

# The Kingdoms & the Covenants

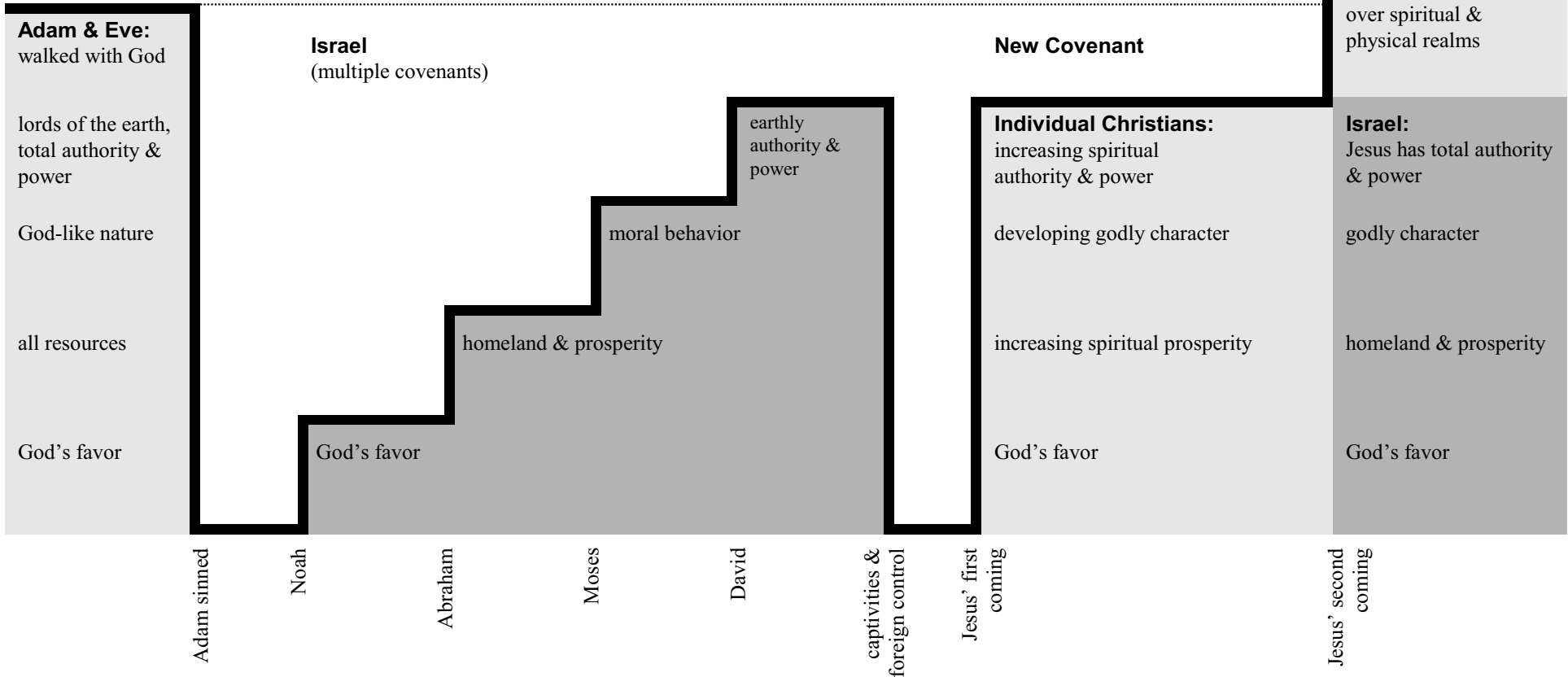
## Earth's Kingdoms



**New Covenant**  
(complete, universal)

## Man's Condition

(Adam's original condition & status)



## General Notes

### Man's Condition

- always related to covenants
- covenants are vehicles through which God establishes & restores relationship with man

### Earth's Kingdoms and Man's Condition

- Adam's Kingdom
  - Adam & Eve walked with God, only a little lower than elohim (Godhead)
  - Adam & Eve lords of the earth (likely: "earth" included all physical creation)
  - man's kingdom a reflection of God's kingdom
  - Satan subverted man's authority through deceit when Adam failed to exercise authority (abdicated) and chose to submit to Satan instead of God
- Satan's Kingdom
  - when Adam sinned, Satan became lord of the earth
    - all mankind born into sin, enslaved to sin, separated from God
  - from Adam's sin to Abraham
    - relatively few acknowledged God
    - Holy Spirit came on Old Testament saints and/or Israel's leaders temporarily
    - Noah found favor with God
  - Israel (from Abraham to captivities)
    - nation is "God's people"
    - multiple covenants with the nation & national leaders
  - Israel (from captivities to Jesus)
    - spiritual silence from God

- Two Kingdoms — light & darkness
  - Jesus defeated Satan
    - as a man, Jesus satisfied the legal requirements of man's debt to sin, so men who accept salvation no longer enslaved to sin
    - as a man, Jesus recovered authority over earth; King of kings, Lord of lords
    - Satan's power nullified/abolished, exercises only influence & deception
    - Satan no longer lord of the earth, limited to prince of the age
    - all mankind born into sin (Satan's kingdom), free to choose God's kingdom
  - Christians (from Jesus' first coming to his second)
    - individual believers are born again, God's children
    - Holy Spirit resident within all believers
    - progressive individual experience of kingdom benefits, godly character, authority & responsibilities
    - use spiritual authority to impose God's kingdom in specific situations
- Jesus' Kingdom
  - Jesus returns, reigns from Jerusalem
  - full & universal experience of his kingdom
  - Satan's influence eliminated
  - Israel experiences full stature as God's people
  - believers are kings & priests
  - Gentile believers rule with Jesus over spiritual realm, Israel and all creation
- God's Kingdom
  - new heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem
  - God's kingdom is universal, Jerusalem is his capital

## Jesus' First & Second Comings

**First coming**  
defeated enemy, broke his power  
made redemption available  
regained legal right to man's domain (ownership)  
imparted limited authority over earth to the redeemed

**Second coming**  
— remove enemy  
— judge all who rejected redemption  
— reign over man's domain as a man  
— impart full authority to reign with Jesus over spiritual & physical realms