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Sunday 9AM Equipping Class

Study the Foundations of Christian Theology

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Checkpoint

Doctrine of God

Doctrine of
Scripture

Covenant Theology

Reformed
Distinctives

Doctrine of the
Church – Structure
and Worship

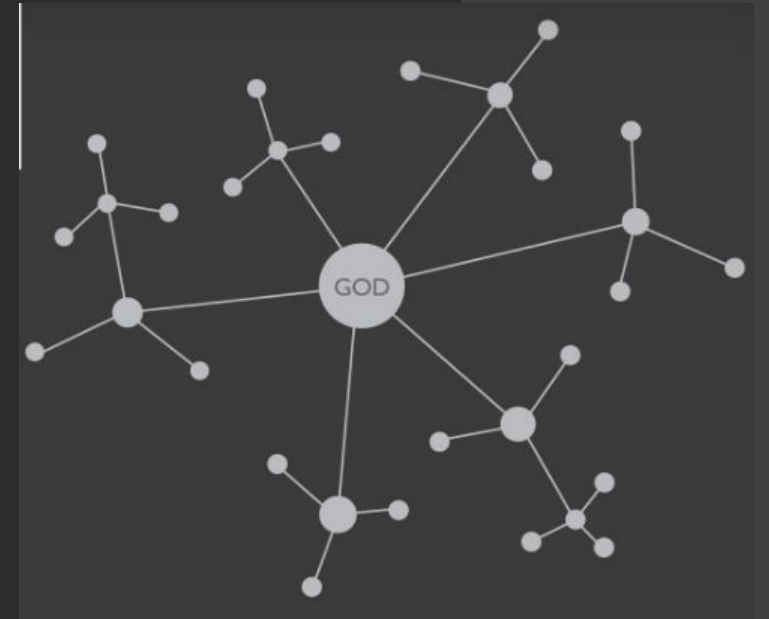
Doctrine of the
Church – Baptism
and the Lord's
Supper

Types of Theology

Biblical Theology



Systematic Theology





GOD'S BIG STORY

Covenant Theology

"A covenant formally binds two parties together in a relationship, and obligates them to practice faithfulness, with rewards and sanctions."

- Jack Collins

Suzerain-Vassal Treaty

Preamble

Historical Prologue

Stipulations

Blessings and Curses

Covenant Theology

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Presence

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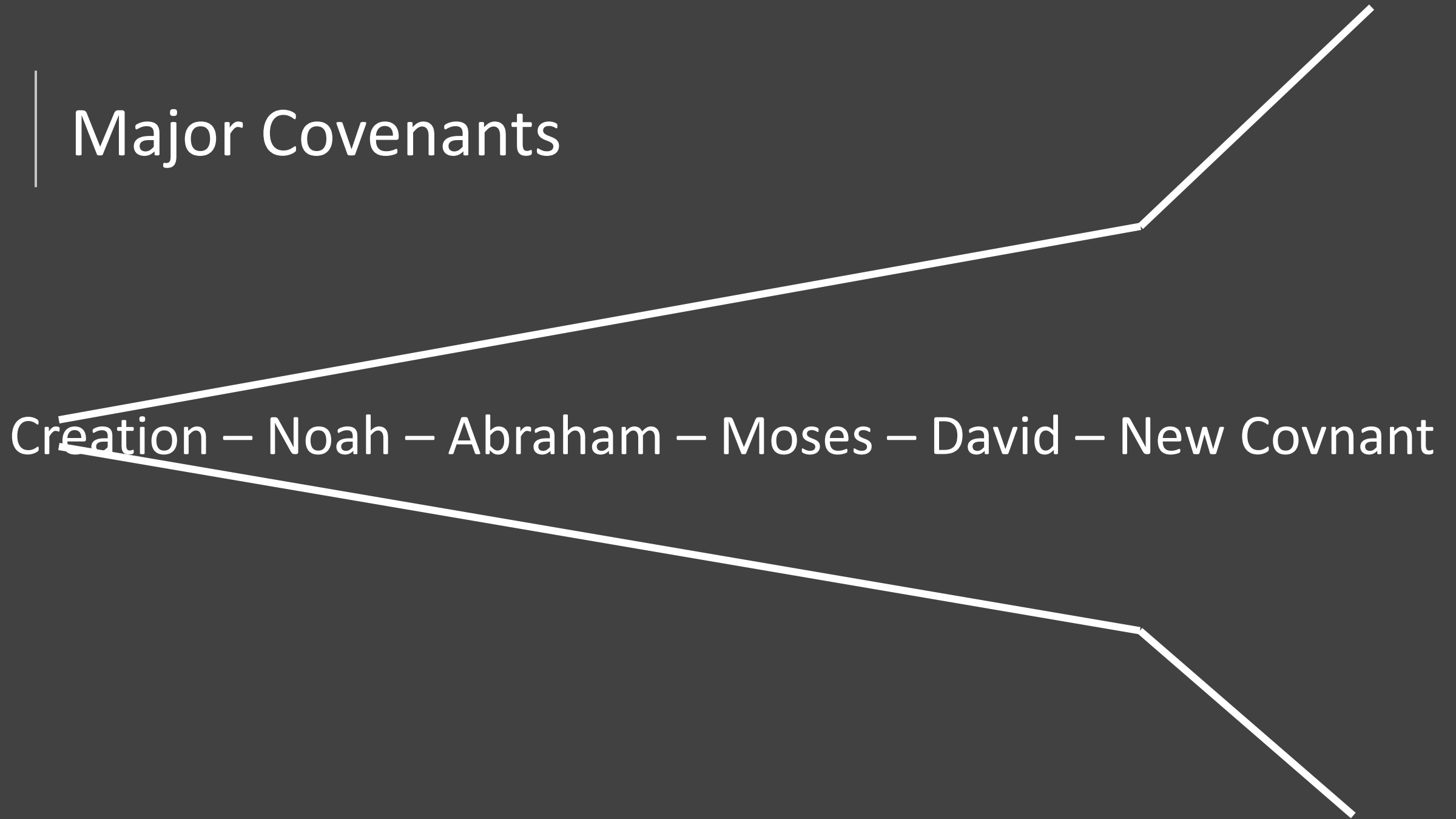


Table Discussion

As a table, read each covenant passage. Note the elements of the covenant structure that you see in each.

- **Creation** – Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15
- **Noahic** – Genesis 8:20-9:17
- **Abrahamic** – Genesis 12:1-3
- **Mosaic** – Exodus 20:1-21
- **Davidic** – 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Creation

Genesis 1:27-30

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

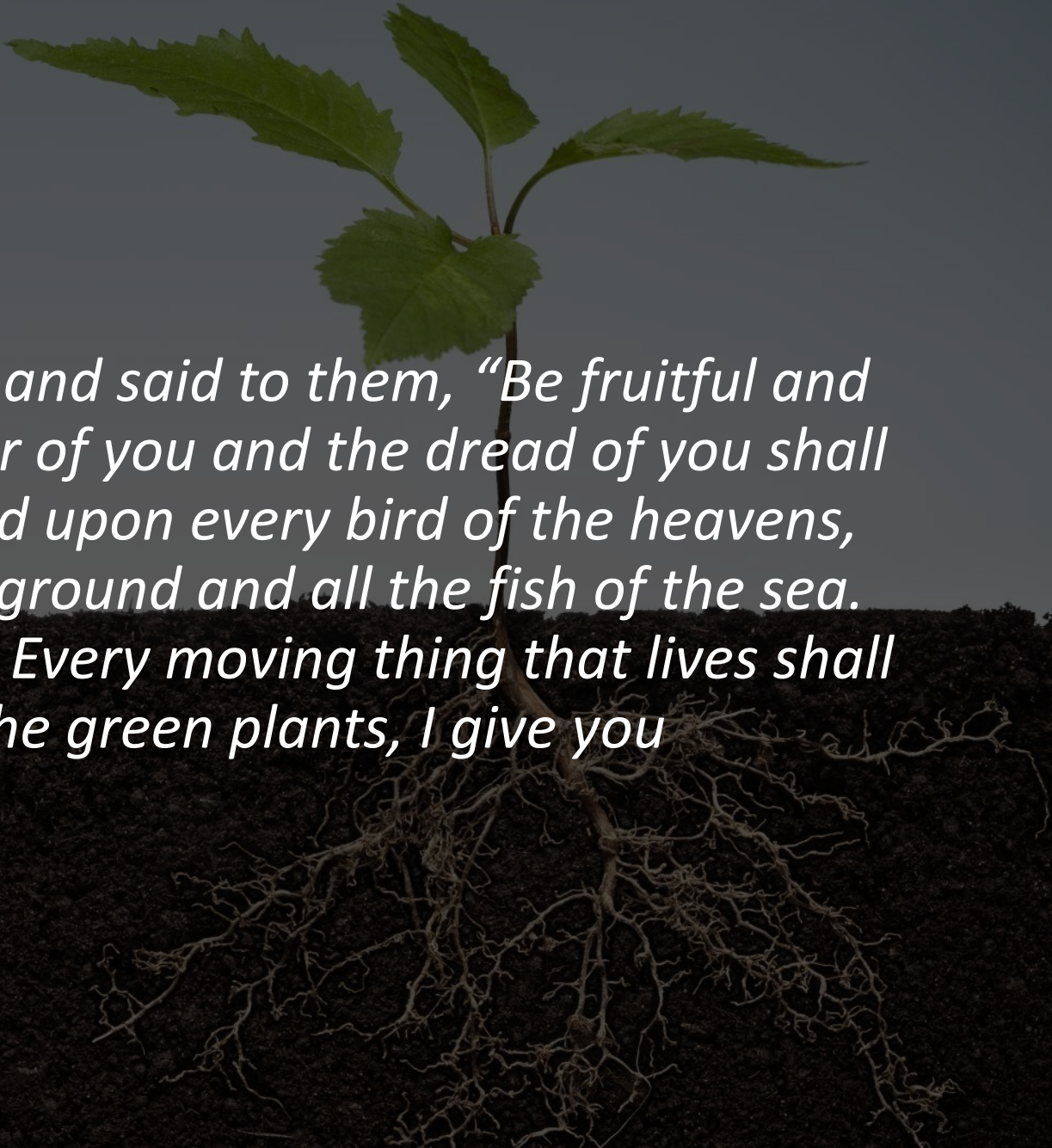
28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Noahic

Genesis 9:1-3

And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. 2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

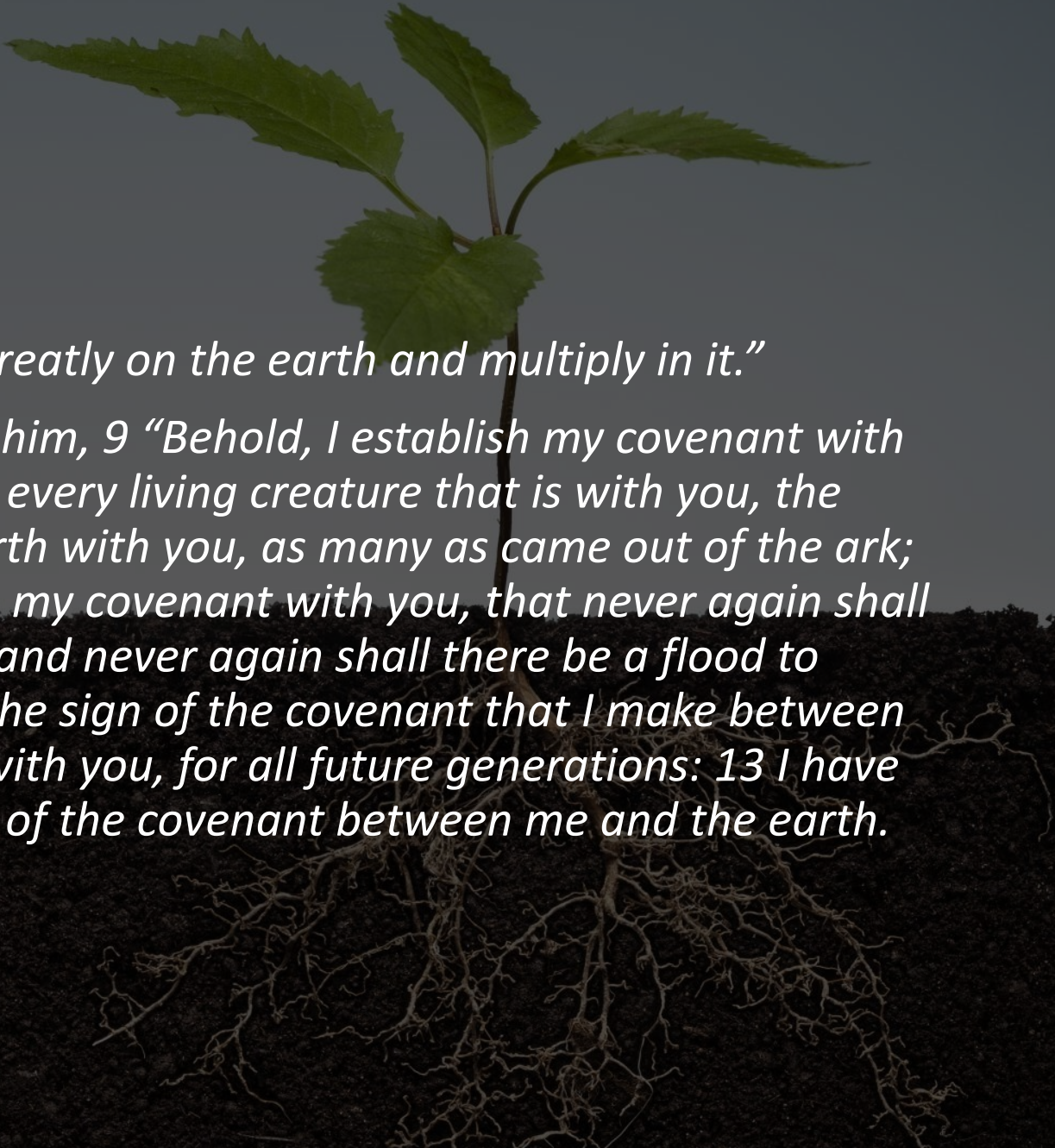
A young green plant with several leaves and a complex root system is shown growing out of dark soil. The background is a dark, gradient sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The plant is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its roots spreading across the bottom half of the image.

Noahic

Genesis 9:7-13

7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.



Abrahamic

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Abrahamic

Genesis 15

Mosaic

Exodus 32:12-13

12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.' "



Davidic

2 Samuel 7:8-9

8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.



Davidic

1 Chronicles 16:15-18

14 He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

15 Remember his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand
generations,

16 the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,

17 which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

18 saying, "To you I will give the land of
Canaan,

as your portion for an inheritance."



Davidic

Ezekiel 37:24-27

24 “My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. 25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. 26 I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

New Covenant

Matthew 26:26-29

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

New Covenant: Fulfillment

Matthew 5:17-20

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

New Covenant: Fulfillment

"What is new is that God is going to address the issue of Israel's inability to keep the covenant. He will cure the disease of sin ...

While the new covenant shares much of the substance of the Mosaic covenant, it differs radically in its ability to affect the goal of covenant intimacy and obedience. The obedience of God's law that did not come about under the Mosaic covenant will be realized under the new covenant."

- Michael Williams, *Far As The Curse Is Found*, p. 214

New Covenant: Fulfillment

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Luke 24:25-27, 32

25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”

God's Law and God's Grace

Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

God's Grace in all of Scripture

Indicative: *What is true*

Imperative: *What to do*

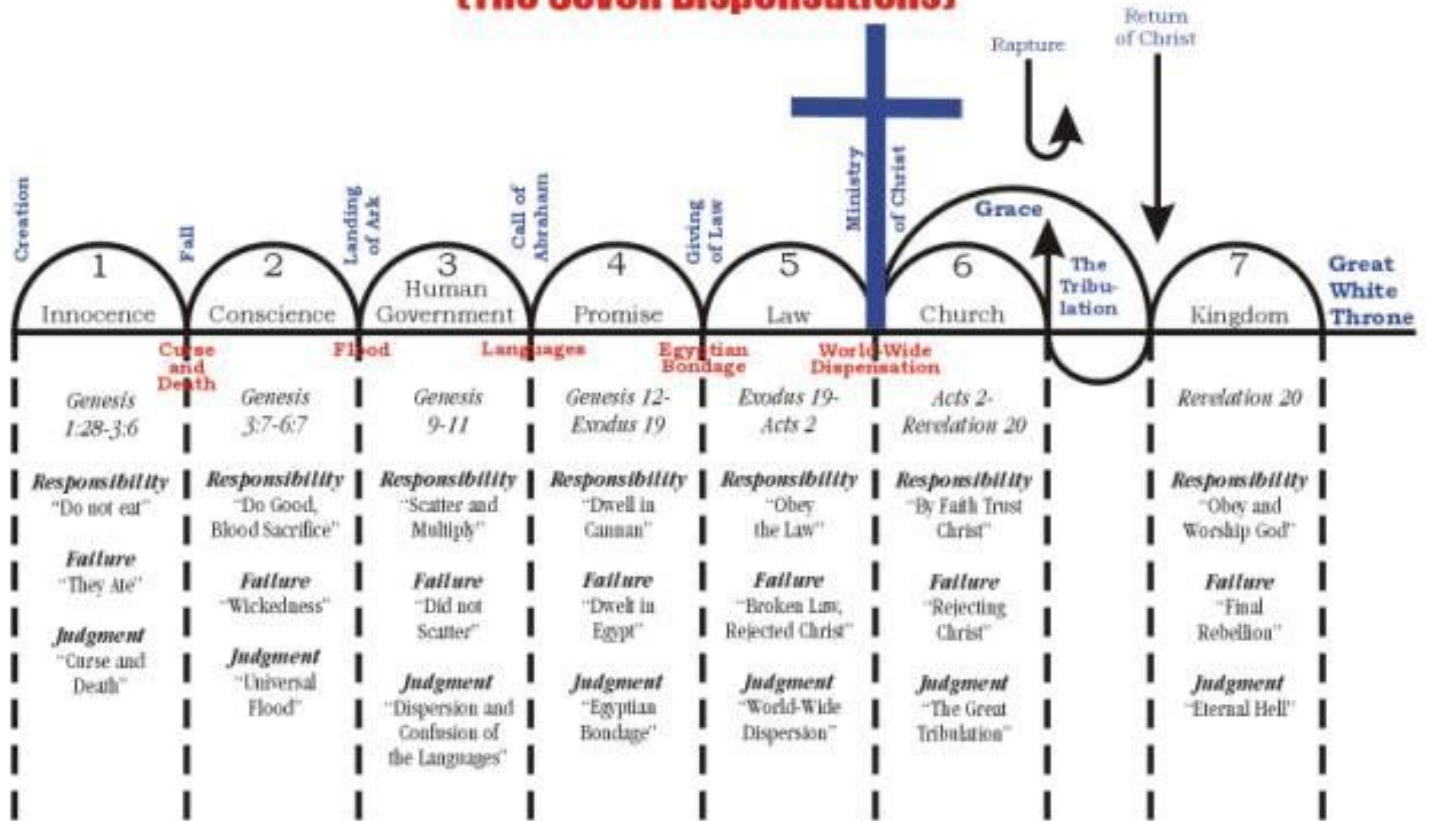
Indicative and Imperative

When the truths of grace began to touch my wife and me, we needed to change the way that we talked to our children. I used to say to my son, "Colin, because of what you did you are a bad boy." I would characterize him by his actions. But then I recognized that this is not the way God treats me. The grace that identifies me as God's child is not based on my actions. He characterizes me based on my relationship with him, not on the basis of what I have done. My union with Christ (the indicative of who I am) precedes and motivates my obedience (imperative). Thus, to treat our children as God treats us, my wife and I put ourselves under the discipline of saying to our son, "Colin, don't do that, because you are my child." In essence, we urged our son, "Be what you are, our beloved," rather than, "Do, so you will be beloved."

- Bryan Chapell, Holiness by Grace

Continuity and Discontinuity

God's Plan For The Ages (The Seven Dispensations)



Continuity and Discontinuity



GOD'S BIG STORY

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Table Discussion

How does understanding the bigger picture of the biblical narrative impact your life?

Lamentations 3:22-24

22 *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;*

23 *they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

24 *“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”*

Hesed – *“Steadfast Love” OR “covenant faithfulness”*

“God’s Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.”

- Sally Lloyd Jones, The Jesus Storybook Bible

Table Discussion

Group 1: Read Romans 4:1-25

*Group 2: Read Hebrews
11:13-15*

*What does this tell you about
the salvation of believers
before Jesus came?*