

A Symmetric Overview of the Bible

Starting Times Things	Israel	+	Church	Ending Times Things
1) Creation of heavens and earth (Gen 1:1)	Nation begins with Moses Moses born—babies killed		Church's foundation is Christ Jesus born—babies killed	1) New heavens and earth (Rev 21:1)
2) Bride given to first Adam (Gen 2:21-23)	1 st public miracle: water (Nile) turned into blood Start of Israel as nation: exodus (a "called out" group)		1 st miracle: water turned to wine Start of church: Pentecost ("church"="a called out group")	2) Bride given to last Adam
3) Enter serpent (Gen 3:1)	LAW (John 1:17) 3000 slain at inauguration of law		GRACE (Rom 6:14) 3000 saved at inauguration of church	3) Exit Serpent (Rev 20:2, 10)
4) Paradise lost	Sinai		Zion (Heb 12:22)	4) Paradise regained (and more)
5) Earth cursed	<u>Physical</u> Physical blessings (E.g., Gen 12) Acquired by physical birth Earthly inheritance		<u>Spiritual</u> Spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3) Acquired by spiritual birth Heavenly inheritance (1 Pet 1:4)	5) "No more curse" (Rev 22:3)
6) Banished from the tree of life	Physical battles Physical sacrifices Physical house (tab. / temple)		Spiritual battles (2 Cor 10:3-5) Spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet 2:5) Spiritual house (1 Pet 2:5)	6) Bidden to eat of the tree of life (Rev 2:7, 22:2, 14)
7) Earth flooded with water	Physical place of worship (Jerusalem) Special physical clothing		Worship in spirit and truth (John 4:21-24) Clothed in humility, mercies, etc. (1 Pet 5:5, Col 3:12)	7) Earth flooded with fire (2 Pet 3)
8) One language divided into many	Physically clean vs unclean		Spiritually: "touch not the unclean thing" (2 Cor 6:17)	8) Many languages brought into one (Zeph 3:9)