

Judges Series

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**Choices: Worship the Creator
or creation?**

Judges 4–5; Romans 1:18–31



JUDGES

2021

When Chaos Was King

Outline of “Judges” (Chieftains, Tribal Rulers, Leaders)

1:1–3:6

Introduction

**How Israel went from
spiritual victory
to being worse than
the Canaanites**

Incomplete obedience

Compromise

Failure

Cycles of discipline

3:7–16:31

Paganization of the Leadership

Othniel (the best)

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

Gideon

Tola, Jair

Jephthah

Ibzan, Elon, Abdon

Samson (the worst)

17:1–21:25

Paganization of the Priests

Chap. 17–18

and the

People

Chap. 19–21

1 Cor. 14:31, “For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 Cor. 14:32, “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

1 Cor. 14:33, “For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

1 Cor. 11:3, “But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Cor. 11:4, “Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head.

1 Cor. 11:5, “But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

1 Cor. 11:6, “For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.”

1 Cor. 11:7, “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

1 Cor. 11:8, “For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

1 Cor. 11:9, “Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

1 Cor. 11:10, “For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.”

1 Tim. 2:8, “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

1 Tim. 2:9, “in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

1 Tim. 2:10, “but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”

1 Tim. 2:11, “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

1 Tim. 2:12, “And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

1 Tim. 2:13, “For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

1 Tim. 2:14, “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1 Tim. 2:15, “Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.”

Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom. 1:19, “because what may be known of God is manifest in [*en*] them, for God has shown it to them.”

~NKJV

Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in [*en*] their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” ~NKJV

Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,

Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” ~NKJV

Rom. 1:26, “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Rom. 1:27, “Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

Rom. 1:28, “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Rom. 1:29, “being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,” ~NKJV

Application

Political/National or Individual Decisions

Ethics: What is right? What is wrong? What is good or bad?

Epistemology (Knowledge): How do we know truth? Right from wrong? Just or unjust?

Metaphysics: Ultimate reality, i.e., God, matter, energy, “the universe,” nothing

Foundation of *all* thought

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GOD

Personal-Infinite

INFINITE-
IMPERSONAL
Universe

FINITE UNIVERSE

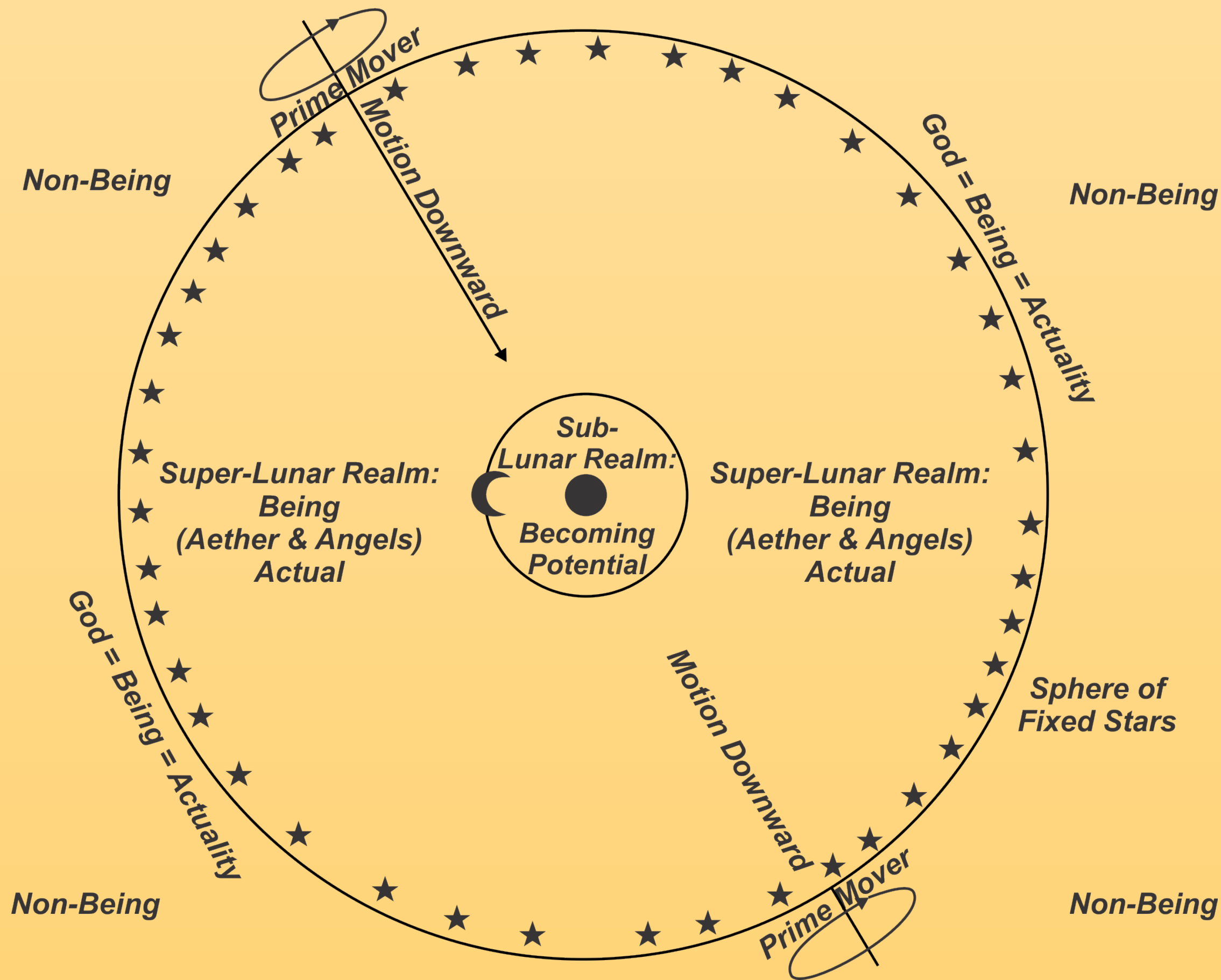
Man
Animals
Vegetation
Matter/Energy

God
Man
Nature

The Great Chain of Being



The Great Chain of Being in History



What IS the Chain of Being?

Continuity of Being, *Scalae naturae*,
echelle de etres, or the chain of being.

1. A hierarchy of static, unchanging forms, with God (Being, Unmoved Mover, the Good, the Absolute, etc.) at the top, then angels, humans, animals, plants, down to inanimate objects. Each had its place. The movement is from the top down and the forms are unchanging.

“Apart from biblically governed thought, the prevailing concept of *being* has been that being is one and continuous. God, or the gods, man, and the universe are all aspects of one continuous being; degrees of being may exist, so that a hierarchy of gods as well as a hierarchy of men can be described, but all consist of one, undivided and continuous being. The creation of any new aspect of being is thus not a creation out of nothing, but a creation out of *being*. . . .”

~R. J. Rushdoony

**Chain of Being
Emanating
from “god”**

