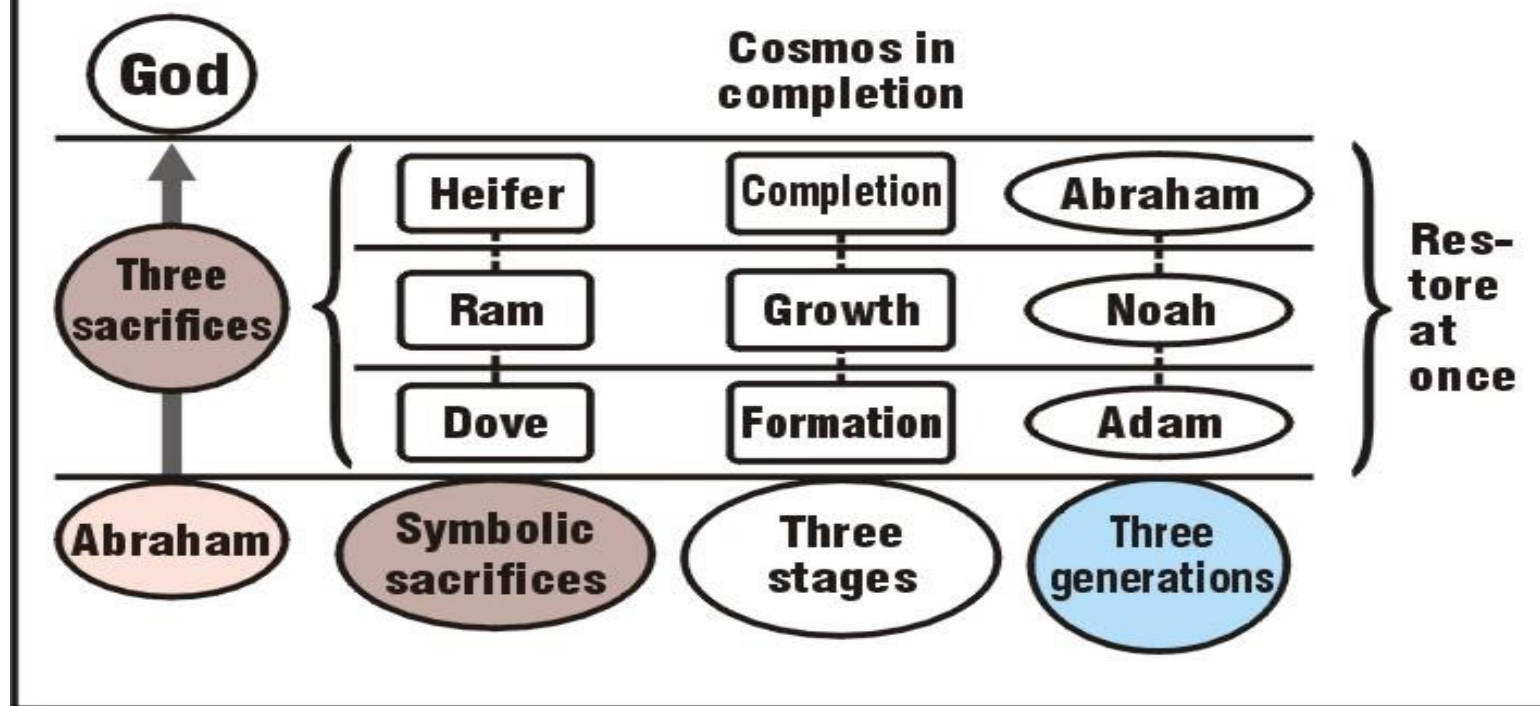
- When Ham felt ashamed of his father's nakedness, an act that resembled Adam and Eve's covering their lower parts and hiding, he made a condition for Satan to enter; hence his feeling and act constituted a sin .
- Consequently, Ham could not restore through indemnity the position of Abel from which to make the substantial offering.
- Since Ham thus failed to establish the foundation of substance, the providence of restoration in Noah's family ended in failure.

Section 3 The Providence of Restoration in Abraham's Family



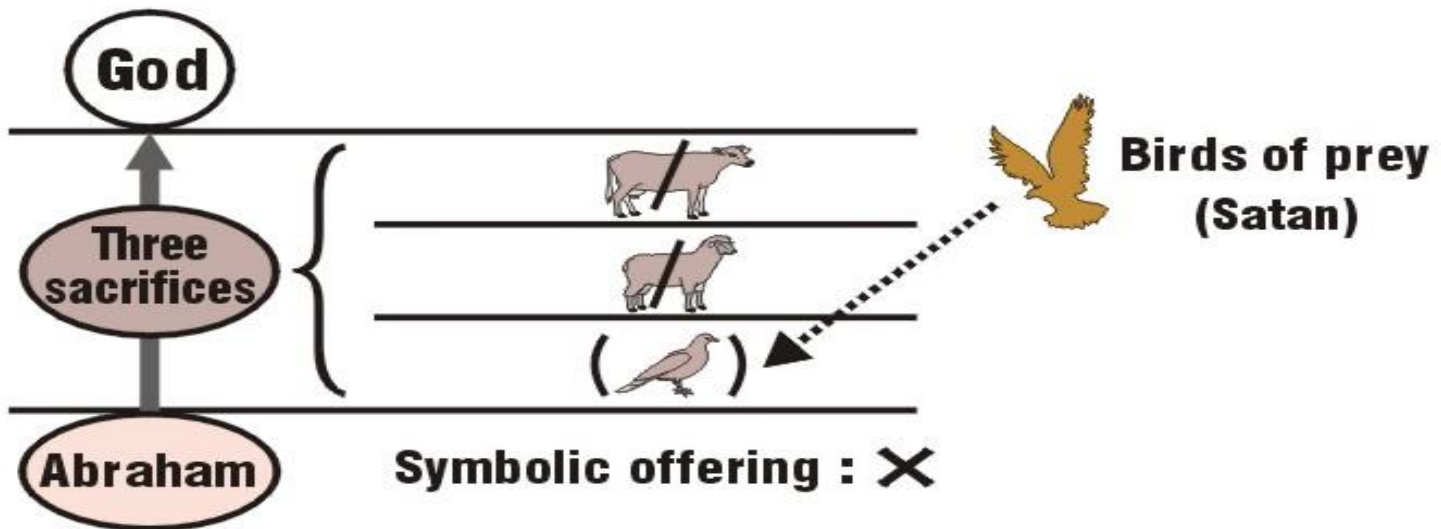
- God had absolutely predestined that the purpose of creation would one day be realized. Therefore, God called Abraham in place of Noah .
- Abraham's family was to restore the foundation for the Messiah and receive the Messiah upon that foundation. Thus, Abraham had to restore through indemnity the foundation of faith, and his sons had to restore through indemnity the foundation of substance.
- Abraham was to inherit the mission of Noah and thus the mission of Adam. In this capacity, he represented restored Adam .

Abraham's symbolic offering



- Why did Abraham place the three sacrifices on one altar? It is because Abraham, now in the position of Adam, was supposed to restore, all at once, the long providence which God had conducted through the three providential generations of Adam (formation), Noah (growth) and Abraham (completion).

Abraham's symbolic offering and its consequences



- **Abraham's descendants: slavery (400 years)**
- **Providence: prolonged through 3 generations — Isaac offered**

- Through this failure in the symbolic offering, all the conditions God intended to restore through it were lost.
- As a consequence, Abraham's descendants had to suffer oppression and slavery for four hundred years in the land of 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 to work with Him and commanded him to sacrifice his only son Isaac as a burnt offering.

Why God worked with Abraham again

Providence over the two generations of Abraham and Isaac

① Abraham's family : third dispensation

→ God's principle required

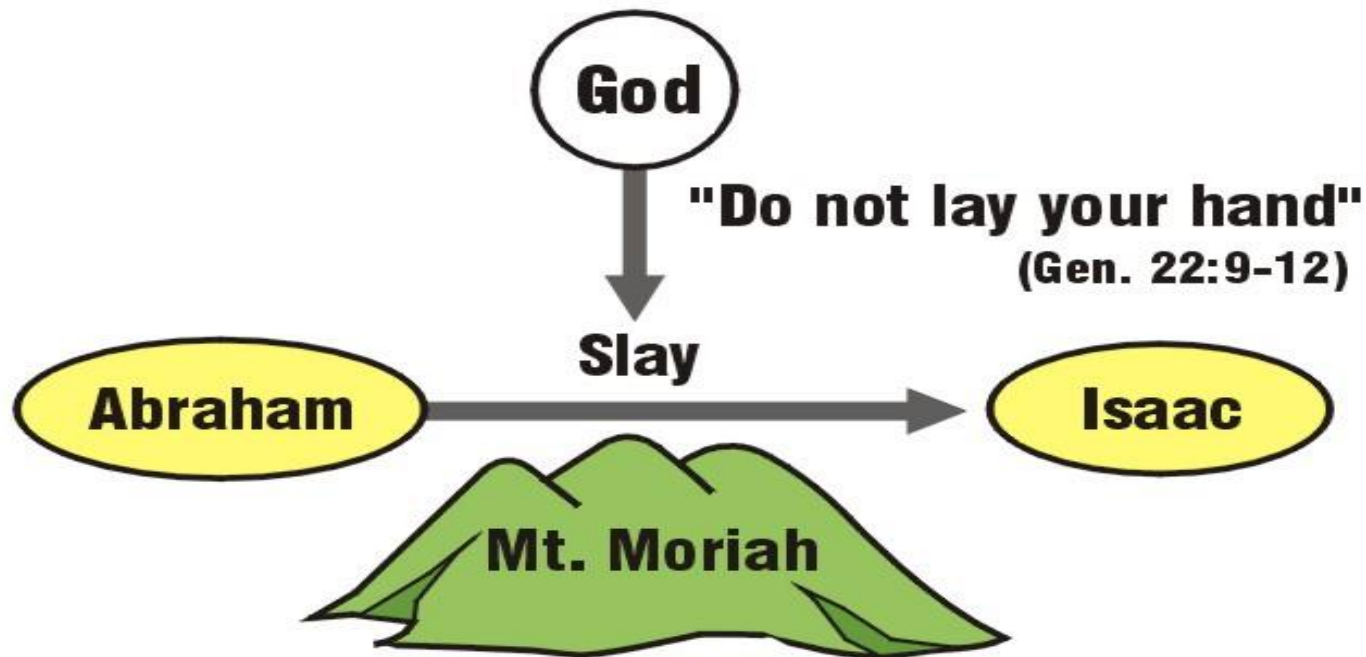
② Satan: attacked over two generations

→ God could take back over two generations

③ Merit of faithful hearts

③ Third, even though Abraham failed, God could raise him up and give him another chance to make an offering based on the accumulated merit of Abel's and Noah's faithful hearts.

Abraham's offering of Isaac



- 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." (Gen. 22:9-12)

Consequence of offering of Isaac

Abraham's zeal and actions



Position of having killed Isaac (separated Satan)



Offering of Isaac : ○



Providence of restoration in Abraham's family : by Isaac

Foundation of faith : ○

- Because Abraham succeeded in his offering of Isaac, the providence of restoration in Abraham's family 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.

Foundation of substance

Jacob's restoration of Abel's position through indemnity

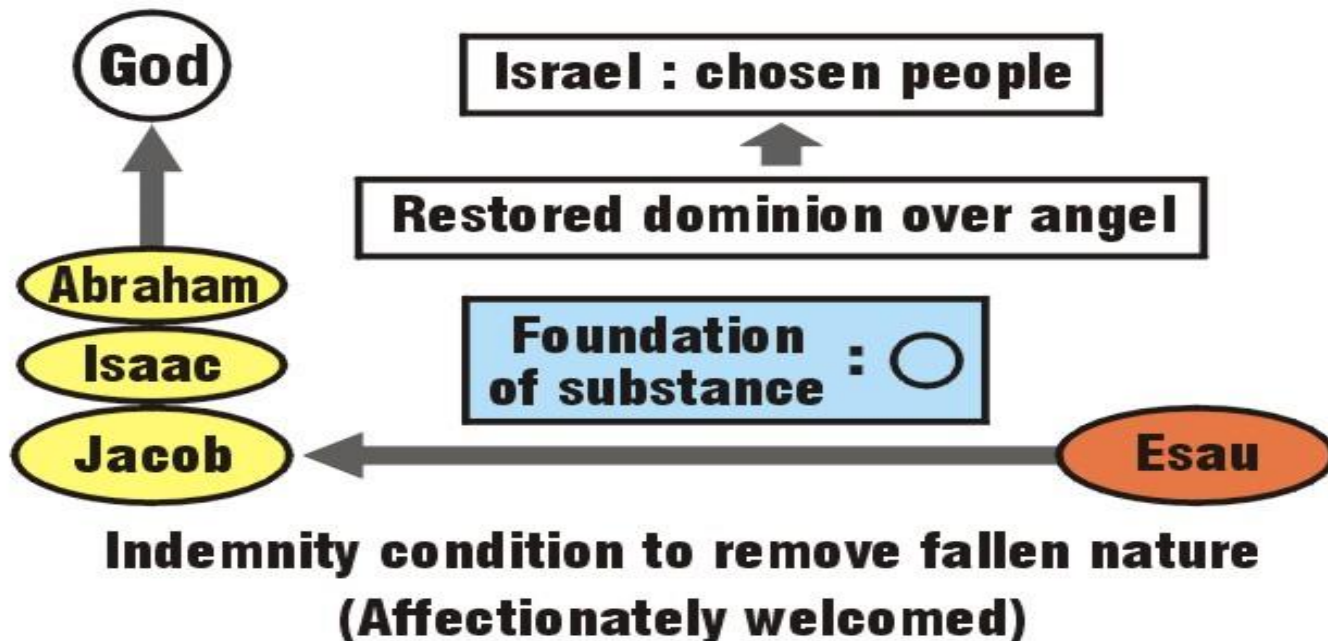
- ① **Restored birthright on individual level**
(bread and pottage)
- ② **Restored birthright with family and wealth**
(21 years in Haran)
- ③ **Restored dominion over angels**
(wrestling with angels)



Jacob : Restored Abel's position

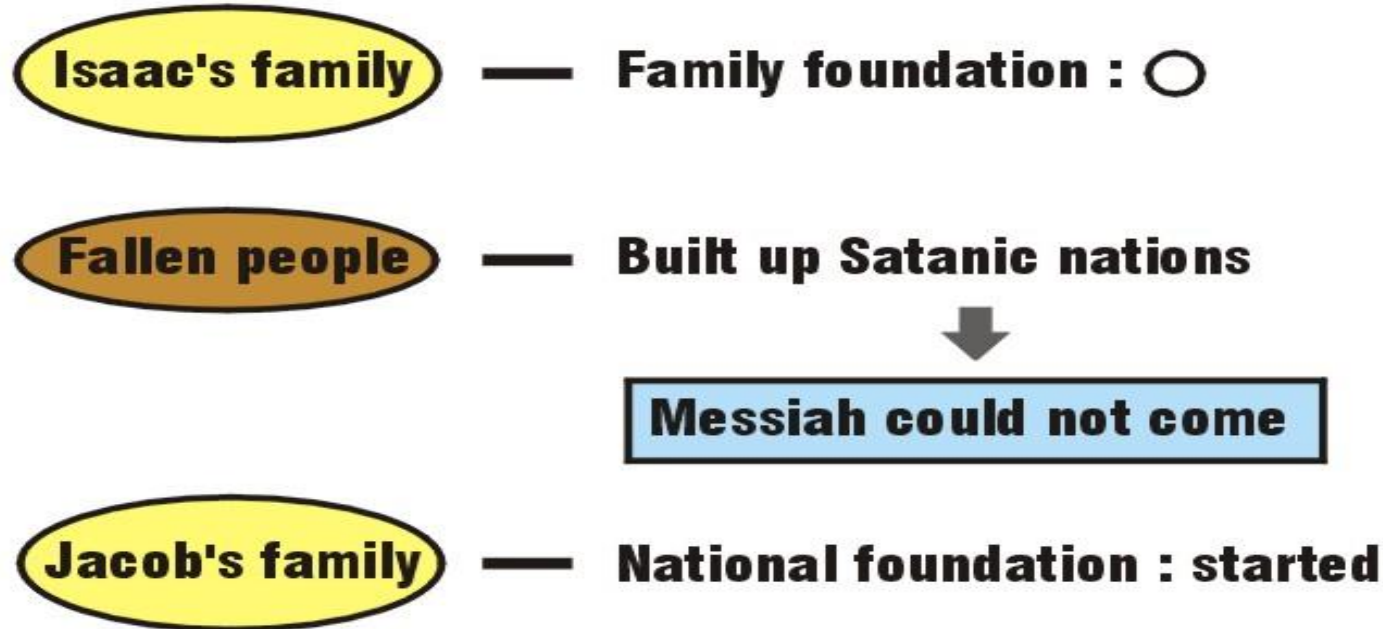
- ② Second, Jacob went to Haran, which represented the satanic world. After suffering through twenty-one years of drudgery, he restored the birthright by gaining family and wealth as his due inheritance .
- ③ Third, Jacob triumphed in wrestling with an angel at the ford of Jabbok, thereby restoring dominion over the angel in a substantial struggle. This way, Jacob restored through indemnity the position of Abel.

Establishment of the foundation of substance



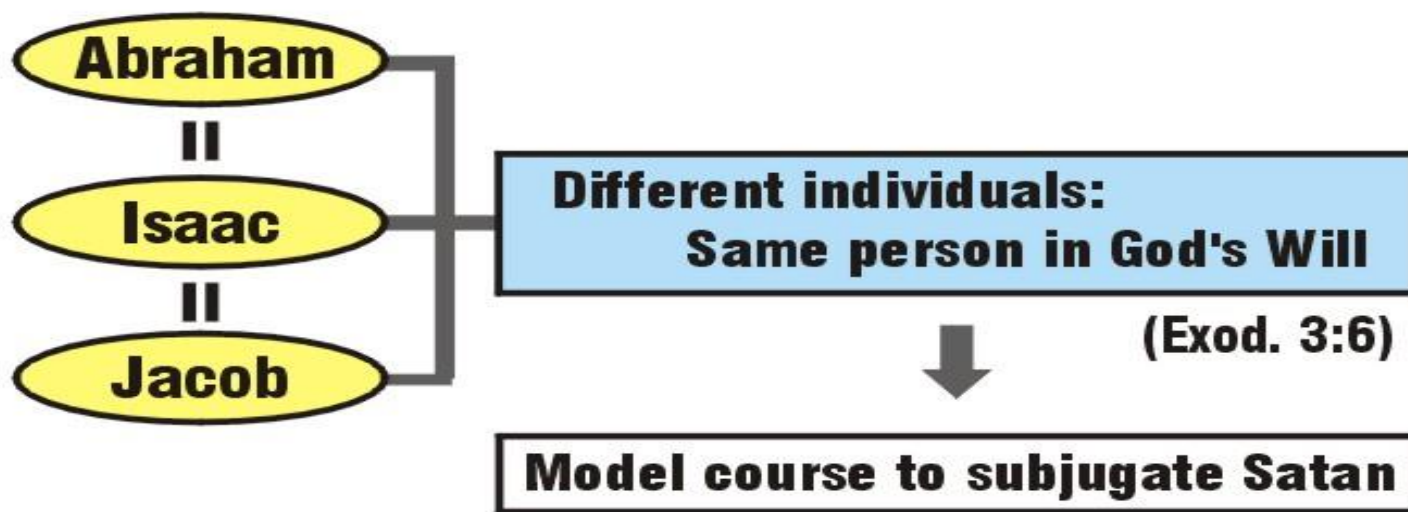
- When Esau opened his arms and affectionately welcomed Jacob as he returned to Canaan, they fulfilled the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature.
- Their victory restored through indemnity, horizontally in one family, the long vertical course of history in which God had been working to restore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

Foundation for the Messiah



- At last, the foundation for the Messiah (family foundation) was established in Isaac's family.
- However, by Abraham's time, fallen people had already built up satanic nations which could easily overpower Abraham's family. Hence, the Messiah could not have safely come on that foundation.
- Hence, Jacob's family entered Egypt centering on Joseph and went through the four hundred years of indemnity course, trying to build the national foundation for the Messiah.

Jacob's model course to subjugate Satan



- By receiving the name "Israel," Jacob laid the groundwork upon which the chosen people would be established. And by fulfilling the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature, he victoriously completed the model course to subjugate Satan.
- Moses, Jesus, and even the people of Israel would walk this course after the pattern set by Jacob.

Chapter 2 Moses and Jesus in the Providence of Restoration



**..... Secrets of God's work of salvation
(Amos 3:7)**

Without principle behind God's providence

→ Unable to discern the mysteries

Providential courses of Jacob and Moses

→ Jesus' course

- The Bible contains many secrets concerning God's work of salvation. It is written, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7)
- However, without knowing the principle behind God's providence, people have been unable to discern the mysteries concealed in the Bible.
- God set up the providential courses of Jacob and Moses as models for Jesus' course to save humankind.

Section 1 The Model Courses for Bringing Satan to Submission

Model course for subjugating Satan

Jacob : symbolic course



Moses : image course



Jesus : substantial course



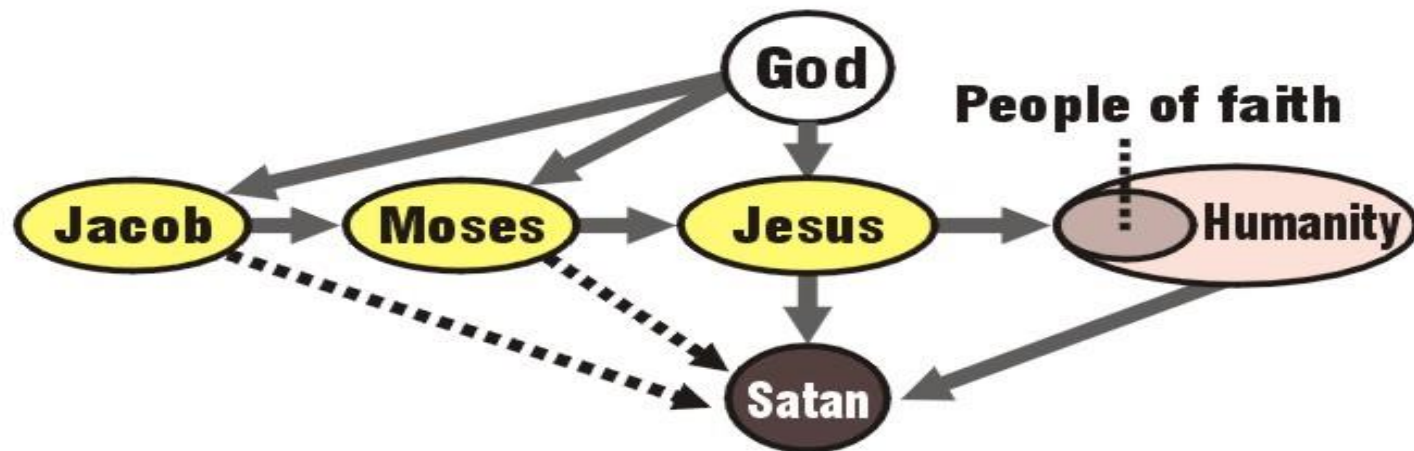
**Model course for
Israelites and humanity**

- Jacob's entire course to bring Satan to submission became the model course for Moses and Jesus. Jesus came to bring Satan to submission in substantial terms. Moses walked a course that was the image of Jesus' course. Still earlier, God had Jacob walk a course that was a symbolic representation of Jesus' course.
- These model courses showed the way the Israelites and all humanity must walk to bring Satan to submission .

Why Jacob's course and Moses' course were set up as the models for Jesus' course

Goal of providence of restoration → Bring Satan to voluntary submission, become his master

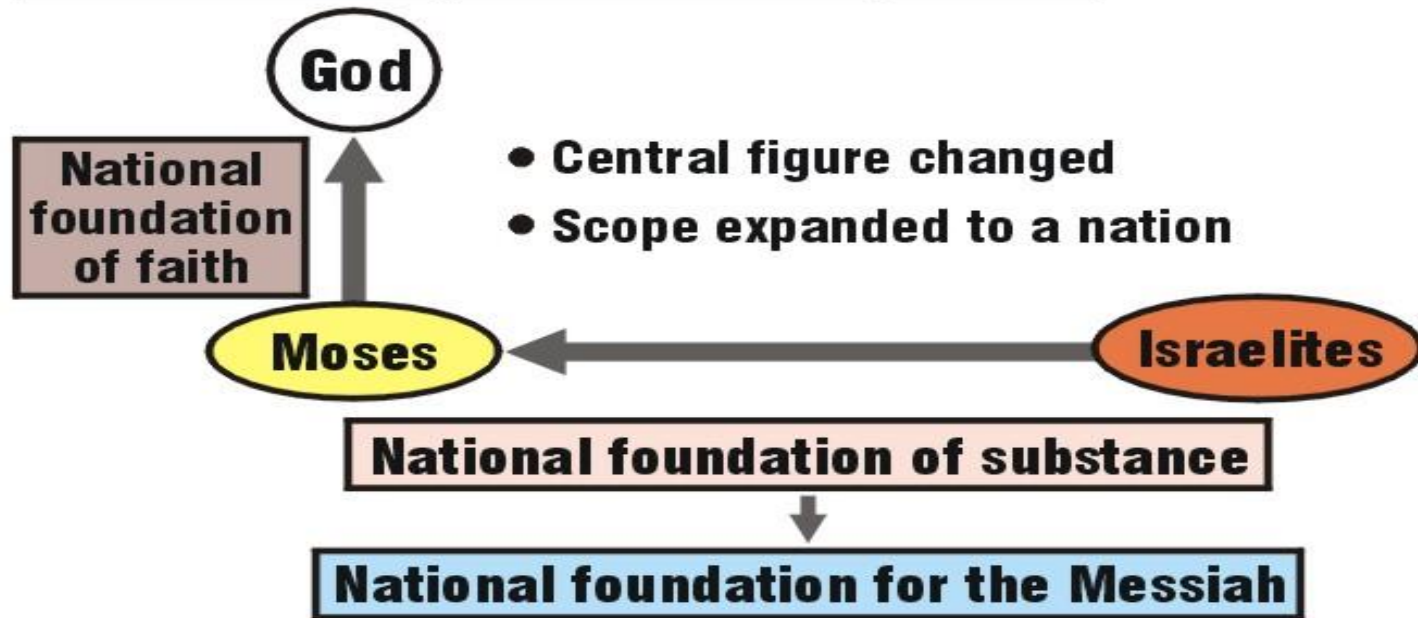
Jesus = Messiah → Course to bring Satan to submission



- Satan, who does not meekly surrender even before God, would by no means readily surrender to Jesus. Therefore, God called upon Jacob and Moses and worked through them to show the course for bringing Satan to submission.

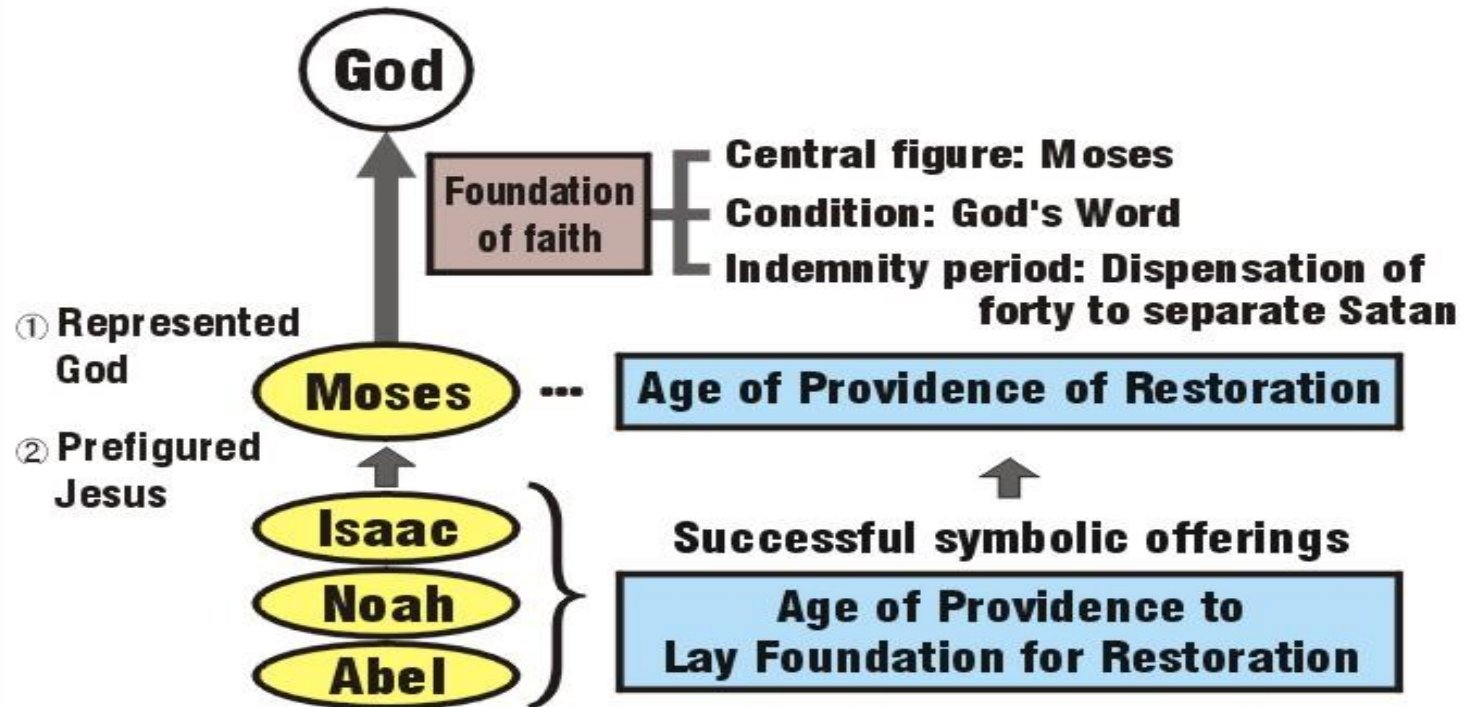
Section 2 The Providence of Restoration under the Leadership of Moses

Overview of the providence led by Moses



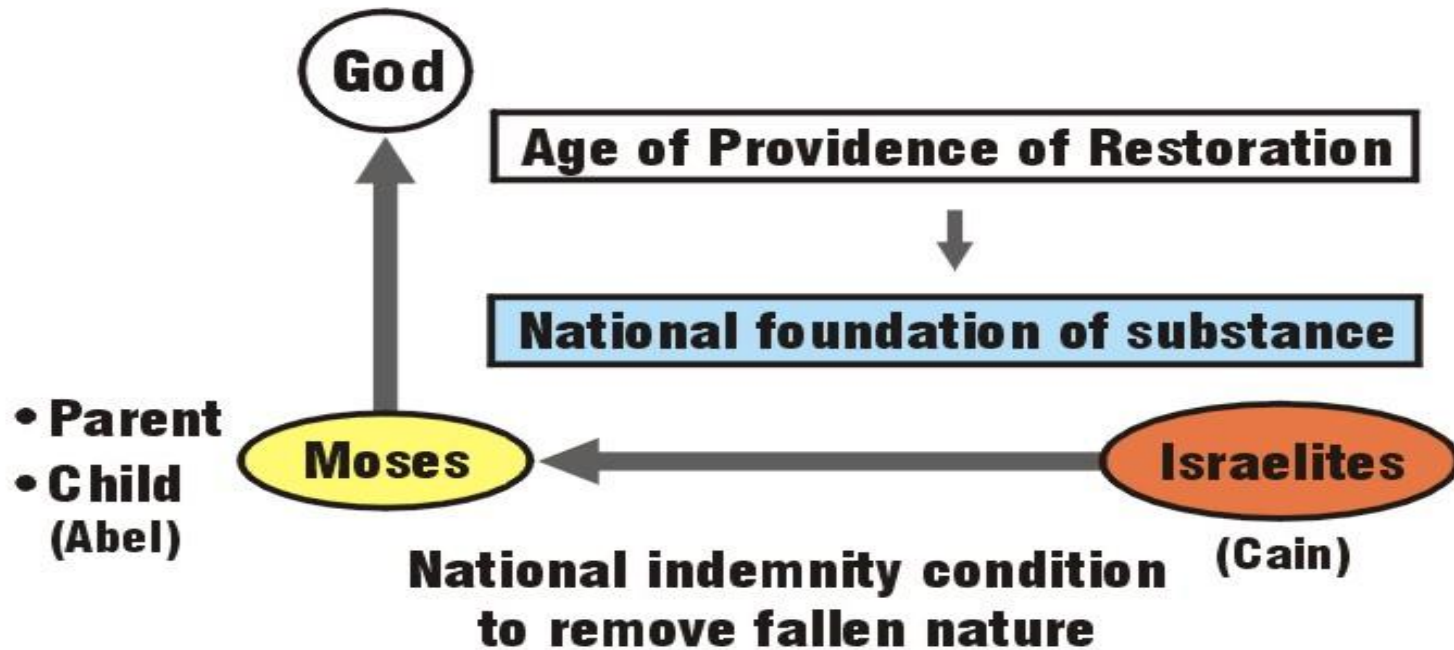
- Whenever the central figure for the providence changes, the new central figure cannot inherit the providential Will without first completing a similar responsibility of his own. Furthermore, in this case, the foundation had to be laid anew because the scope of the providence had expanded from a family to a nation.

Foundation of faith



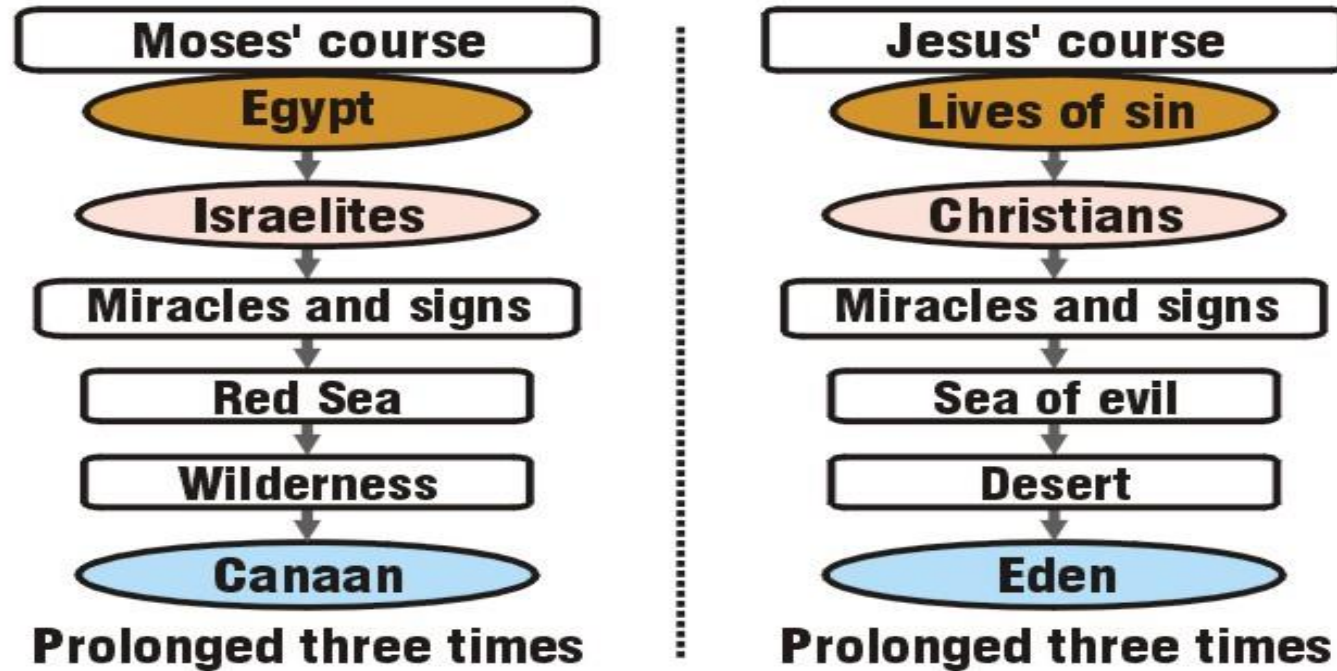
- Hence, Moses could restore the foundation of faith merely by obedience to God's Word while fulfilling a dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan .

Foundation of substance



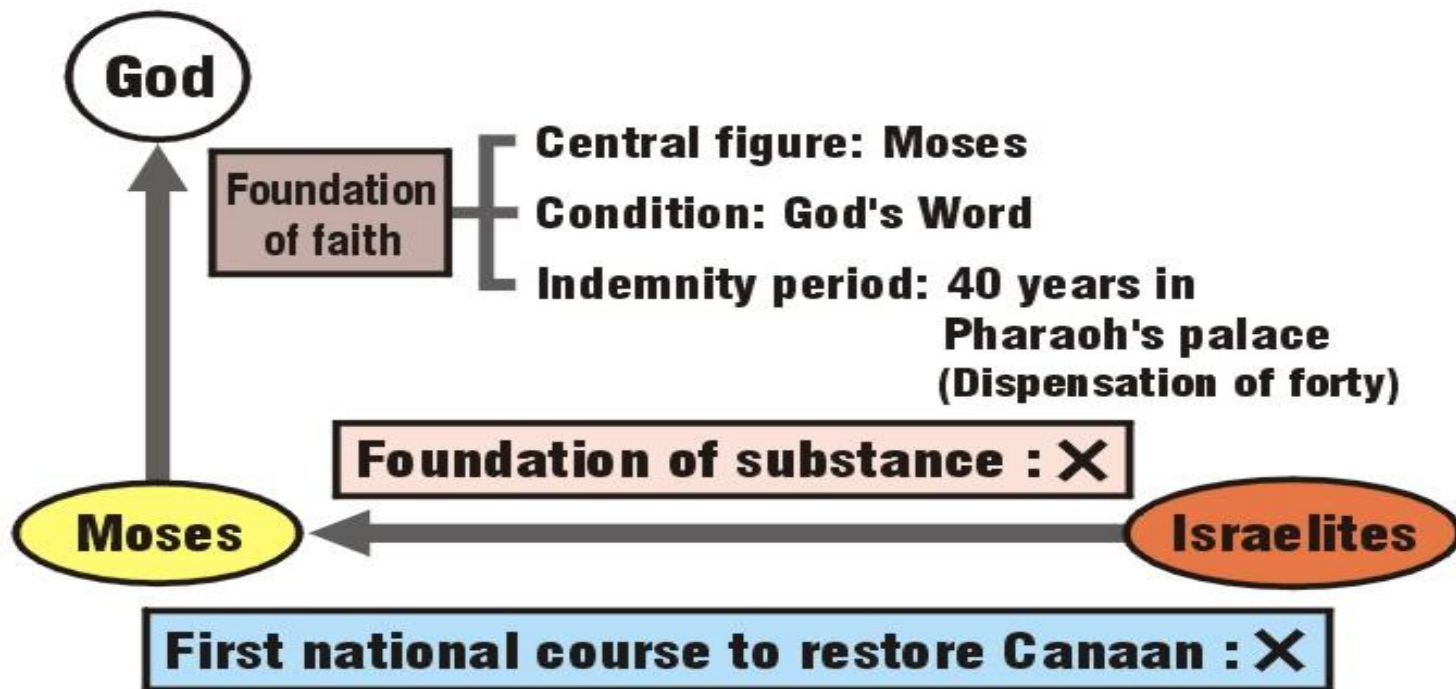
- Once Moses had secured the position of Abel, the Israelites, standing in the position of Cain, were supposed to fulfill the national indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature through their obedience to Moses. By doing so, they would establish the national foundation of substance.

National courses to restore Canaan under the leadership of Moses (compared)



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

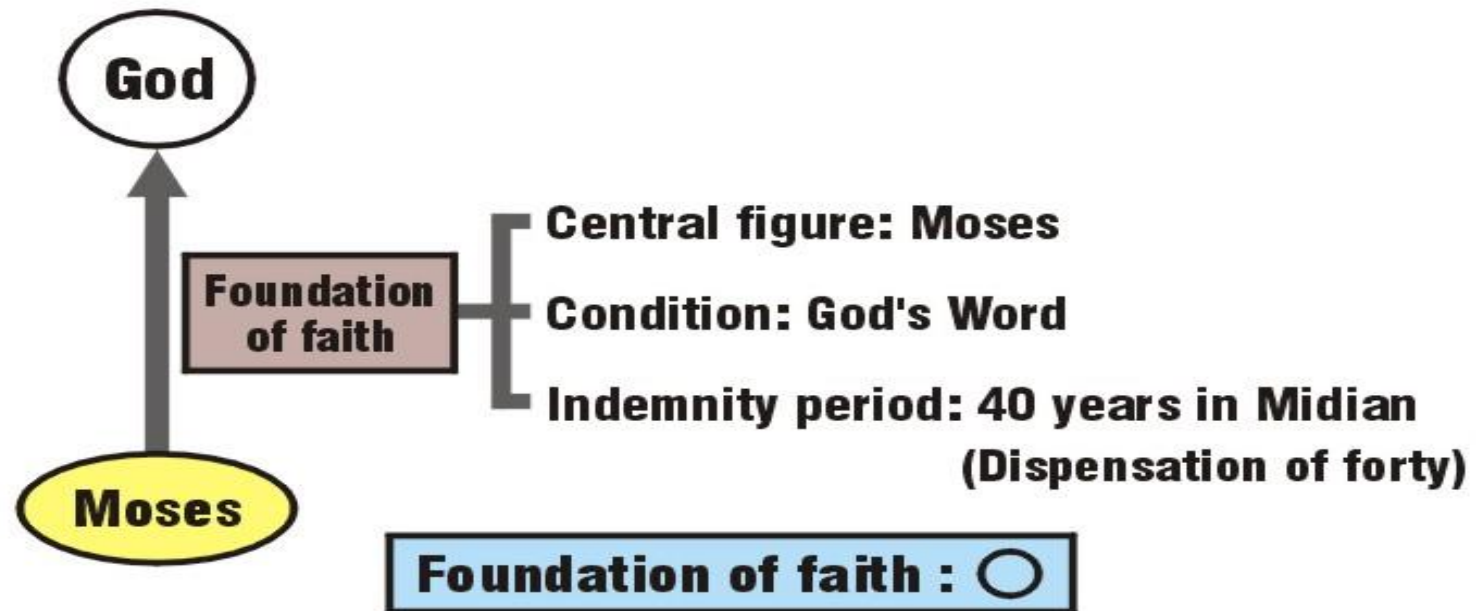
First national course to restore Canaan



- However, because of the faithlessness of the Israelites, the foundation of substance was shattered,
- and the first national course to restore Canaan failed.

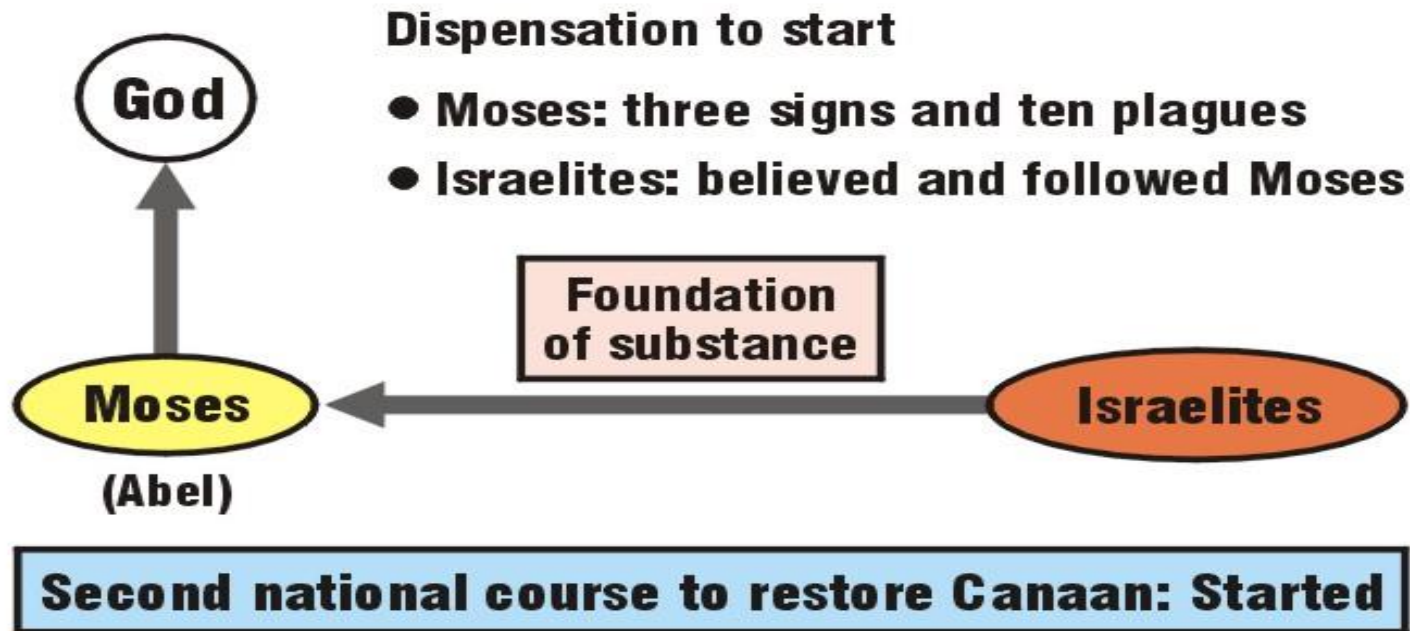
Second national course to restore Canaan

Foundation of faith



- When the first national course to restore Canaan ended in failure, Satan claimed the forty years of Moses' life in Pharaoh's palace. Hence, for Moses to begin the second national course to restore Canaan, he had to lay anew the foundation of faith by completing another period of forty years to restore through indemnity his lost forty years in the palace .
- Moses went through a second dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan during the forty years he spent in the wilderness of Midian. There he restored the foundation of faith needed to embark upon the second national course to restore Canaan.

Foundation of substance



- The Israelites believed and followed Moses. Hence, they could embark upon the second national course to restore Canaan .
- The Israelites had to remain faithful and obedient to Moses for the duration of their journey. Until they had traversed the wilderness with unwavering faith in Moses and entered the land of Canaan, the national foundation of substance would not be established .

The providence of restoration and the tabernacle

The significance and purpose of the tablets of stone, tabernacle and ark of the covenant

Significance



Purpose

**Object of faith to remain unchanged
even though people might change**

- For what purpose did God give the tablets of stone, the Tabernacle, and the Ark of the Covenant ?
- The Israelites repeatedly turned faithless during their journey. In the end, there was danger that even Moses might act faithlessly.
- To cope with this situation, God set up an object of faith, one which would remain unchanged although the people might change.

First and second foundations for the tabernacle

First foundation

- **Moses: 40-day fast, two tablets of stone**
- **People: faithless**
- **Moses: broke the tablets**

First foundation for the Tabernacle : ✕

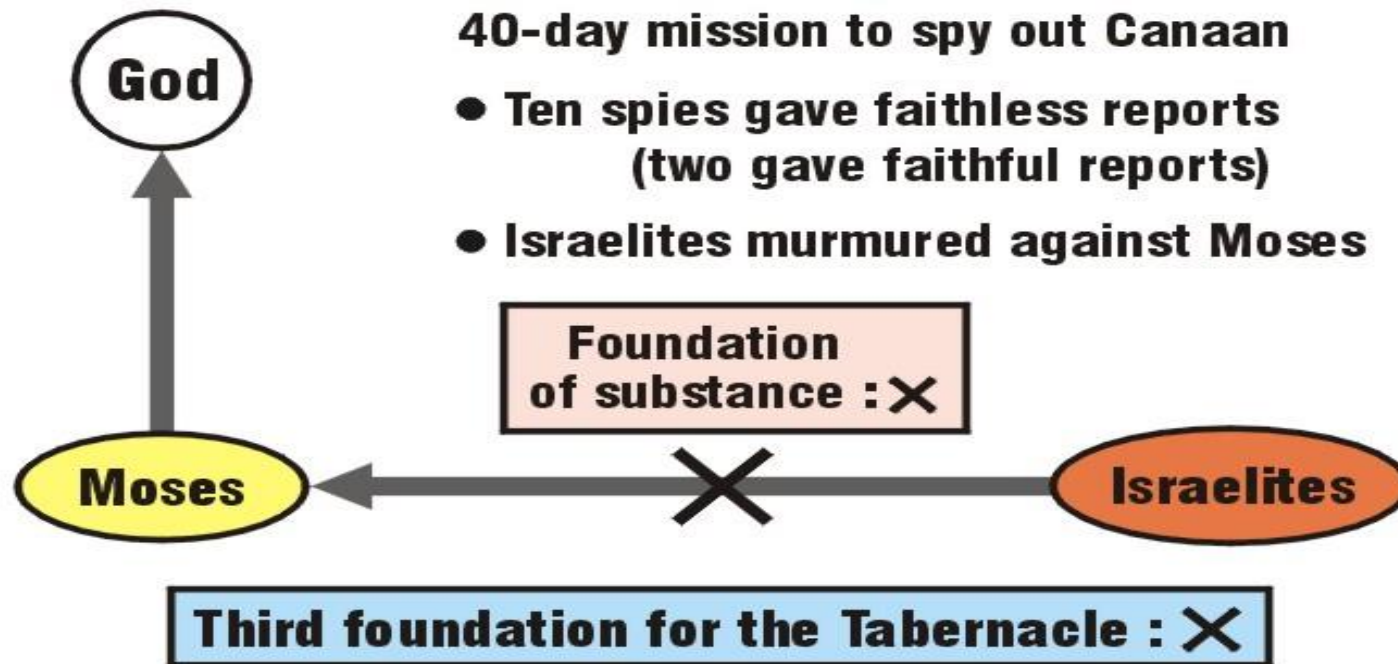
Second foundation

- **Moses: 40-day fast, two tablets of stone**
- **People: honored Moses**
 - ➔ **Built Tabernacle**
 - ➔ **Started course**
- **Israelites lost faith again**

Second foundation for the Tabernacle : ✕

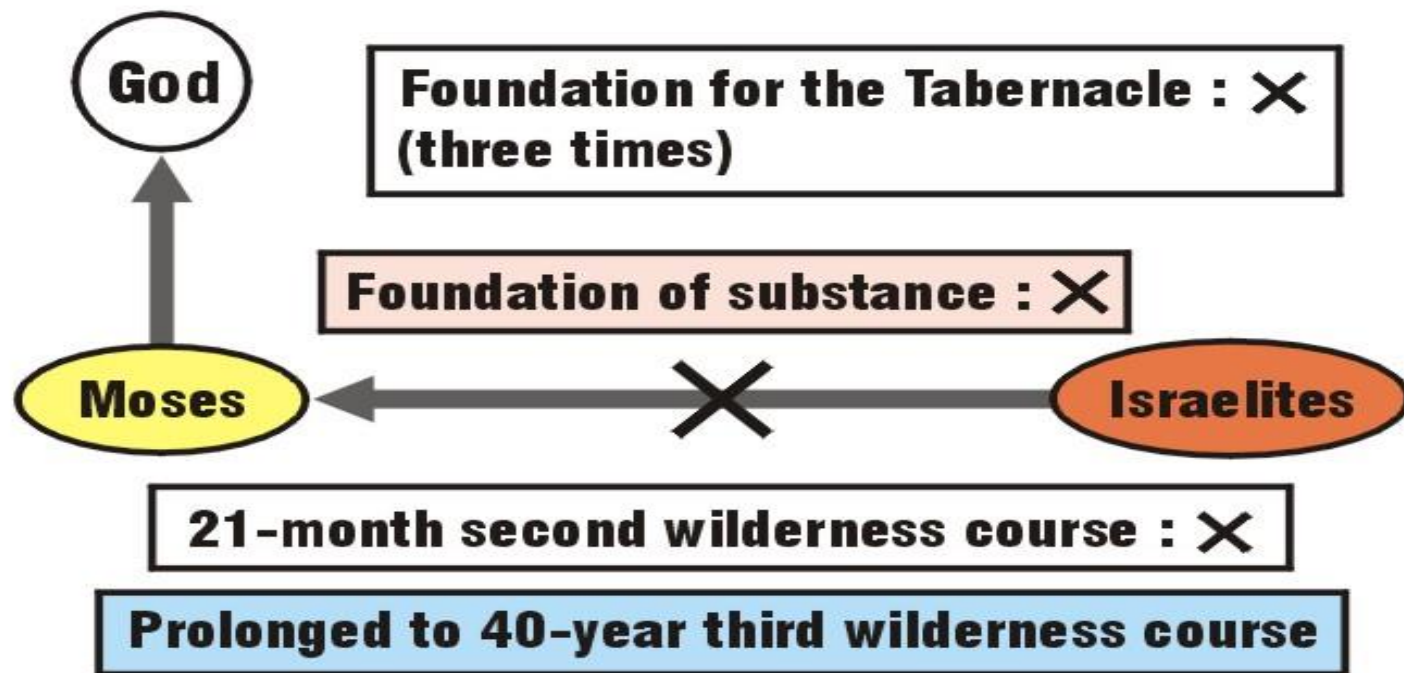
- Then, after he fasted for forty days a second time, God dictated the Ten Commandments to Moses, and he wrote them on the tablets .
- Moses took these tablets and went before the Israelites again. This time they honored him. In obedience, they built the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle and started their course.
- But the Israelites lost faith again and failed to maintain the second foundation for the Tabernacle, and it was invaded by Satan. The providence to restore this foundation was prolonged to a third attempt.

Third foundation for the tabernacle



- The forty-day mission to spy out the land of Canaan was given as the condition to restore through indemnity the foundation for the Tabernacle in their third attempt.
- When the twelve spies returned from the mission, all of them except Joshua and Caleb presented faithless reports.
- Upon hearing this report, the Israelites again murmured against Moses. As a result of their lack of faith, the third foundation for the Tabernacle ended in failure.

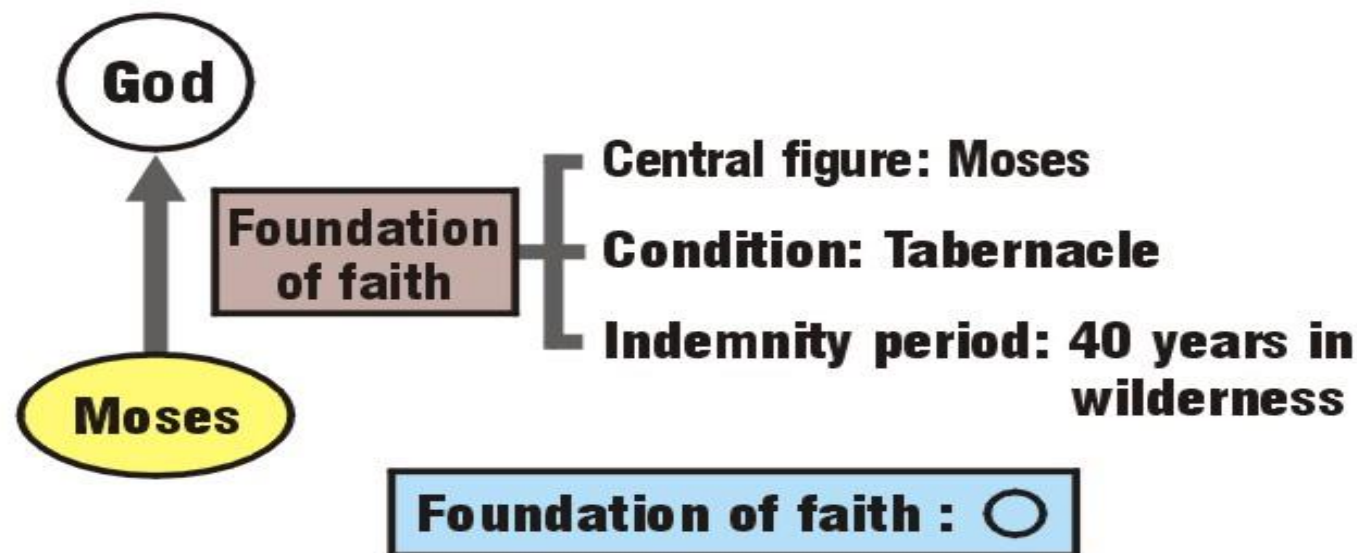
Failure of the second national course to restore Canaan



- The foundation for the Tabernacle was invaded by Satan three times. Therefore, the foundation of substance for the second national course to restore Canaan was not laid. Consequently, the entire second national course to restore Canaan ended in failure.
- The twenty-one-month second wilderness course was prolonged to the forty-year third wilderness course.

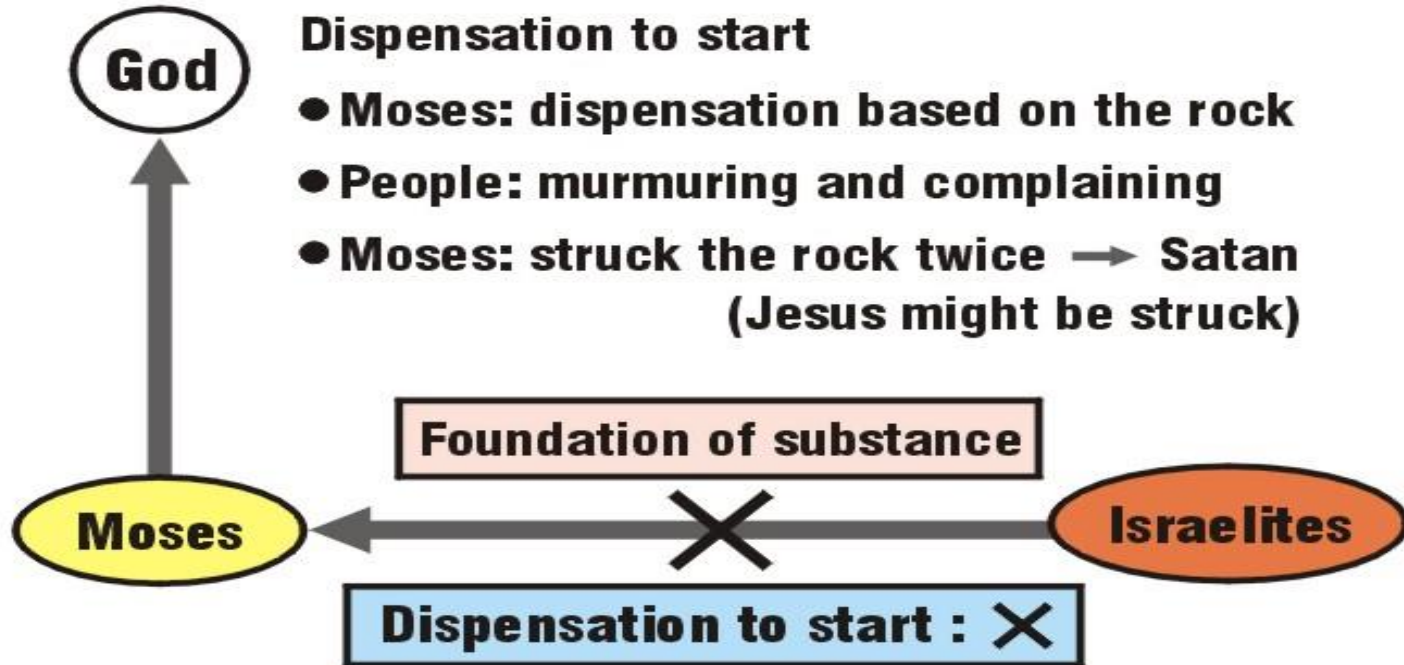
Third national course to restore Canaan

Foundation of faith



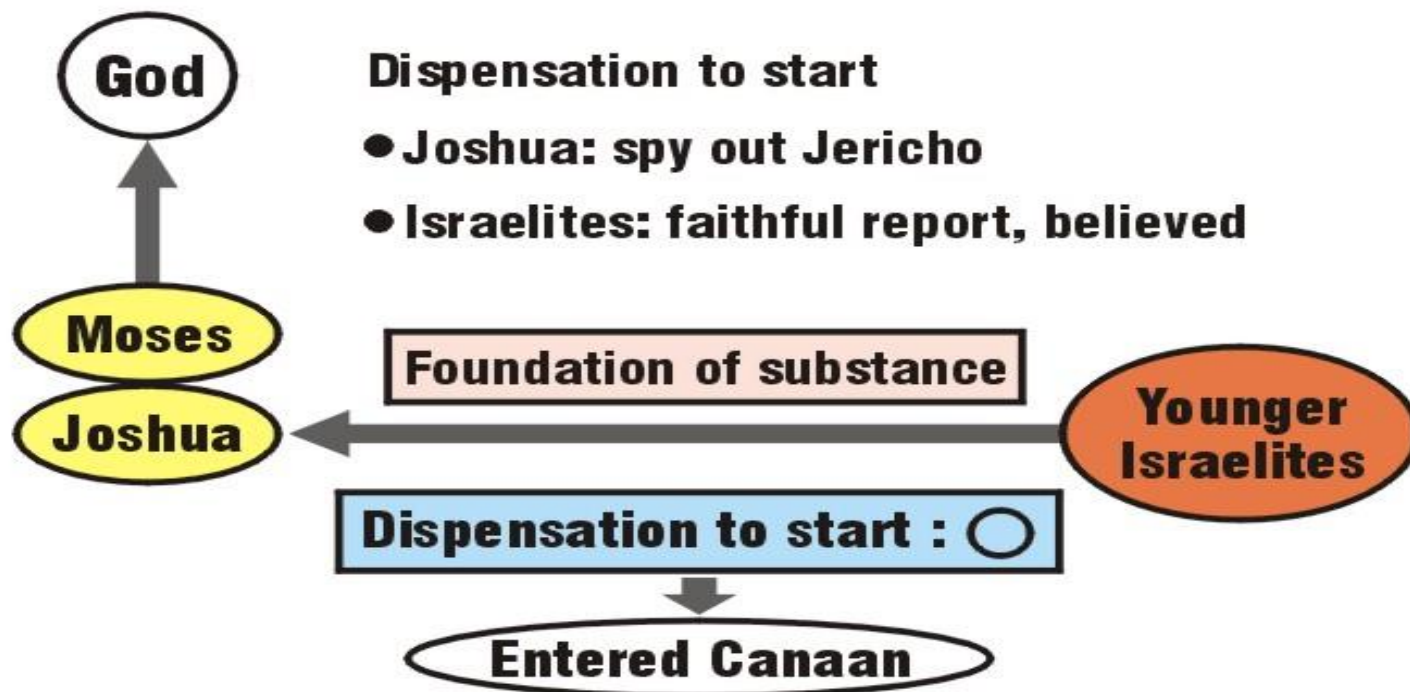
- Moses honored the Tabernacle with faith and loyalty throughout the entire forty years of wandering in the wilderness. By the time he returned to Kadesh-barnea, he had completed the foundation of faith for the third national course to restore Canaan. Accordingly, he also secured the position of Abel for the foundation of substance.

Foundation of substance centered on Moses



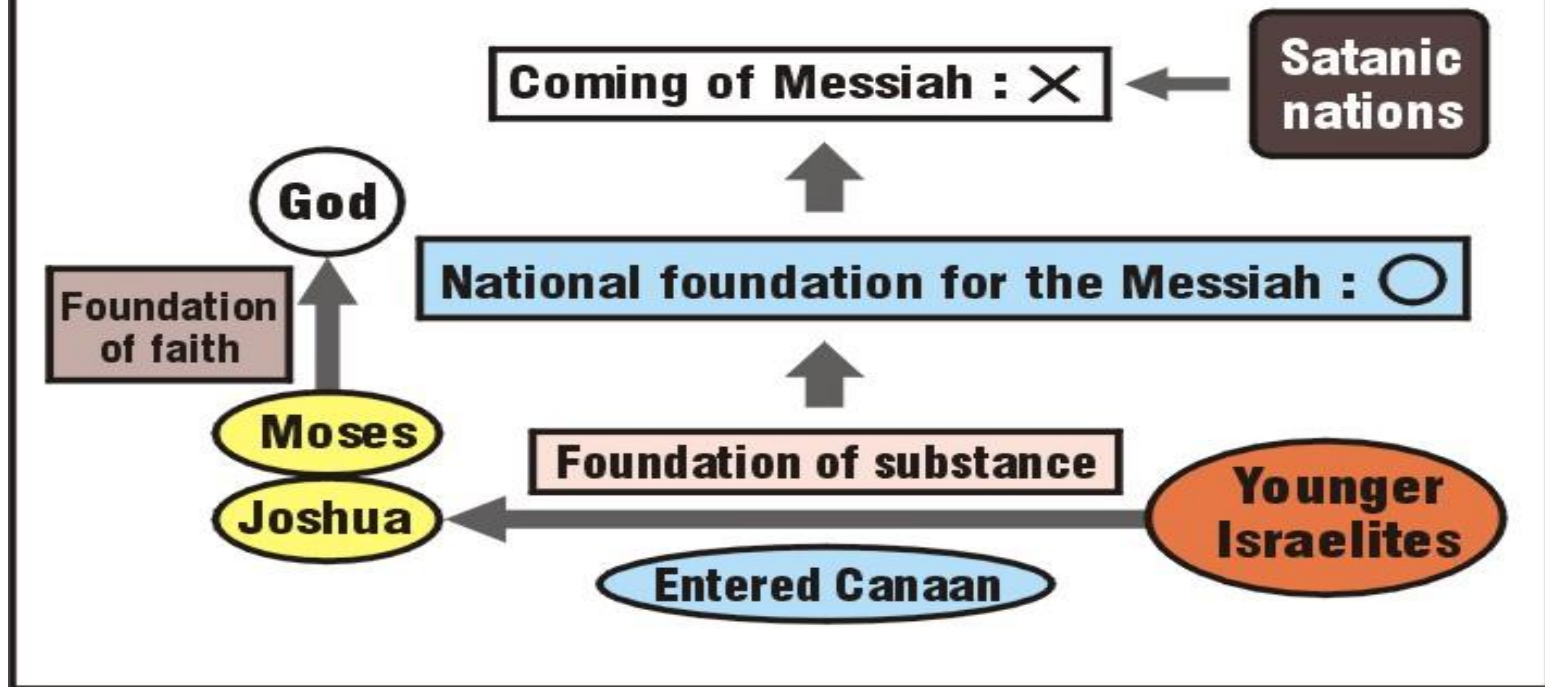
- This act set up the condition that when Jesus came, if the Jewish people were to turn faithless, Satan would have grounds to confront Jesus, the fulfillment of the rock. This is why Moses' act constituted a sin.
- Moses undermined the dispensation to start based on the rock.
- As a consequence, he was not permitted to enter the promised land.

Foundation of substance centered on Joshua



- The younger generation of Israelites raised in the wilderness all believed the spies' words, and this faith enabled them to start the third course.
- After observing the feast of Passover, they set out for Jericho. After marching around the fortified city for seven days, they raised a great shout under Joshua's command, and the city walls tumbled down.
- They then entered Canaan and defeated thirty-one kings altogether.

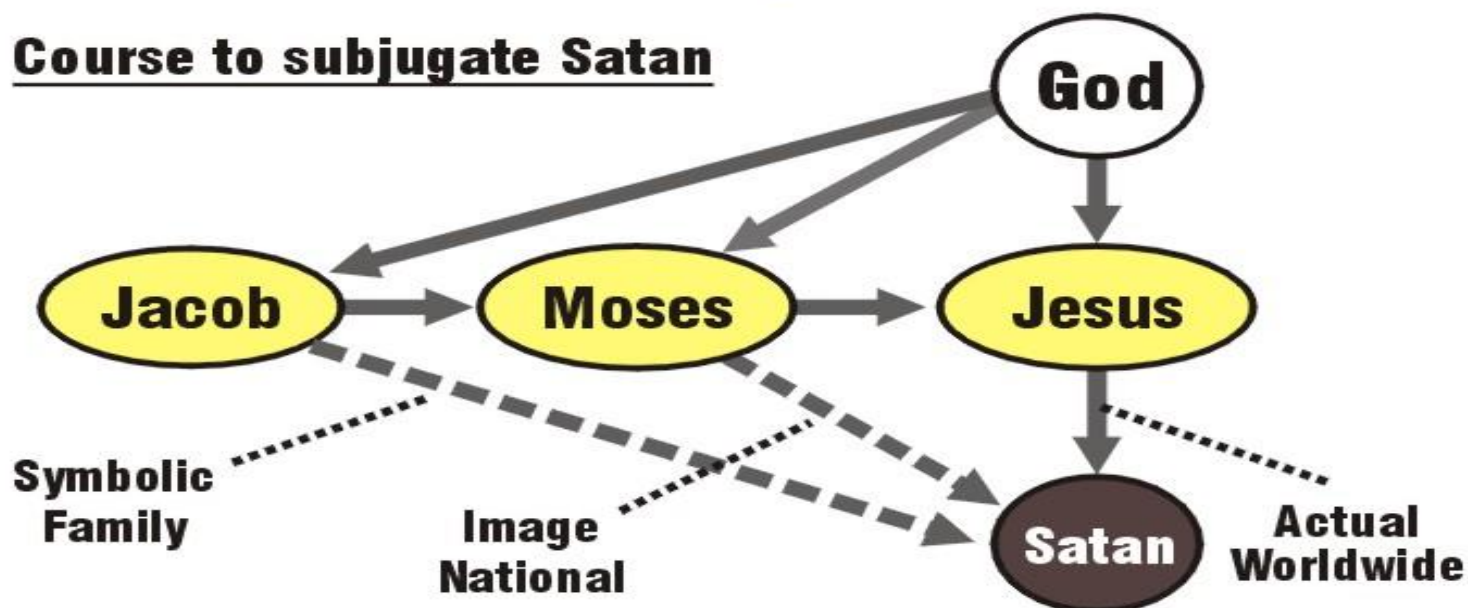
Foundation for the Messiah



- However, fallen people had already founded powerful nations such as Egypt, led by satanic rulers opposing God's providence of restoration. Therefore, it would be necessary to build a Heavenly sovereign kingdom before the Messiah could come.
- However, once the younger generation of Israelites entered Canaan, they also became faithless. Hence, God's providence was prolonged again, and would suffer repeated setbacks until the time of Jesus.

Section 3 The Providence of Restoration under the Leadership of Jesus

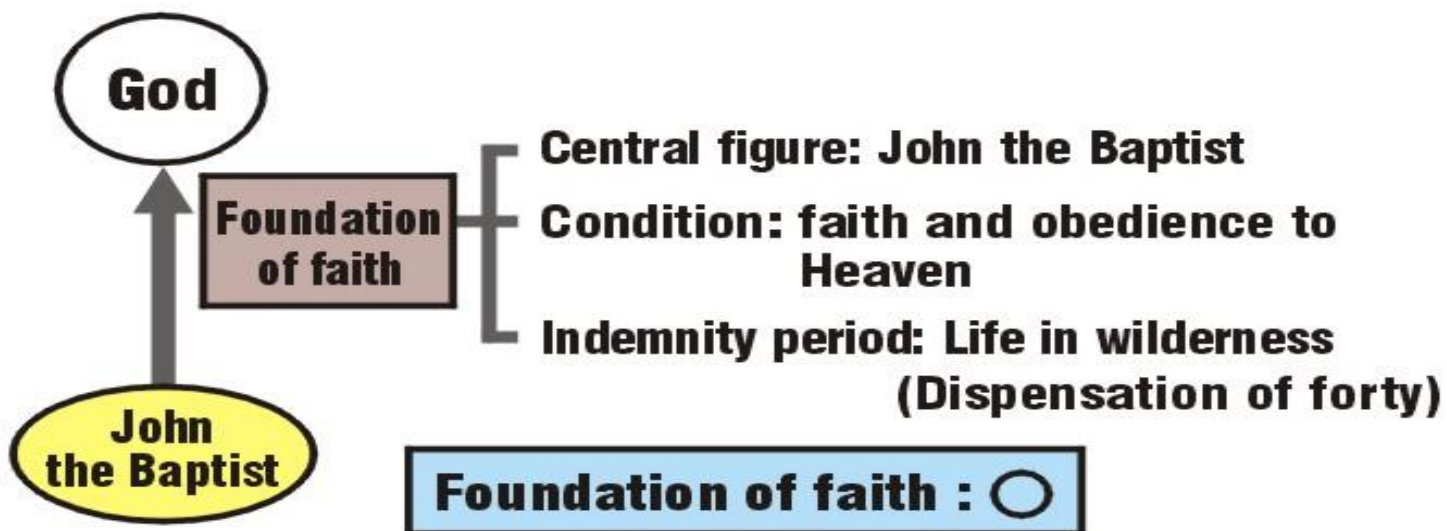
Course to subjugate Satan



- Jesus came as the second Adam to personally bring Satan to submission and establish the Kingdom of Heaven .
- Jacob walked the symbolic course to bring Satan to submission, while Moses walked the image course. Their courses pioneered the way for Jesus to walk the actual course .
- In walking the worldwide course to subjugate Satan and restore Canaan, Jesus followed the model demonstrated in the national course to restore Canaan when Moses was working to subjugate Satan.

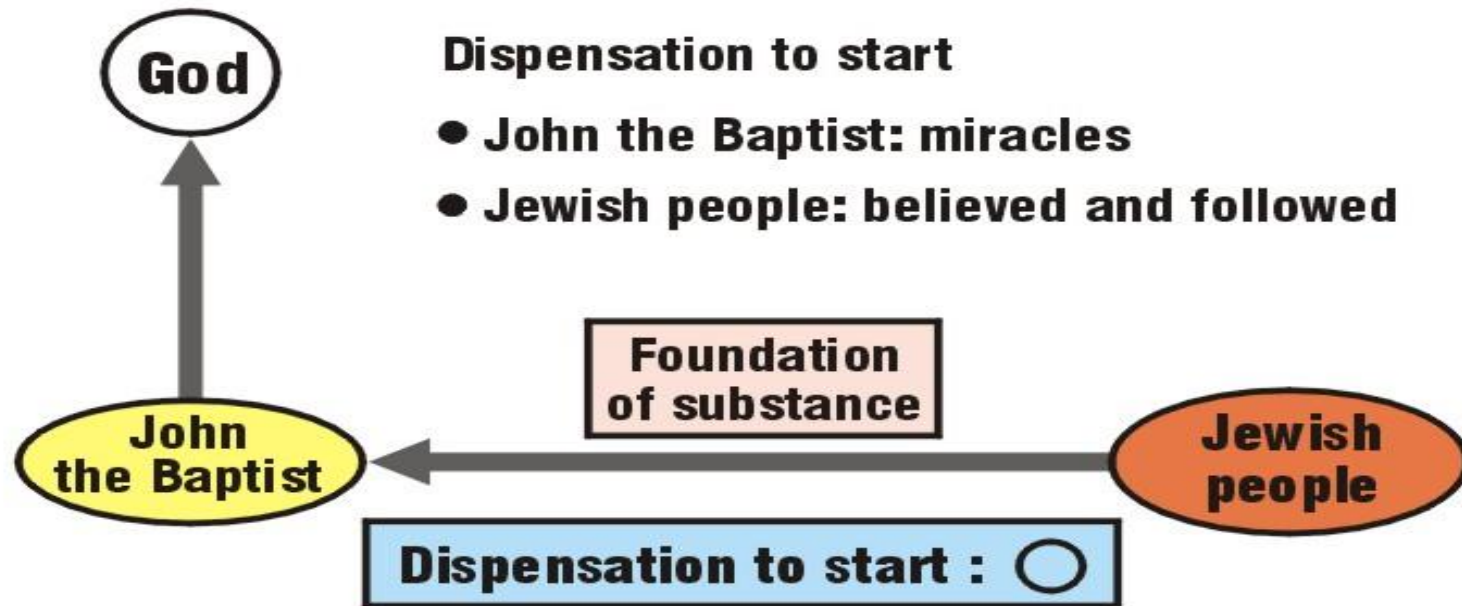
First worldwide course to restore Canaan

Foundation of faith



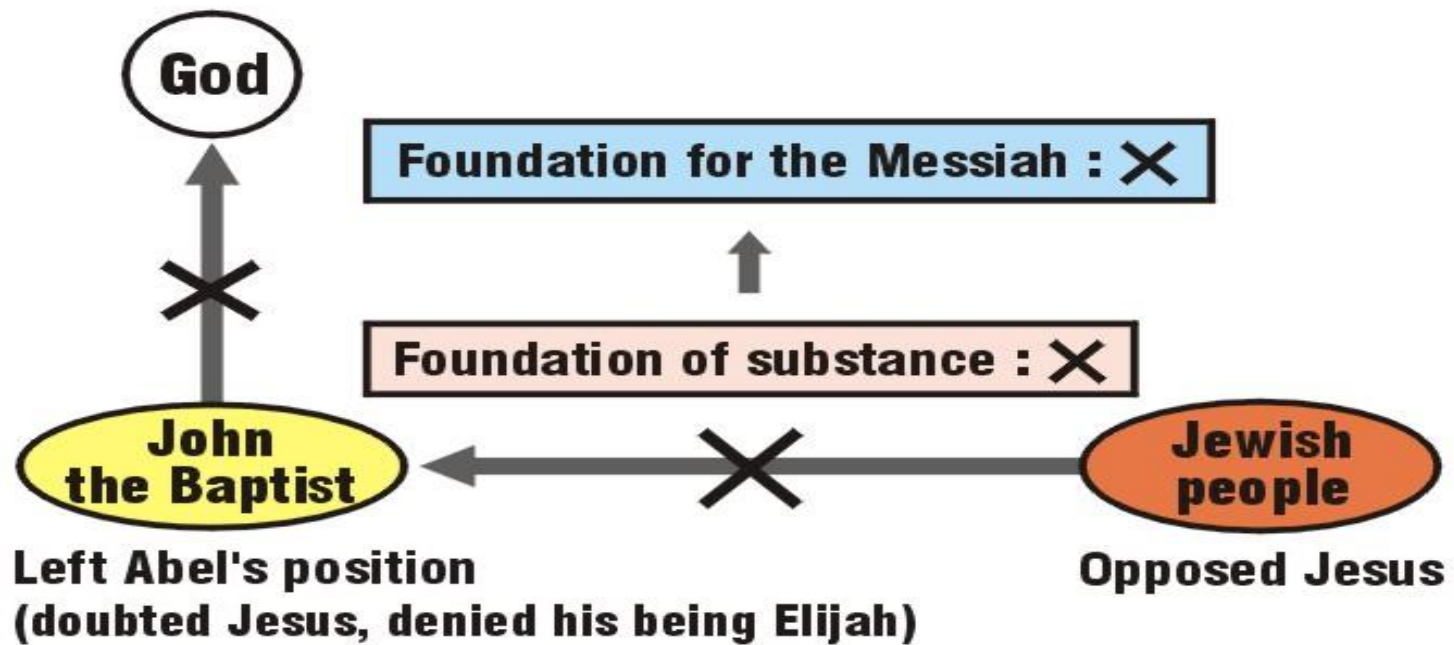
- In the first worldwide course to restore Canaan, the central figure entrusted with the mission to restore the foundation of faith was John the Baptist.
- Moses had learned to love his brethren and the traditions of his fathers while living in the Pharaoh's palace. Likewise, John the Baptist learned the way of faith and obedience to Heaven while living in the wilderness.
- In this way, John the Baptist successfully established the dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan and was able to lay the foundation of faith for the first worldwide course to restore Canaan.

Foundation of substance



- Through this, John the Baptist secured the position of Abel for the fulfillment of the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature on the world level.
- God conducted the dispensation to start by encouraging the Jewish people to believe in John through the miracles surrounding his life .
- Since the Jewish people believed and followed John the Baptist, they could start the worldwide course to restore Canaan.

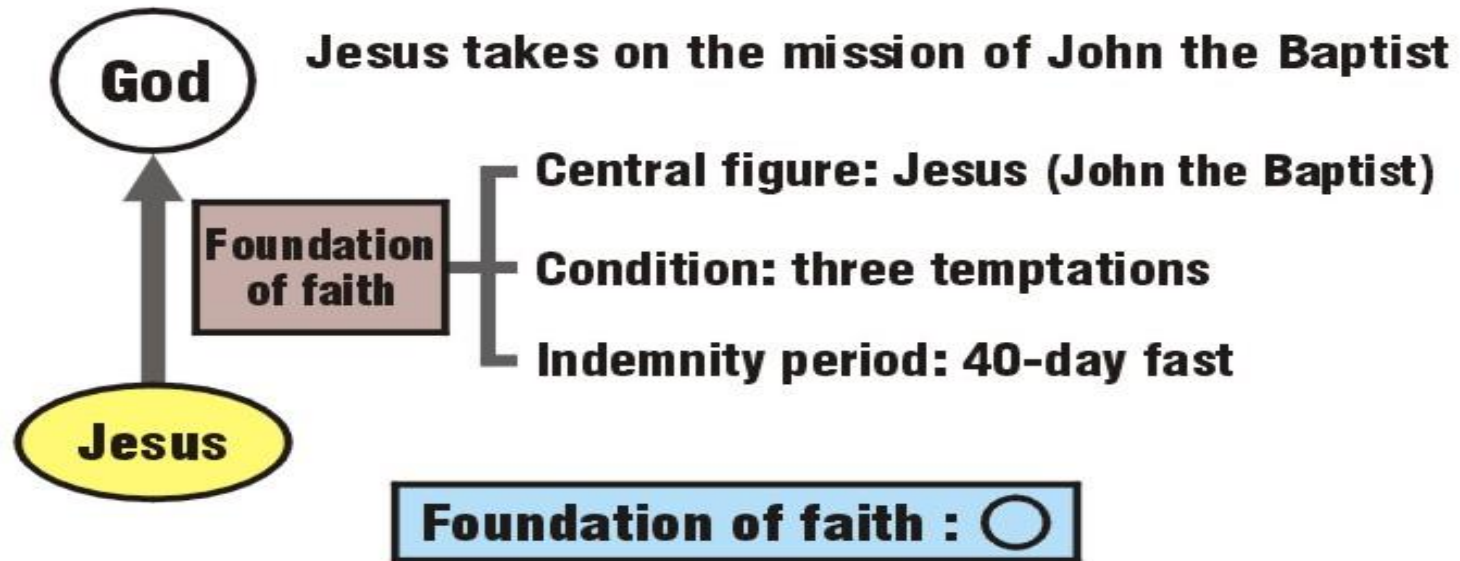
The failure of the first worldwide course to restore Canaan



- Through this, John left the Abel's position and failed to complete the foundation of substance or the foundation for the Messiah. Consequently, the first worldwide course to restore Canaan was aborted. As was the case in Moses' days, it was prolonged to a second and then a third course.

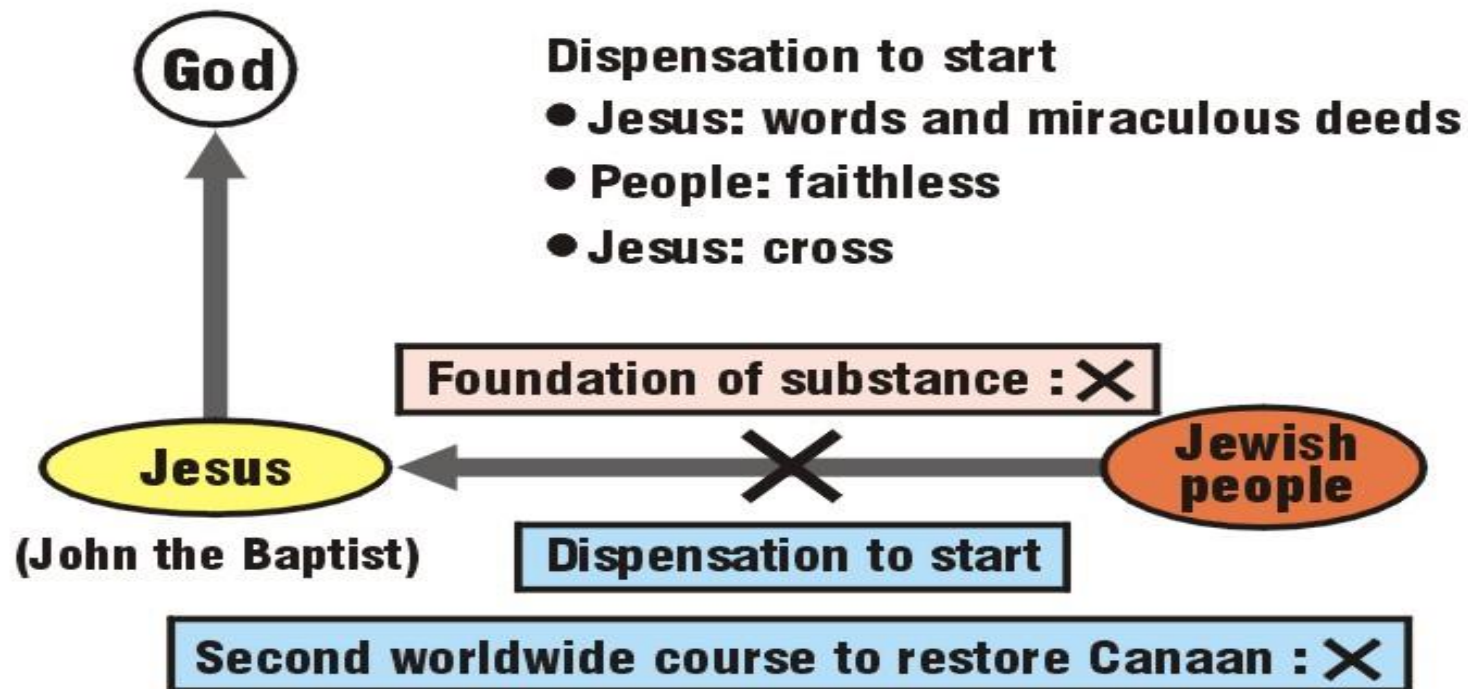
Second worldwide course to restore Canaan

Foundation of faith



- When Jesus fasted for forty days and had three temptations in the wilderness, it was to separate Satan for the very purpose of restoring the foundation of faith. Because he was in such a situation, Jesus enjoined Peter not to reveal to the Jewish people that he was the Messiah .

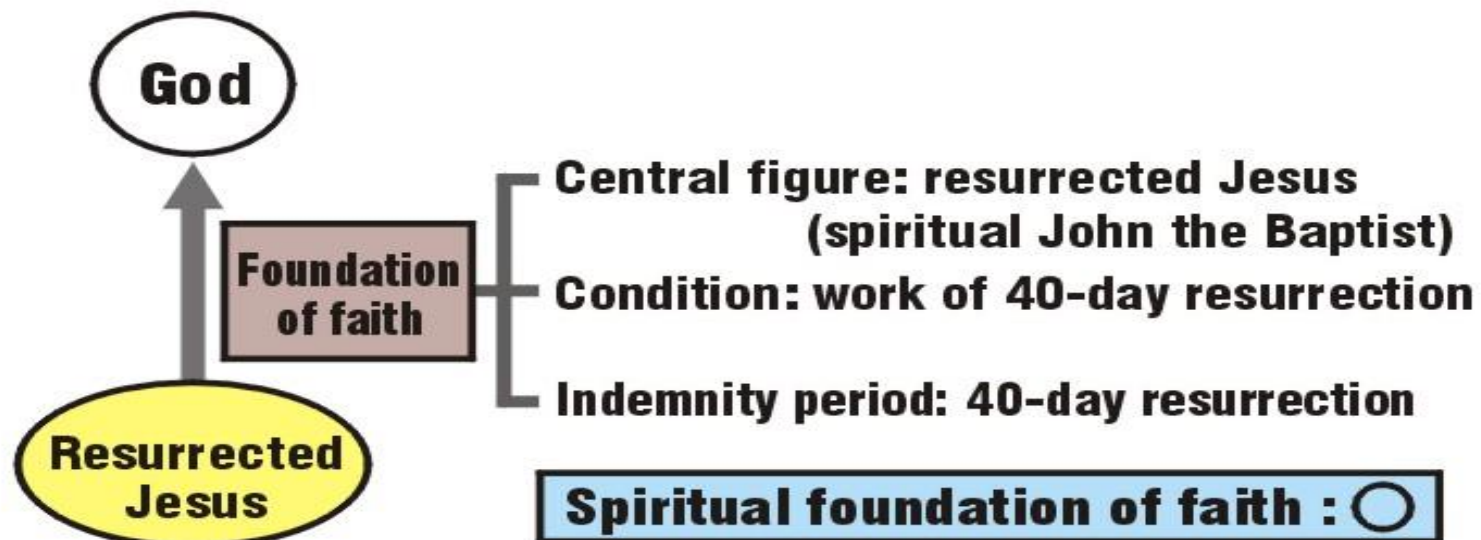
Foundation of substance



- Due to the faithlessness of such people that sent Jesus to the cross, he could lay neither the foundation of substance nor the foundation for the Messiah. The second worldwide course thus ended in tragic failure.

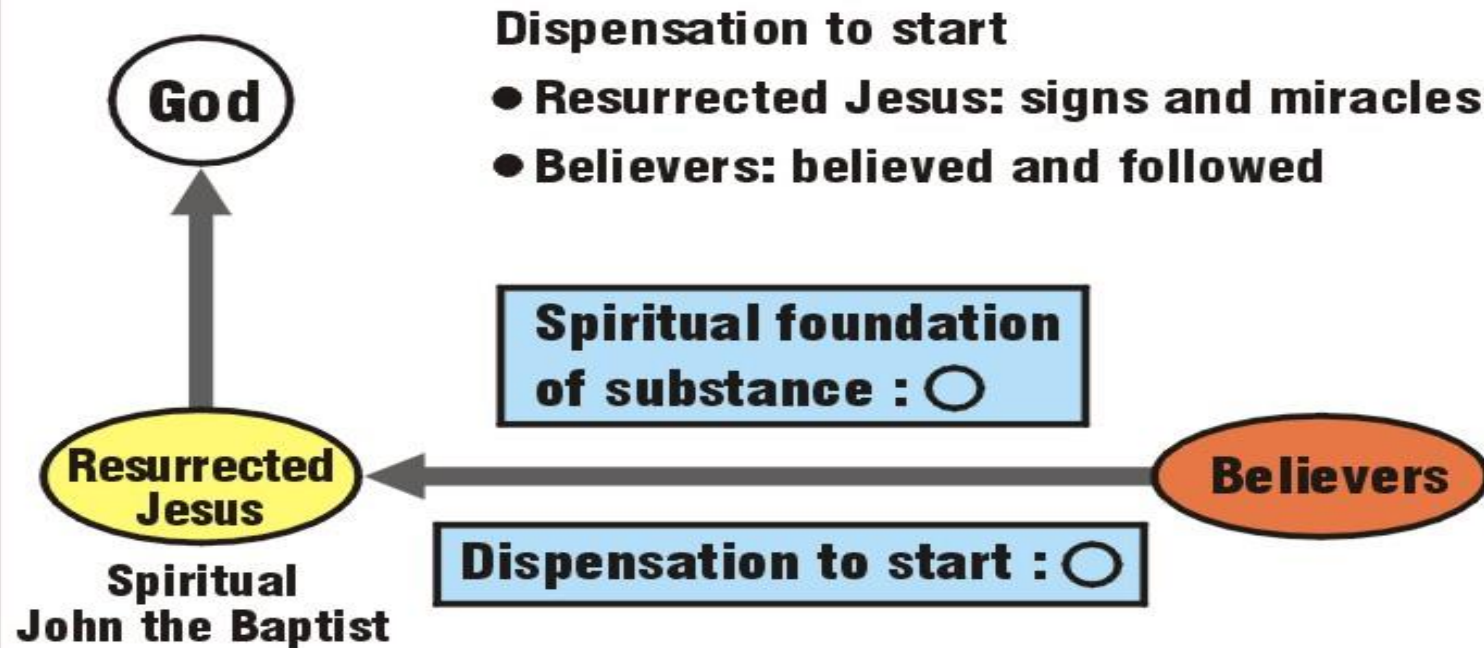
Third worldwide course to restore Canaan

Spiritual foundation of faith



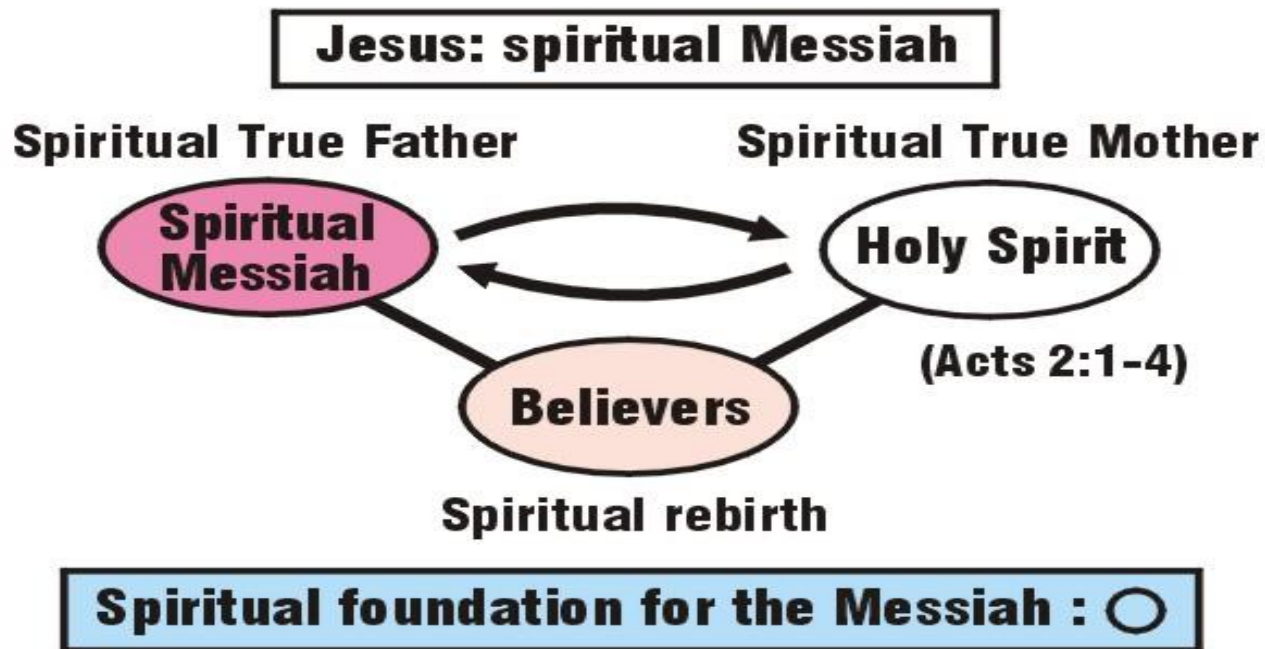
- After Jesus gave up his body on the cross, he resumed John the Baptist's mission spiritually. During the forty-day period from his resurrection to his ascension, Jesus fulfilled the spiritual dispensation of forty for the separation of Satan.
- By doing so, Jesus restored the foundation of faith for the spiritual course in the third worldwide course to restore Canaan.

Spiritual foundation of substance



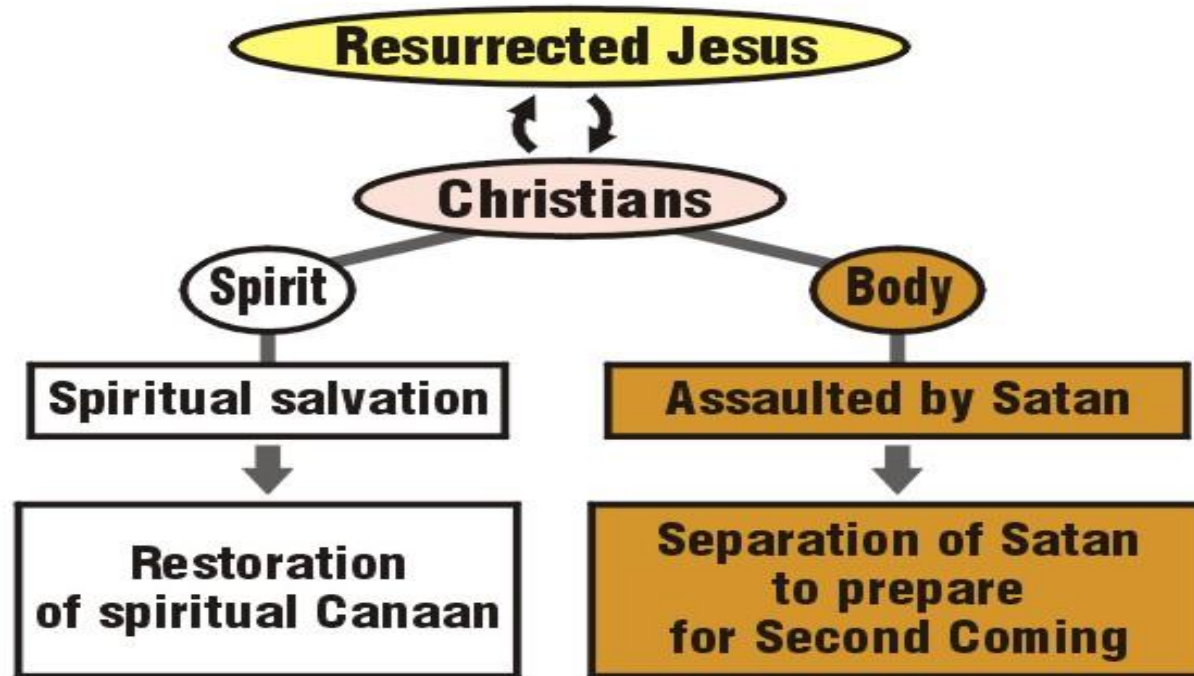
- The resurrected Jesus was the spiritual fulfillment of the tablets, Ark, and Tabernacle. He gathered his scattered disciples and worked the dispensation to start by giving them the power to perform signs and miracles .
- The faithful believers stood in the position of Cain. By believing in Jesus and following him devotedly, they fulfilled the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature and restored the spiritual foundation of substance.

Spiritual foundation for the Messiah



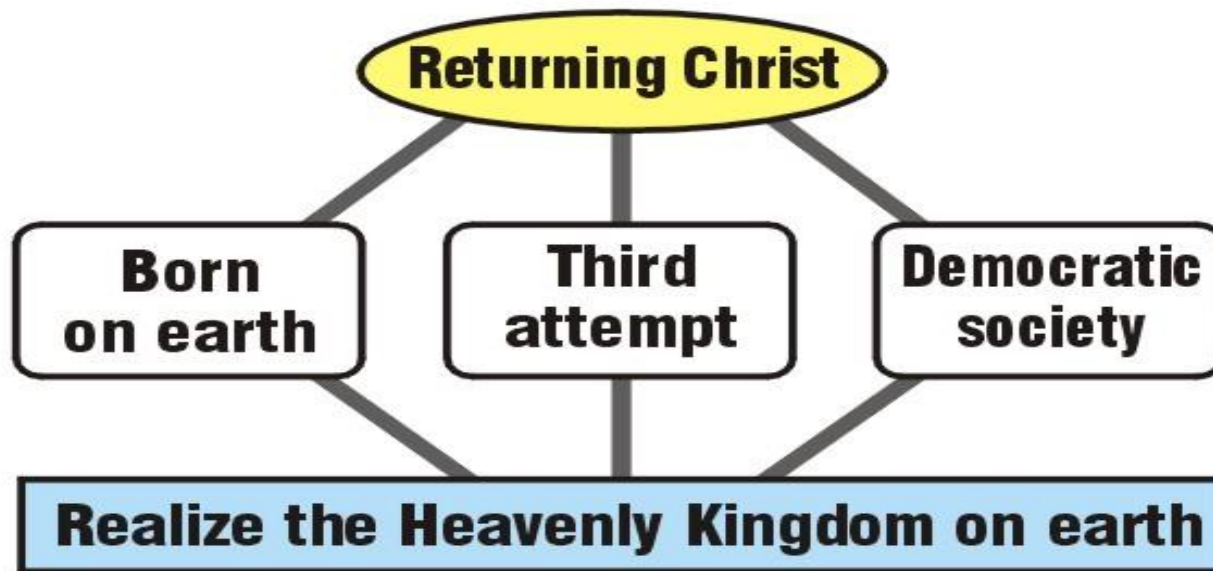
- Ever since the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost, (Acts 2:1-4) the resurrected Jesus as the spiritual True Father and the Holy Spirit as the spiritual True Mother have worked in oneness to grant spiritual rebirth by spiritually engrafting believers with themselves. This is the work of spiritual salvation.

The restoration of spiritual Canaan



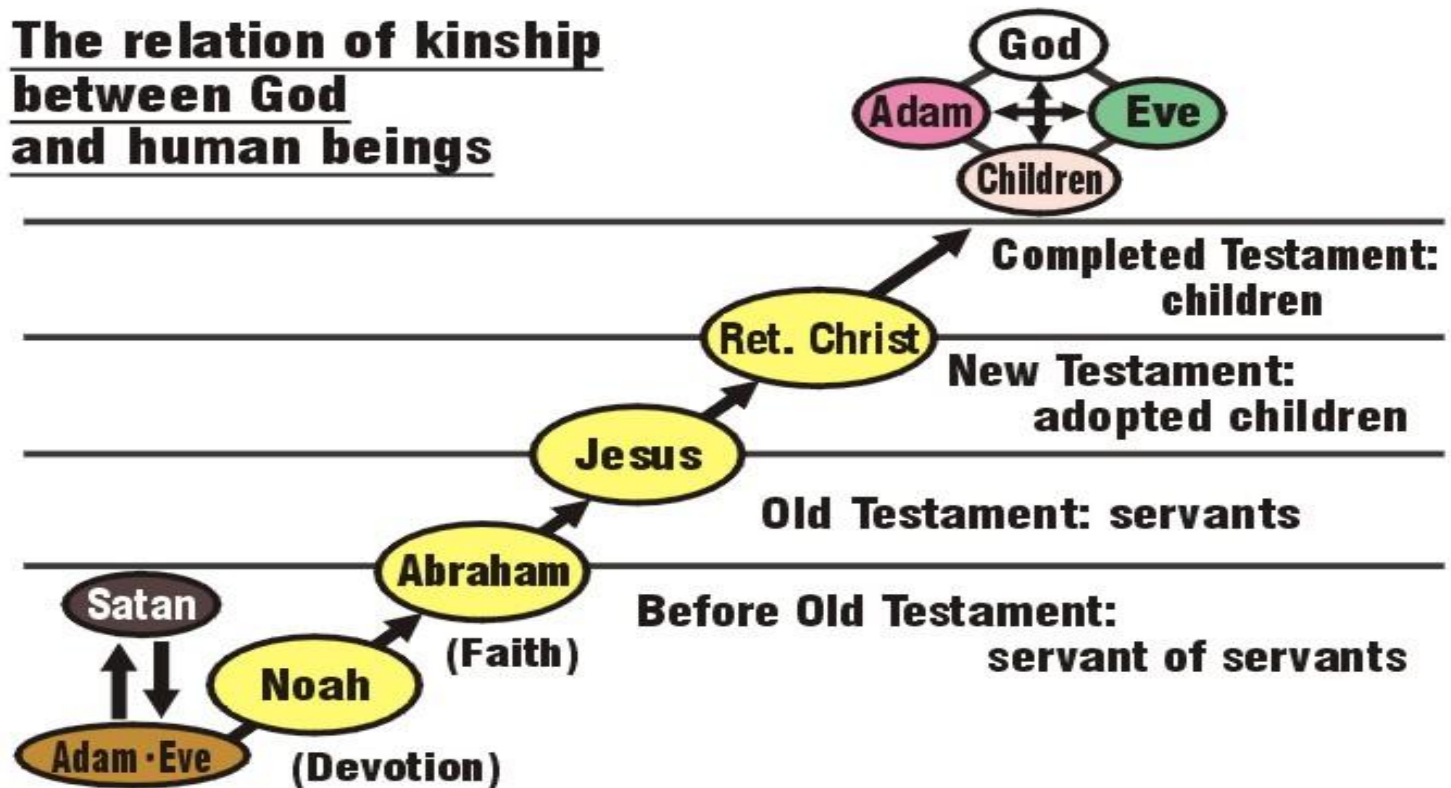
- By believing and serving the resurrected Jesus, who stands upon the spiritual foundation for the Messiah, Christians can accomplish the restoration of spiritual Canaan and enter its realm of grace .
- On the other hand, the physical bodies of Christians stand in the same position as Jesus' body, which was assaulted by Satan through the crucifixion. Hence, Christians are still stained with the original sin, and thus they still must walk the course for the separation of Satan to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ.

**The course to restore substantial Canaan
under the leadership of Christ at the Second Advent**

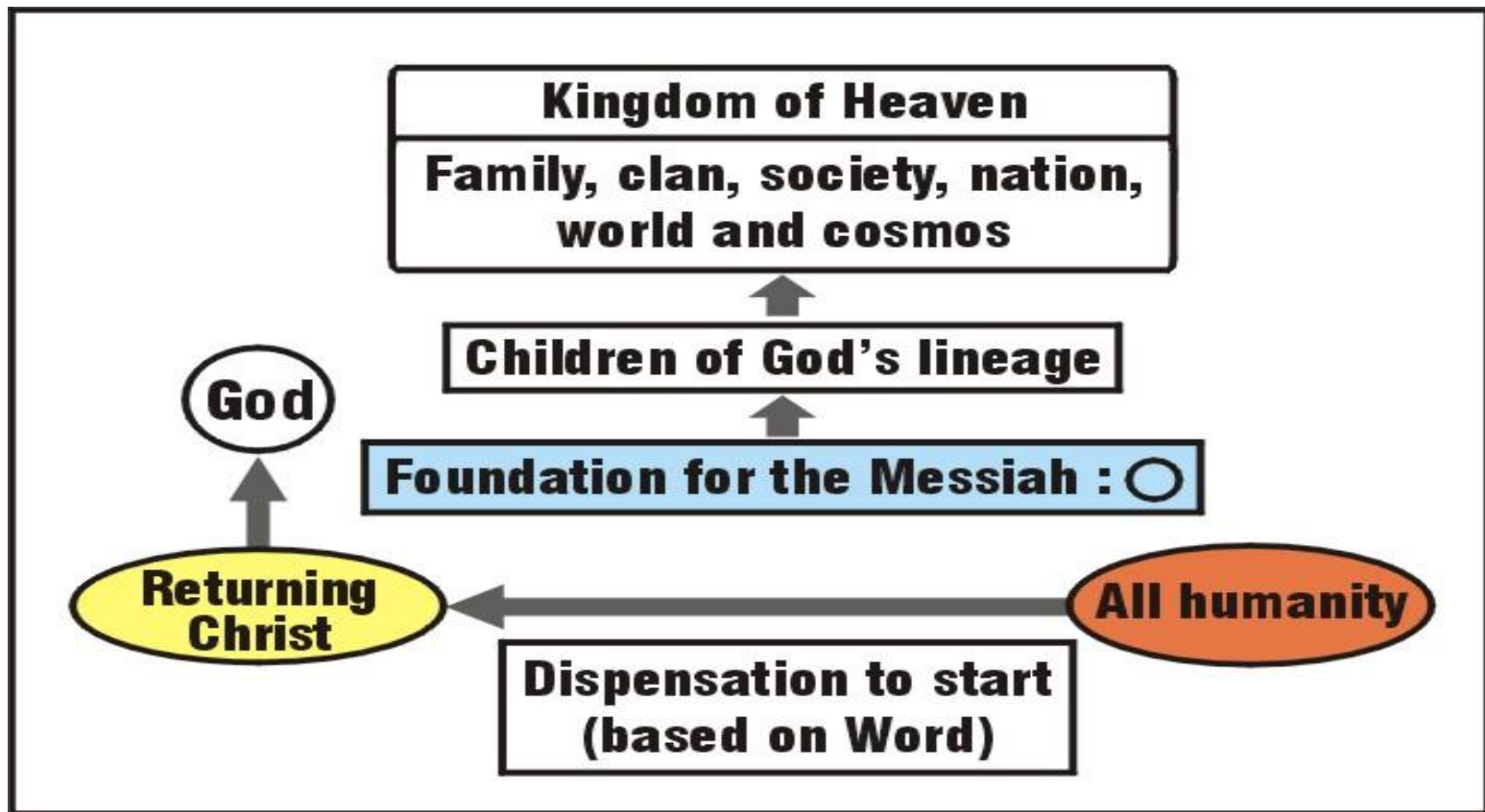


- He must be born on earth in the flesh.
- He will not die without fulfilling the providence of restoration. This is because God's providence, which began with Adam and was prolonged through Jesus, will be successful on the third attempt, at the time of Second Advent.
- Moreover, God's spiritual providence of restoration during the two thousand years since Jesus has prepared a democratic society and legal environment which will protect Christ at the Second Advent.

The relation of kinship between God and human beings



- In the days of Jesus, the disciples were elevated to the position of adopted children.
- The Christ will return and restore all humanity to be God's children of direct lineage .



- The returning Christ 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 .

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

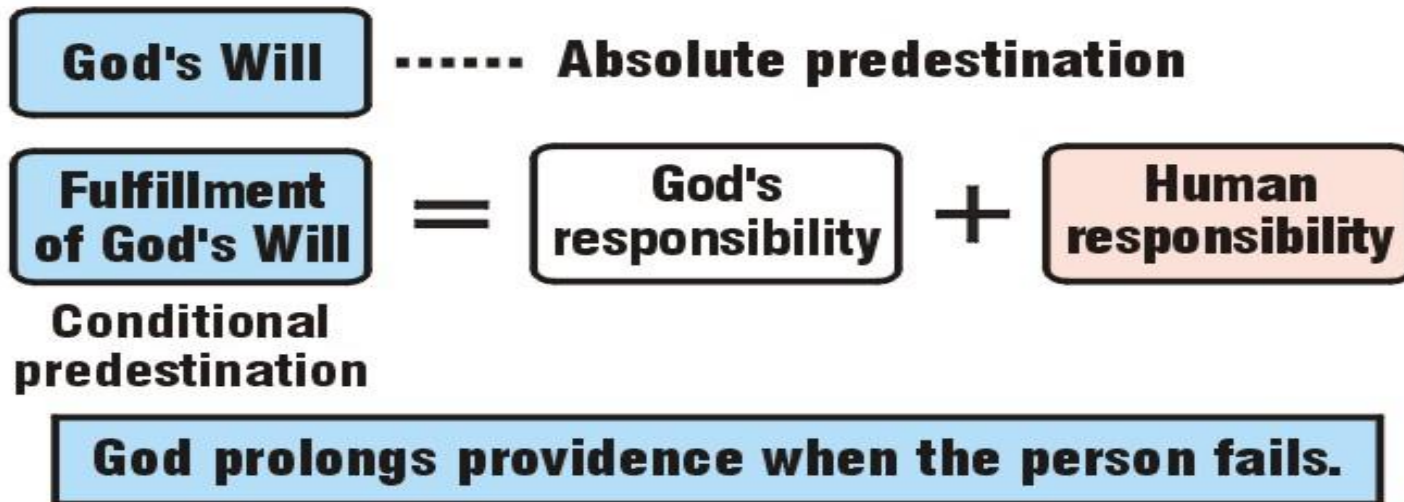
Section 1 Parallel Providential Periods

- **Meaning:** a period of history repeats the events of a previous period
- **Reason:** repeated dispensations to restore foundation for the Messiah
- **Factors:**
 - ① **Foundation of faith** — { **Central figure**
Object for condition
Numerical period
 - ② **Foundation of substance** — **Indemnity condition to remove fallen nature**

- Accordingly, the factors which determine the formation of parallel providential periods are:
- First, the three conditions necessary for the foundation of faith (central figure, object for the condition, and the numerical period of indemnity)
- Second, the indemnity condition to remove the fallen nature, which is necessary to restore the foundation of substance.

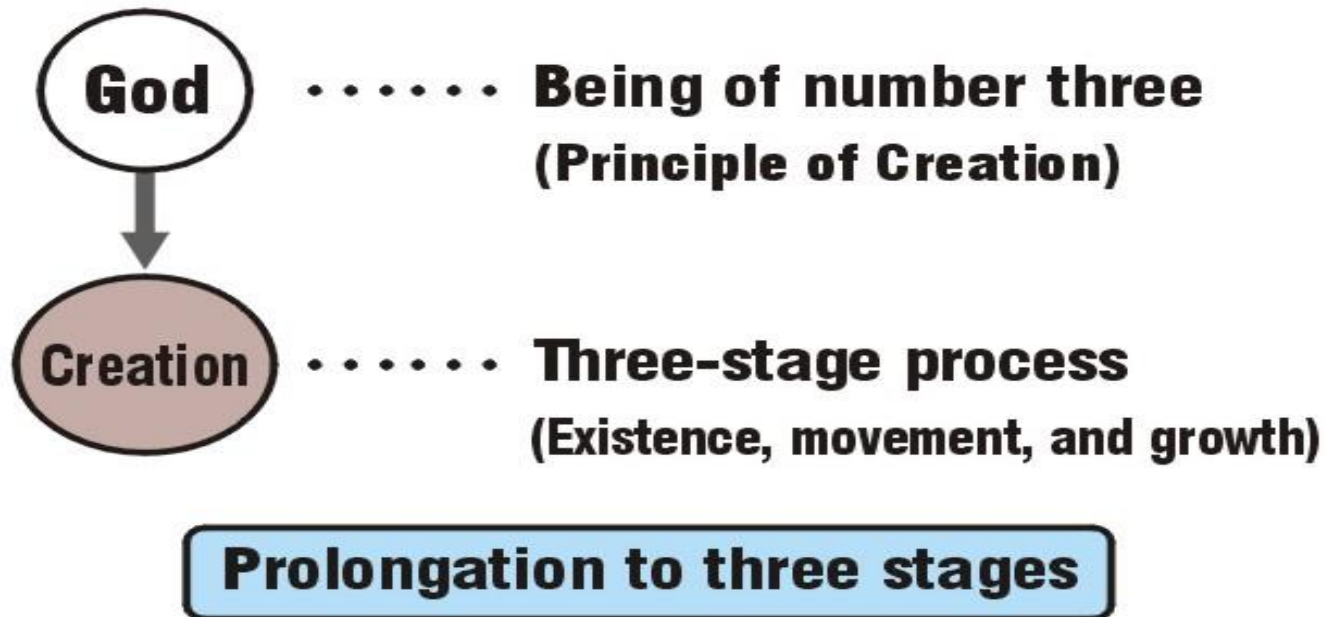
Section 2 The Number of Generations or Years in the Periods of the Age of the Providence to Lay the Foundation for Restoration

Why the providence of restoration is prolonged



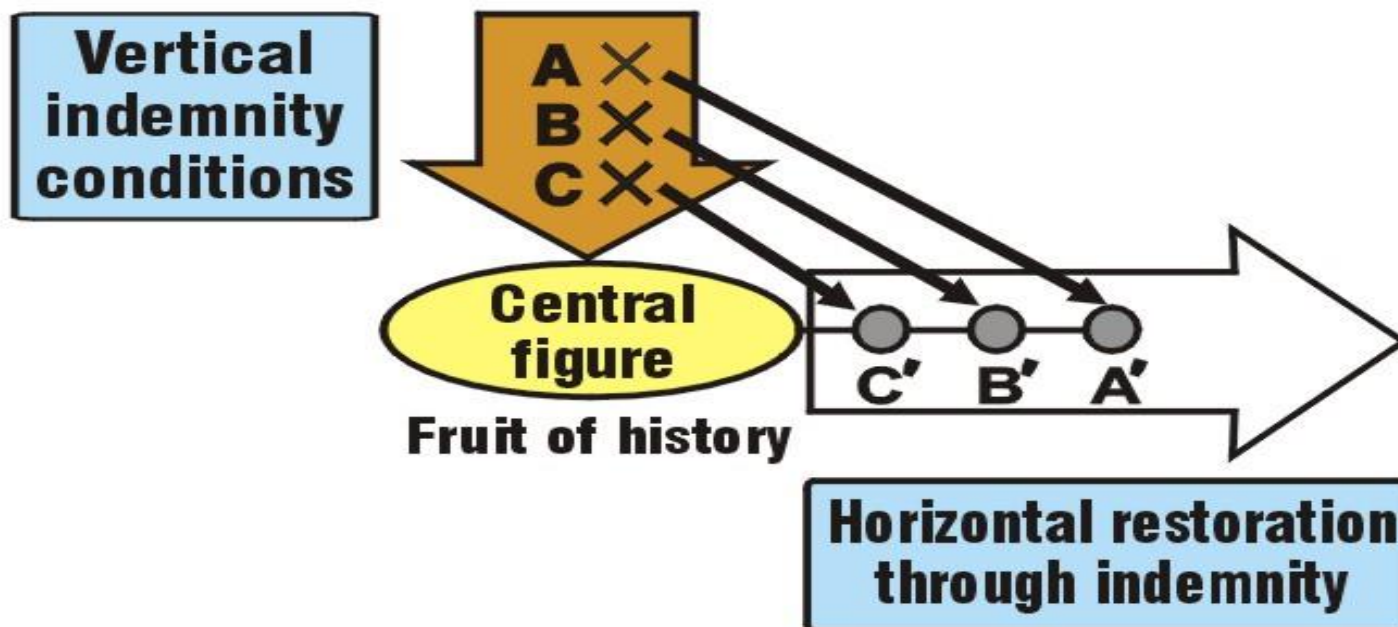
- Accordingly, when the Will is not fulfilled because the responsible person fails, God will choose another person in a different era to take his place. God will continue His work until its complete fulfillment, prolonging the providence in the process.

How the providence of restoration is prolonged



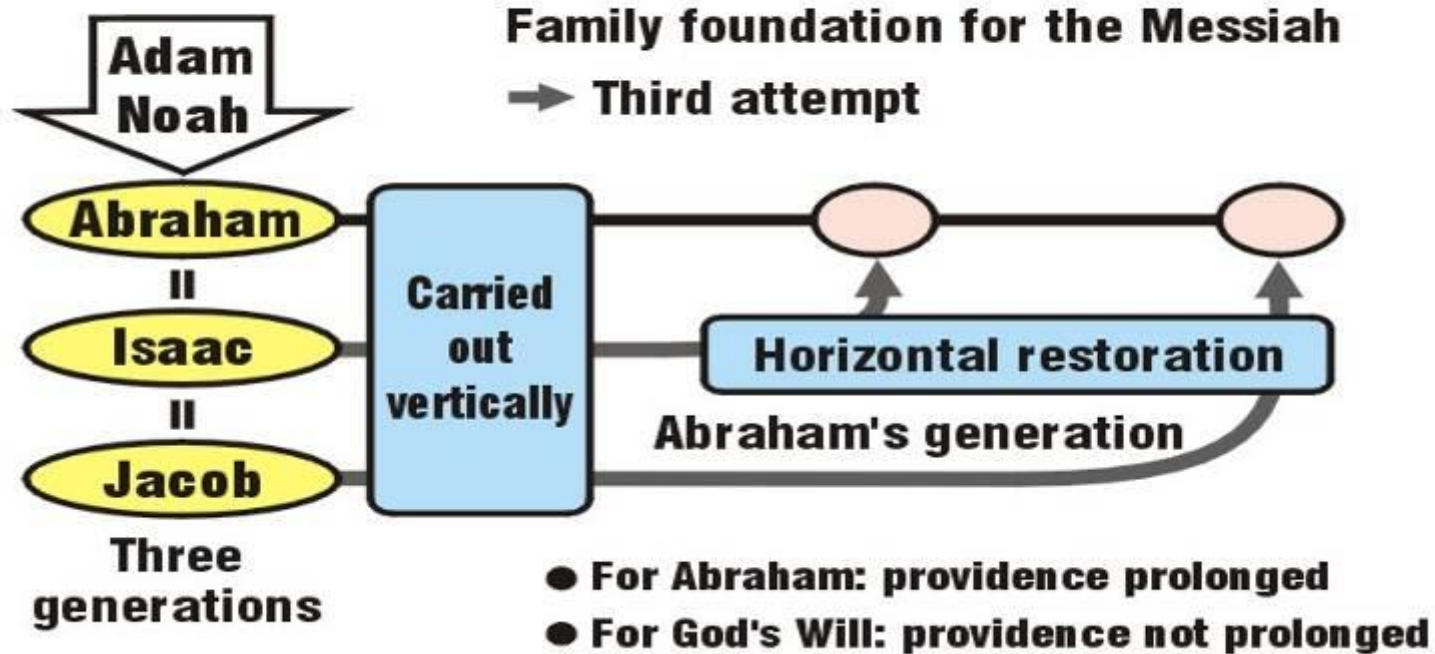
- According to the Principle of Creation, God is a being of the number three. All things created in His likeness manifest themselves through a three-stage process with respect to their mode of existence, movement and growth .
- Therefore, whenever the providence of restoration is prolonged, it may extend to as many as three stages.

Vertical indemnity conditions and horizontal restoration through indemnity



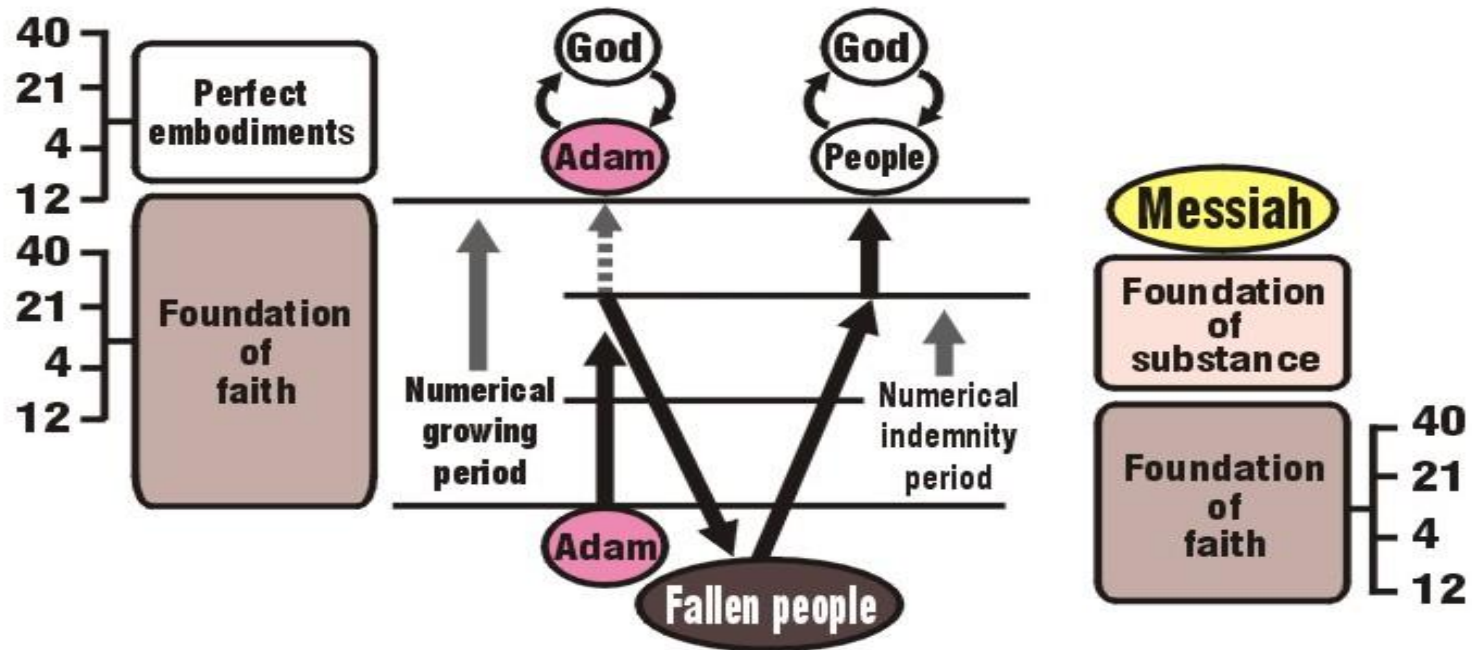
- In this sense, we can understand that each central figure (A', B', C') in the providence of restoration stands not only for himself as an individual, but represents all the forefathers, prophets and sages who had the same mission in the past. He bears within him the fruits of their labors in history.

Horizontal restoration through indemnity carried out vertically



- Hence, when Abraham failed in his symbolic offering, he completed it vertically through the generations of Isaac and Jacob, and God could still credit him with having fulfilled it in his own generation. This type of restoration is called horizontal restoration through indemnity carried out vertically.

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.

Chapter 4 The Parallels between the Two Ages in the Providence of Restoration

Purpose of the providence of restoration

**: Foundation for the Messiah
(Repetition of dispensations)**

Ages

Providence of Restoration

Prolongation of Providence of Restoration

Central people

**Israel
(First Israel)**

**Christians
(Second Israel)**

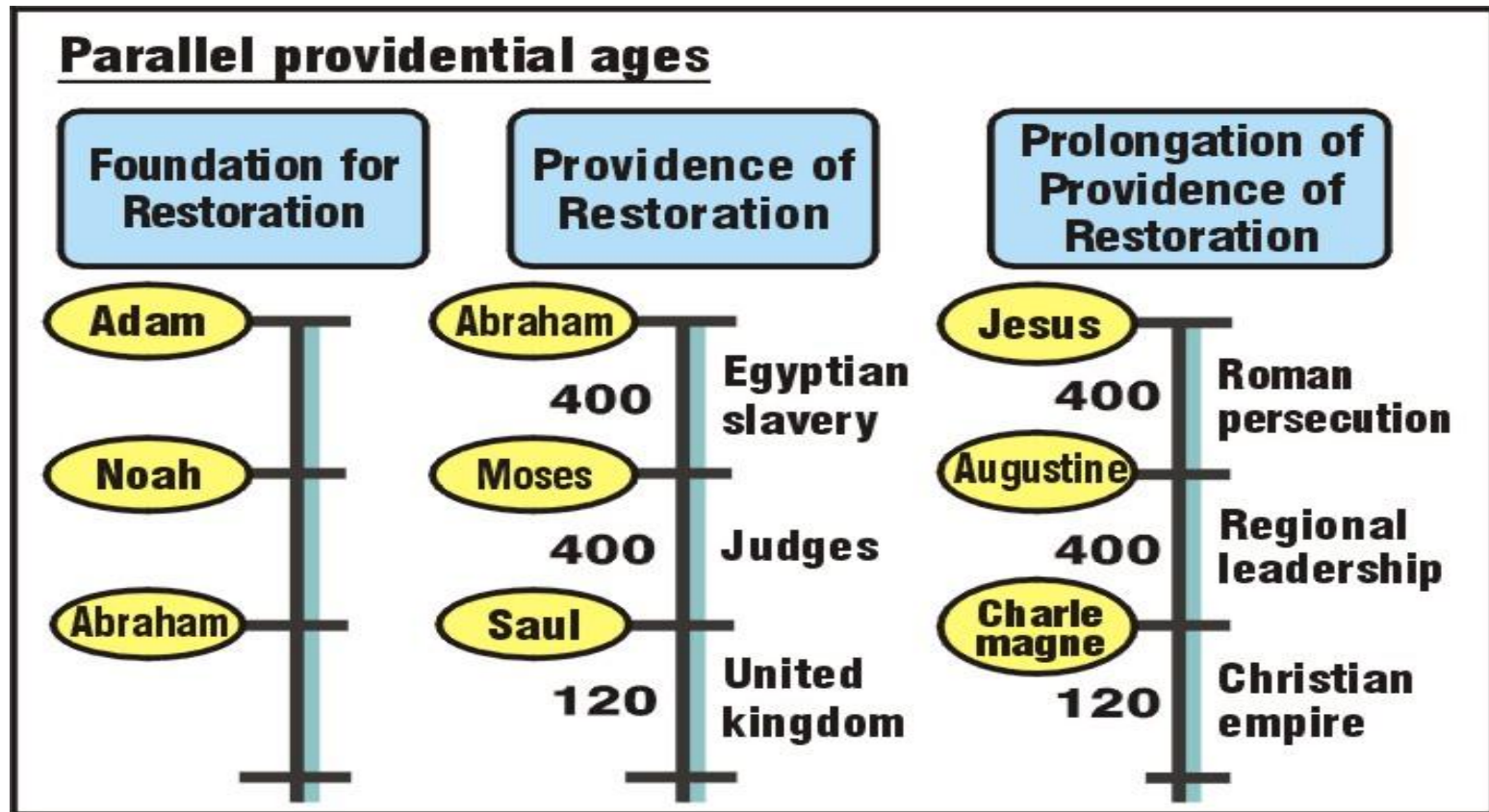
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History of Israel

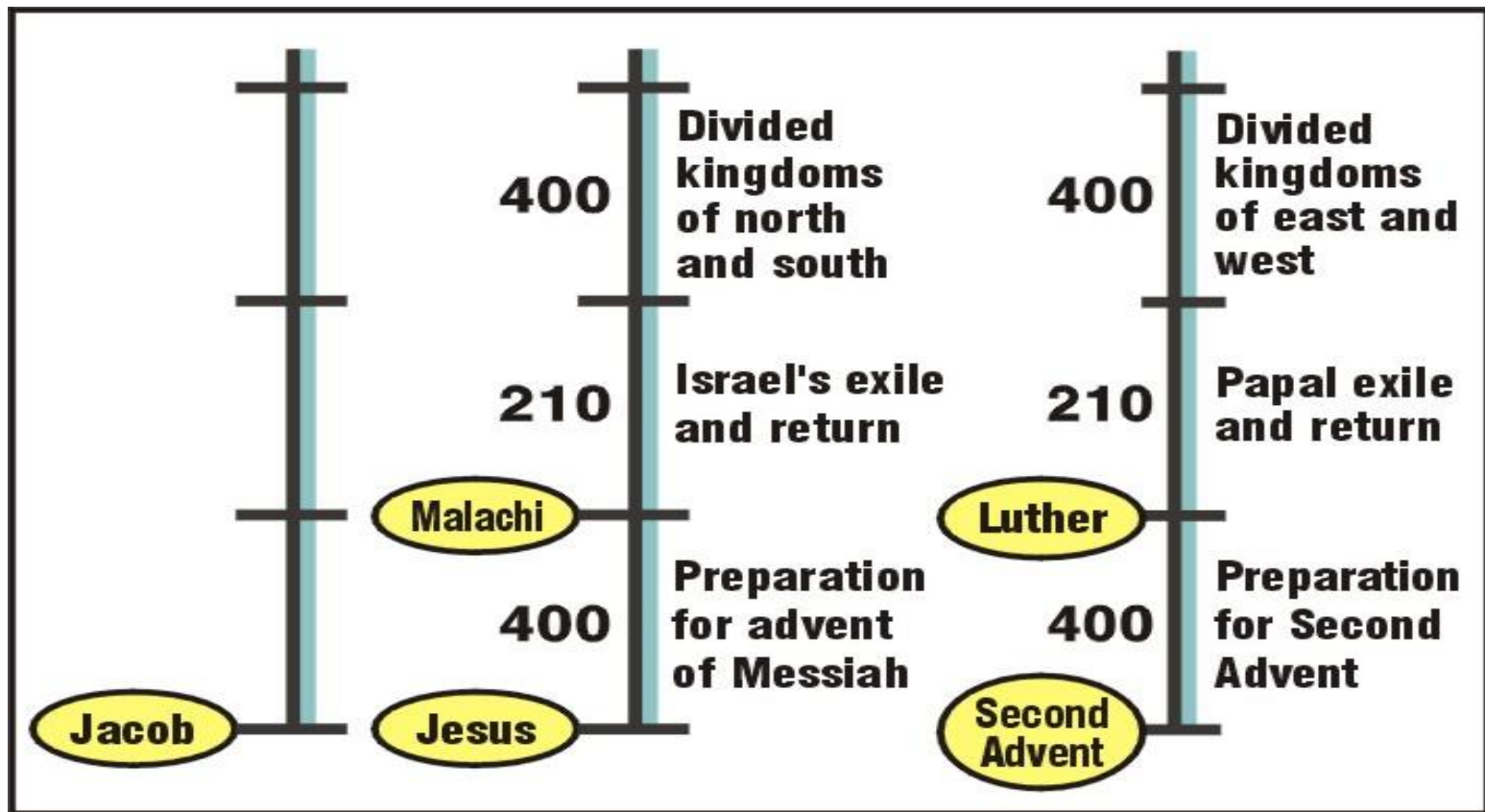
History of Christianity

- The central people who became centrally responsible for the providence in the Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration, starting with Jesus, were the Christians. Accordingly, the history of Christianity provides the source material for understanding providential history in this age.
- In this sense, the descendants of Abraham in the Old Testament Age may be referred to as the First Israel, and the Christians in the New Testament Age may be called the Second Israel.

Parallel providential ages



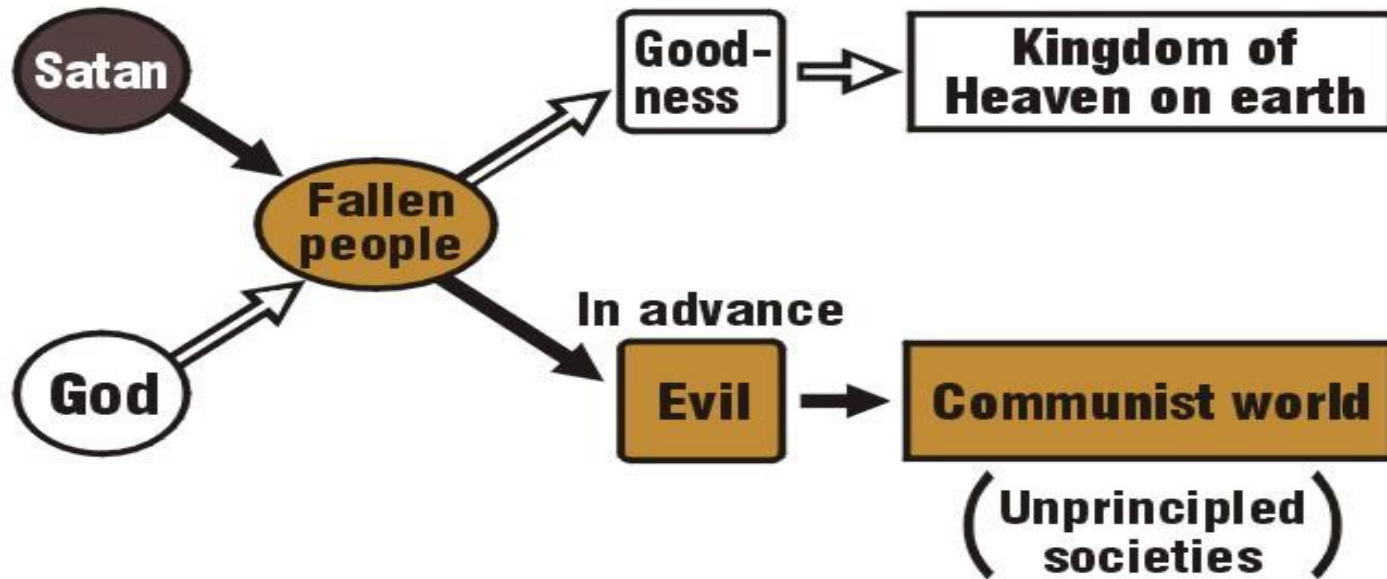
- Likewise, the 400-year period of regional church leadership was to restore the 400-year period of the judges through parallel indemnity conditions .
- And the 120 years of the Christian empire was to restore the 120 years of the united kingdom through parallel indemnity conditions.



- Following the period of Israel's exile and return, another four hundred years elapsed before Jesus came. This was the period of preparation for the advent of the Messiah. Likewise, Christianity is to meet Christ at his Second Advent only after passing through four hundred years of the period of preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah, which had followed the period of papal exile and return.

Section 7 The Providence of Restoration and the Progress of History

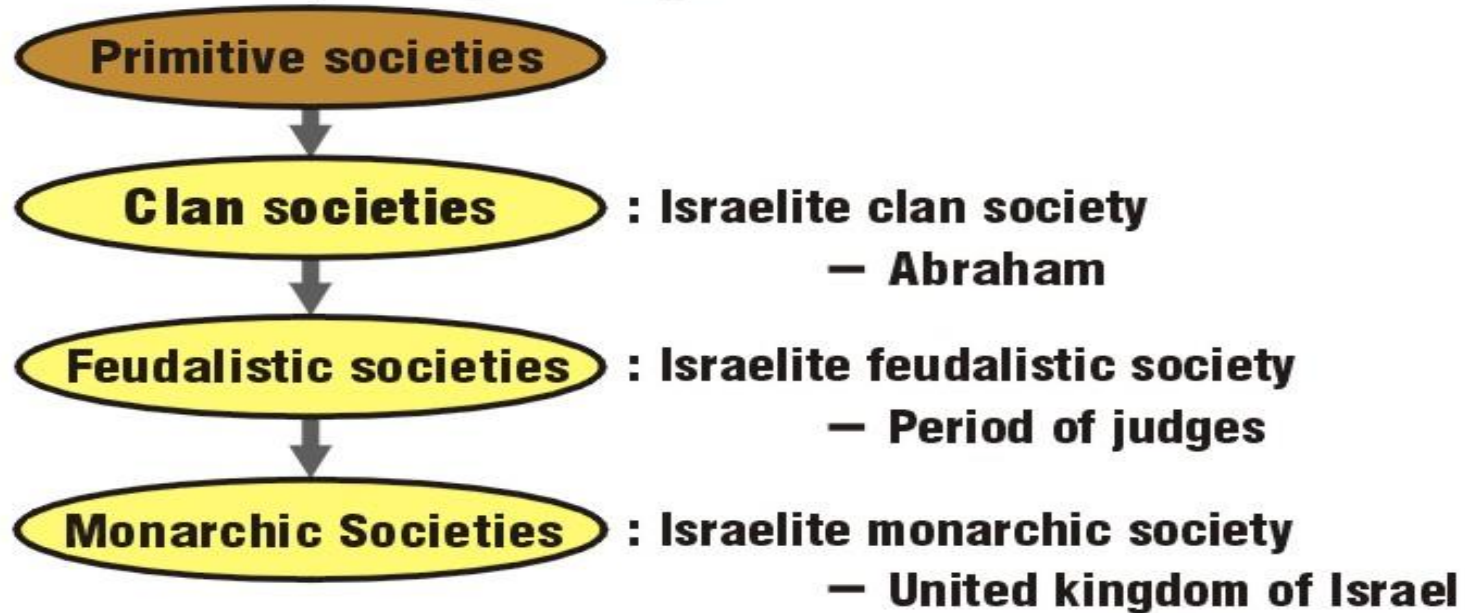
Human history



- Meanwhile, on the basis of his relationship of blood ties with the first human beings, Satan has worked through fallen people to realize, in advance of God, a perverted form of the ideal society which God intends to realize. As a result, in human history we witness the rise of unprincipled societies which are built upon twisted versions of the Principle.
- At the end of human history, before God can restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, Satan will have built an unprincipled world in a distorted image of the Kingdom: this is none other than the communist world

The progress of history in the Age of the Providence of Restoration

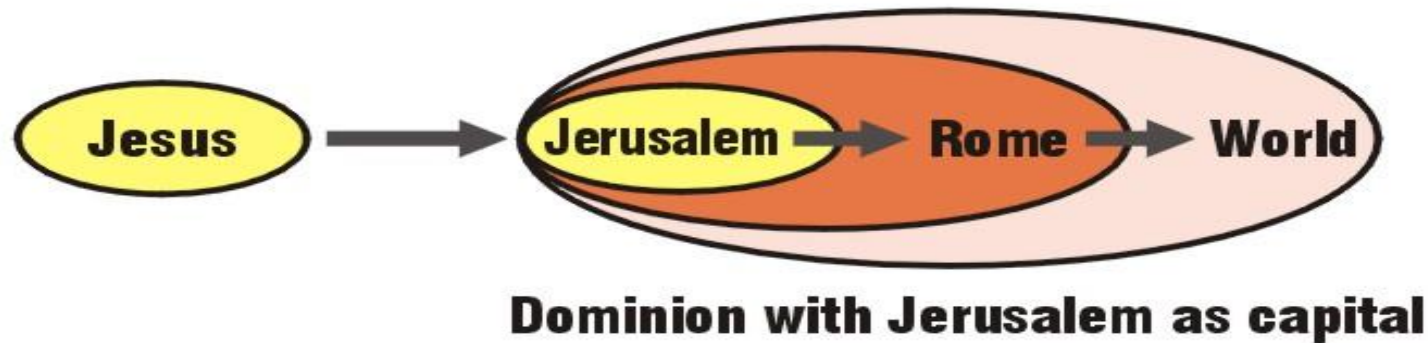
Social development guided by Satan



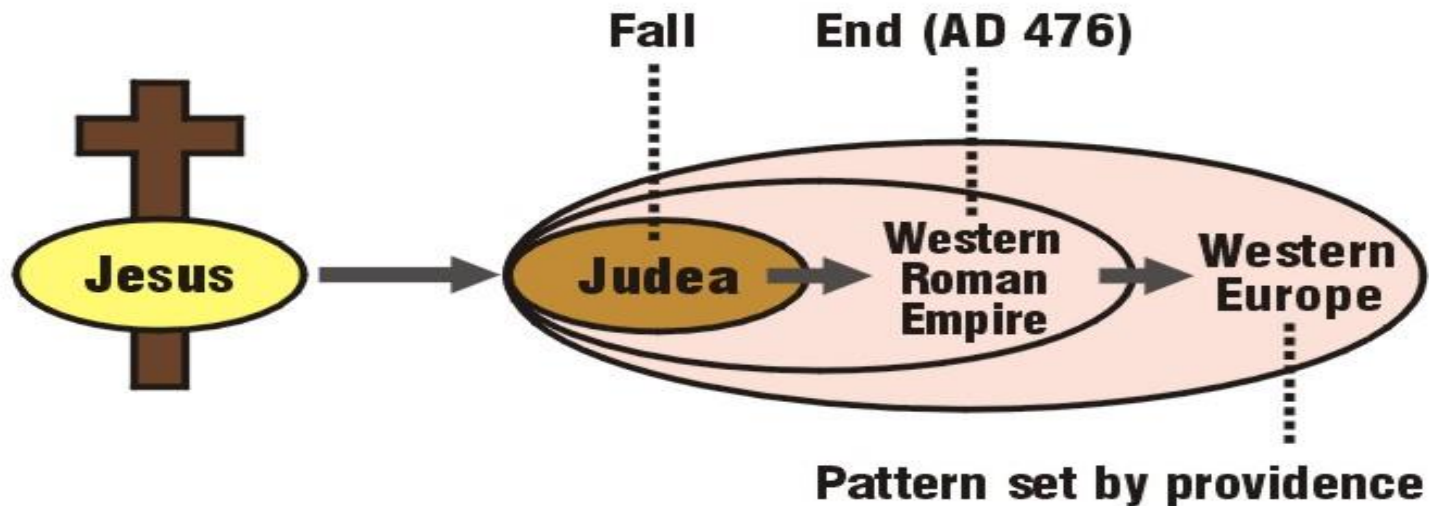
- God called Abraham to be the standard-bearer of goodness and blessed him with descendants who would uphold God's Will. God raised up Abraham's descendants into the first Israelite clan society. They entered Egypt as a clan society, but by the time they left Egypt for Canaan, they had grown into a tribal society. Israelite society in the period of the judges was a feudalistic society. Then, they entered a monarchic society with the establishment of the united kingdom of Israel.

The progress of history in the Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration

The providence of restoration and the history of the West



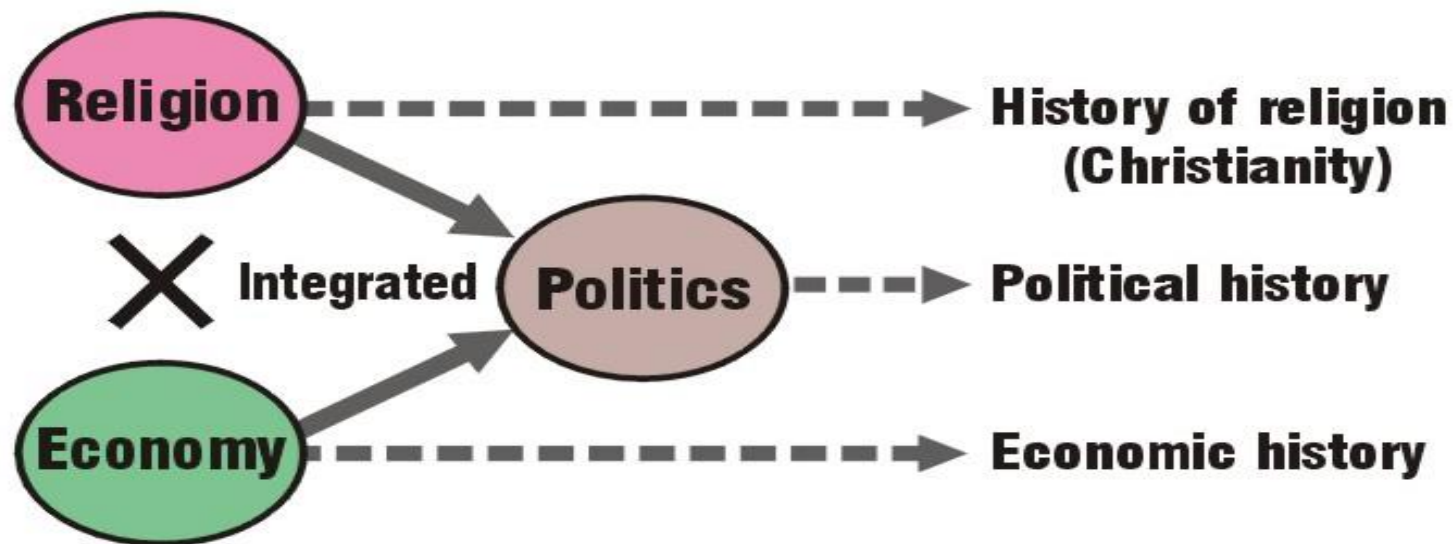
- Had the Jewish people believed in Jesus as the Messiah and united with him, the Roman Empire, which had unified the ancient world around the Mediterranean Sea, would have been won over by Jesus during his lifetime. Jesus would have been honored throughout the empire as the King of Kings and established a worldwide dominion with Jerusalem as its capital .



History of Christianity : information about the Age of Prolongation

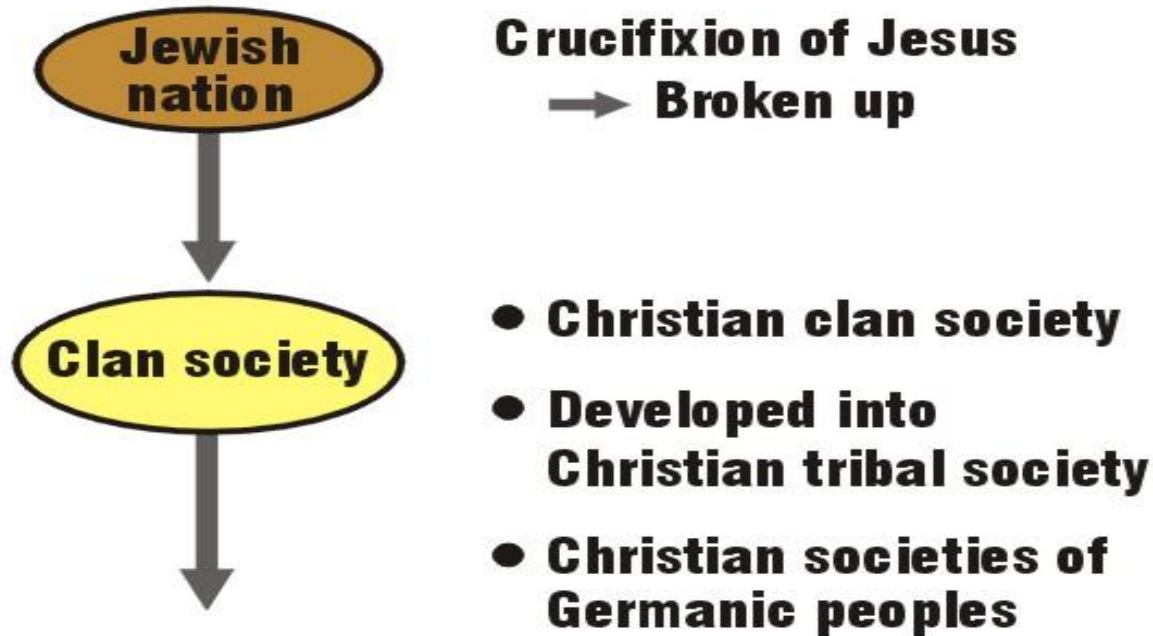
- However, since Jesus was crucified, the Western Roman Empire came to an end in 476 A.D., and the center of God's providence of restoration shifted from Judea, the land of God's bitter grief, to Western Europe, formerly the territory of the Western Roman Empire. Accordingly, the spiritual providence of restoration based on Christianity has been conducted primarily in Western Europe. Only in Western Europe has the history of this era progressed strictly according to the pattern set by the providence of restoration.
- The history of Christianity in Western Europe provides us with information about the events which shaped the Age of the Prolongation of the Providence of Restoration.

The mutual relations between religious history, economic history and political history



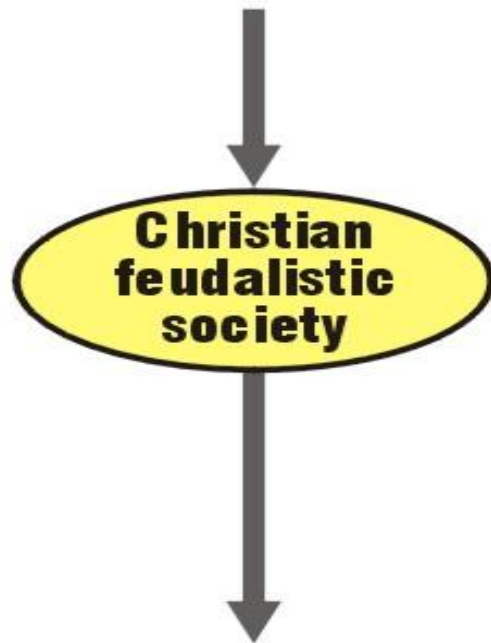
- Although religion and economy seem to develop at variance with each other, they are related in the life of society. Thus, there has been some mutual influence between the history of Christianity and economic history. Religion and economy are integrated with our life in society through politics. Therefore, to accurately grasp the progress of history as it moves toward the goal of the providence of restoration, we must investigate separately the Christian, economic, and political histories.

Clan society



- With the crucifixion of Jesus, the Jewish nation had fallen to Satan's side. Consequently, God broke up that society, calling devout believers out of it to establish a Christian clan society.
- Despite severe persecution, Christian clan society gradually prospered in the Roman Empire and developed into a Christian tribal society.
- Christian society expanded greatly as Christianity was brought to the Germanic peoples who migrated into this territory in the latter half of the fourth century.

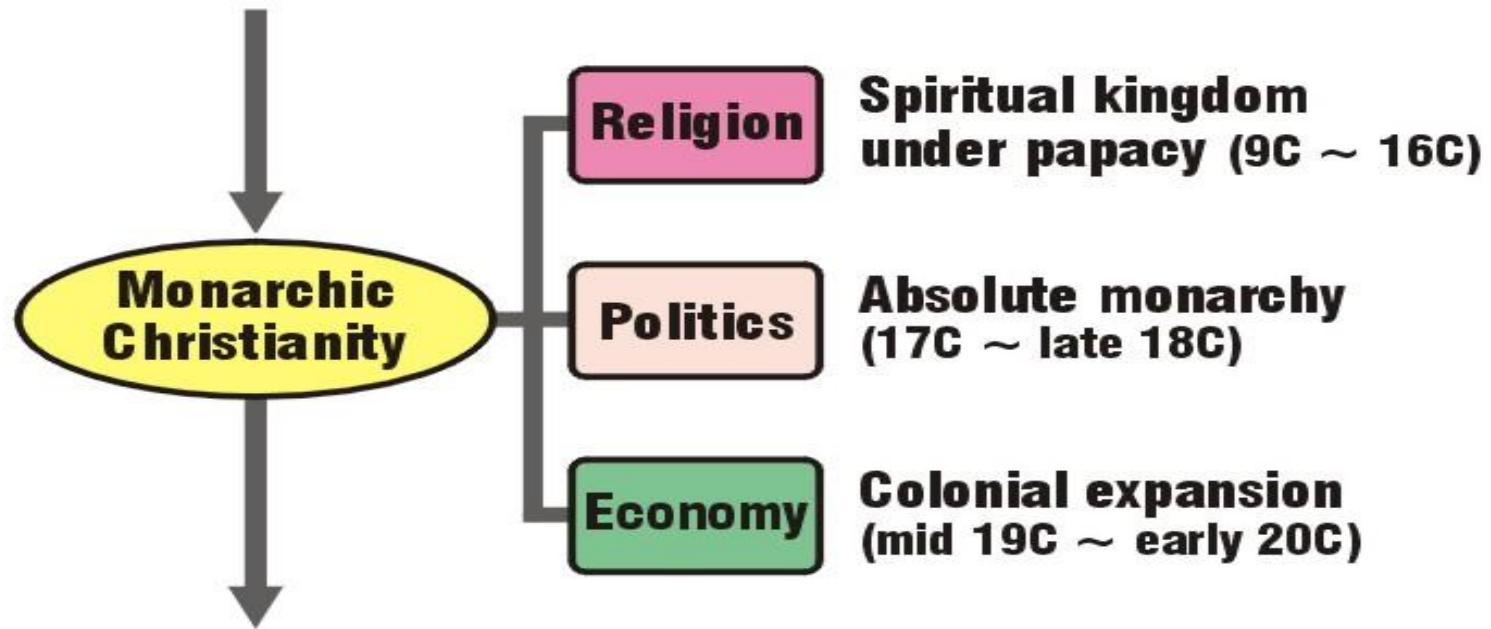
Feudalistic society



- **Fall of Roman Empire**
- **Germanic peoples: newly chosen**
- **Godly sovereignty in religious, political, and economic life**

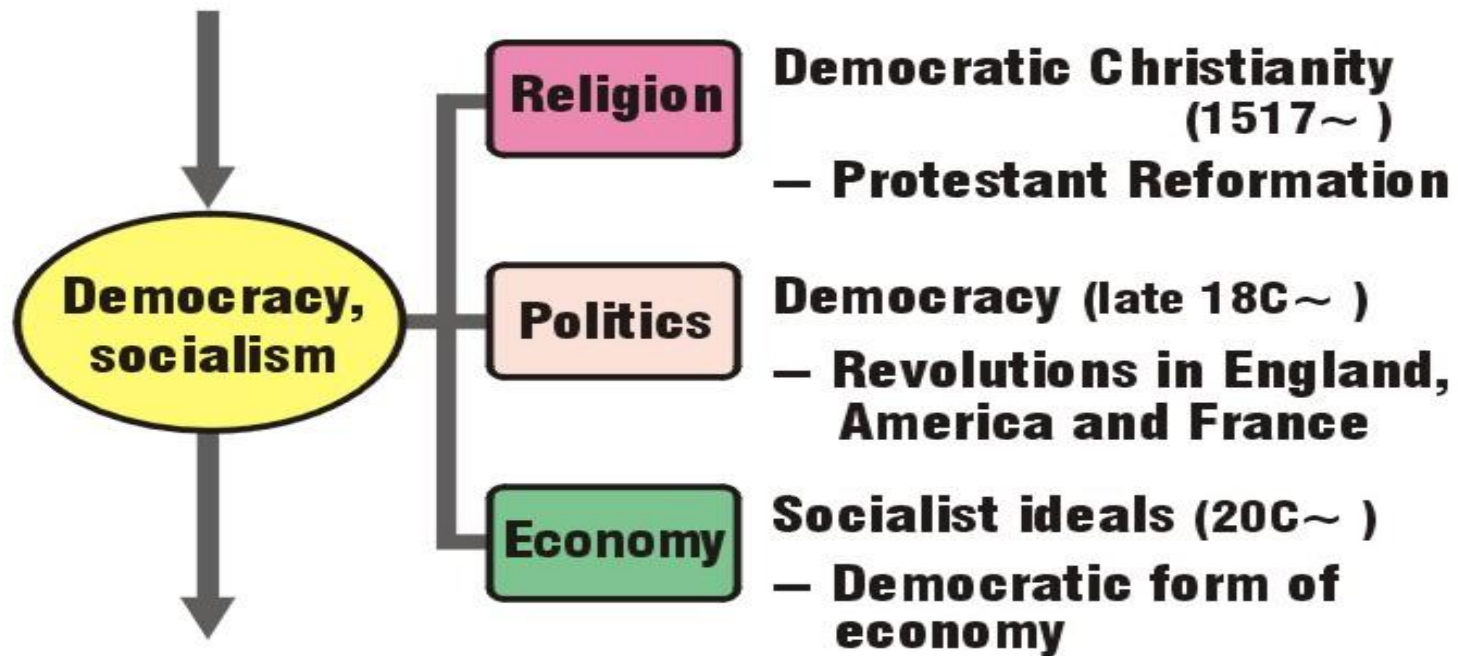
- A feudalistic society was born in Europe when, around the fall of the Roman Empire, imperial authority waned and the empire sank into chaos.
- God raised a feudalistic society among the newly-Christianized Germanic peoples whom He had chosen to lead the providence. By strengthening small units under godly sovereignty in the spheres of religious, political and economic life, God laid the groundwork to establish a godly kingdom.

Monarchic society and imperialism



- In the sphere of religion, monarchic Christianity was a spiritual kingdom which transcended national borders. It was established under the rule of the papacy and upon the spiritual foundation for the Messiah .
- In the political sphere, absolute monarchies flourished from the seventeenth century until the French Revolution in 1789 .
- In the progress of economic history, feudalism was followed by capitalism, which was accompanied by the age of colonial expansion.

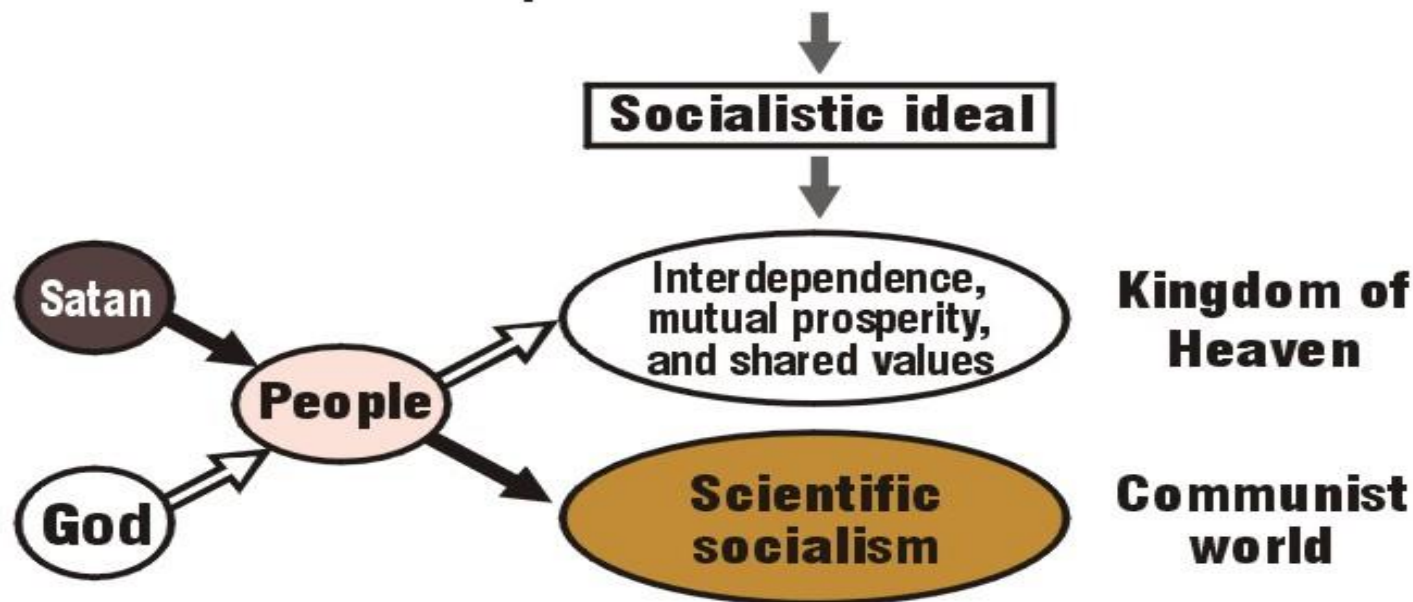
Democracy and socialism



- The progress of history in the religious sphere moved to the stage of democratic Christianity after monarchic Christianity was shattered by the Protestant Reformation of 1517.
- With the progress of economic history, socialist ideals arose which undermined imperialism and fostered a democratic form of economy.

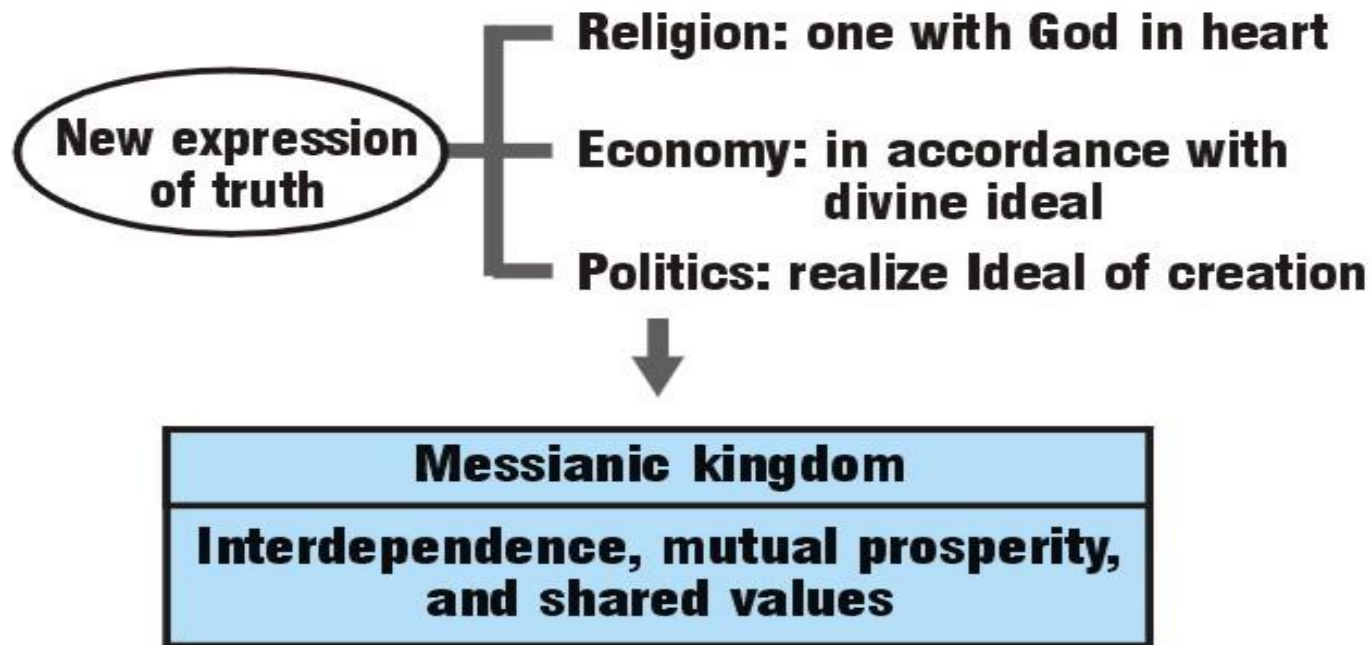
The ideals of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values versus communism

God: pleasant environments for all



- In seeking for a socialistic society on God'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 Satan mimics God's providence in advance, the satanic side has advocated "scientific socialism" based on the theories of dialectical and historical materialism and has built the communist world.

Fusion of religious, political, and economic histories



- For the paths of religion, politics and economy to converge and realize God's ideal, a new expression of truth must emerge which can completely integrate religion and science.
- The religion founded upon this truth will lead all of humanity to become one with God in heart. Such people will build an economy in accordance with the divine ideal, providing the foundations for a new political order to realize the ideal of creation. This will be the messianic kingdom built on the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values.