

The Divine Plan Revealed in the Orderly Layout of the Bible

Counsel – “*The eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Eph. 3.11)

Eternity Past

- A. The determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God (Acts 2:23)
- B. Chosen in Him (Christ Jesus) before foundation of world (Eph. 1:4)
- C. The purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11)
- D. They two shall be one flesh...this is a great mystery...Christ and the church (Eph. 5:30-32)

-----Continuity-----

1. **Creation** – “*In the beginning God*” (Genesis 1-2)

THE SEED CREATED

FREE WILL

- A. Man (male and female) created in the image of God
- B. “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat”
- C. But does man love God and have the desire and power to withstand evil?

2. **Corruption** – * “*Now the serpent*” (Genesis 3-8)

THE SEED CORRUPTED

CONSCIENCE

- A. The fall of man into sin and death
- B. With the knowledge (conscience) of good and evil, man demonstrates himself corrupt
- C. Promise of Victory by the woman’s seed
- D. The judgment of flesh (the first race) – a remnant saved to refill the earth

3. **Consolidation** – “*Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah*” (Genesis 9-11)

THE SEED SCATTERED

GOVERNMENT

- A. “By man shall his blood be shed”
- B. **Covenant to Noah** for all flesh to never again have a worldwide flood destruction / **Rainbow**
- C. A big city and a big tower – “Let us make us a name” **Babylon** / “Behold the people is one”
- D. Confusion: “Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth”
- E. Families scattered over all the earth (table of the nations – Gentiles)

4. **Covenant** – * “*Now the Lord*” (Genesis 12 - Exodus 18)

THE SEED PROMISED

PROMISE

- A. Personal / **Covenant of Promise** to Abraham to bless him / **Circumcision**
- B. National / His seed will produce a new nation (Hebrew – Abraham, Isaac and Israel)
- C. International / A nation whose seed will bless all families (nations) of the earth
- D. Formation and maintaining of that seed that will bless the world – in a promised land

5a. **Commandments** – “*Ye shall be unto me a...holy nation*” (Ex. 19 - Malachi)

THE PROMISED SEED PRESERVED

LAW

- A. **Covenant of Law** to constitutionalize the new nation of Israel / **Sabbath**
- B. Blessing and Cursing both promised in land, depending on their obedience to the law
- C. Failure of nation (first race) to know God by law and religion
- D. **First race rejects God (Father) in a book**
- E. First race now exposed as extremely corrupt
- F. **Jerusalem** / Abraham’s seed to bless world by king **David’s Mercy Covenant** - a royal dynasty
- G. Judgment: throne of David lost (their own government) – but seed of David continues

5b. **Christ** – “*Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham*” (Matthew - John)

THE PROMISED SEED COMES AND IS BURIED

UNDER LAW

- A. The promised seed (King-Messiah) has come – Son of God-Son of Man – Jesus
- B. Christ fulfills the law but the people with the law (**Jerusalem**) crucify their Messiah-King
- C. **First race now rejects God (Son) in a body**
- D. First race now revealed as totally corrupt

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- E. Gospel of grace introduced: “For this is my blood of the **new testament**”
 - F. God raises the seed from the ground (death and burial) with a new glorified body

6. **Church** – “*Conformed to the image of His Son*” (Acts - Revelation)

THE PROMISED SEED BEARS FRUIT

GRACE

- A. Spirit sent forth from risen and exalted Lord Jesus on God’s right hand
- B. The risen seed become Head of the church: far above all authority – seen and unseen
- C. The heavenly Head forms His earthly body out of the first race: new man and creation
- D. New race created by Christ’s gospel of redemption and renewing - **New Covenant** / **The cup**
- E. Blessed as Abraham’s seed; righteous by faith alone in the grace gospel of Christ: *Justified*
- F. **Jerusalem Above** / The new race grows in numbers and maturity from among all the nations
- G. **First race now rejects God (Spirit) in His building (the church)**
- H. Spirit, Word and the local assembly of Christians are channels of growth: *Sanctified*
- I. The new race draws near to God Himself by “a **new** and living way”
- J. The new race has the ability to love and understand God
- K. The new race has the power to function successfully in the midst of Satan’s domain

7. **Conquest** – “*The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord*” (Rev. 4 - 20)

THE PROMISED SEED GROWS TO COVER THE EARTH

KINGDOM

- A. The Head returns to the air for His body
- B. The body is now transformed bodily to be like Christ: *Glorified*
- C. Judgment falls on first race / **Babylon** / an earthly remnant protected and saved to refill earth
- D. The fullness of the Lord (new race / bridegroom and His wife) returns to earth
- E. “All Israel shall be saved: as it is written”
- F. Power of first race eradicated: armies, false prophet, beast and the serpent
- G. All unrepentant of first race now experience second death – banishment to eternal lake of fire
- H. **Jerusalem** / The new race is honored and now reigns with the King over all the earth
- I. God’s law and order (justice) rule for 1,000 years through Abraham’s seed and land
- J. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”.

-----Then comes the end-----

Consummation – “*I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife*”. (Rev. 21, 22)

Eternity Future

- A. “The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them” (Rev. 21:3)
- B. All forms of curse: sin, death and first race are gone – “all things new” (Rev. 21:4, 5)
- C. The holy and **New Jerusalem** descends as the capital of the new world order (Rev. 21:2, 10)
- D. An eternal companion for the Son who loves and fellowships with God (Rev. 21:9)
- E. “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen” (Rev. 22:21)