

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

I. Job's Adversity

A. Attacks #1-4 Wealth and Family 1:13-19

B. Satan's epic fail 1:20-22

C. Attack #5 Health

II. Job's Accusers

A. The best support 2:11-13

B. The blame game

1. Eliphaz – “God crushes,” Hints Job sinned (4-7)

2. Bildad – “Sharp nail,” Says your family sinned (8-10)

3. Zophar – “Chatterer,” God exacted less than your sin deserves (11-14)

III. Job's Acquittal

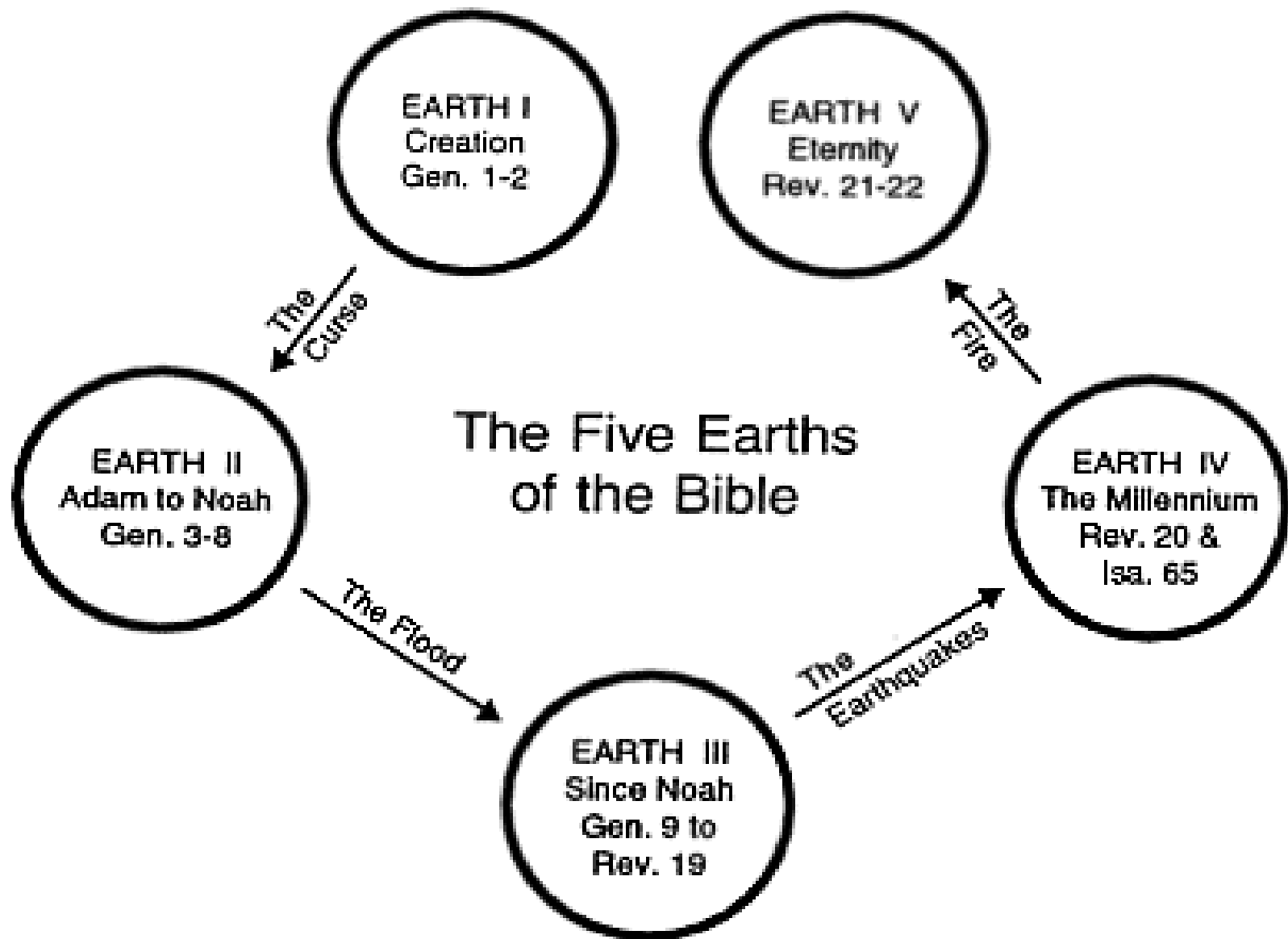
A. Job's 3 statements – Job 13:15; 19:25-27; 42:2

B. Elihu speaks – 32:2, 3, 14, 16; 33:8-10, 12, 14-16; 37:23

C. God speaks & restores – 38:1, 2; 42:3, 12, 13

TAKE HOME THOUGHTS

1. Bad things can happen to all people living in a fallen world but Christians have provisions for their problems.
2. Satan is after our character; we ultimately win or lose by how we let adversity affect our character.
3. When people are going through adversity don't play the blame game. Go light on judgment; heavy on intercession.
4. God is not our problem, He is the answer to our problem. Listen, He will speak and He will restore.



Views About What Happens to us on Earth

1. God is in control of everything that happens on earth.
2. Satan is in control of everything that happens on earth.
3. Man's personal decisions influence what happens on earth:
 - a. In creating by cause and effect
 - b. In responding to what happens from satan's attacks (fallen angel), others choices (fallen men), or the effects of living in a fallen world.
 - c. Not responding; passive; neglect to act