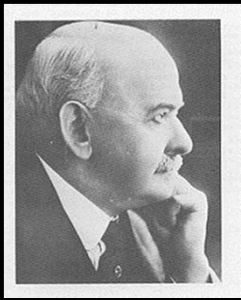


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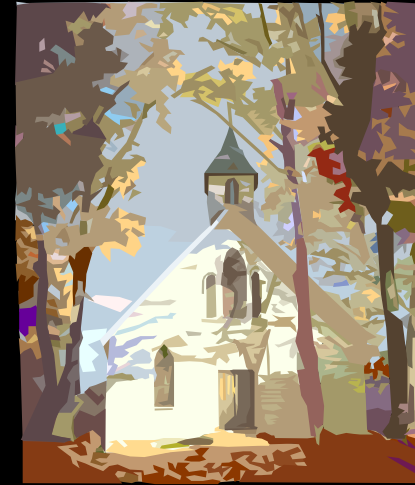
Central Interpretive Motif for Arno C. Gaebelein

Prophetic
Hope Centered
in the Personal
Second Coming
of Jesus Christ



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Four Great Subjects of Revelation

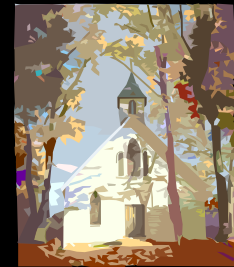




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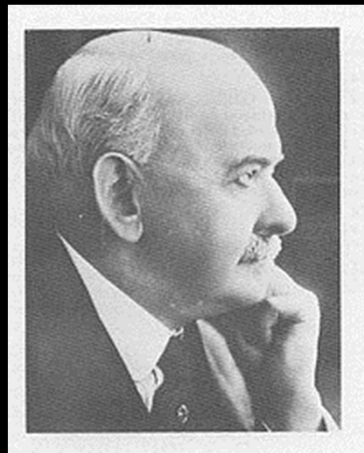
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Hopelessness of the Present Age

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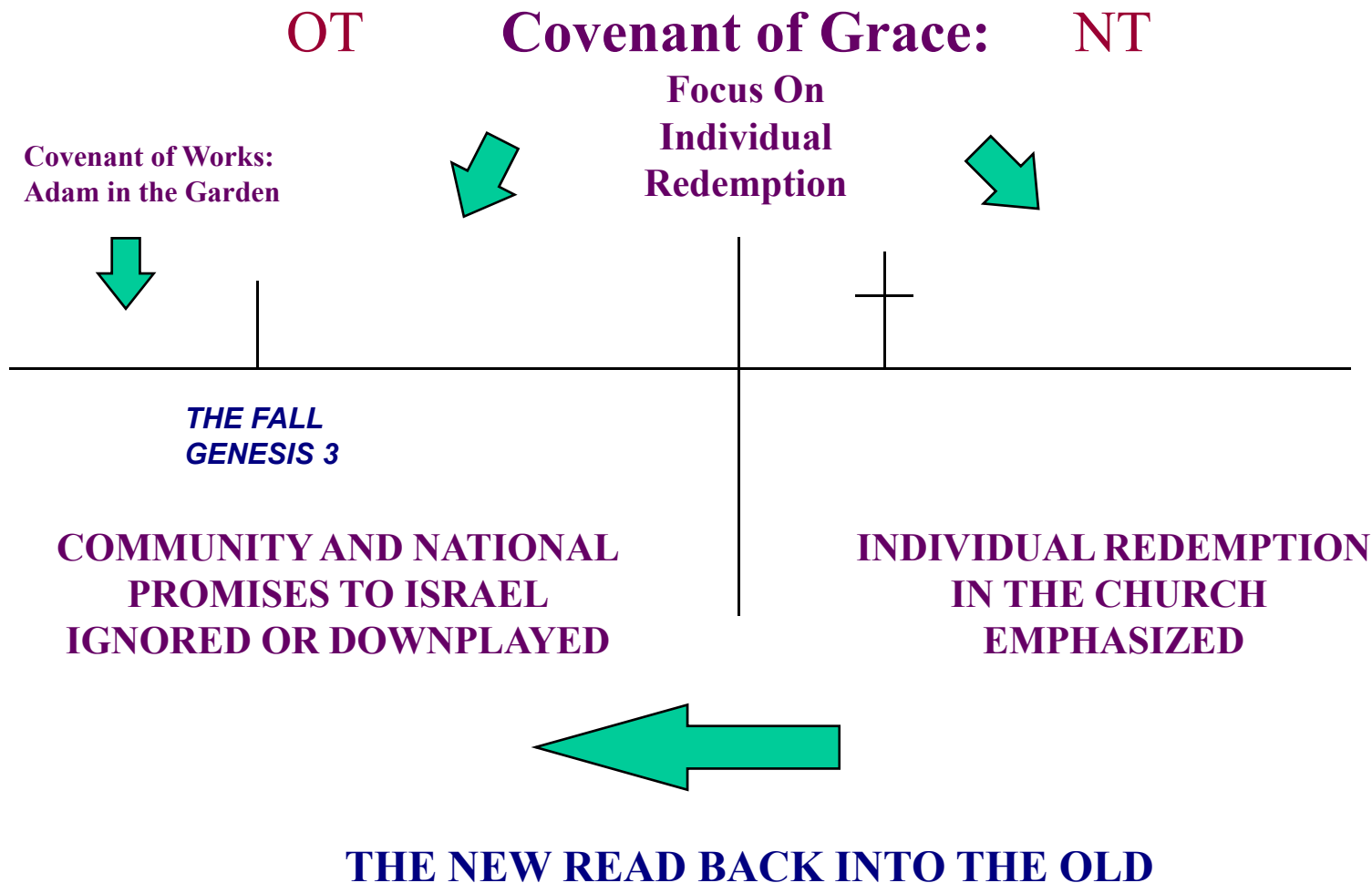


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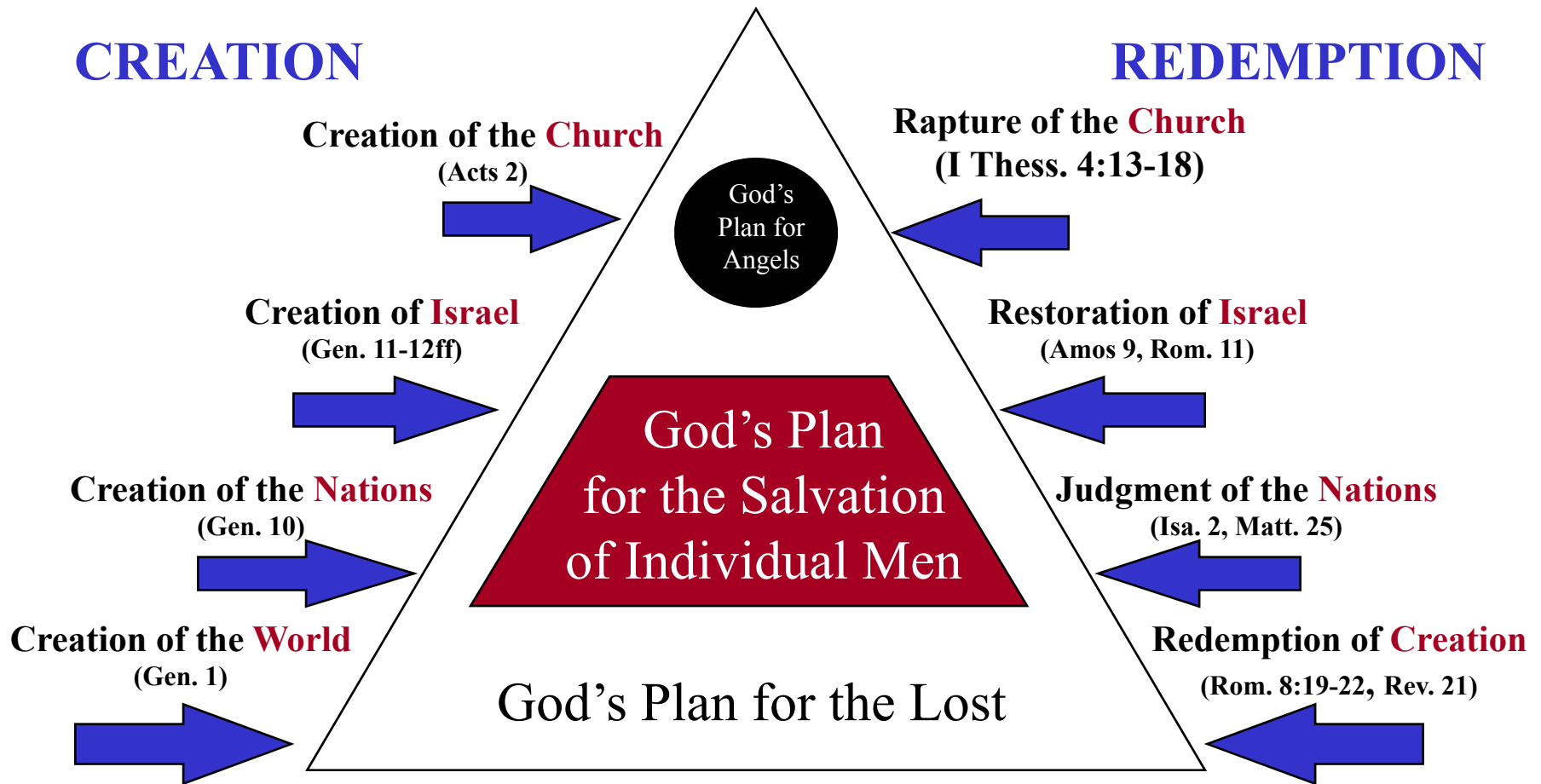
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- The persecution of the Jews
- Increasing moral and religious declension (Christendom)

THE FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL REDEMPTION IN COVENANT THEOLOGY



THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



The Christological Focus of Prophetic Hope

There is but one answer to all these questions concerning the promised hope for Israel, for the nations of the earth and for all creation. That answer is: *The Lord Jesus Christ*.

He alone is the only answer, the completest answer, the never-failing answer to all our questions. But what do we mean when we give His ever blessed and adorable Name, the Name above every other name, as the only answer?

We do not mean that the answer is a practical application of the principles of righteousness declared by the infallible teacher in the sermon on the mount. We do not mean the practice of what has been termed the golden rule. We do not mean a leadership of Jesus. We do not mean that these questions will be answered by future spiritual revivals, nor do we mean that a blasted Western civilization misnamed Christian, will influence heathen nations to accept Christianity and turn to God from their idols.

The sorrowful fact is that what military Christendom has done and is doing, and the shameful failures of Western civilization, has been a curse to heathen nations. What we mean, the only answer, the completest and neverfailing answer to all our questions, is

The Glorious Reappearing of the Lord Jesus Christ

This future event will answer every question, solve every problem which humanity faces today, and all the existing chaotic conditions, and bring about that golden age of which heathen poets dreamed, which the Bible promises is in store for the earth.

Hope of the Ages, 71-72