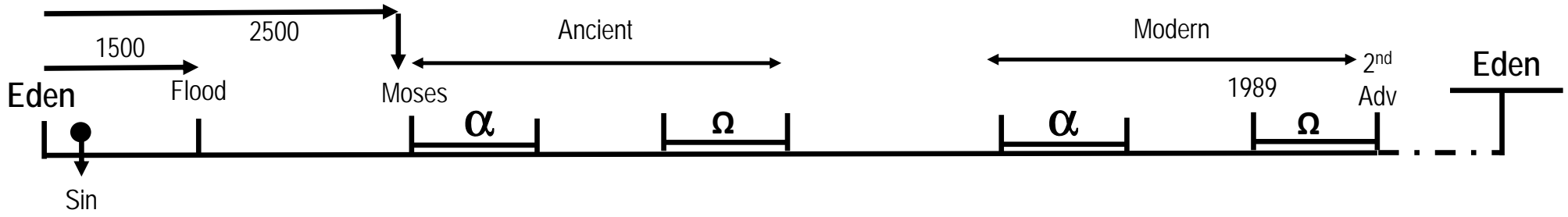
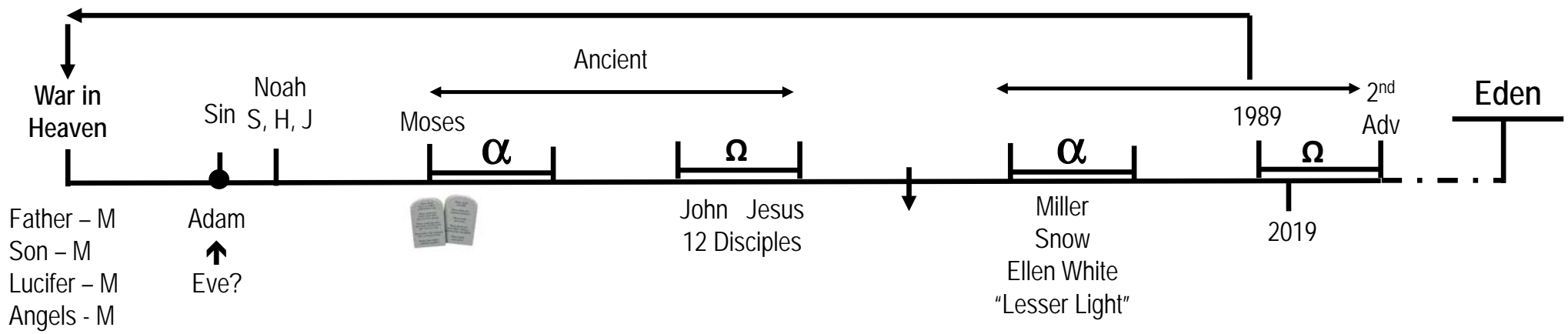


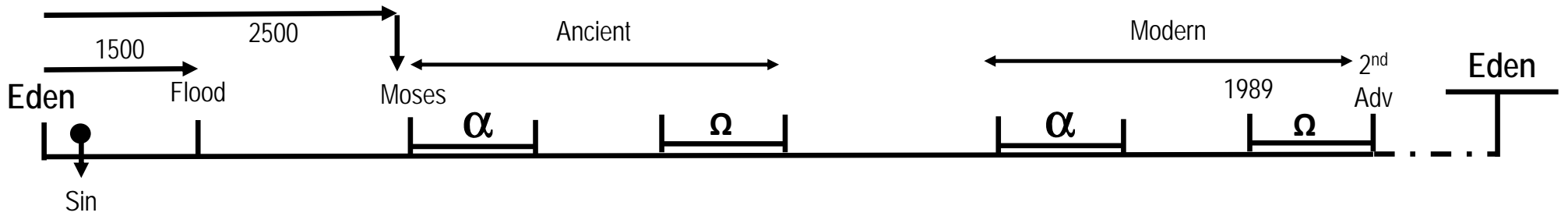
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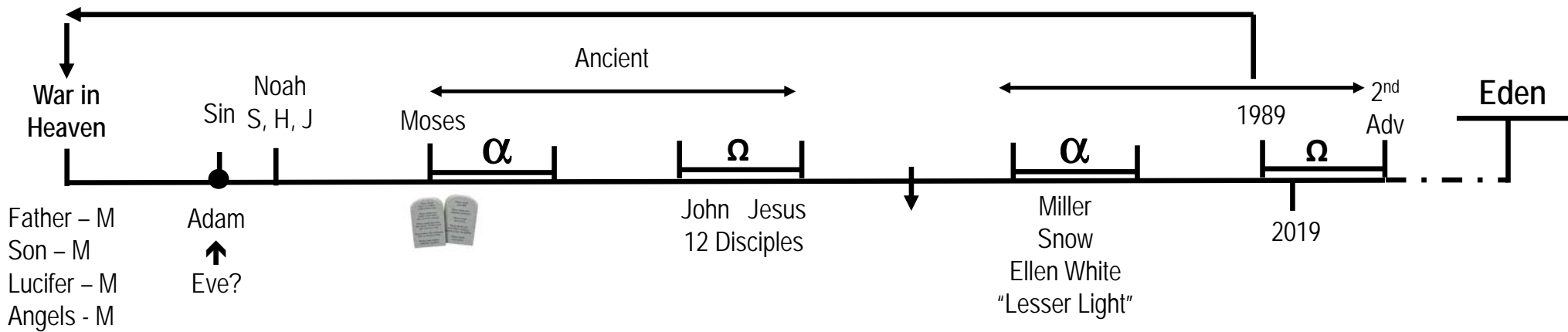


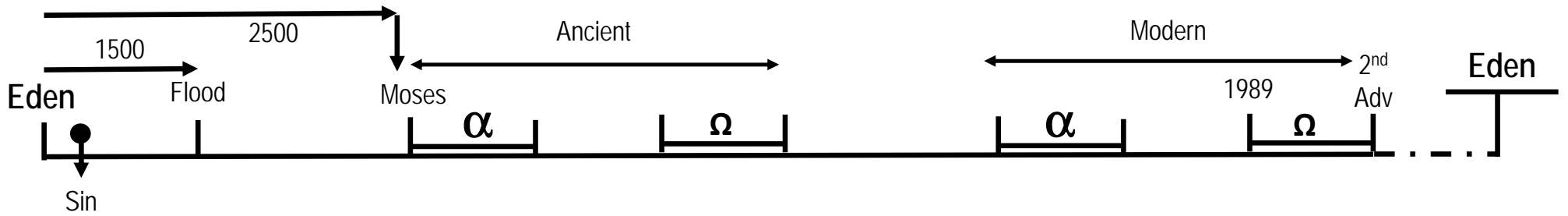
Every camp meeting is a continuation of what's been previously taught. So we're not taking this presentation, this camp meeting on a detour for what was taught at the last German camp meeting. All of these subjects, there not just connected but they're meshed together. At our last camp meeting we discussed a document: *How the Constitution becomes Christian by Jared Goldstein*. In that document he's going to discuss three histories of protestant America. He's going to show how there is a similar pattern in each of those three histories.



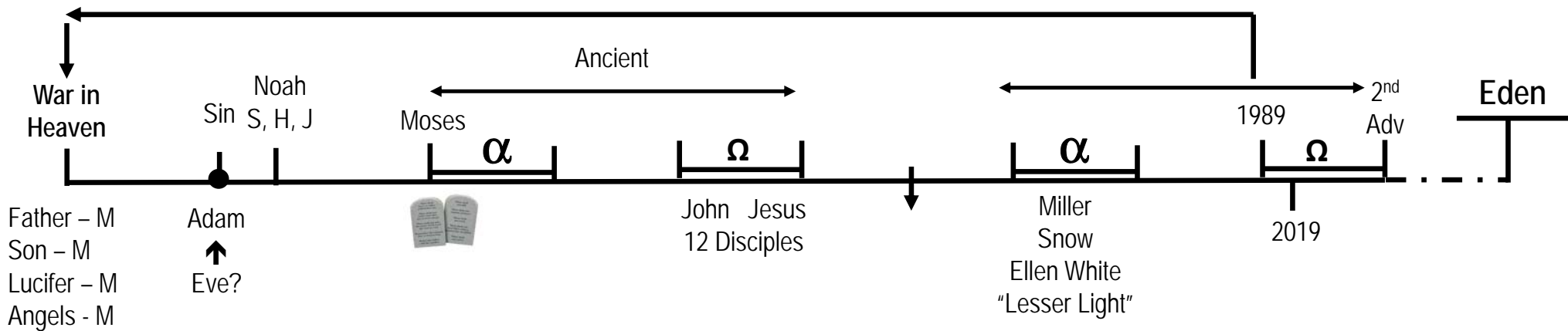


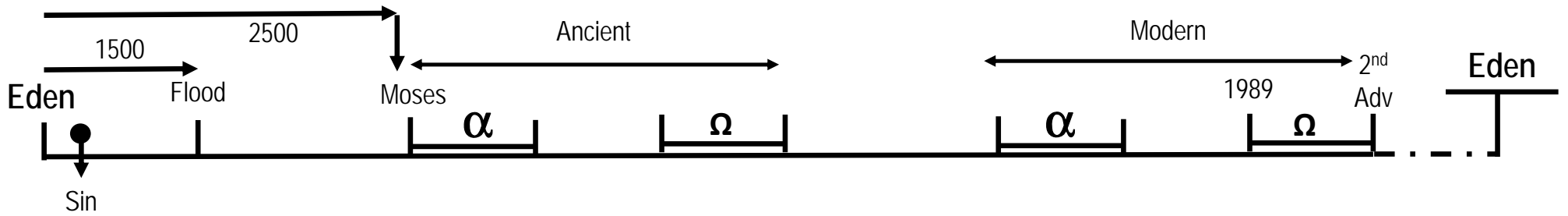
The pattern is the following: a group of people believe that they are an American prototype. Because they believe that they are an American prototype they start to see anyone who doesn't fit that prototype as a threat. The meaning of the word prototype: *an original or a model after which anything else formed has to match that original pattern*. So you make something that's the original, everything following has to be cast in the mold of that original, you can't allow for variation.



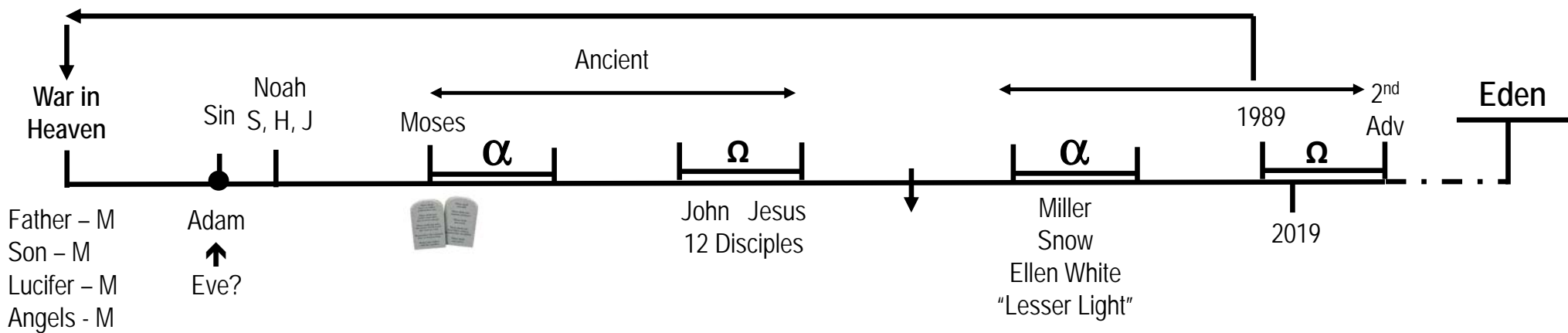


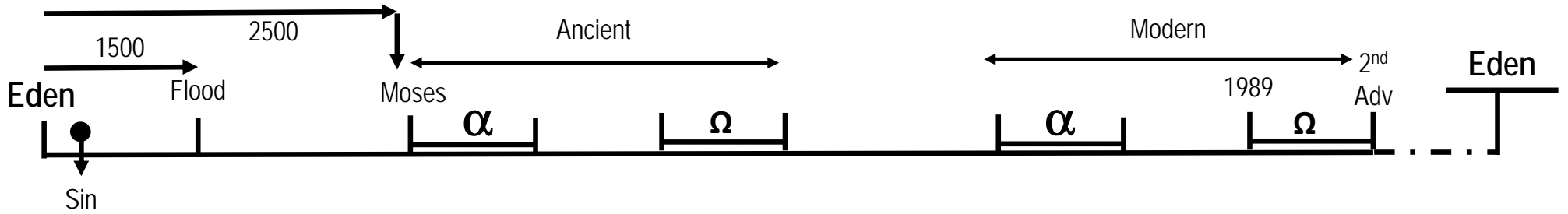
Connected to this thought is a similar word, when something is the prototype it usually also is the epitome. When something is the epitome, it is the example, the perfect example. *She looked the epitome of elegance, this perfect example of what is true.* So a Trump supporter would see white Christian America as the true essence of America, that white Christian Americans became the prototypes of what it meant to be an American, a United States citizen. They would look at themselves as the epitome of the United States citizen.



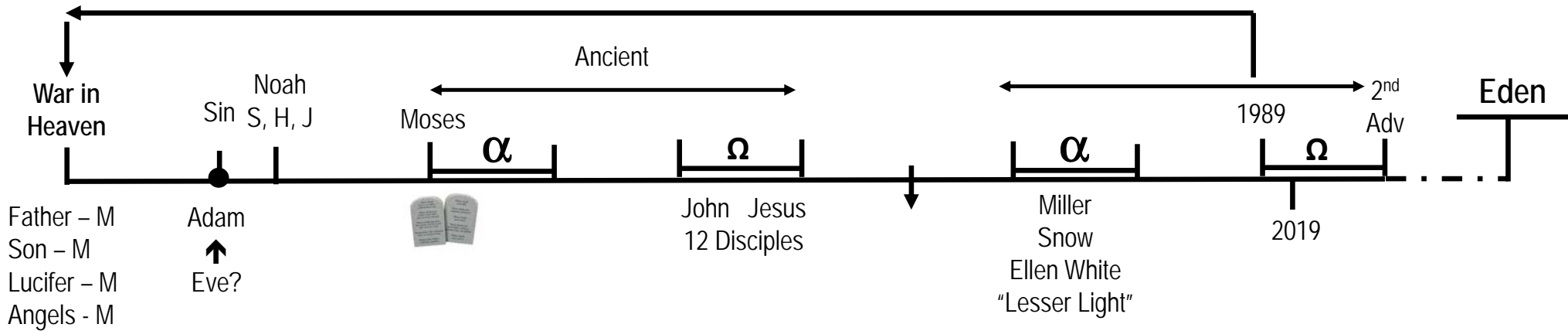


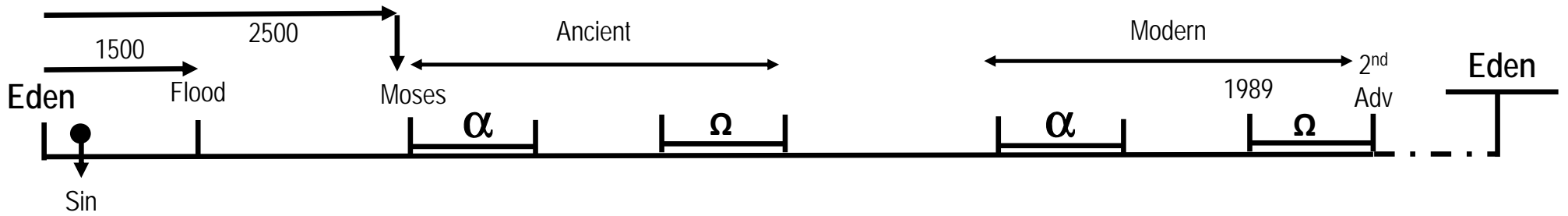
If they see a black woman in Congress and a Latin woman in Congress and a Muslim woman in Congress, those women are not the prototype of a true American, they are not the epitome or the perfect example. Therefore, they should not have any or equal say in the direction of the country. They should not be given equal status, equal voting rights, equality. Because instead of equality, to make the United States future secure it has to be controlled by the prototype. So any changes that occur in the United States in the future are controlled by that original prototypical model. And if the United States starts no longer casting itself in the model of the prototype, they have grave fears for the direction it will head. Into socialism, allowing in all of these savage Islamic peoples and all the racist stereotypes they associate with anyone not of their prototype. Immorality will abound, and the nation will come under the judgment of God. So the prototype has to hold on to power and they do that by modeling themselves as that epitome.



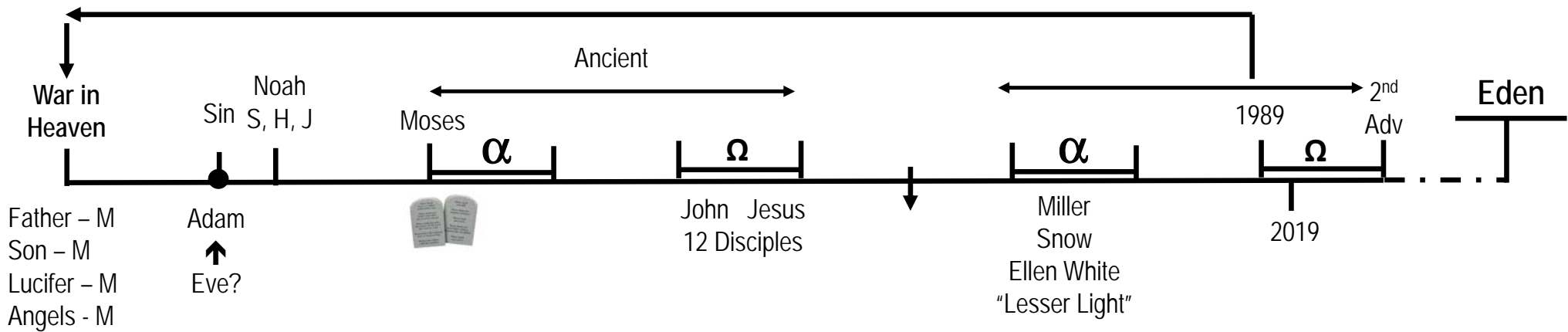


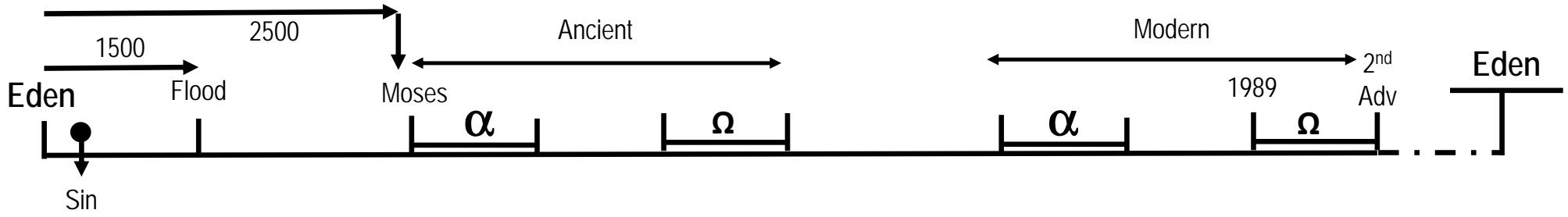
In each of these three histories of threat arises and they have to convince people that there is a threat which means their entire message is driven by fear, fear of others. That's how Donald Trump became president, fear. Fear that the prototypical epitome of the United States citizen was being lost and he was their savior. And that fear has not gone, it's that fear we are facing today.



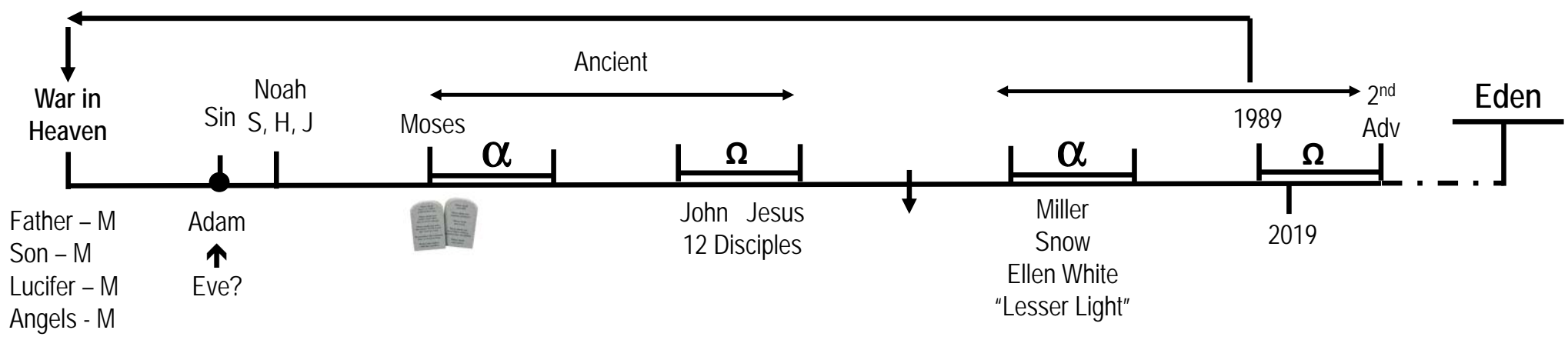


In our last presentation we discussed more the issue of gender and perhaps socially conservative Adventists have more fear in them than they realize. People are afraid of a homosexual, there is a fear in them that if they bring someone homosexual into their home and feed them, they'll pollute their home, infiltrate their minds, it's fear driven ignorance. But much of what we face with racism, sexism, homophobia, in this movement is the same fear. I hear over and over again: *what happens if I give my wife equal rights and she feels emboldened to oppress me?* It's fear driven, it's Trump saying, *you let in all these refugees they're going to rise up and oppress you white Christian Americans. So keep your foot on their neck. If they don't fear you, you will fear them.*

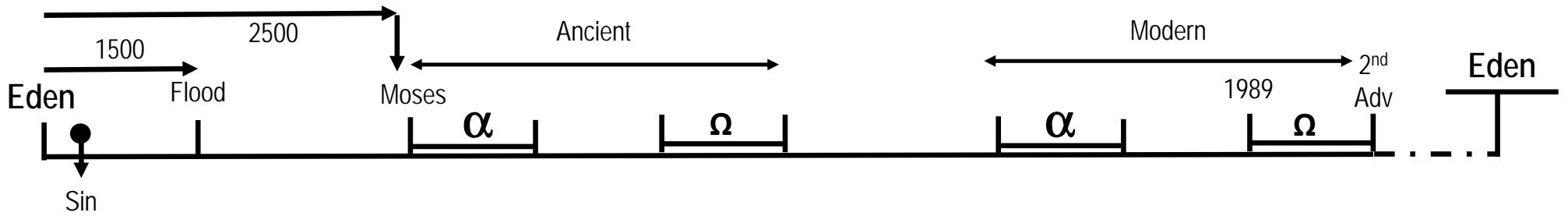




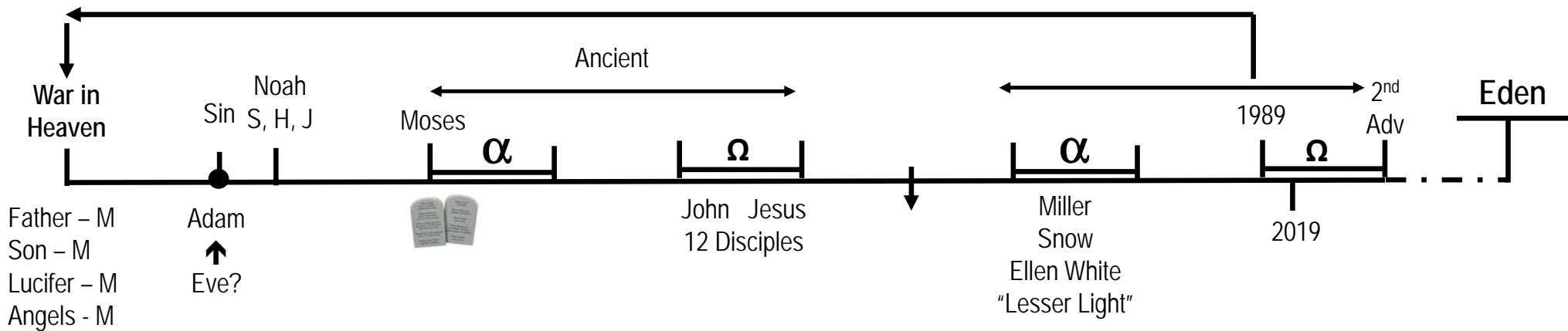
Over the last 18 months we have encountered resistance after resistance to equality. Much more resistance than acceptance and I'm talking about the people still in the movement not the shakings we've had. And through wondering why this was the following answer made so much sense, it's the exact same problem faced with the issue of nationalism in this document. Because men and women in this movement hold to the model below. There was a war in heaven between two men or male entities and another male entity with all of these male entities choosing sides, it's spilled out on to Adam.

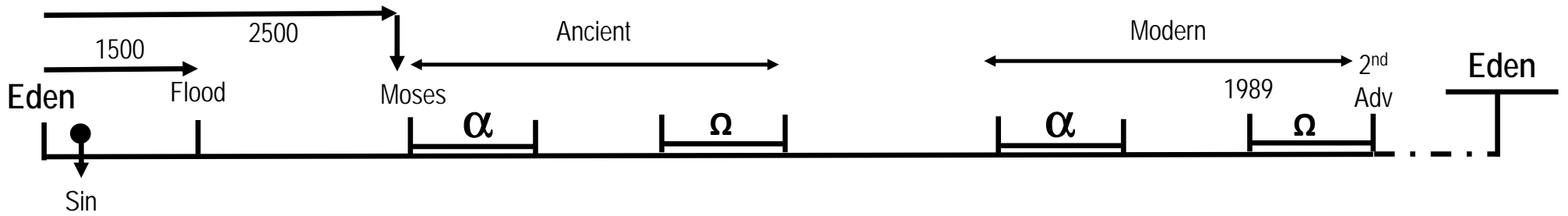




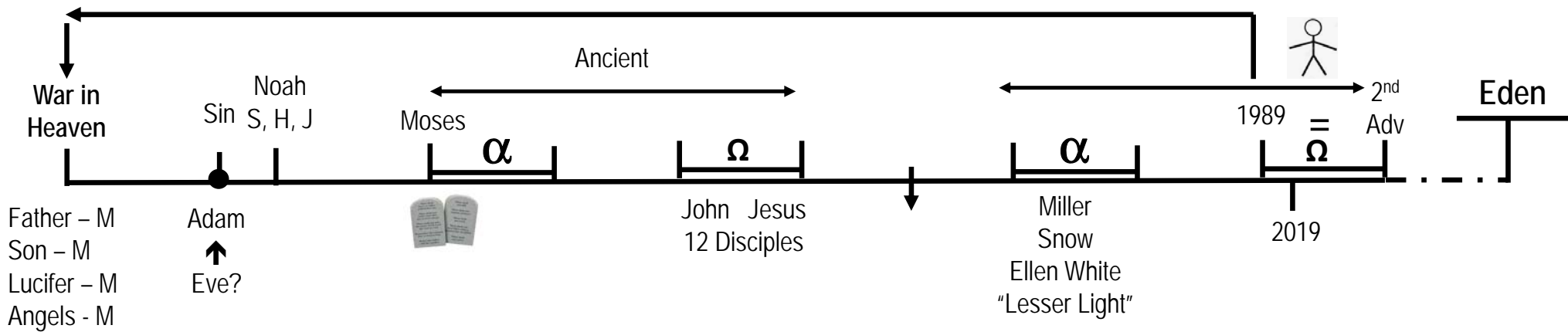


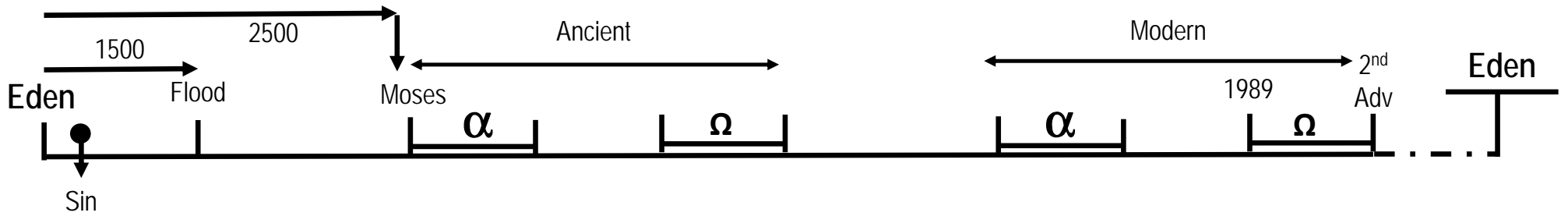
Adam had a servant created to be his helper, they had sons, we don't know the names of their daughters. Come to Noah, Shem, Ham Japheth, four women we don't know their names. Then you have Patriarchs and Prophets, stories of men. The Ten Commandments presented by a human man clearly directed towards a male audience. Prophets and Kings, Desire of Ages it's really the story of 14 men and then Paul. Then comes the Protestant Reformation which we have a very glorified picture of. John Knox and all we know of that history is they were facing the wicked woman Jezebel and bloodthirsty queens.



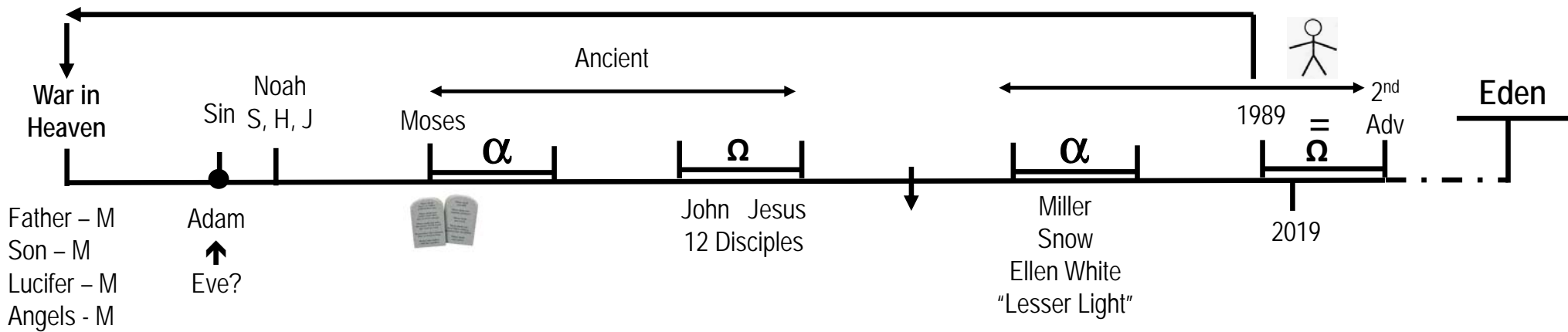


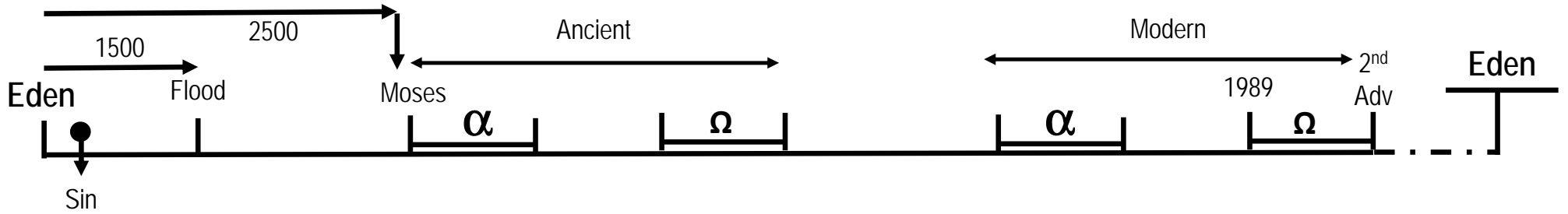
Miller, Snow but then a lesser prophet. And then we come to now, the message of equality comes, and it is not well accepted. I'm not referring to FFA; I'm referring to the people in this movement today who won't be here tomorrow. I started to wonder why, why is it so hard? The reason it's so hard is because many men today have a problem with this model: Father, Son, Lucifer an angels. **What do they think they are?**



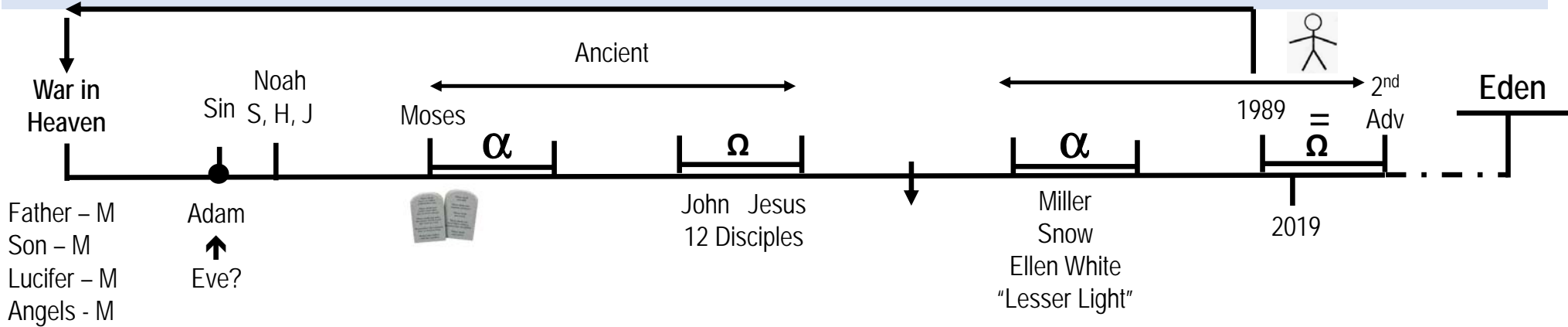


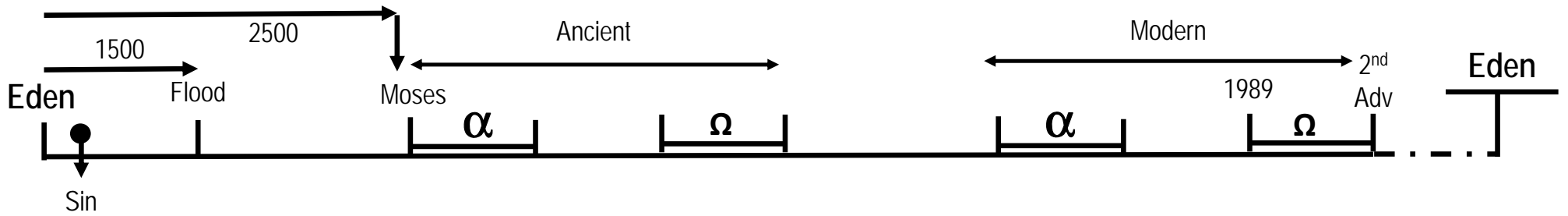
The prototype, you have the prototype of power and leadership. The prototype being the epitome established in Heaven created on Earth; that the original prototype was always male. So a man might accept the message of equality today but this either conscious or often subconscious thought prevents them from properly practicing that equality **because they still believe that the masculine identity is the prototype**. So they look at their own bodies and they'll look at themselves as that epitome of what a being should be, especially one that carries power and authority.



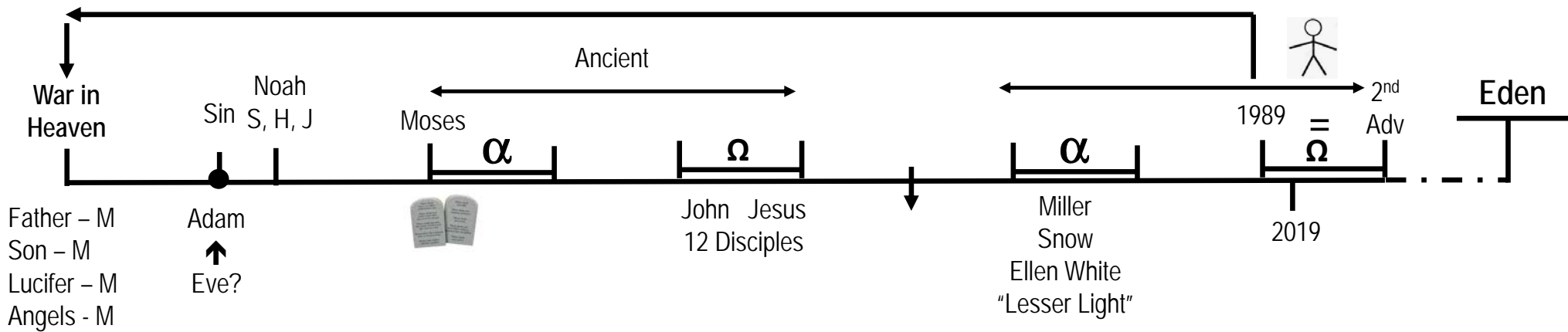


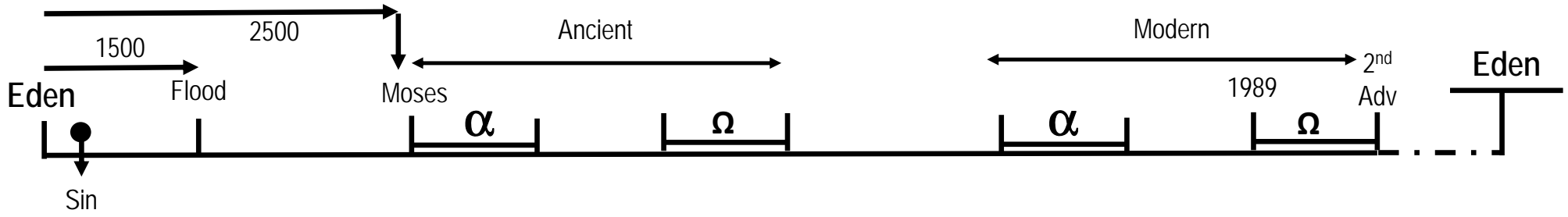
I hear something like this, *I accepted equality, I've done a good job, I allow my wife some freedoms, aren't I good? I've given her some freedom, some rights out of the goodness of my heart.* I'm not being sarcastic; I am quoting someone. And my response is, *you don't get to give anyone something out of the goodness of your heart that they already have. Did you allow her her rights, or did she already have them even while you were oppressing her? So my request is you give her nothing and you get out of the way.* But the reason that he has that mindset is because he is the prototype. A white US citizen today, he can say I'm nice, out of the goodness of my heart I will give rights and freedom to a black American and I know you have the same problems of racism in Brazil with the same roots in the same ugliness.



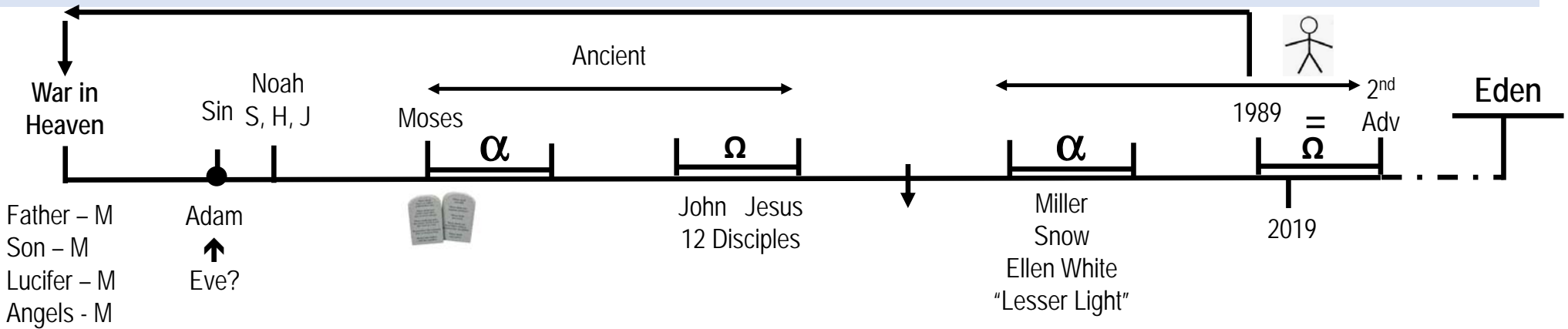


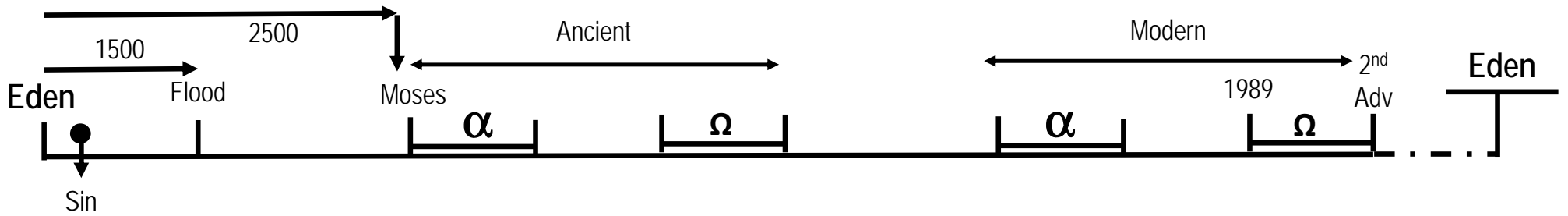
And our response, our vision should be so clear on that subject. It's not that the white citizen is giving the black citizen anything that didn't already belong to them, that they didn't already own.



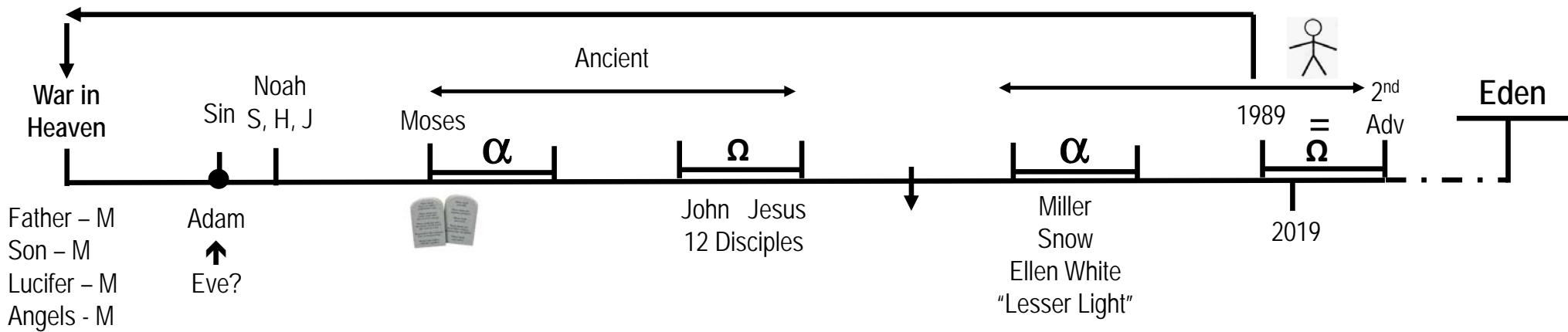


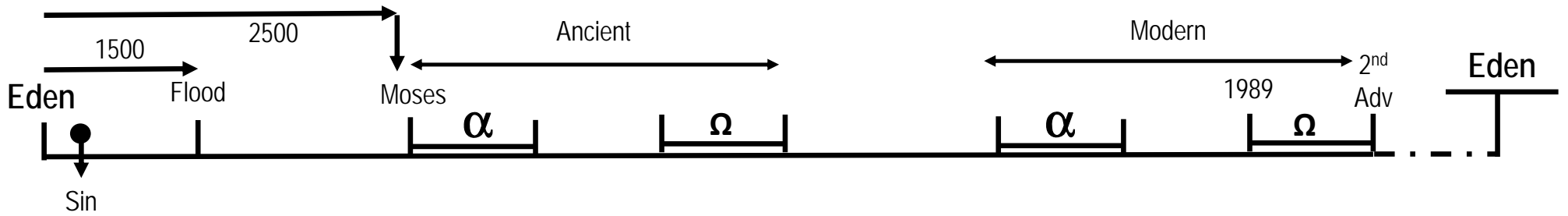
The problems laid out in this document are the problems we have of sexism in this movement, it's the problem of the concept of a prototype. This is why we had to lay out this history and address the subject of the gender of God, because it's in understanding not just the gender of God but Heaven, I'm saying is where even much of the subconscious sexism occurs today. And as I think somebody said it is the Apis Bull. People see God today as the Apis Bull with all of its masculine identity, with all of it if I could put it this way, a God with a gendered brain. The reason that people can believe in the gendered brain today, I believe it's because they think God has a gendered brain. They might be self-conscious and unwilling to say that God has male body parts but they believe that His brain is gendered, His thought processes are gendered.



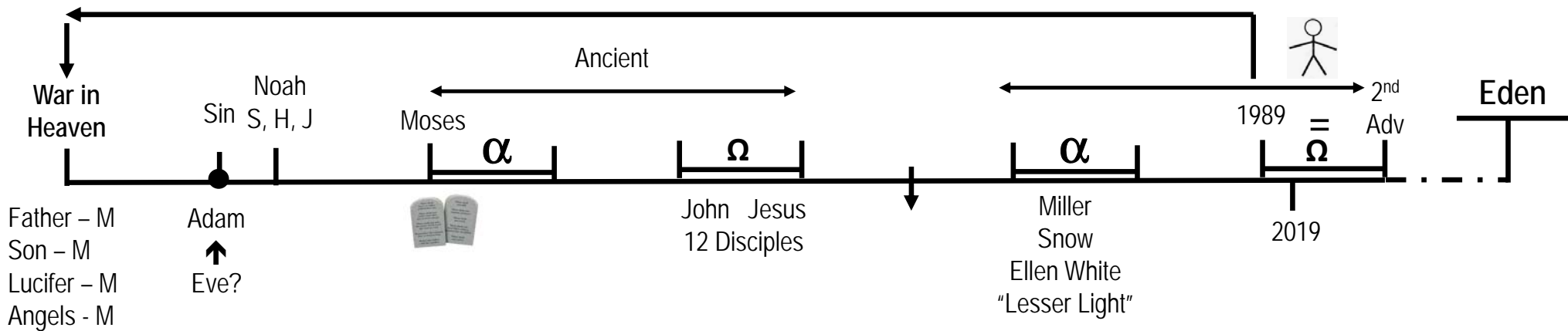


And if you read history with no progression, just 66 books written by men to a male audience, male orientated stories from a male perspective you will develop the idea that God has a gendered brain. It all comes down to what type of model you're going to follow, how you're going to read. Many women struggle with this more than are willing to admit it. So many pages of inspiration, so little given to the subject of domestic abuse. Comparatively little addressing the stories, the needs, the subjects of women and many more women than you may be aware have lost their faith on that thought.

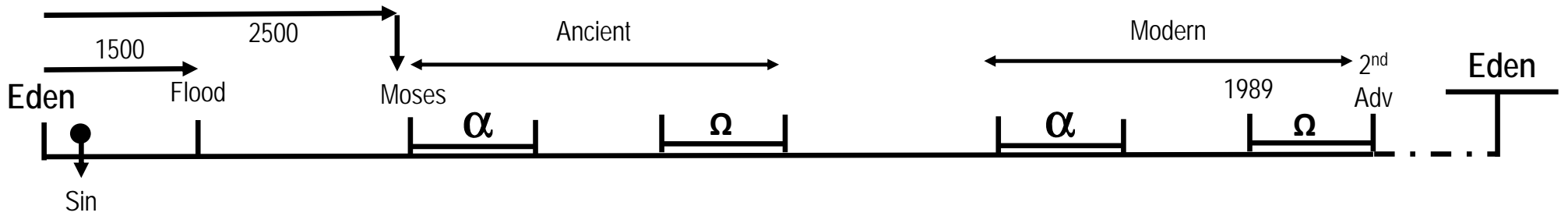




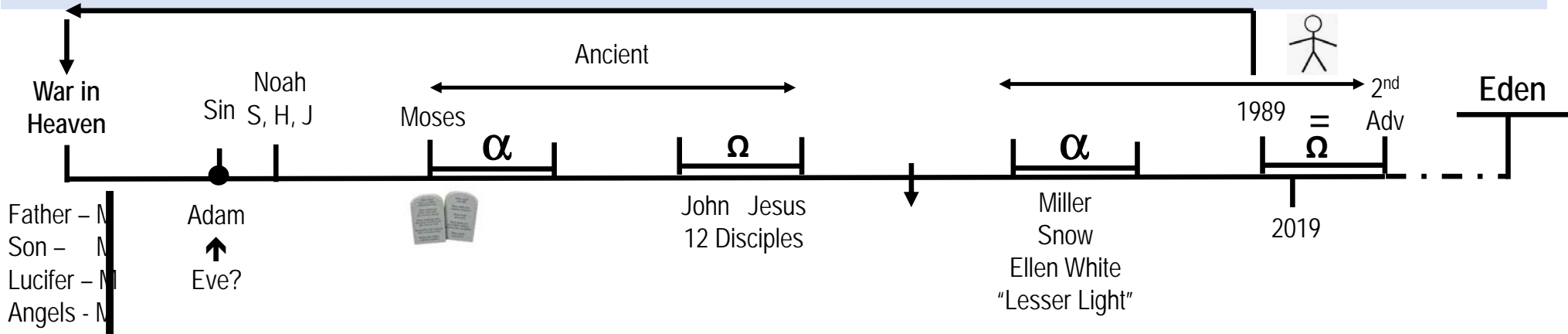
It's a fair thought until you bring in our methodology and you start dismantling this concept we have of a prototypically male Godhead, a prototypically male Heaven that created a prototypically perfect Adam. And in that model the white male Christian American citizen is as the men of this movement. And out of the goodness of their hearts they may allow freedom and equality but there is little hope of success unless they start breaking down the idea of the prototype.

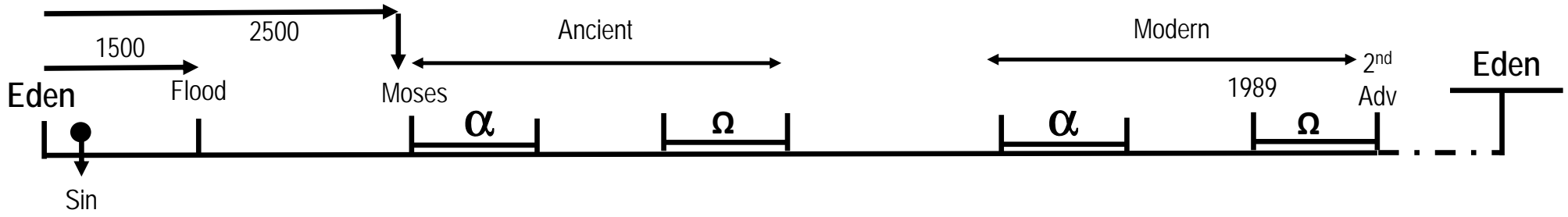






I would tell the following story: a non-gendered Heaven fell into sin. The Father, the Son and Lucifer, the Holy Spirit do not have gendered brains. What they did have is the ability to create and they wished to create a planet and a fellowship of people that shared that desire to create. They wanted them to form partnerships, to realize how much they needed each other. So they created Adam first, he realized he was not complete and by the way if something is not complete it cannot be a prototype, because you cannot cast a model of something that is not complete. **They create Adam and Eve together a prototype** and we don't know the language they spoke, we don't know well the color of their skin, the curl of their hair. Variation comes, none of those characteristics are prototypical. And man and woman together create because humanity is designed to create.





I want to make a point about creation, perhaps for many of you it's just something obvious you've always known but I certainly think it isn't thought enough of or taken seriously enough.

Creation, it's the characteristic of Himself God wanted to place in humanity. What does God love to create?

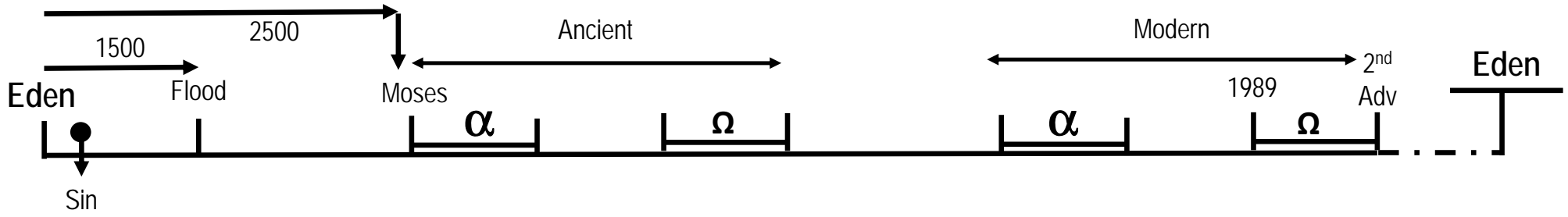
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An insight to all the things that people find beautiful.



Next question, humanity, what did God design us to create? What's a good Conservative Christian response?  
 Babies  
 God created people and we create people. What's the problem?

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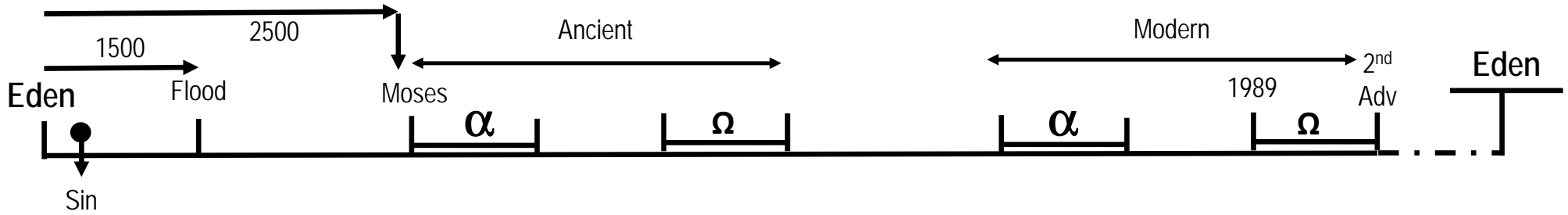
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There is an imbalance, God is an artist, he loves to create. Through creation he creates living and unliving. A cat and a mineral, a tree and a rainbow. His acts of creation are so varied, it's not even limited to the living. And yet the conservative mindset says we were designed to create babies and nothing else and I would suggest that's a tragic limitation. So a woman decides she'll never have children, instead she's going to go to university and study to be an architect. And all the conservative people around her will say you're failing as a woman; you're failing God, didn't you know you were created to create? Babies, what's the problem with that model?

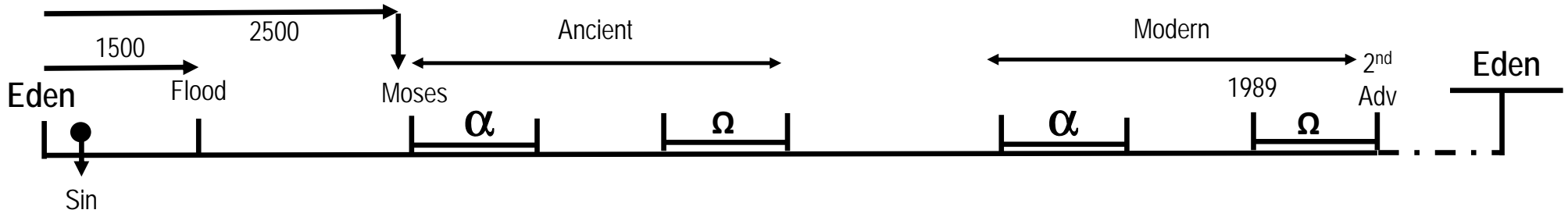
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She's already a creator; it's a sexist and very prevalent mindset. But God spent six days in creation in doing what he fundamentally loves to do, only one day on creating people. **What was he doing the other 5 days? With stars and light and water?**

Designing the non-living fundamental structures of Earth and Heaven. So if a woman has a desire to study and practice architecture and she is made in the image of God **is she not fulfilling her God-given desire to create?**

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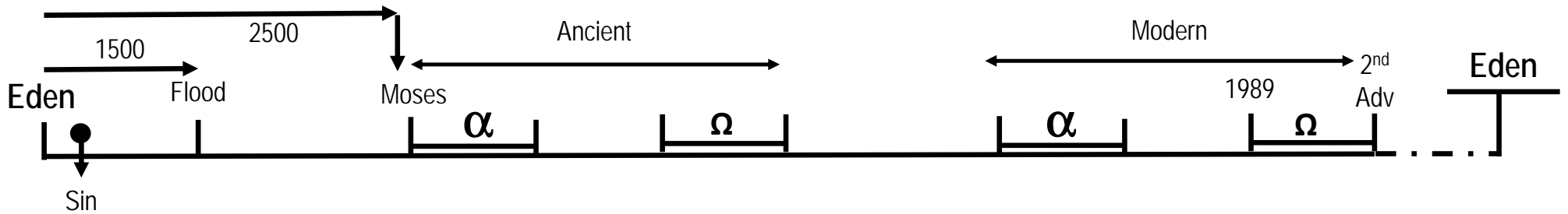
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We have this surrounded by beautiful examples of the love God has for creation. And a tiny little pin prick idea of what humanity is meant to create. Where did technology come from? The desire to explore? Scientific experiments? Music? Art? I'm not suggesting things are not polluted, warped by sin. But when I say that God made humanity to create, people say man, woman, baby. And I would suggest that takes God out of everything else humanity has done. The technology we are using to communicate right now came from humanity's irrepressible desire to create. We might see it warped by sin, we may wish we could go back to our garden and shut everything down, but we can't, it's in built in us.

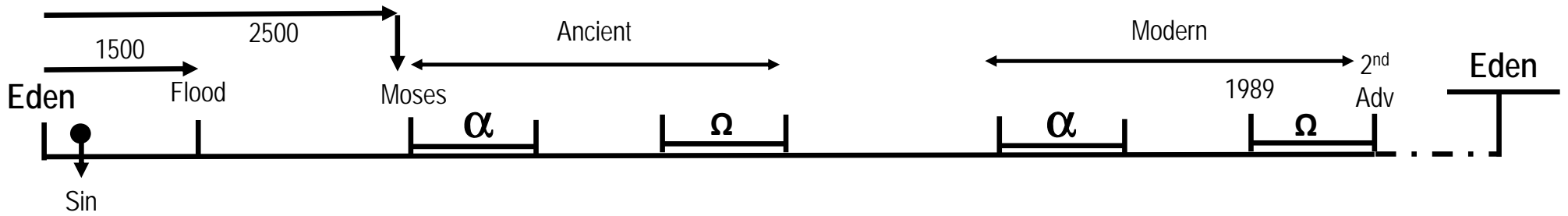
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So Daniel, when he creates his magnificent videos as some of you know he does, is he or is he not a creator acting in the image of God? Gabriel, and his art and drawings, it's creation. **No group has suffered so much from the limitation as women** because people still want to keep them in Eden, just have babies and garden. Maybe cook which is also creation.

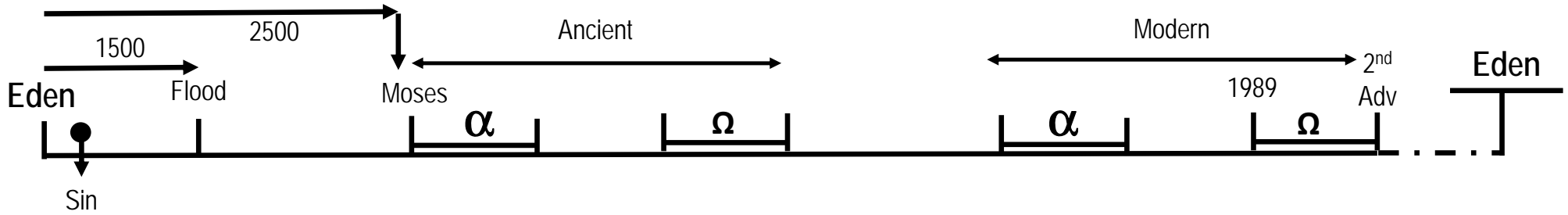
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But before God designed people, I'd like to think he had fun with light and matter and minerals, creating the underlying architecture of Heaven and Earth. I just wanted to mention this because I think it's more of an issue than we realize. Another warped perspective that holds us back. You know if a woman wants to spend her life painting gardens, painting scenes, never has children, even though this Earth has more people that it can manage, conservative Christianity does not see her as exhibiting the characteristics of creation that God planted in her, they see her failing in much of her life. There is this focus on marriage and children and instead we should encourage and embrace the other aspects of creation. I recognize that much is warped by sin but in whatever damaged way people are doing that, movies, music, fashion, however warped it is it's because people have a drive to create that God put there.

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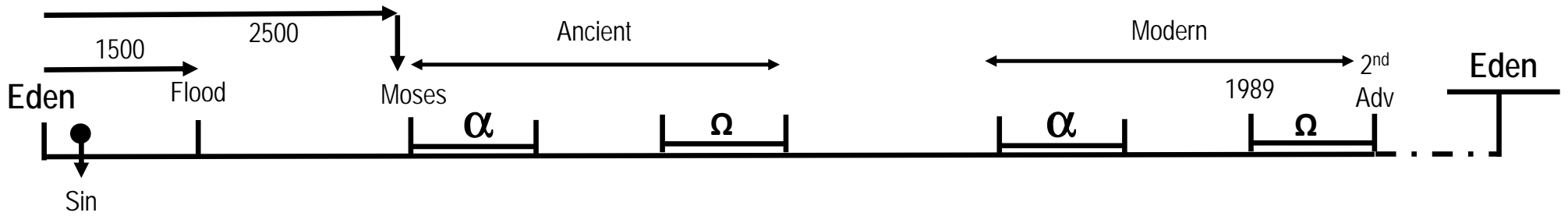
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That might be a detour, but I thought it should be mentioned. It is wonderful to create, there are no limits. I don't mean to have a discussion that's more just conjecture than fact, but I do wonder thousands of years after creation in a world of no sin, if Eve is here and her great great many great down the line grandchild moves here, did they never intend to communicate? Or have we in our own warped way been fulfilling what God designed us to do even with zoom?

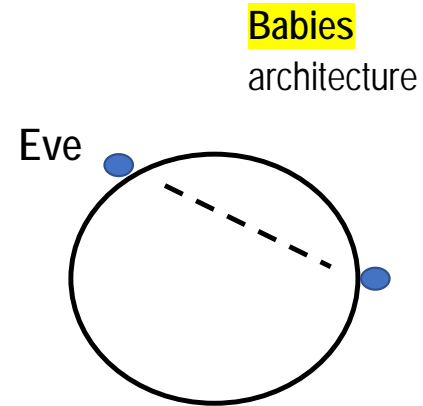
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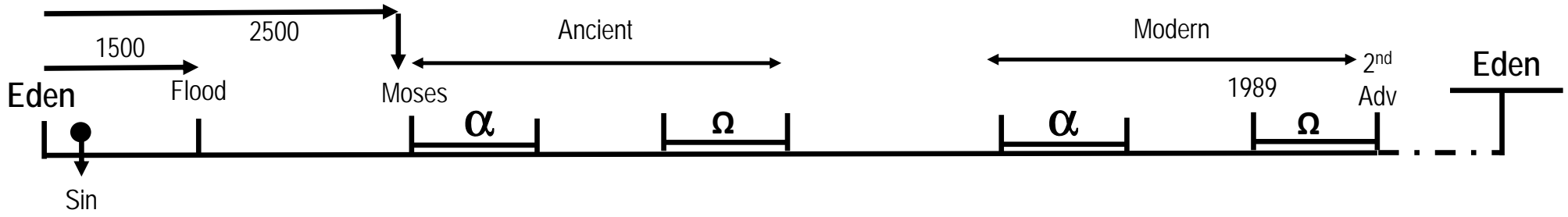
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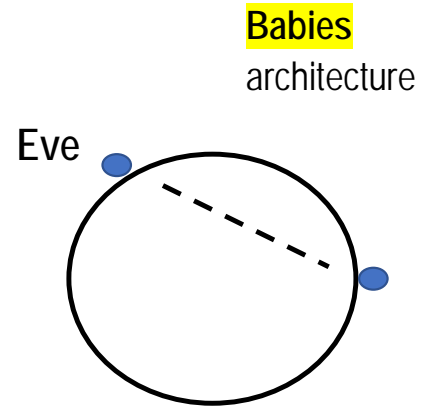
So people think they'll go to Heaven, they'll play a harp, and they will garden. And they will study and visit people and nothing else for eternity. I think God is more varied than that. So I don't mean to make assumptions about what God has not opened up, all I'm saying is, when I say what does God create, living and non-living matter I couldn't keep up with you. It was a very different picture when I asked what humanity was designed to create.

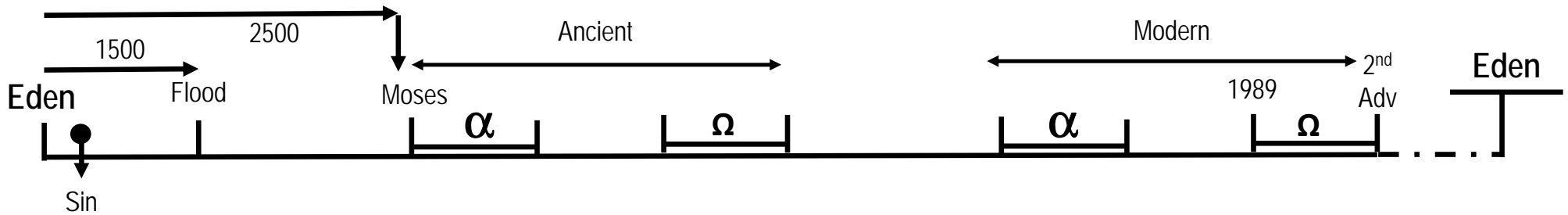
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I don't have the quotes, but someone was telling me about entering heaven and they read about the security system it has; the angels have these golden swipe cards, come to the gate and scan their card. I think our mindset is limited, that's all I'm trying to say. But it affects how we look at and judge other people, especially people who do not marry and do not have children, especially people who study and especially women. I would say that even in the most warped fields of creation like ugly books of fiction people are trying to do what was implanted in them at their own creation.

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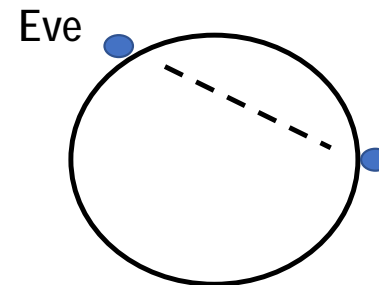
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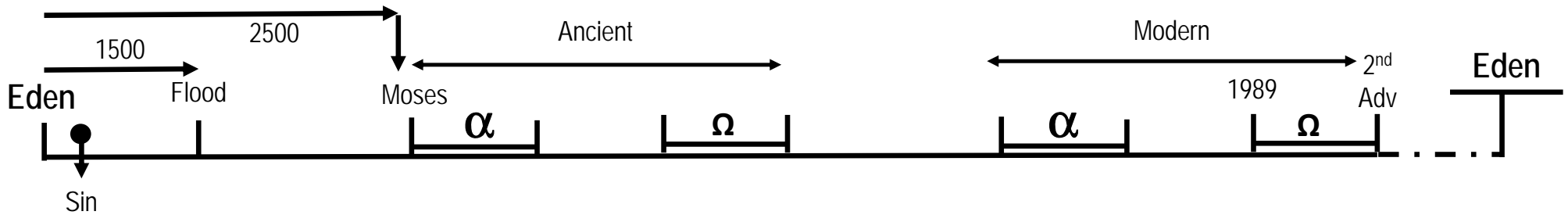
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And it was more than babies that Adam and Eve and their descendants were designed to create.

So when the Earth is filled, replenished, many people think that the ability to have children would have just stopped because even without sin it would have filled. And then would God have just turned off that desire to create? Again, there are things we don't know. All I wish to do is broaden our view of what it means to create.

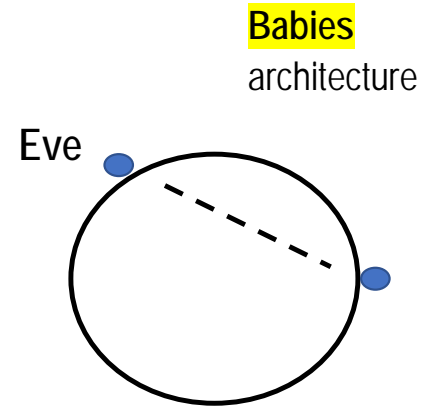
### Creation

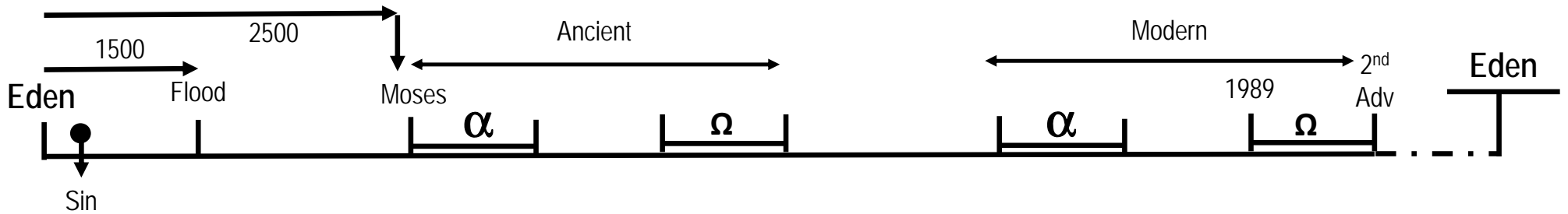
#### God

- People**
- Flowers
- Animals
- Colors
- Stars
- Light
- Rivers
- Scents
- Music
- Mountains
- Lightning I'll put under light and also the rainbow both the things that comes from light and colors

- Soil
- Rocks and minerals

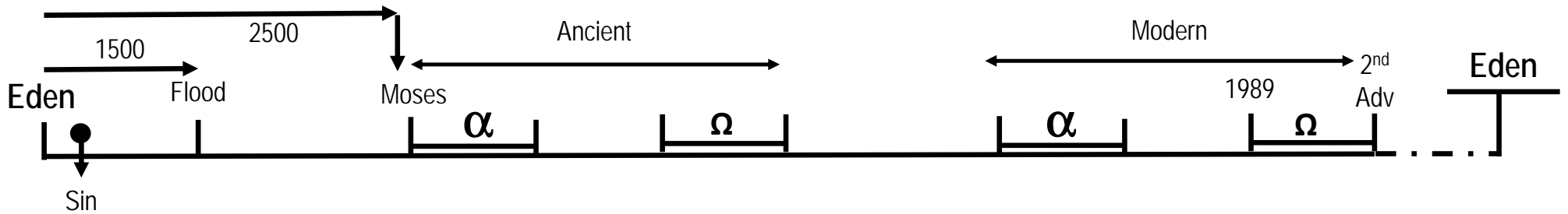
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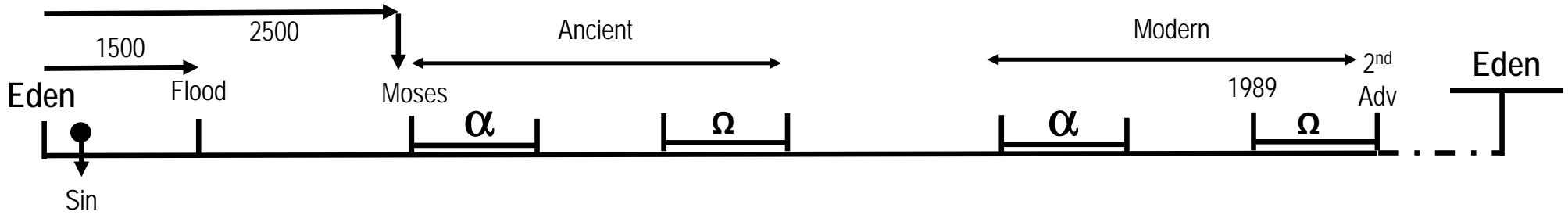


We began this camp meeting with two seemingly unrelated subjects. First of all, the identities of Lucifer and Christ. We have reviewed that both yesterday and today. The other subject that we looked at was the concept of restoration, our Eden-to-Eden line.

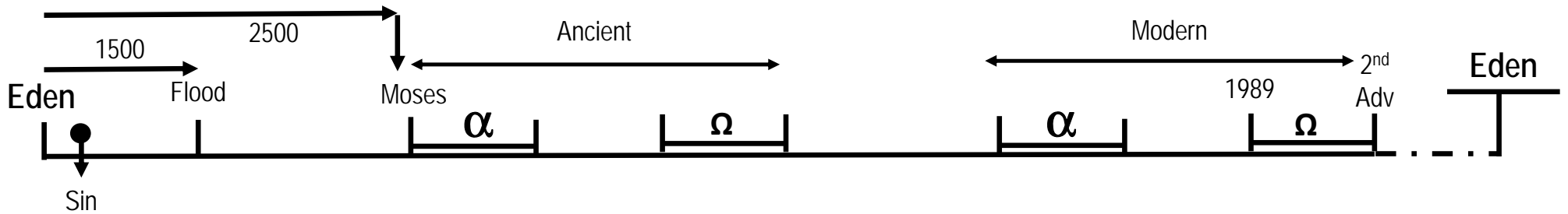
When we looked at the line of restoration, we went to an Ellen White quote. It's a confronting painful quote, especially for those who find it particularly relevant, it addressed the subject of child abuse. And I've made a strong statement that when looking at the words of the prophet of God in her choice of handling that situation I could not, would not agree and I would not repeat her example today. For many people that's blasphemy.



I just want to speak on the subject one more time. Back at the beginning of ancient Israel Mateus taught us about the pagan cultures at that time. A woman in that ancient culture who committed adultery, if it was proven, known she'd committed adultery, she was to die. If it was not proven she would have to go to the priest and then she was required to throw herself in the river. If she drowned, she was guilty, if she survived, she was innocent.



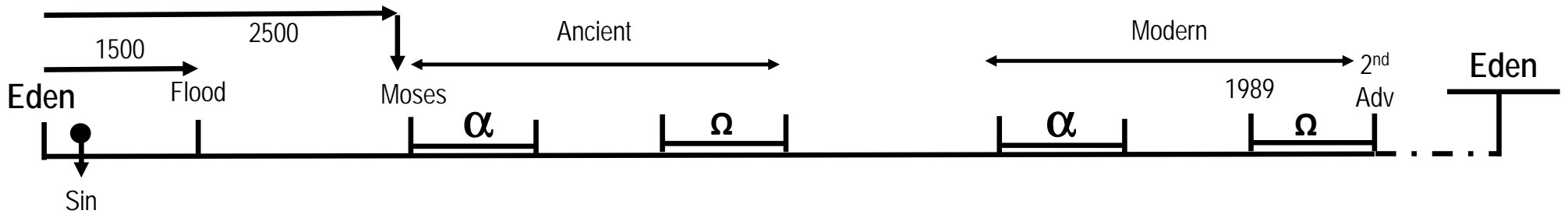
So God is taking a people out of paganism in the beginning of ancient Israel. And He says to them, if a woman is proven to have committed adultery she must die. If it's not proven she must be taken to the priest. Now they're in the desert, they can't follow the pagan ritual, there are no rivers. So they will take water, mixing that water with the dirt from the temple floor and she had to drink it. If she stayed well, she was innocent and if she came became extremely ill, probably miscarried she was considered guilty. Why this process of drinking this test?



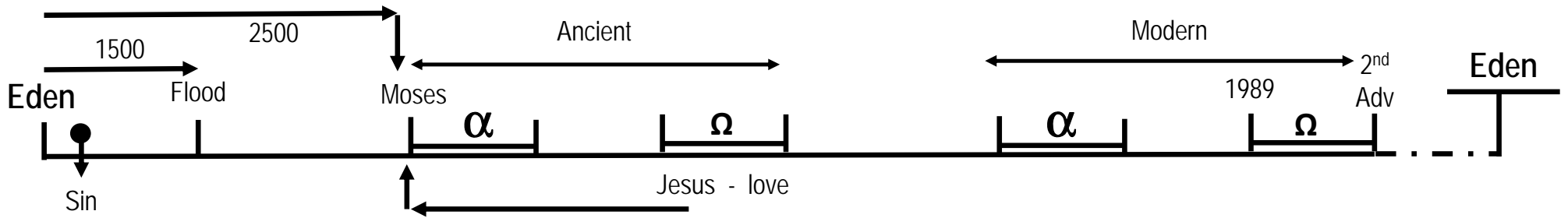
What God has done is given them a version of what was already happening in paganism. Now remember this is the instruction of God through His prophet.

A couple thousand years later the Pharisees find a woman committing adultery, it's proven. Now we know she was set up, but that excuse would not have passed in the Mosaic law, she still committed the sin. She's dragged to the feet of Christ and the Pharisees say, don't you know what the prophet wrote about how to treat someone? And what does Jesus say? John chapter 8 verse 7, he that is without sin among you cast the first stone.

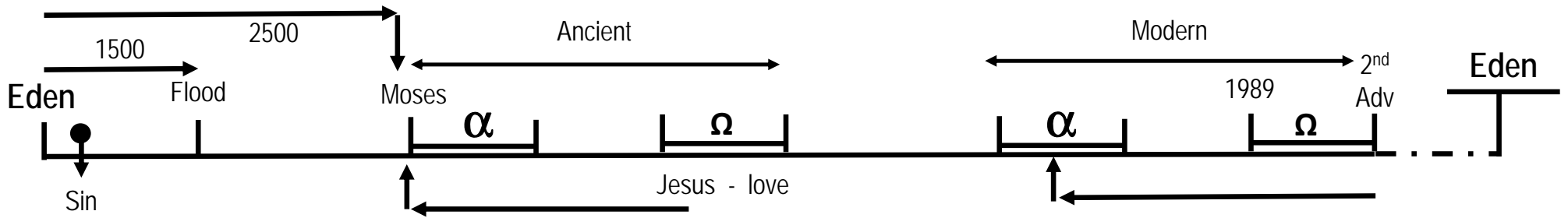




I'm going to suggest that was just an excuse. If there was one of those men without sin, would they have been allowed to cast the stone? No, how do we know that? Because wasn't there someone in that audience in front of her who had no sin? Christ had no sin, therefore isn't He required by his own words to cast the first stone? Fulfilling the Mosaic law. This isn't about those men having sin, it isn't that they were just not worthy to stone her. Because if it was about them not being worthy there was someone there who was worthy.

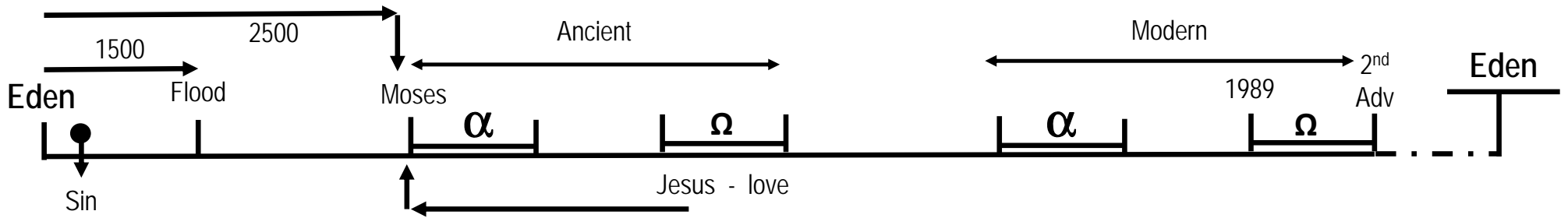


So Christ makes two points at once. First point, all of you men are hypocrites, sort out your own lives. The second point He was making was about the law. Now it's easy for us to say this is a beautiful story, isn't Jesus so loving; but the same person who spoke at the end of ancient Israel spoke at the beginning of ancient Israel. The same person who said I don't condemn you condemned them in the alpha history. So here in the Omega Jesus is love. In ancient Israel the beginning, he says poison her and if she gets really sick, she's guilty. Message of equality, says God never changes; who is meant to change?



Humanity, Jesus is essentially saying to them didn't you know you were meant to change, it is no longer acceptable for you to act in the Omega history how you were instructed to act in the alpha history? All we did is look at a case of abuse, we went back to our alpha history, and we said Ellen White's handling of that situation is not acceptable today, now we have to see the fine line.

Are we saying she wasn't inspired? No. Are we tearing up her rules? Her writings? No. Do we blame her? No. Is Jesus tearing up the writings of Moses? Saying Moses wasn't inspired? He says He came to complete the law not do away with it. The Pharisees see it is just tearing up the writings of Moses, disrespecting their prophet. They are waiting for him to question the Sabbath, catching him every time they think he does. He did not come there to question the Sabbath, He did not come to tear up law, rules. What He's doing is very structured, all he's indicating is the progressive change that should have occurred in humanity among His own people. He couldn't in the writings of Moses say the following: this is cruel and wrong but I'm letting you hold on to some of your pagan ideas. So just know that I don't like this but I'm going to tell you to do it. They couldn't have understood, so He doesn't say it's wrong to give a pregnant woman accused of adultery this test. But elements of their paganism He allows to continue in a more carefully controlled fashion.



Then as the United States started with male white supremacy they are meant to transform. And 2000 years later Jesus is just disappointed in them, He has not become nicer between the Alpha and Omega history. Jesus hasn't changed between the two points, but this is just one example of that line of progression. If He had come in the time of Moses and done away with all of those ideas, completely cut them from their wrong models what would have happened?

He tries to do that 2000 years later and even after that much time the majority of His people reject Him. Imagine if you did it here when they had an actual golden calf. If the vast majority of the people couldn't get the point in the Omega history, they wouldn't have gotten the point in the alpha history.

So when it comes to the issues of equality, we don't look at the writings of our prophet, we don't pick and choose what we like. Everything that we agree with or disagree with is through careful study using methods and rules. That's why just like Jesus we don't come in and question how we keep the Sabbath because even when we look at something and say that cannot be what we follow today, it's because we followed a process and rules to come to that conclusion, not my feelings or my opinion. We are making the changes that God always designed humanity to make. And our stiff neck slowness is our fault not His.

Dear Lord in Heaven,

We see your people; we are always stiff necked always slow to learn. We see your goodness in not giving up on us. I pray that we will meditate on the things taught today. We see externally how much damage is done when people hold to a wrong idea of history and so many have a wrong idea of the history of Heaven. May we make the concerted effort to rid ourselves of incorrect models, of our limited ideas of creation. May we try to represent you in your beauty and in your love, especially in the way that we treat each other. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen