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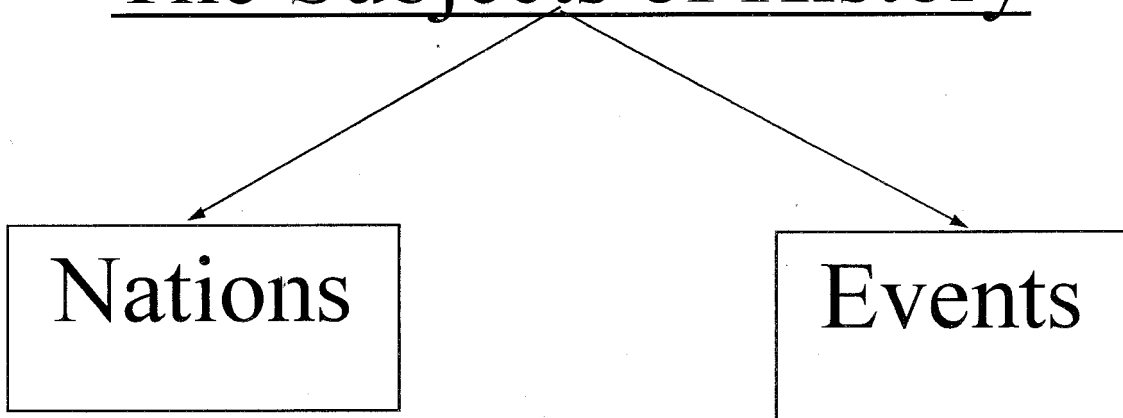
The First Things to Learn and Teach About History

HISTORY

(Content)

An account of facts, particularly of facts **respecting nations or states**; a narration of **events** in the **order** in which they happened, with their **causes and effects**.

The Subjects of History

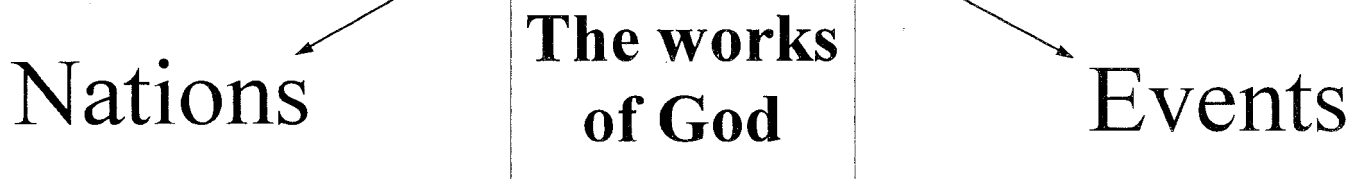


Biblical Origin

“In the beginning God. . . .”
Gen. 1:1

“I am the Alpha and Omega. . . .”
Rev. 1:8

The Subjects of History



The Principles of History

The works
of God

Nations

“**God who made** the world and **all things** in it, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands, neither is worshiped with men’s hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he **giveth to all life, and breath, and all things**; and hath made of **one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth**, and hath determined the **bounds of their habitation** . . .”
Acts 17:24–26.

Events

“To everything there is a season, and a **time to every purpose under the heaven** . . .”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

“But when the fullness of **the time** was come, **God sent forth his Son**, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, **that we might receive the adoption of sons**.”
Galatians 4:4

Biblical Purpose

Psalm 78:2–8

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to **the generation to come** the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

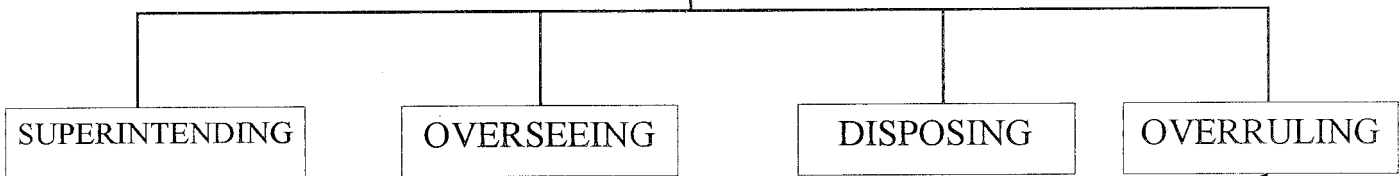
For he established **a testimony** in Jacob, and appointed **a law** in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should **make them known to their children;**

That the generation to come might know them, even **the children** who should be born, who should arise and **declare them to their children;**

That they might **set their hope in God**, and **not forget the works of God**, but keep his commandments;

And might **not be as their fathers**, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

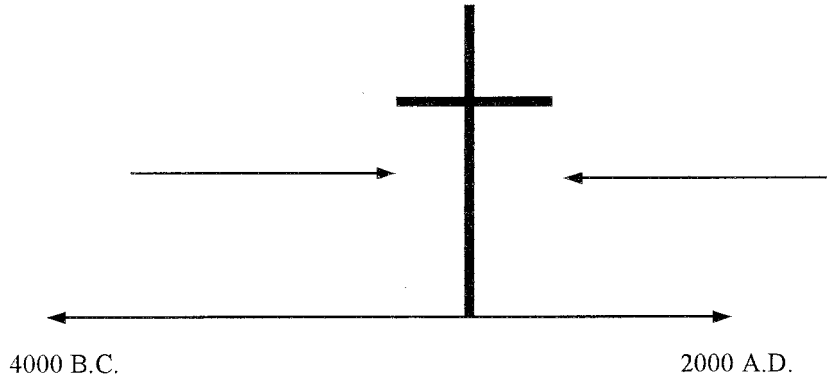
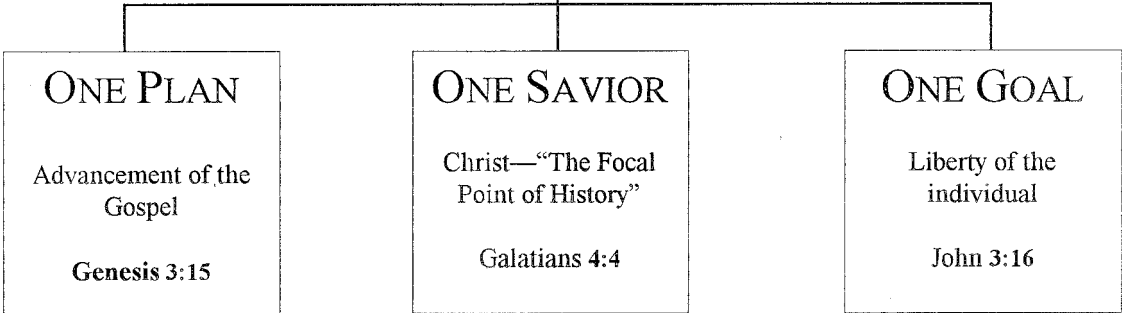
ONE GOD WORKING



ALL MEN
AND
NATIONS



UNIVERSAL HISTORY



HOW GOD WORKS

Individually

Internally

Invisibly

Imperceptibly

Incomprehensibly

GOVERNMENTALLY

The government of
God through Christ
indwelling the
individual

Local
self government:
of the church,
then of the state

Local self government
with voluntary union:
Constitutional
Federal Republic

Universal History

“**All** things were made by him. . . .” John 1:3

“Behold, **all** souls are mine. . . .” Ezekiel 18:4

“For **all** have sinned. . . .” Romans 3:23

“Therefore if any man be in Christ. . . . **all** things are become new. . . .” II Corinthians 5:17

“Go ye, therefore, and teach **all** nations. . . .”
Matthew 28:19

“And **all** men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God. . . .”
Psalm 65:9

A Biblical View of God Seen in the Details of Universal History:

- God Overseeing and Subduing the Temporal to Serve Eternal Purposes
- The Power of Christ Within the Individual Overcoming the World

“Come and **see the works of God**: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.” Psalm 66:5
- Seeing **One** God Working
- Seeing the **Hand of God** Overrule in **All** the Affairs of Men and Nations

GOD EXTERNAL

Duties
Owed
to God:

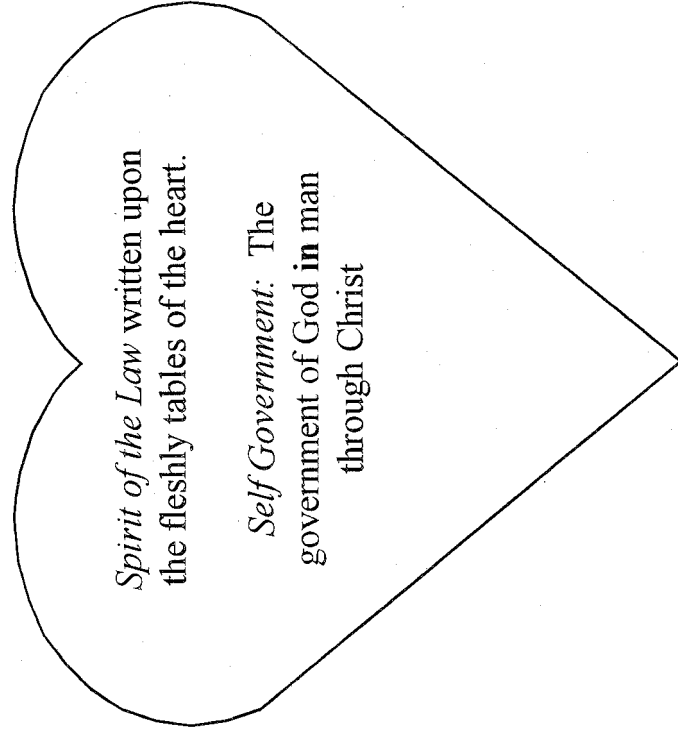
- 1) Have no other gods
- 2) Have no idols
- 3) Take not His name in vain
- 4) Remember the Sabbath

Duties
owed to
man

- 5) Honor thy father and mother
- 6) Do not commit adultery
- 7) Do not bear false witness
- 8) Do not kill
- 9) Do not steal
- 10) Do not covet

Universal Law of God
The Moral Law on Stony Tablets

GOD INTERNAL



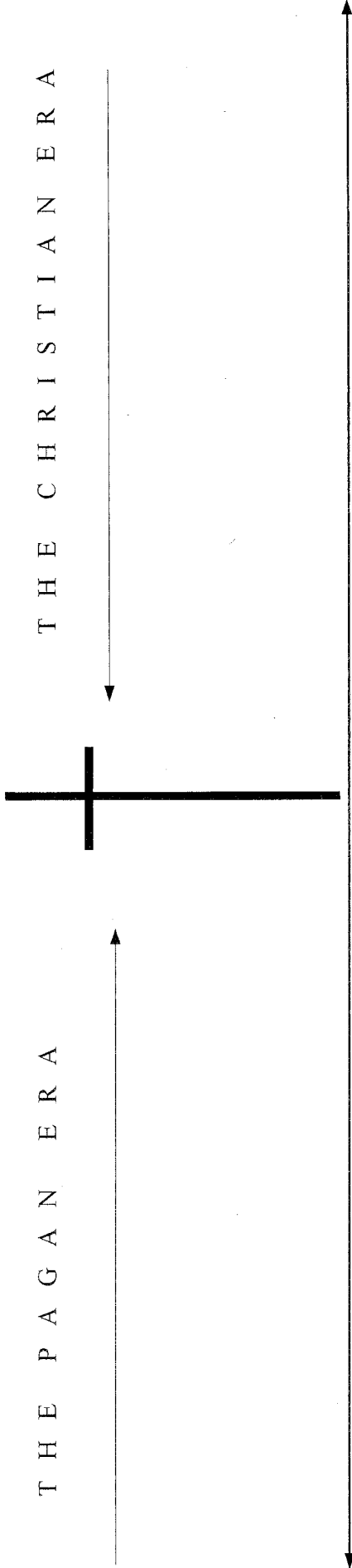
Pagan Civil Government:
Asiatic Centralization
Oriental Despotism,
Absolute external control with
involuntary Union

Christian Civil Government:
America's Constitutional
Federal Republic
Local self government with
voluntary union

Birth of
Christianity

UNIVERSAL HISTORY

ONE GOD, ONE PLAN, ONE SAVIOR, ONE GOAL FOR ALL MEN AND NATIONS



<p>LAW WITHOUT LIBERTY (Adam-50 B.C.)</p>	<p>THE LAW OF LIBERTY (50 B.C.-300 A.D.)</p>	<p>LIBERTY IN CONFLICT WITH LAW (300 A.D.-1382 A.D.)</p>	<p>LAW AND LIBERTY RECONCILED (1382 A.D.-PRESENT)</p>
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The Rise and Fall of Paganism

“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” Rom. 3:23

- The Era of Ignorance
- The Era of Disobedience
- The Era of Spiritual Bondage
- The Era of Political Slavery
- The Era of Self-destruction

The Power of Christ in the Life of the Individual

“... not I, but Christ liveth in me,” Gal 2:20

- The Era of the Gospel
- The Era of Individual Liberty
- The Era of Self Government
- The Era of Christian Occupation
- The Era Until Christ Comes Again

The Subjects of History

Nations

**The works
of God**

Events

- Geography
(God-given habitation)
- Origin
(Intent, Reason for existence, Purposes)
- Character of people
(Qualities or attributes, causative to actions)
- Form of government
(Monarchical or free, one of two forms or an admixture of the two, the effect of national character)
- In order
(Time lines)
- Causes and effects
(Principles of character, conscience, government)