

## Parenting in the Covenantal Image of Christ: Prophets, Priests & Kings

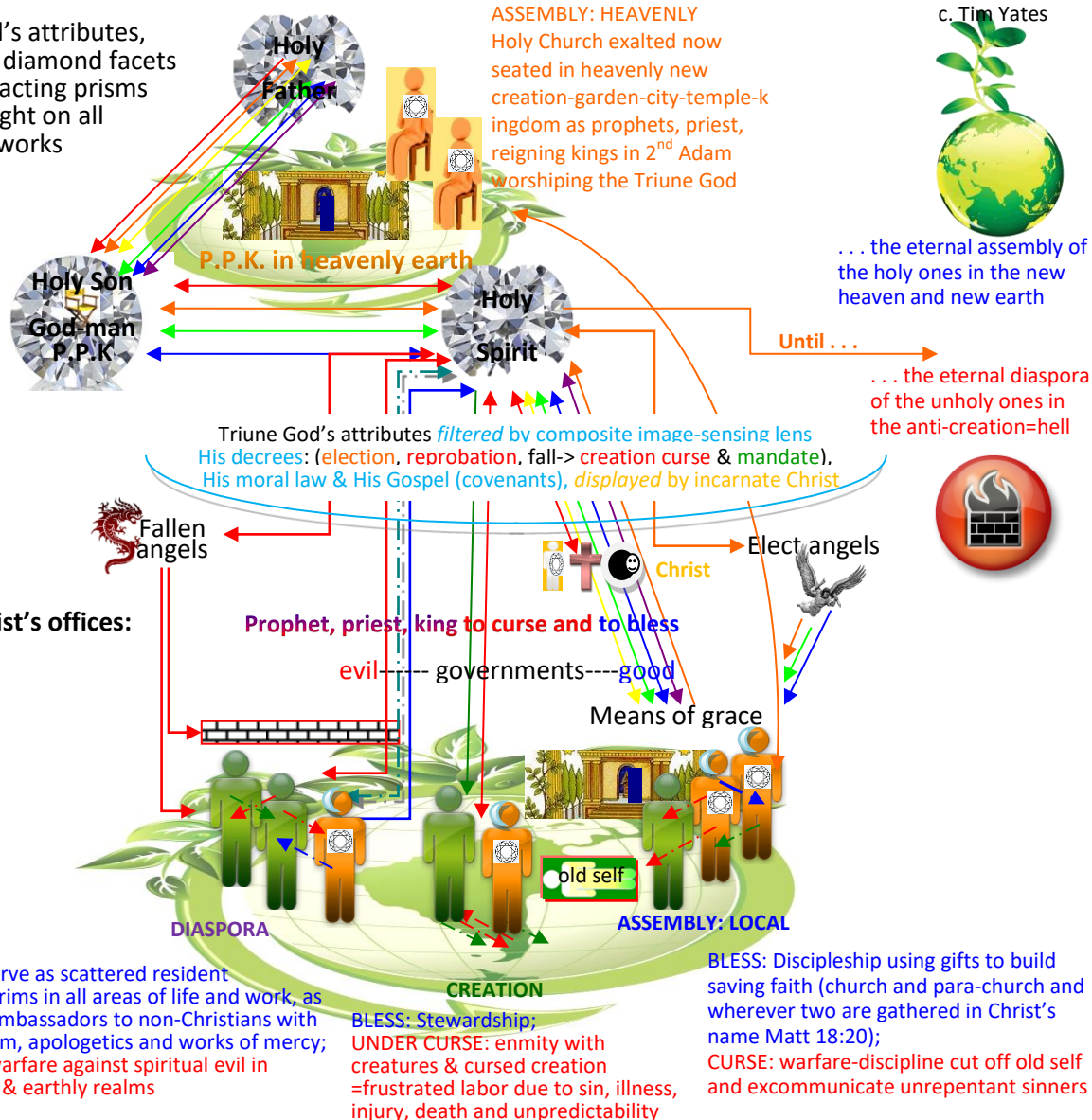
God's attributes, like diamond facets refracting prisms of light on all his works

**ASSEMBLY: HEAVENLY**  
Holy Church exalted now seated in heavenly new creation-garden-city-temple-kingdom as prophets, priest, reigning kings in 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam worshipping the Triune God

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... the eternal assembly of the holy ones in the new heaven and new earth



Holy Church growing in **saving faith** to image Christ as **Prophets** (truth proclaiming ambassador), **Priests** (prayerful shepherds) and **Kings** (executive enforcement: keys of the kingdom) (P.P.K.) . . .

**a) P.P.K.'s representing the Lord blessed face:**

- ASSEMBLY** in the great assembly (heavenly): *worship*  
in the local assembly (earthly): *discipleship* in both the church, para-church or two gathered
- CREATION** in the renewed creation (heavenly): *investment*  
in the ordered creation (earthly): *stewardship*
- DIASPORA** in the scattering "diaspora" (living among those appointed to eternal life): *ambassador, pilgrim, reformer*

**b) P.P.K.'s representing the Lord's cursed face:**

- ASSEMBLY** in the local assembly (earthly): *discipline* (self-discipline old sin nature; church discipline of unrepentant)
- CREATION** in the fallen creation (earthly): *frustration* (experience enmity/frustration/curse between man and creation/creatures)
- DIASPORA** in the scattering (heavenly evil): *warfare* (war against spiritual forces of darkness in heavenly realms)  
in the scattering (earthly evil): *warfare* (soldiership against creation-worship, condemn/separate from the sinful world and experience persecution)