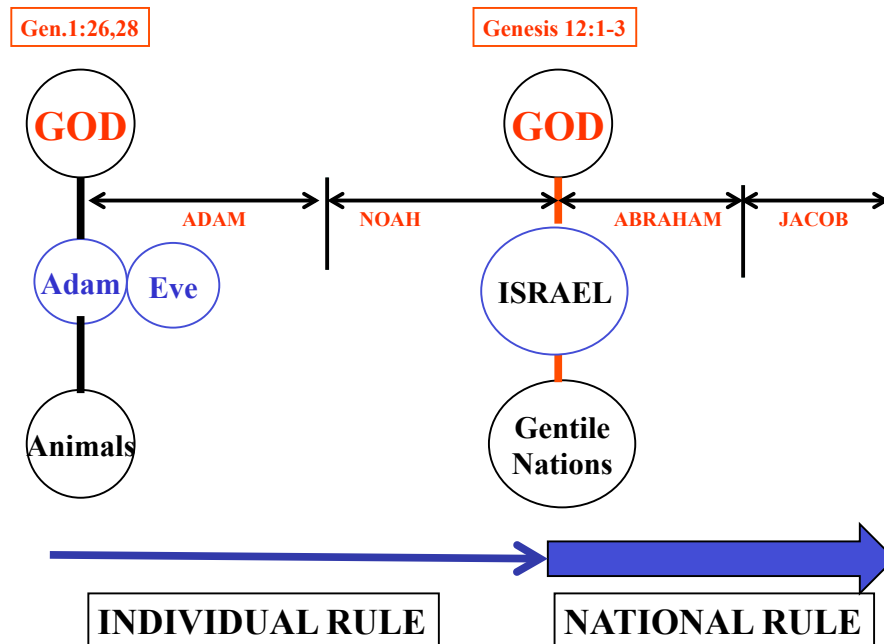


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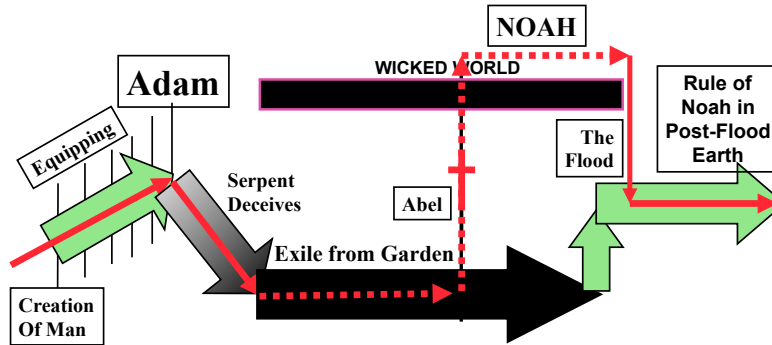
The Individual Rule of The Christ in Adam/Noah

Genesis 1--9

The sequential stories of Genesis 1—9 is a tapestry that comprises one of the two main parts of the Book of Genesis, the other being from Genesis 10--50. The first focuses on the individual Ruler to come, while the second relates to the national rule of Israel through whom this Ruler would come. The first section, the Individual Rule, describes in microcosm God’s plan of the ultimate rule of “The Man” over the physical universe and how that will come to pass. The second section, the National Rule, describes God’s plan for the nation of Israel to rule over the Gentiles and how that will come to pass through the One Ruler who is to come from within them.



The Mandate from God for Man to Rule: Genesis 1—9



Adam was created to rule God’s universal creation representing God’s desires from the central location of the garden of Eden. He failed to represent God, choosing instead to represent the serpent (Satan), so God promised in Genesis 3:15–24 that He would bring about a new Adam who would destroy the serpent (Satan) and his followers and deliver the followers of the New Adam (the righteous) into a new creation. The story flows until that potential New Adam appeared in Noah. He, as prophesied, administered the judgment of death on all the seed of the serpent (unbelievers in the new Adam to come) with the flood, while delivering the righteous (believers in the New Adam to come) into a new heaven (lit.: “skies”) and earth (actually the old earth with unbelievers removed).

Noah was not the ultimate ruler prophesied as he did not eliminate the leader of the unrighteous (i.e., the serpent, Satan), and in fact, he quickly showed his own fatal flaw as he too ate (drank) of the fruit and was naked and ashamed, just like the first Adam. However, he did represent the ultimate ruler in a smaller form, thus leaving the greater picture to be fulfilled with a greater Noah.

The Setting: The Creation, and Equipping of Adam, and a Realm

God created a world, a universe. Then God established that this man (and woman) should rule on His behalf. He then equipped them. He gave them the ability to

perceive God and perform appropriately (the “likeness and image”). He gave them breath so as to become a living being. Man was given a realm, the Garden of Eden, from which to rule this world. And finally, he was given a woman to join him in his representative rule.

The Conflict: The Fall of Adam Delivered the Rule of Earth to the Serpent

Adam, of course, would fail to represent God and would incur death, the removal from the ability to represent God.

The Exile from the Garden prefaced the Exile from the Land of Canaan

Adam and Eve would, not only be removed from their position as representatives of God but would lose the realm from which they were to rule, the garden. They would be exiled into the world outside of the garden. This would anticipate that the nation Israel, like Adam and Eve, would also be exiled out of the garden and land of Israel for their rejection of God.

The Deliverance Prophecy of Genesis 3:

God then stepped on the scene and established that He would bring forth a new Adam who would execute the serpent (Satan) and his followers and who would be a substitute for the death of those in the old creation.

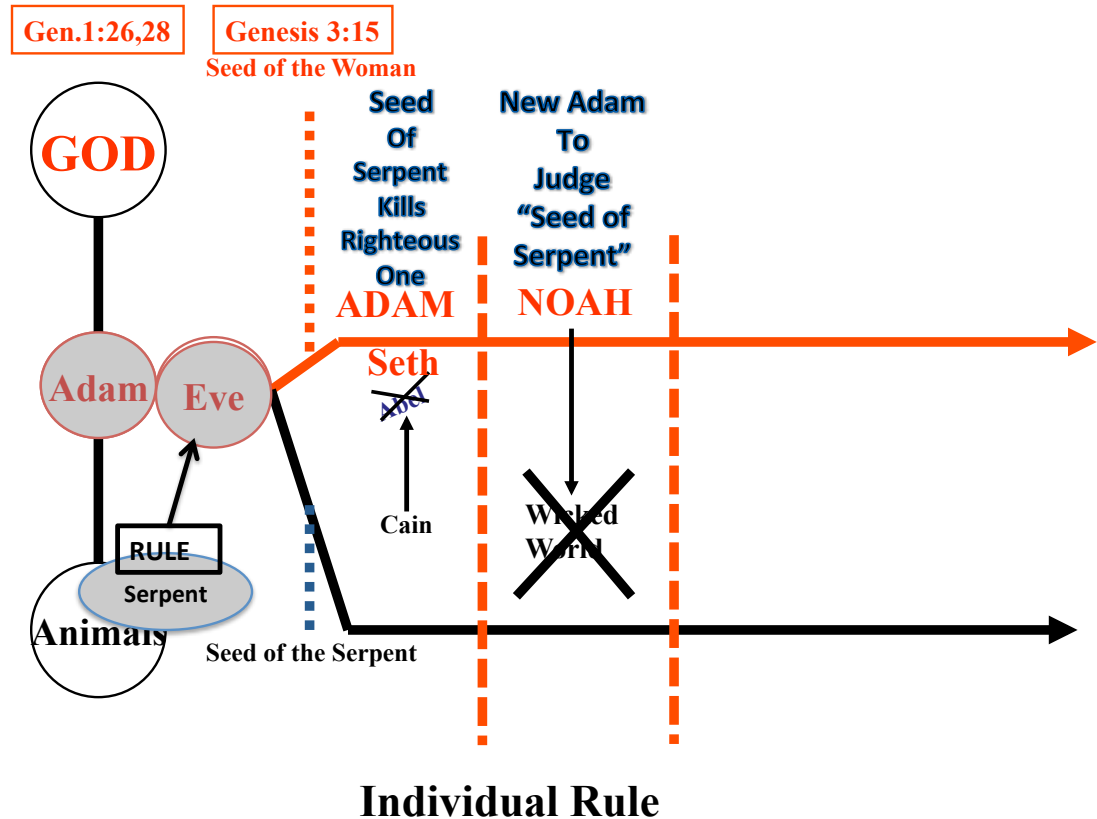
The Rising Action: The Death of Abel and the Seed Line

Immediately, Cain, as the representative of the serpent, Satan, struck Abel, the innocent one, as an illustration of the death of the ultimate New Adam at the hand of Satan (through the Jews). Abel sacrificed a lamb to indicate the ultimate sacrifice of the “Innocent One” for the guilty.¹ Time moved along following the Seed line, until it appeared in Noah as the New Adam.

¹ “. . . and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel. (Hebrews 12:24). While Abel would be struck by Satan through Cain and picture the execution of Messiah as the ultimate righteous One, his sacrifice pointed to Messiah. “By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks. (Hebrews 11:4)

The Resolution: Noah

Noah who was in the “Seed of Messiah” line, stepped on the chaotic scene of the wicked world. Noah warned the wicked world, and delayed 120 years before the judgment fell in the flood. The judgment came in the flood, delivered the righteous, and wiped out all the followers of Satan, and only those whose hope was in the revelation of the coming Christ through Noah escaped.



The Conclusion of the Individual Rule: Genesis 1—9

Genesis 1:26, 28 and 3:15 are prophetic. The chapters that follow illustrate the prophecy as it will come to pass, but in microcosm. Thus, Cain and Abel represent the Seed of the Serpent and the Seed of the Woman. The seed line continues until it resolves in the appearance of the New Adam in Noah and entry into the new earth. This all indicates how the prophecy will play out throughout time, culminating in the appearance of the New Adam, the Greater Noah, in Jesus. And that is exactly what happens as Jesus explains that Noah prefaced Him, both in His first coming (the announcement of judgment), the delay (Noah delayed 120 years), and then the final judgment in His Second Coming (as Noah administered the flood).

³⁷ "**For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**"³⁸
"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; **so will the coming of the Son of Man be.** (Matthew 24:37-39)