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### Romans Outline

#### Theme of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- A. The *Righteousness of God Revealed* - **(Blessings)** - 1:1-18
1. What is true of Paul, the gospel, Jesus Christ, and who believers are in Christ - 1:1-7
  2. Paul's Prayer & Desire - 1:8-15
  3. Theme of Romans - 1:16-18
- B. The *Righteousness of God Required* - **(Condemnation)** - 1:18-3:20
1. The Gentile world **condemned** - 1:18-2:16
    - a) Immoral people are unrighteous & **condemned** - 1:18-32

#### **Condemnation** against pagan human humanity

1. Reasons for condemnation - 1:18-23
  - a. revelation of God to man - 1:18-20
  - b. repudiation of God by man - 1:21-23
2. Results of condemnation: - 1: 24-32

God gives man over -

  - a. For unclean hearts (Spirit) - 1: 24-25
  - b. For vile affections (Body) - 1: 26-27
  - c. For reprobate minds (Soul) - 1: 28-32



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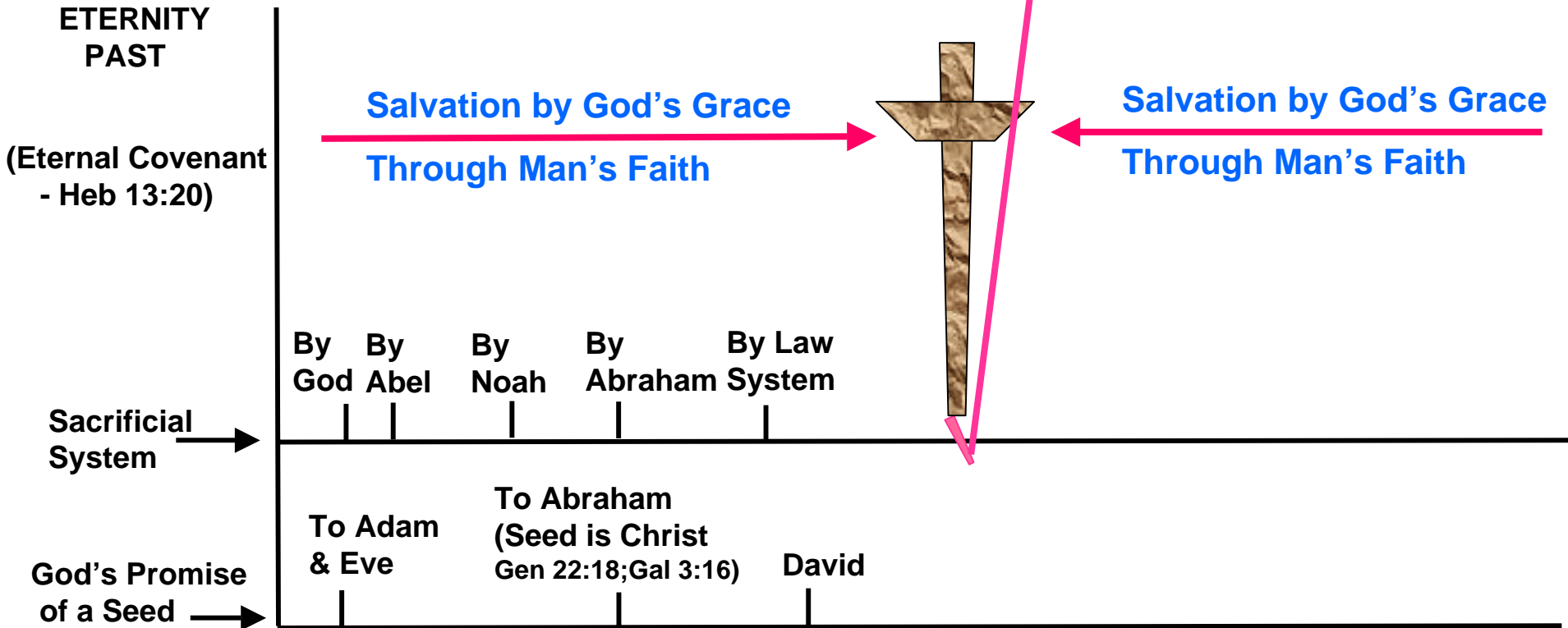
Review: The emphatically knowable of God is made emphatically clear to man - 1:20

Question (last week): How are all men saved ?

Does God have a different plan for different ages ?

Or does God have one plan for all ages ?

Scriptures: 1 Jn 2:2; Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12; Heb 2:9; 2 Pet 2:1

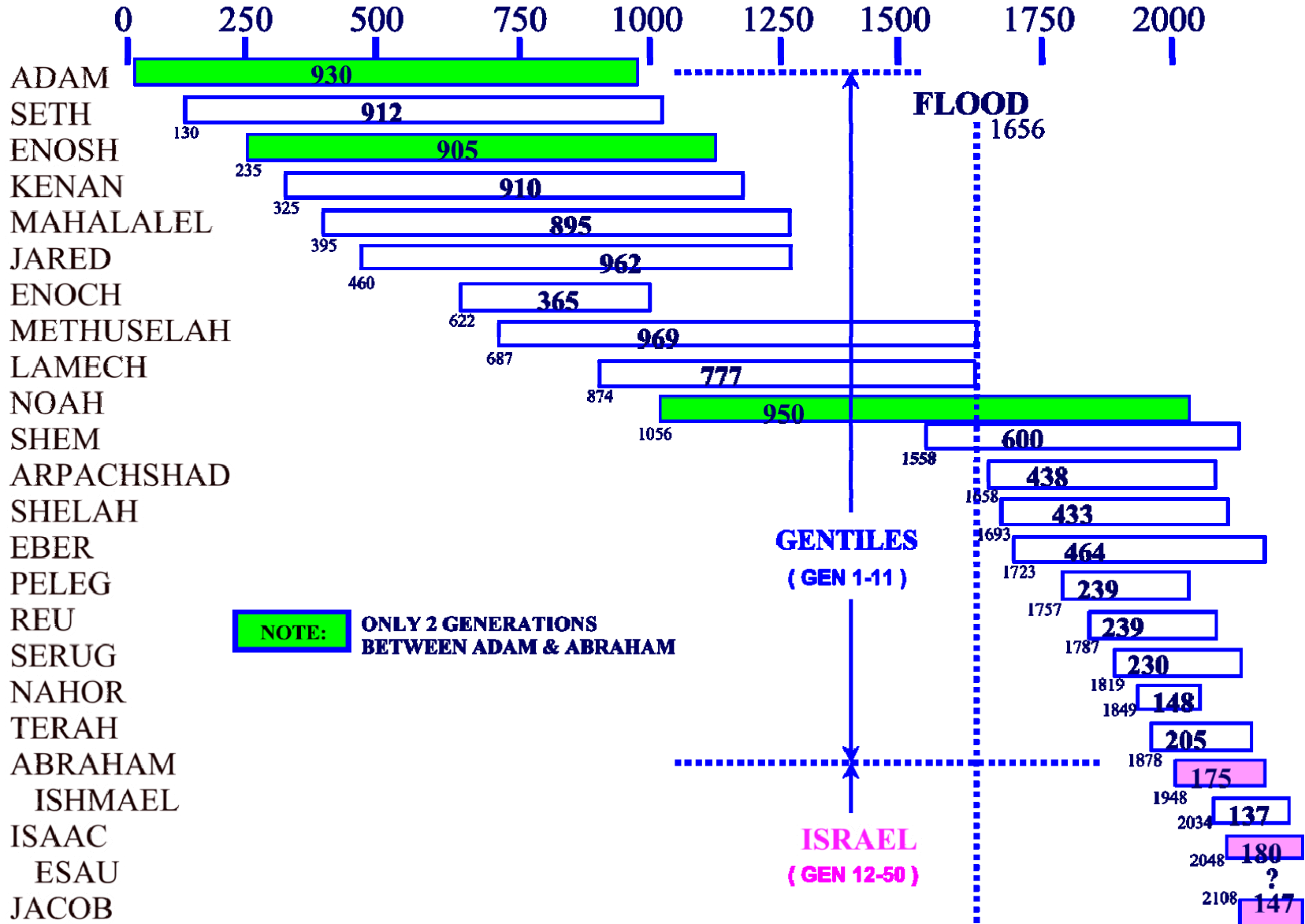




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## THE GENERATIONS IN GENESIS





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Overview: Man's 7 stages of decline

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- Knowing God
  - They Did Not Glorify God
  - They Were Not Thankful To God
  - They Became Vain In Their Reasoning
  - Their Undiscerning Hearts Were Darkened
  - They Asserted To Be Wise - They Became Fools
  - They Exchanged The Glory Of The Incorruptible God



Repudiation of God by man - 1:21-23

Rom 1:21 (KJV)

*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

God's Revelation to Every Man:

- “*when they knew God*” - γινωσκω, *ginōskō*“ - to become acquainted with, to know experientially”
- Experientially they had the emphatically knowable of God intrinsically in them
  - God makes His eternal power & Deity emphatically clear by His creation - Ps 19:1-4
    - The creation is a universal language heard & understood by every man
    - The creation precisely tells the world of God's Glory
- God says it is a fact – there is not a shadow of a doubt (Aorist tense)

Man's Response to God's Revelation:

- “*they glorified him not as God*” - δοξαζω, *doxazō* - "to magnify, extol, praise" ascribing honor to God, acknowledging Him as to His being, attributes and acts,
  - Knowing God demands man's awe and adoration of him
  - But man does not magnify God's glory – Why?
  - God says this is the reality of every un-regenerative man (Indicative Mood) – Why?

Question: Just what is God's glory ?

# God's Glory

Is God's essential essence  
- Who He is !

- **H**oly
  - Righteous
  - Just
- **I**nfinite
  - Omniscient
  - Omnipresent
  - Omnipotent
- **S**elf Existent
- **L**ove
  - Grace
  - Mercy
- **I**mmutable
  - Faithful
  - Truth
- **S**pirit
- **S**overeign

- God's Glory (trinity)
- Example: God is Truth
  - Father - John 7:28 "He who sent me is true"
  - Son - Rev. 3:7 "He who is holy, who is true"
  - Spirit - 1 John 5:7 "It is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth"



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- “*neither were thankful*” - ευχαριστω, *eucharistéō* –. To show oneself grateful, to be thankful, to give thanks
  - Not thankful in particular for the revelation God was pleased to make of himself to them
  - Active voice: Man produced the action of being unthankful - Why?

“*but became vain in their imaginations*” - ματαιωω, *mataiōō*; To make vain or worthless, to become vain, destitute of real wisdom (passive)

- Man’s imagination (reasoning or thought process) became void, or empty, or worthless of true wisdom - Why?
- Passive voice: Man is being acted upon - By who or what?

“*their foolish heart was darkened*” - σκοτιζω, *skotízō*; To darken, deprive of light. In NT, only in the pass., to be darkened.

- Figuratively of moral darkness, ignorance
- Passive voice: Man is being put into darkness & deprived of light - By who or what?
- “*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*” - Jn 3:19



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Rom 1:22 (NASB)

*Professing to be wise, they became fools,*

- “*Professing to be wise*”
  - “Profess - φασκω, *phaskō* - "to allege, to affirm by way of alleging or professing,"
  - It's an unfounded assertion – because how can a darken heart possess true wisdom
  - True wisdom is God's wisdom – man's wisdom is foolishness - 1 Cor 1:18-21
- “*wise, they became fools*” – another oxymoron like 1:20
  - Men's action: They profess themselves to be wise
  - God's response: He makes them fools (to be moronic)





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Rom1:23 (NASB)

*and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.*

#### Glory of God

- Holy
  - Righteous
  - Just
- Infinite
  - Omniscient
  - Omnipresent
  - Omnipotent
- Self Existent
- Love
  - Grace
  - Mercy
- Immutable
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