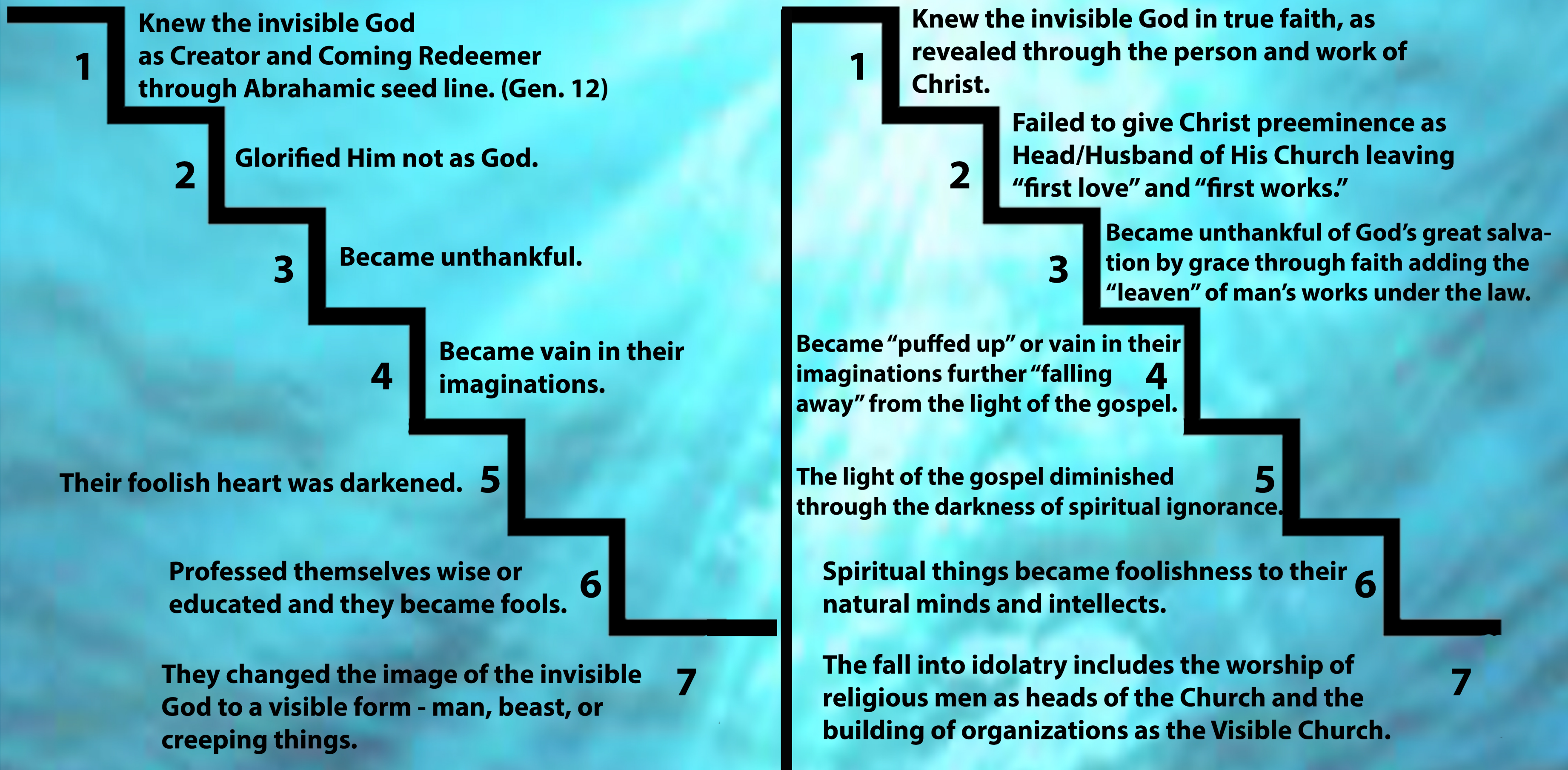


THE SEVEN DESCENDING STEPS OF APOSTASY

ROMANS CHAPTER ONE

THE GENTILE WORLD The Old Testament BC

JUDEAN CHRISTIAN WORLD The New Testament AD



The apostasy in the Judean Christian world is two-fold. The above chart reflects the spiritual/religious side of the fall from spiritual faith into spiritual idolatry. Howbeit, there has been a corresponding apostasy in the non-spiritual and nonreligious world reflected in declining standards of morality. This apostasy has reached the 7th stage, in a social acceptance of unnatural affection, as described in Romans chapter one. The "deeper root" is spiritual apostasy and idolatry responsible for the declining light of the gospel resulting in spiritual darkness and immorality. Both sides existed in the "Days of Noah" and the "Days of Lot" before divine judgment.