

# Interlocked Series

## Lesson #08

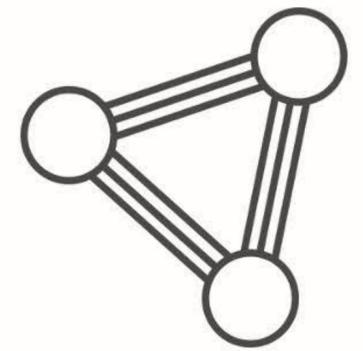
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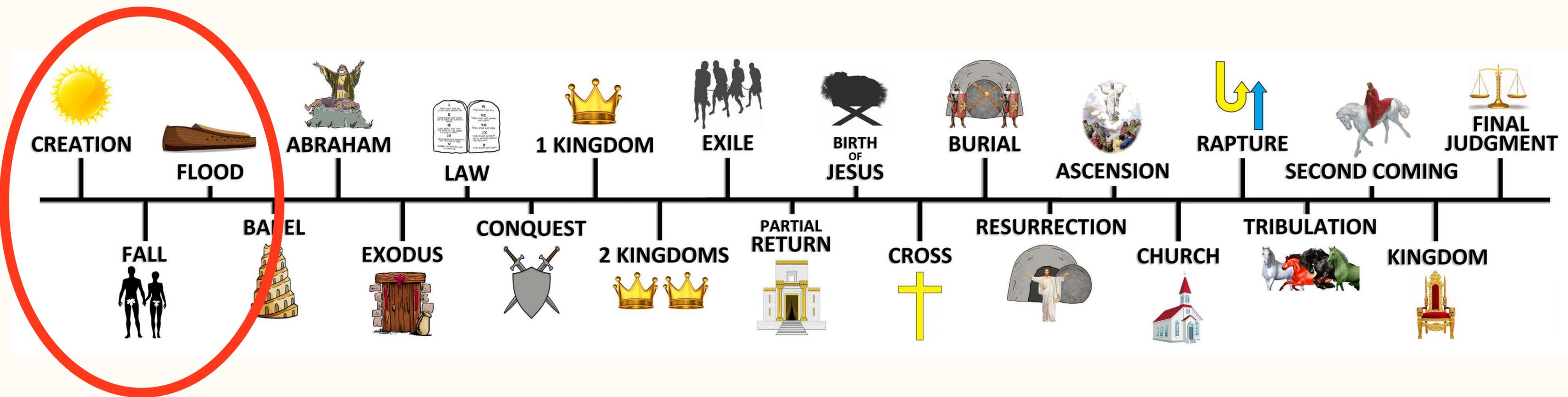
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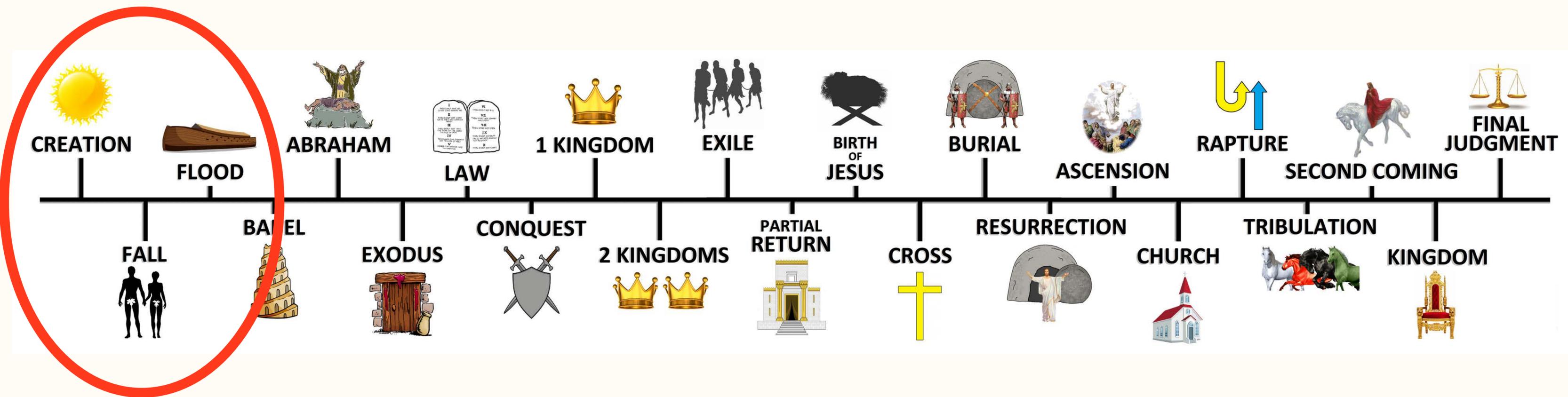
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## **Lesson 8: Biblical Truth Helps us Interpret the World**

**Lesson 8: Faith in Action**





## Creation

- Creator/creature distinction
- Man in God's image
- 3 Divine Institutions

## Fall

- Man wants to be God
- Spiritual separation from God
- 3 Divine Institutions are all affected
- Promise of a Savior

## Flood

- Human evil knew no limits
- Fallen angel incursion
- God flooded the entire earth
- New world covenant
- 4th Divine Institution

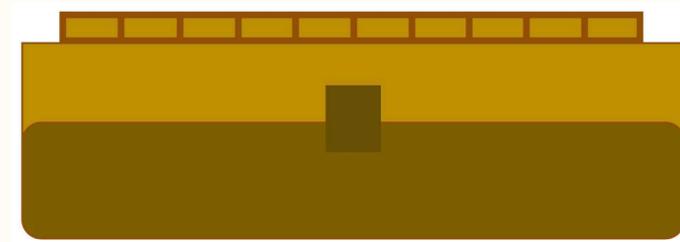
## Events in History Covered in Genesis 1–11



**Creation**



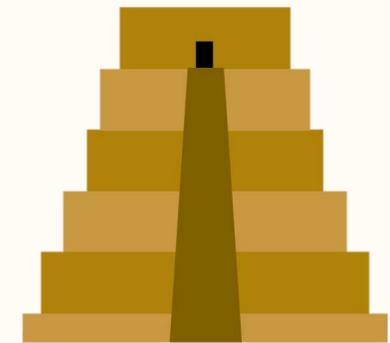
**Fall**



**Flood**



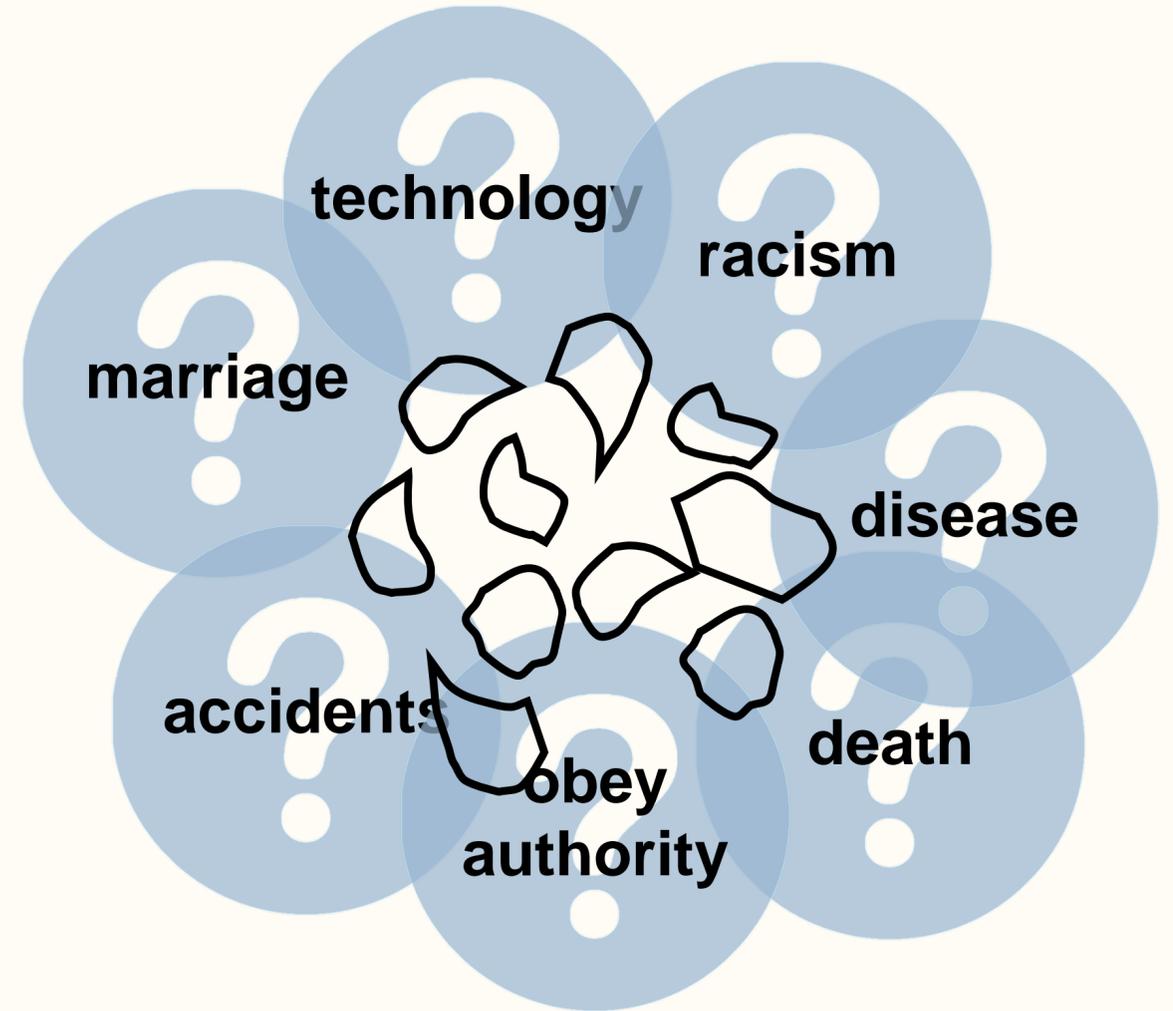
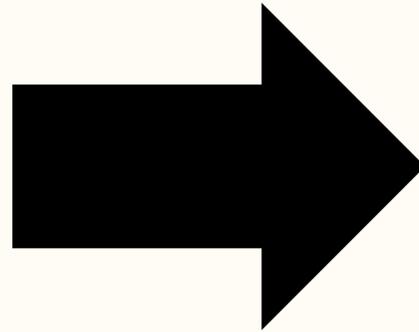
**Noahic Covenant**

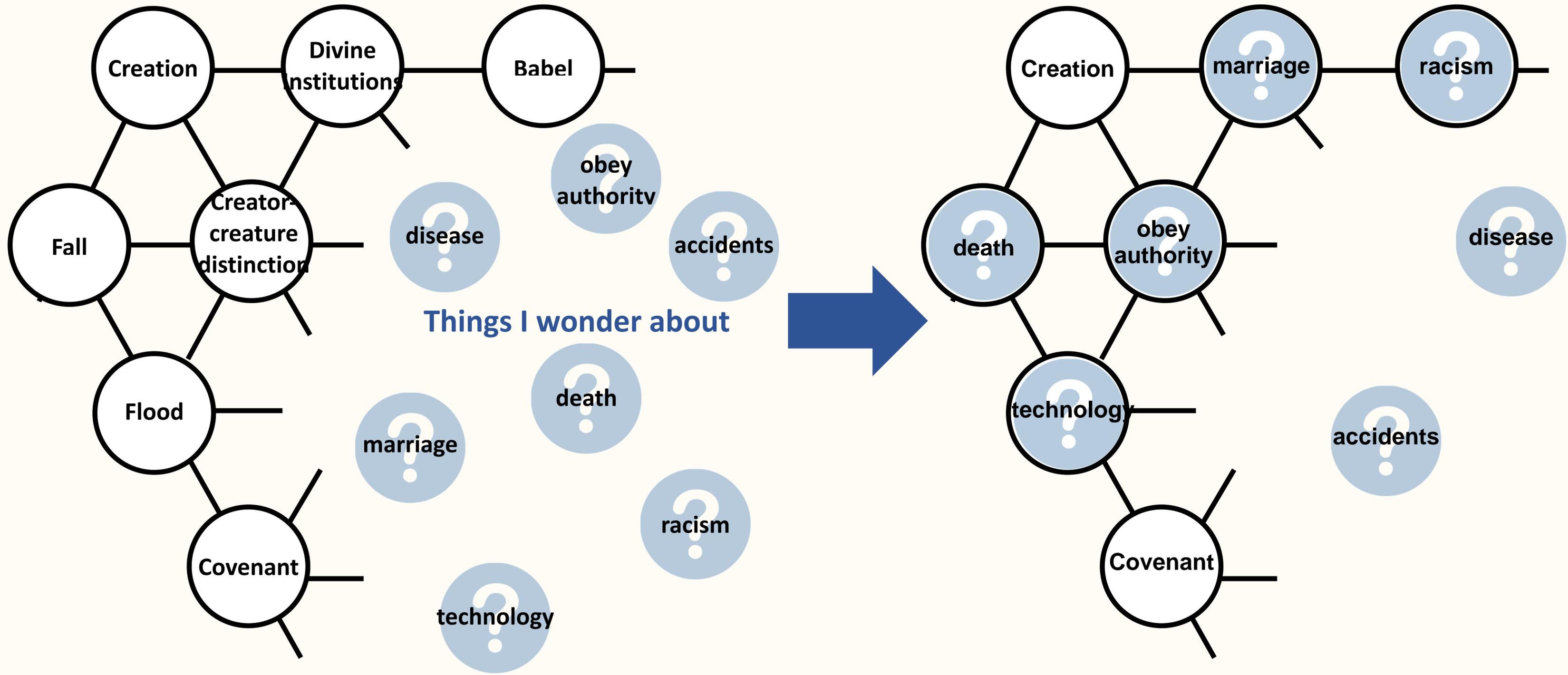


**Babel**

Everyone has questions about many different problems and challenges in life.



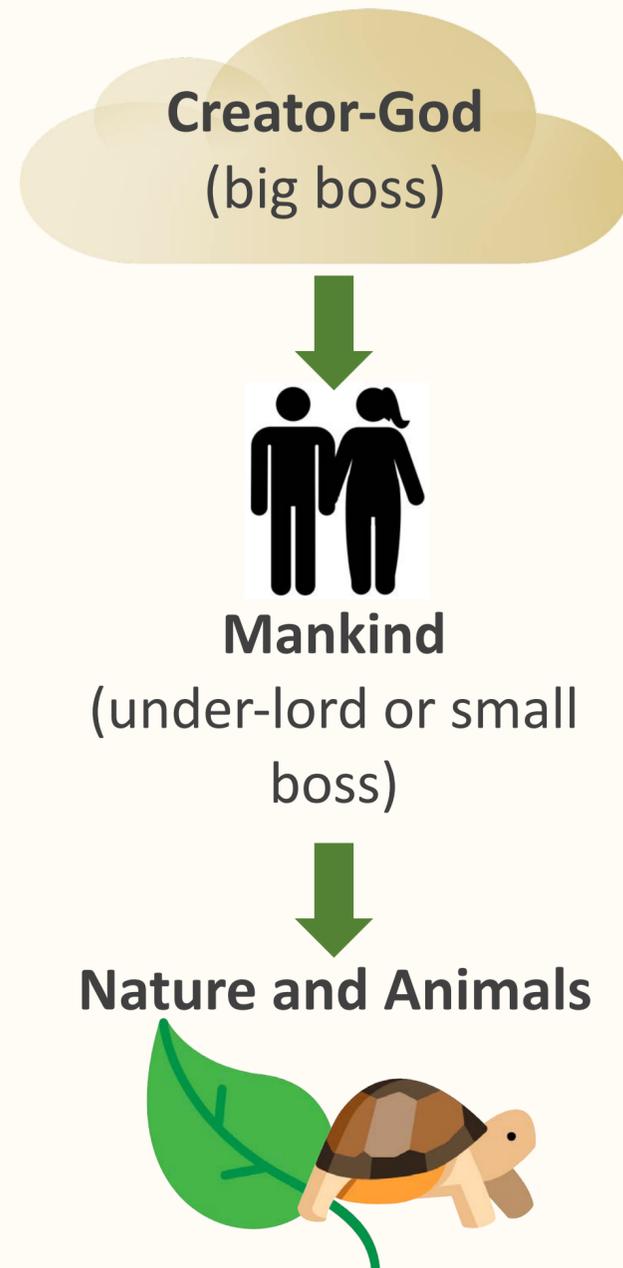




**1. A plague of highly-contagious disease**

**B. God's curse upon the ground**

**1 Tim. 6:17, “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.”**



**Gen. 3:17, “Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat of it”: Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.’ ”**



**Rom. 8:20, “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;**

**Rom. 8:21, “because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

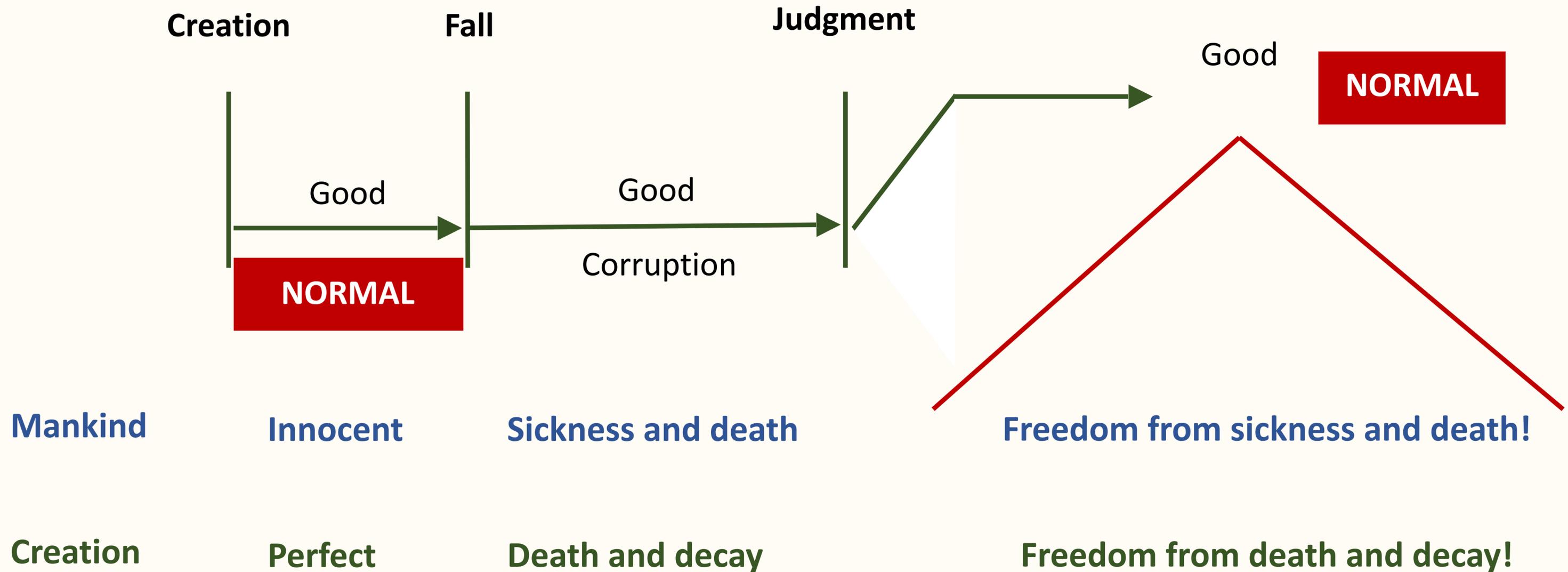
**Rom. 8:22, “For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.**

**Rom. 8:23, “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**

**Rom. 8:24, “For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?**

**Rom. 8:25, “But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”**

# Biblical View: Good/Corruption Mix is Abnormal and Temporary



**Rev. 21:4, “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”**

## **2. Legalization of homosexual marriage**

### **G. Divine institution of marriage**

# The First Three Divine Institutions

**3<sup>rd</sup> Institution:**

**Family**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Institution:**

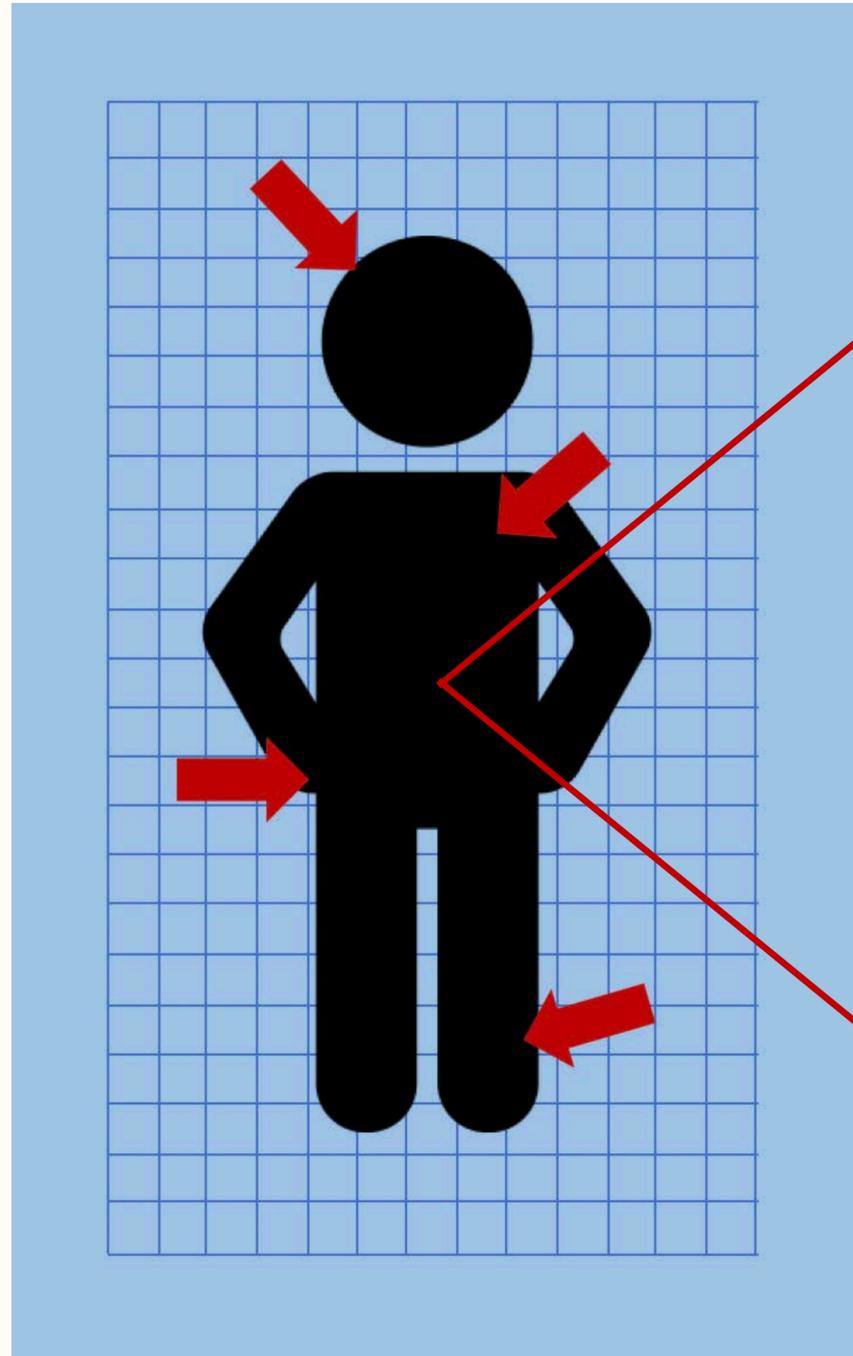
**Marriage**

**1<sup>st</sup> Institution:**

**Responsible Choice**

**MAN**

# Purposefully Designed



**Divine Institutions—**  
patterns of normal behavior built  
into human nature

**Gen. 1:28, “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’ ”**

**Gen. 2:18**, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.’ ”

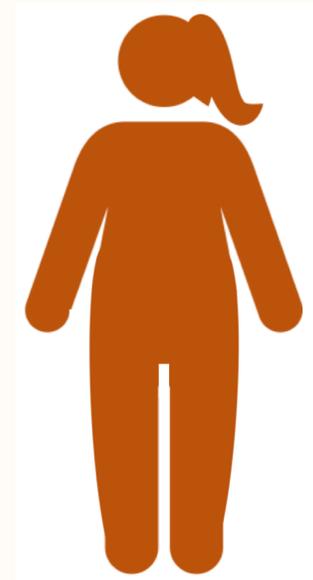
**Gen. 2:21**, “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

“JUST RIGHT” = Woman

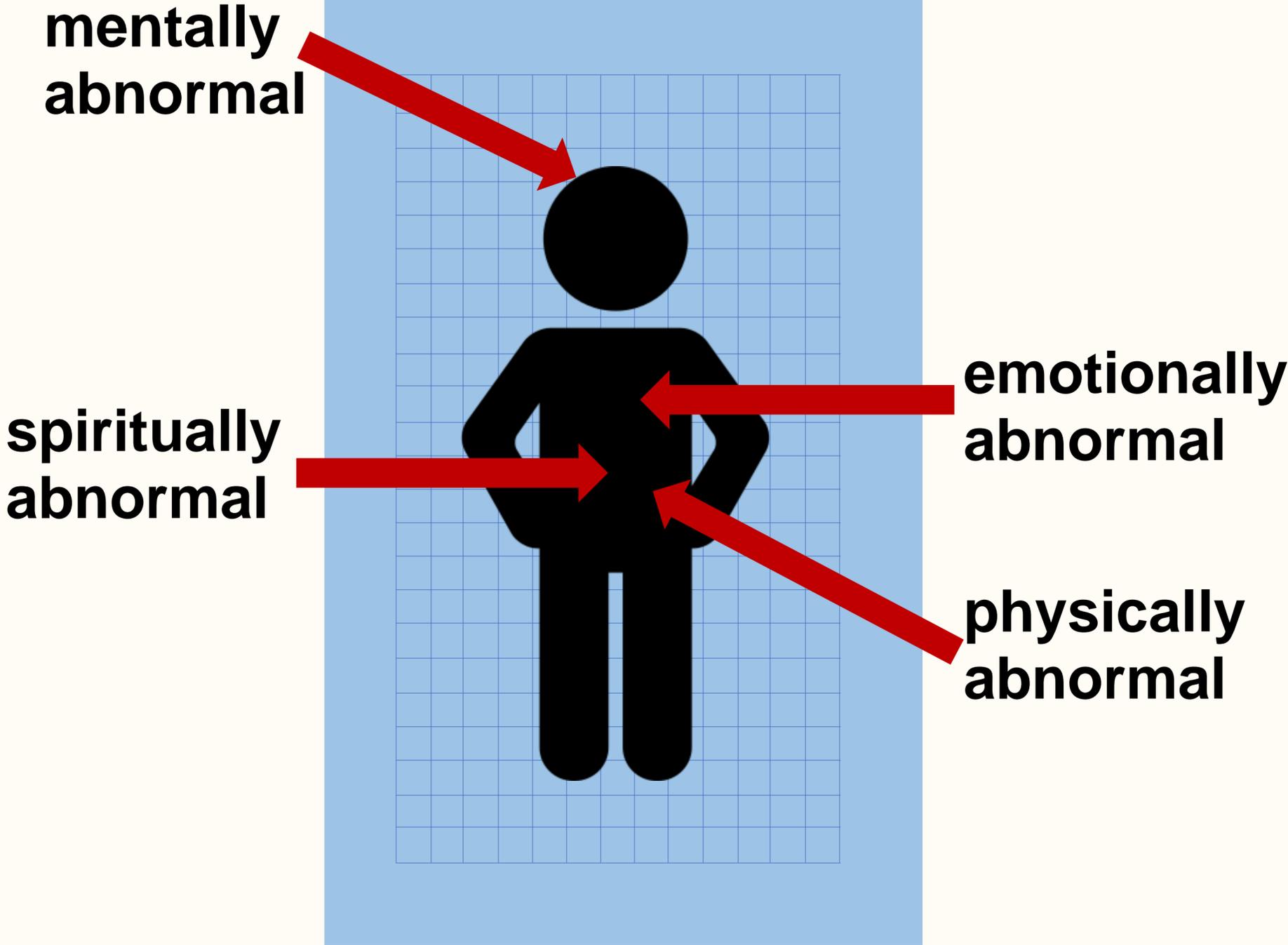
**Gen. 2:22**, “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

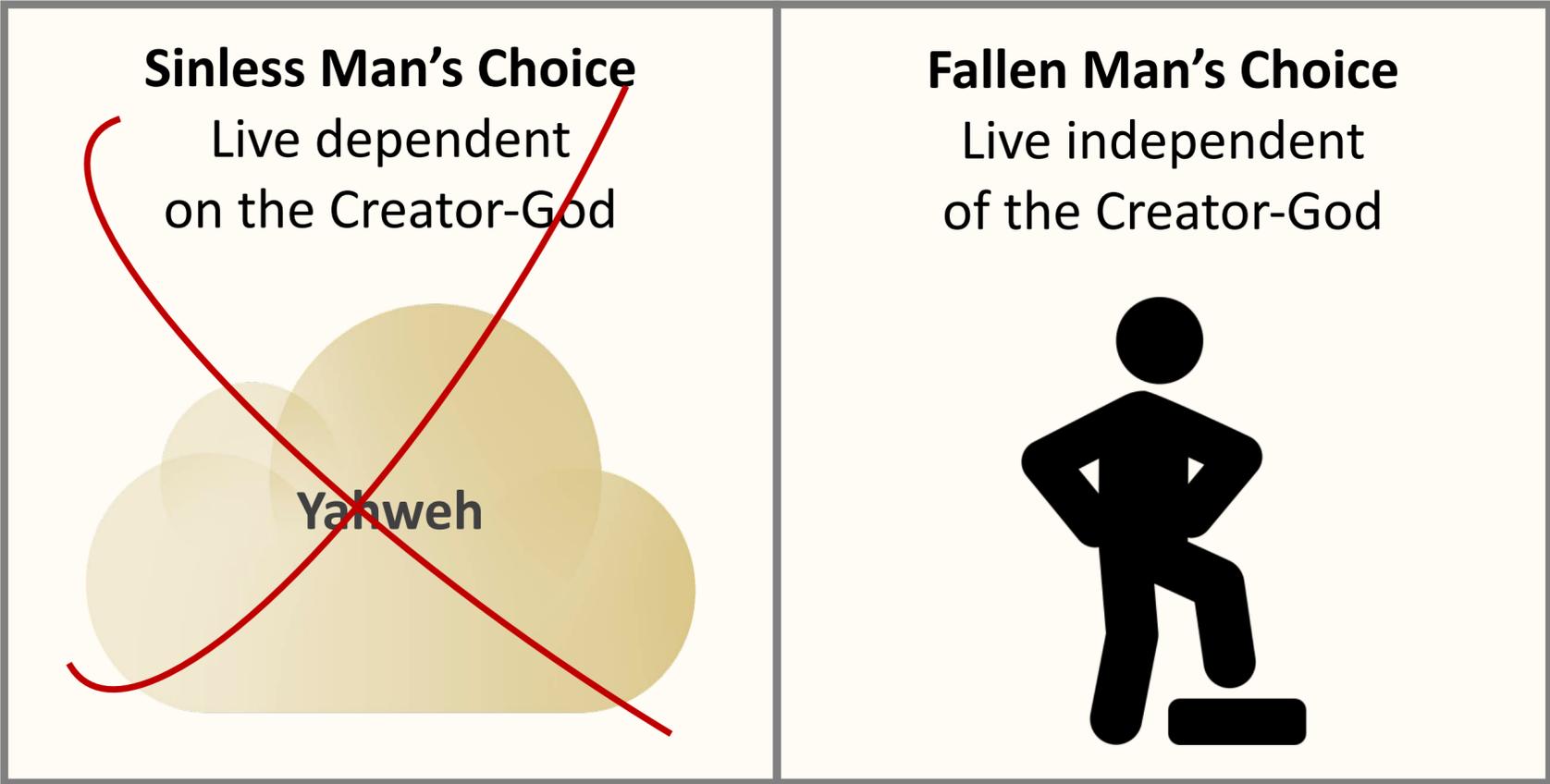
**Gen. 2:23**, “And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’

**Gen. 2:24**, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”



# Fallen Man

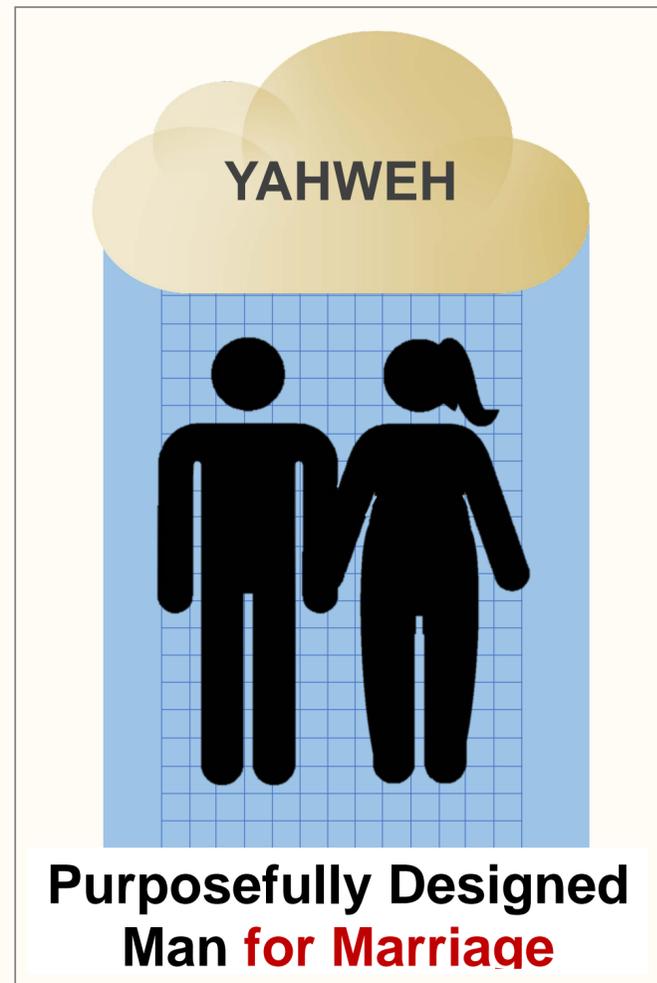




| Creator-Creature Distinction |          |   |                         |
|------------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> level        | CREATOR  | → | <b>God's Revelation</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> level        | creature | → | <b>man's ideas</b>      |

**Rom. 1:26**, “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

**Rom. 1:27**, “Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”



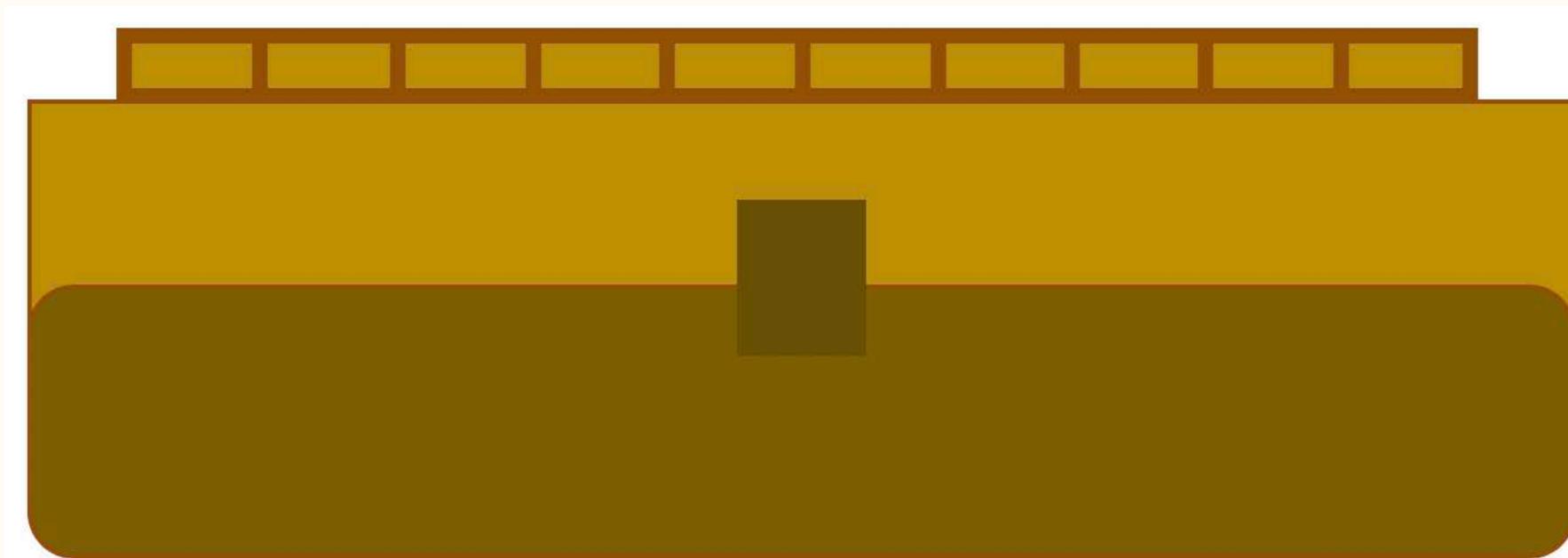
### **3. The belief that technology is evil**

**A. Noah's knowledge of vineyards and wine-making and his lapse into drunkenness and nakedness.**

**Gen. 6:14**, “Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

**Gen. 6:15**, “And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

**Gen. 6:16**, “You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.”



**Gen. 9:20**, “And Noah began to be a farmer,  
and he planted a vineyard.



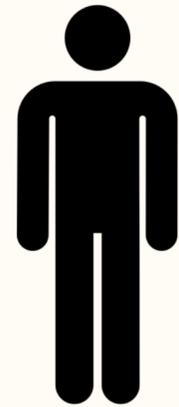
**Gen. 9:21**, “Then he drank of the wine  
and was drunk, and became uncovered in  
his tent.”

**Eph. 5:18, “Do not be drunk by means of wine which is dissipation, but be filled by means of the Spirit.”**

**Deut. 14:26, “And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.”**

| God gave man:  | How sinful man abuses it:   |
|--|---|
| Food                         | <b>Gluttony</b> ← - - - - - → <b>Repulsed by food</b>   |
| Work                        | <b>Overworking or being a workaholic</b> ← - - - - - → <b>Laziness and irresponsibility</b>   |
| Exercise                   | <b>Obsession over physique</b> ← - - - - - → <b>Not taking care of health</b>                 |
| Leisure and entertainment  | <b>Becomes main purpose in life</b> ← - - - - - → <b>All work and not knowing how to rest</b> |

## How it should be



Noah  
(under-lord)

master over

Vineyard and wine



## What sin did

Vineyard and wine



master over



Noah

**4. A fatal accident that appears meaningless**

**E. God's death sentence on man**

**Gen. 1:31, “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”**

**Gen. 2:15**, “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

**Gen. 2:16**, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

**Gen. 2:17**, “ ‘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.’ ”

**Genuine relationship: Adam and Eve had free will. They could choose to trust or to mistrust Yahweh.**

**Choice #1  
Trust God**



**Don't eat from the tree**

**Choice #2  
Mistrust God**



**Eat from the tree**

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**Rom. 5:12, “Therefore,  
just as through one man  
sin entered the world, and  
death through sin, and  
thus death spread to all  
men, because all sinned.”**

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**Choice #2  
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**Eat from the tree**

**2 Cor. 5:1**, “For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

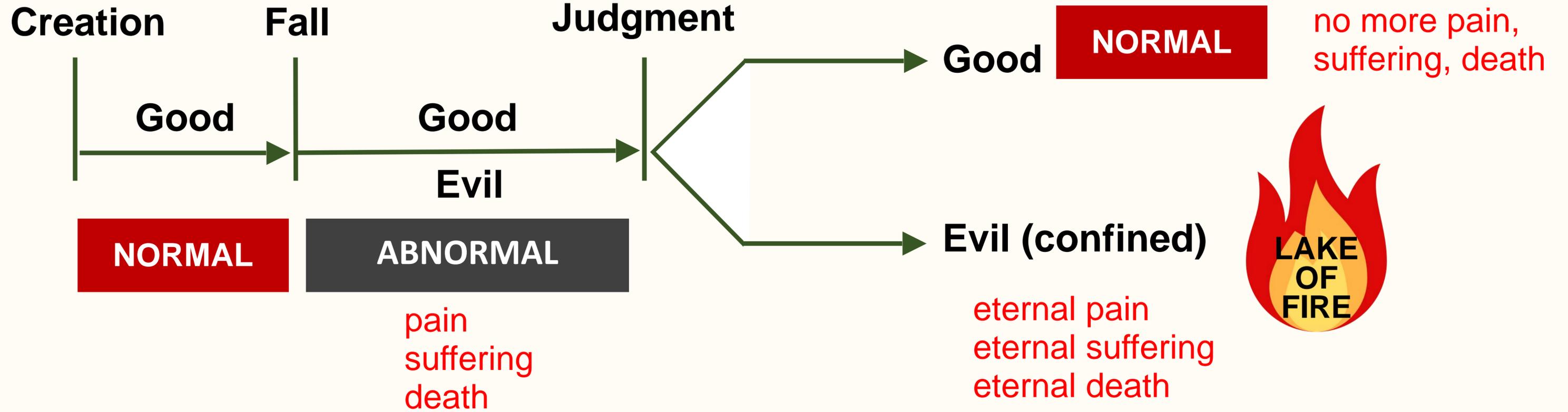
**2 Cor. 5:2**, “For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

**2 Cor. 5:3**, “if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

**2 Cor. 5:4**, “For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

**2 Cor. 5:5**, “Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.”

# Biblical View: Good/Evil Mix is Abnormal and Temporary



**Rev. 21:3, “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.**

**Rev. 21:4, “ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.’ ”**

**Dan. 12:2, “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”**

**Rev. 20:11**, “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

**Rev. 20:12**, “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

**Rev. 20:13**, “The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**Rev. 20:14**, “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

**Rev. 20:15**, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

**Heb. 9:27, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”**

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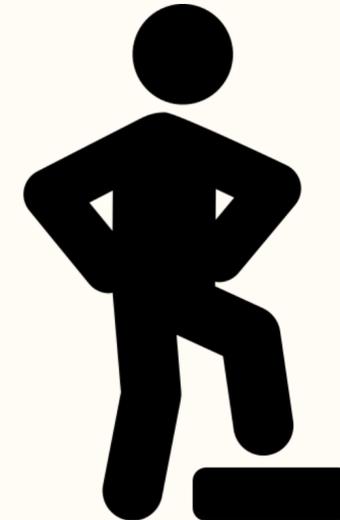
**Live dependent  
on the Creator-God**



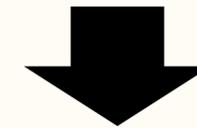
**God's  
"NORMAL"**

no more pain,  
suffering, death

**Choice #2  
Mistrust God**



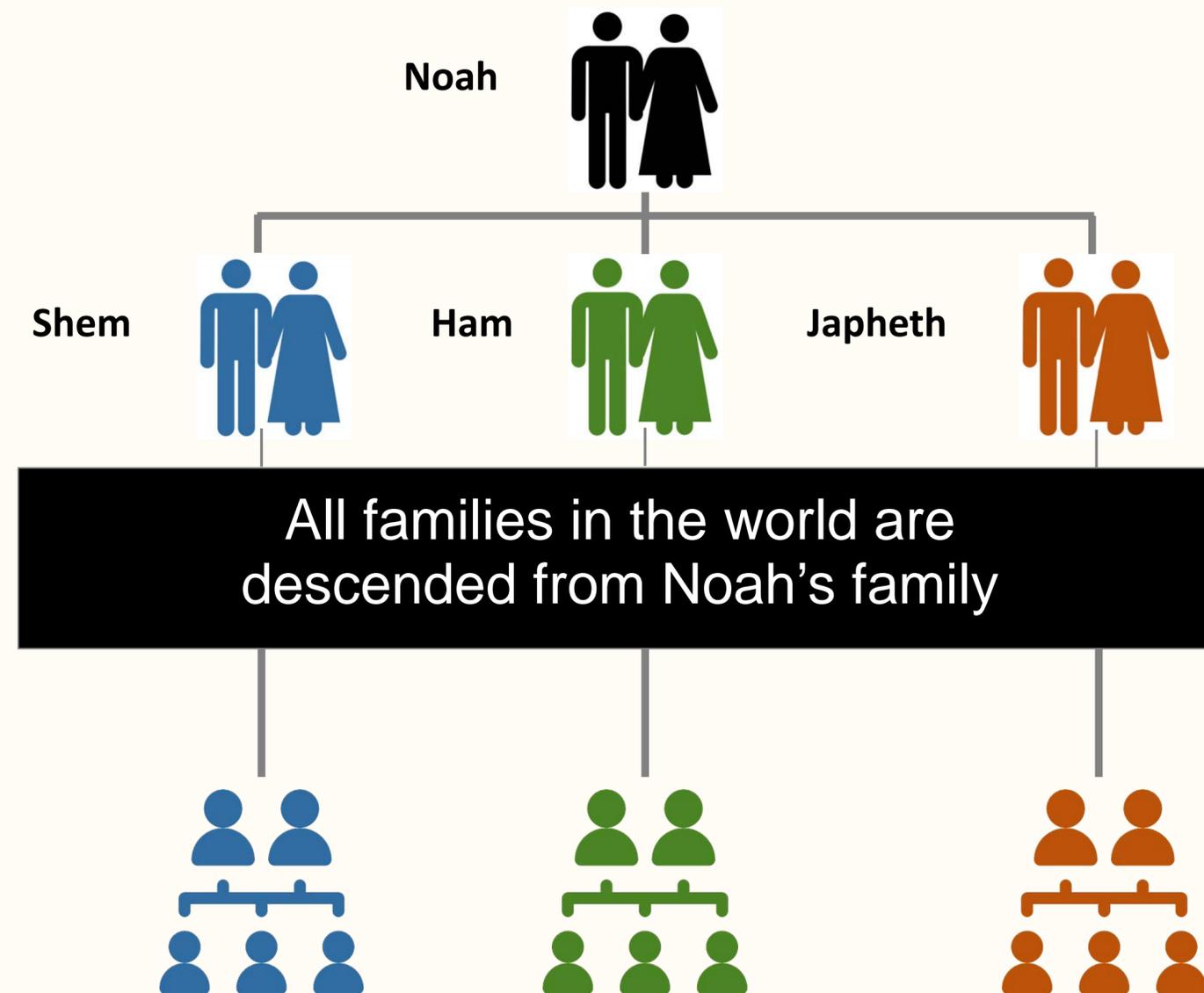
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eternal pain eternal  
suffering  
eternal death

## 5. Racism

**F. Adam as the original source of DNA; Then Noah as the second source: all humans derive from one, “all from one blood.”**



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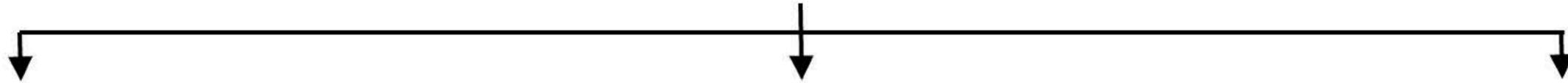
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# Some ways that mankind has perverted responsible dominion



## Regarding Self



- Ignore God, making self the ultimate authority



- Ignore work and instead, worship leisure



- Allow created things and addictions to be master over them

## Regarding Others



- Instead of delegating work effectively, responsibly and under God's guidance, people abuse and dominate others



- Mistreatment, discrimination and **racism**

## Regarding Nature



- Exploit and destroy nature



- Or the other extreme: worship nature

**Rev. 7:9, “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,**

**Rev. 7:10, “and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ ”**

## **6. Lack of sense of authority in young people**

### **C. Divine institution of family**

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## Some important responsibilities of the parents



**A. Teach the ways of God**



**B. Teach how to live with people, friends, and society**



**C. Warn of the dangers of rebellion and disobedience**

**Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.**

**Deut. 6:6, “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.**

**Deut. 6:7, “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.**

**Deut. 6:8, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**Deut. 6:9, “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”**

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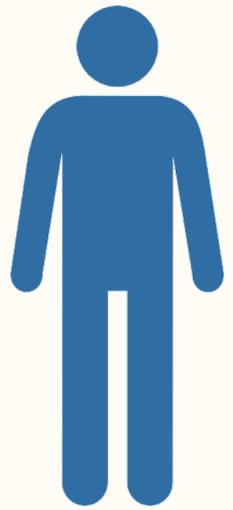
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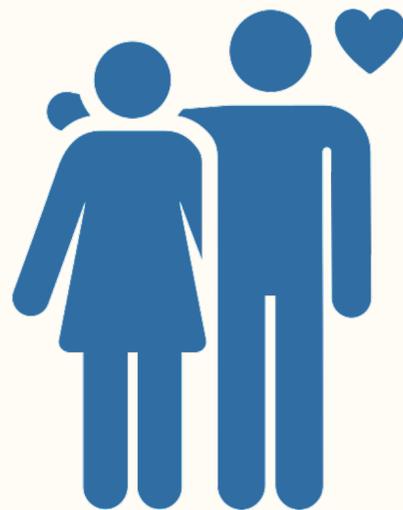
**B. Teach how to live with people, friends, and society**



**C. Warn of the dangers of rebellion and disobedience**



**Individuals making responsible decisions**



**Strong marriages**



**Strong families**



**Strong societies**

**Psa. 78:4**, “We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

**Psa. 78:5**, “For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children;

**Psa. 78:6**, “That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children,

**Psa. 78:7**, “That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments;

**Psa. 78:8**, “And may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that did not set its heart aright, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

**i. However, before training children, parents are to first obey God's commandments themselves.**



**Parents must:**

**i. First obey God themselves**

**ii. Model godly behavior**

**iii. Not be unreasonable**

**Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”**

**Titus 2:6, “Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,**

**Titus 2:7, “in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,**

**Titus 2:8, “sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.”**

**Col. 3:21, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”**

**Ex. 20:12, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”**

**Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**

**Eph. 6:2, “ ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise:**

**Eph. 6:3, “ ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’ ”**

**1 Cor. 12:31, “But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.”**

**1 Cor. 13:4, “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;**

**1 Cor. 13:5, “does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;**

**1 Cor. 13:6, “does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;**

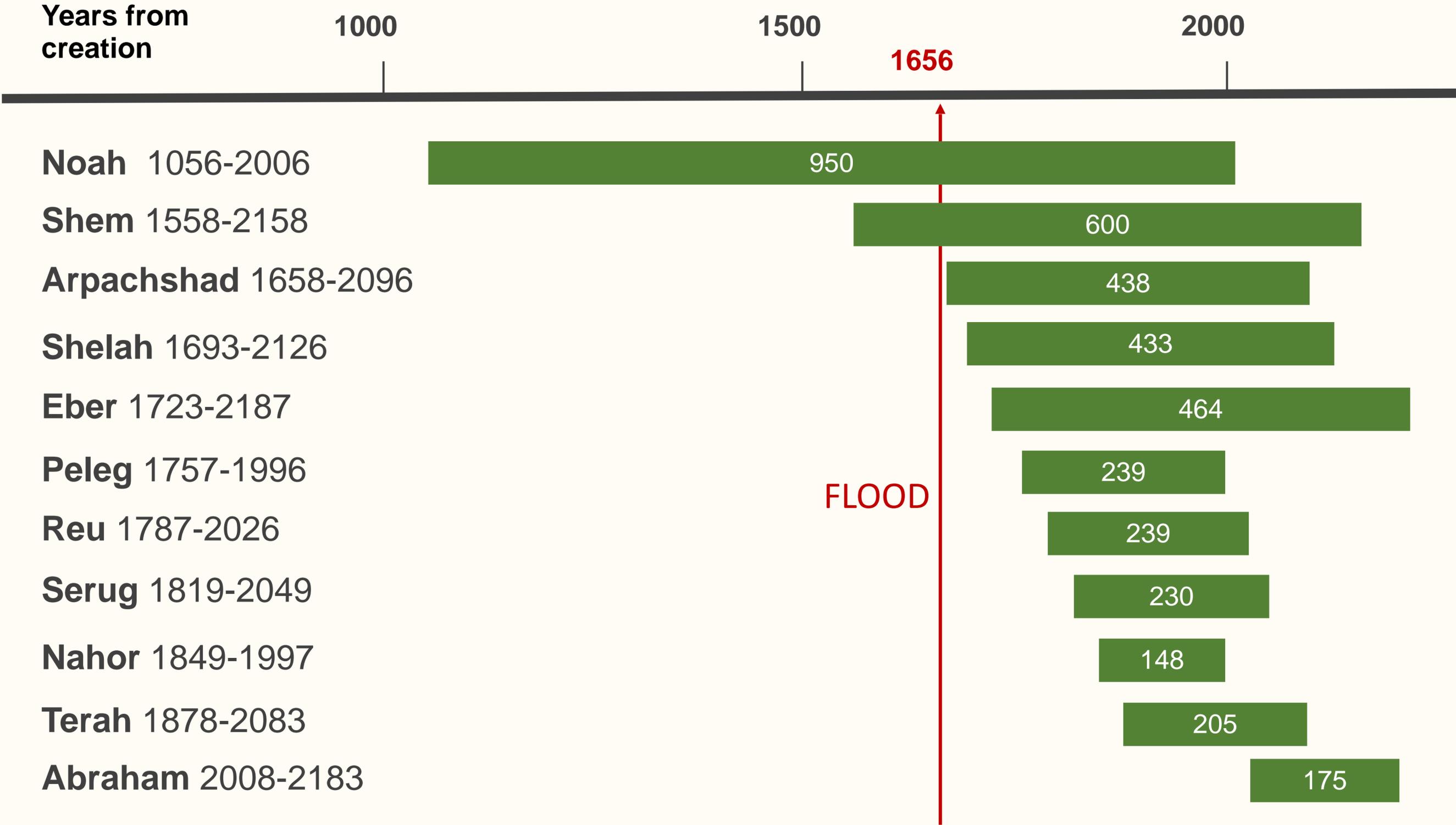
**1 Cor. 13:7, “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**1 Cor. 13:13, “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”**

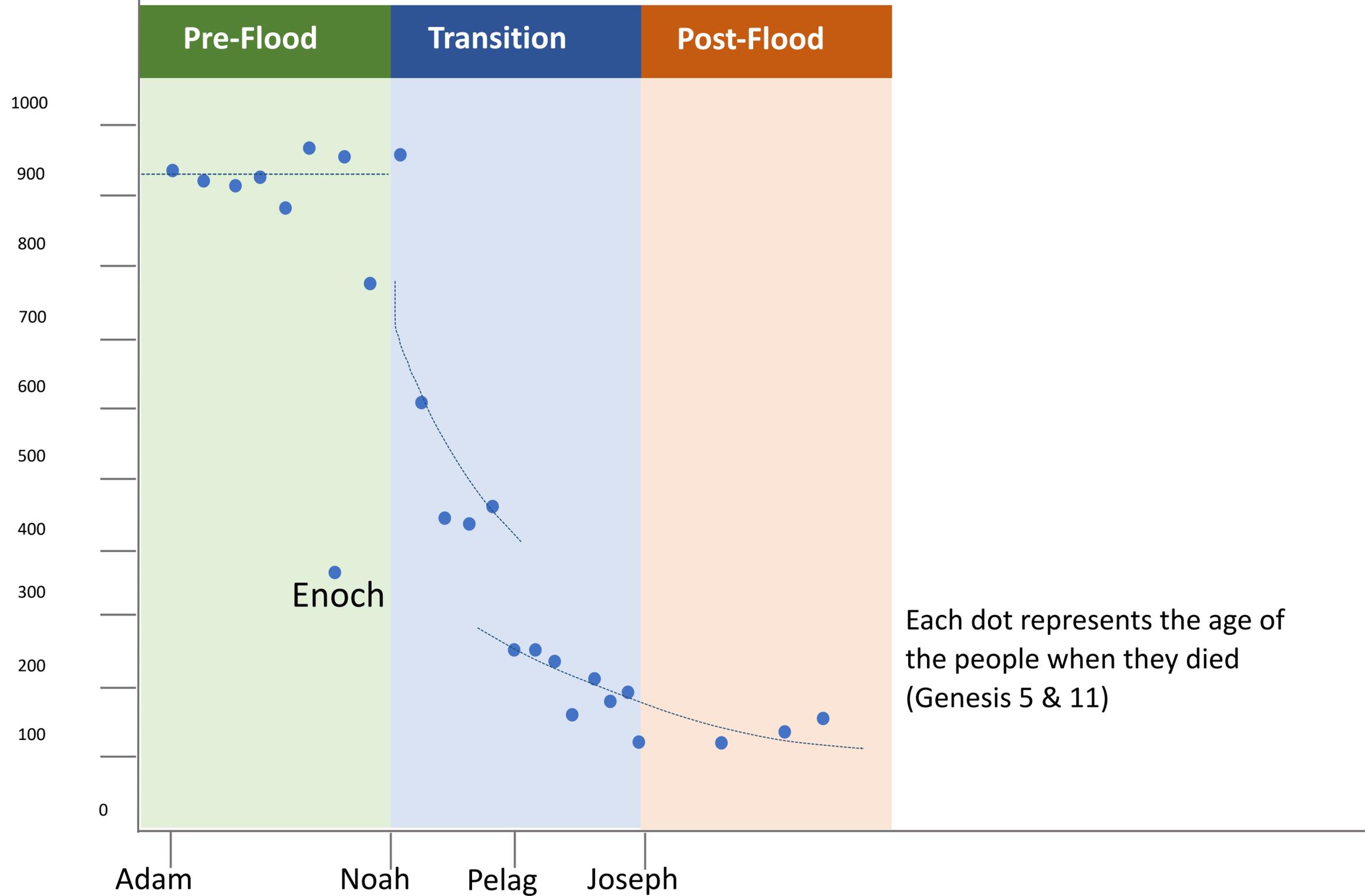
## **7. Medical research to push back or abolish aging**

### **D. Decline in life span after the Flood**

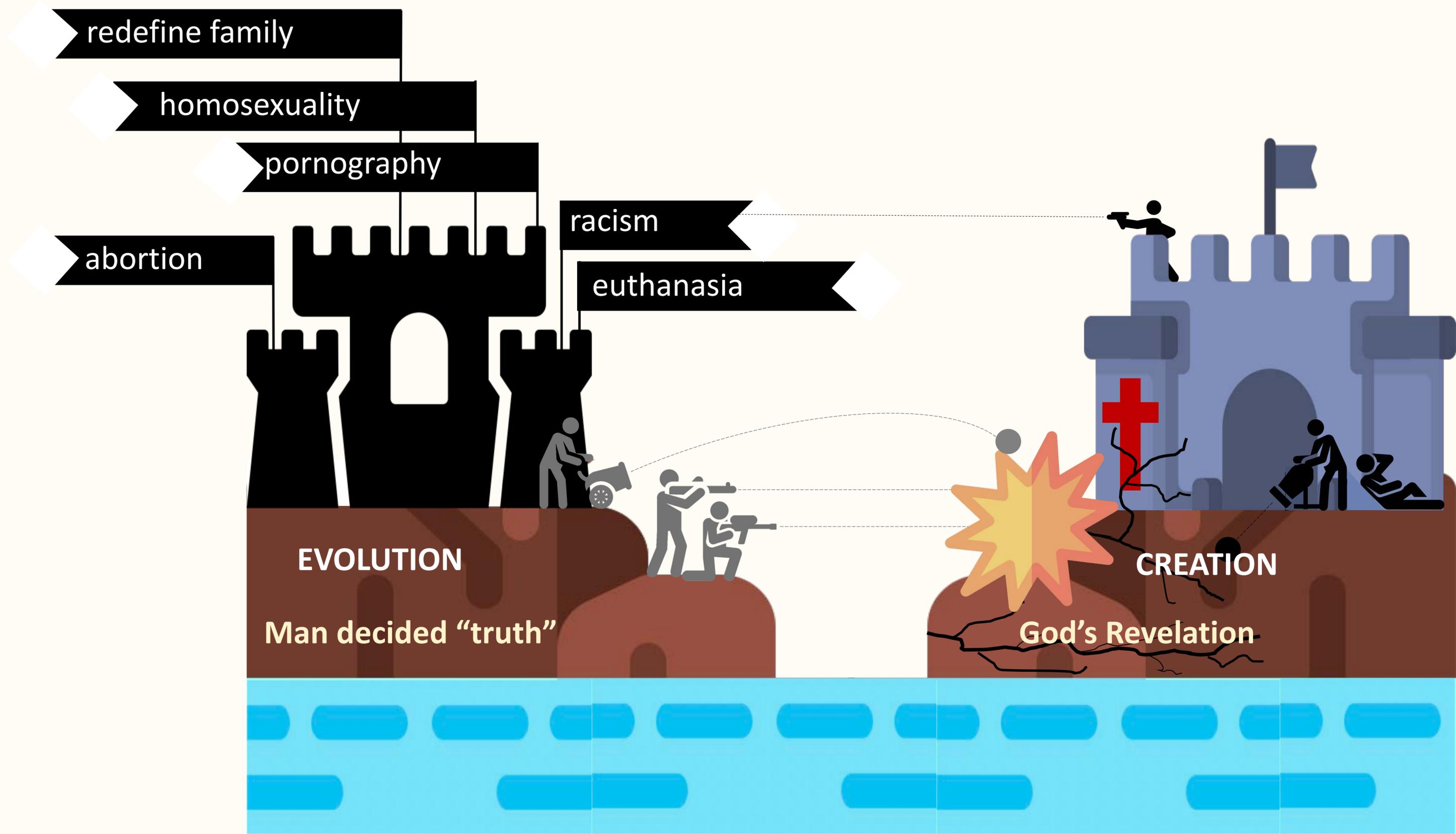
# Comparative Lifespans of People After the Flood



# Lifespan (years)



Each dot represents the age of the people when they died (Genesis 5 & 11)



**Psa. 11:3, “If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”**

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“Does this fit into everything else I know about God and is consistent with the rest of the Bible?”

