The Line, The Wheel, and the Hill

A Scriptural Model for Understanding History
The Dynastic Cycle

New Dynasty
- Brings peace
- (Re)builds infrastructure
- Gives land to peasants
- Protects people

Old Dynasty
- Taxes people too much
- Stops protecting people
- Lets infrastructure decay
- Treats people unfairly

Generations go by, New Dynasty becomes...

New Dynasty claims Mandate of Heaven

Old Dynasty loses Mandate of Heaven

Problems
- Floods, earthquakes, etc.
- Peasant revolt
- Invaders attack empire
- Bandits raid countryside
The Cycle of Sin in Judges

1. Peace in the land. Israel serves the Lord
2. Israel does evil in the eyes of the Lord
3. God raises up a judge
4. Israel cries out to the Lord
5. Israel is delivered
6. God punishes Israel. Israel is enslaved
Linearism is the predominate Biblical model for conceptualizing history. History began in Genesis 1:1 and progresses in linear fashion until the establishment of the new heaven and earth in Revelation 21:1, the Dispensation of the Fullness of Time.

As time progress forward in linear fashion from beginning to end, the cycles of seasonality occur. Economies expand and contract. Civilizations rise and fall. Mankind vacillates between periods of rejection and reception of the God’s truth. The main point here is that history is headed somewhere. If cyclicalty alone were true, history would never get anywhere, and thus, linearism must remain the predominate parading for a scriptural perspective of history.
It naturally follows from the Law of Human Collapse that the most accurate way to illustrate history’s path is through a downward sloping line. Unlike Evolutionary and Marxian views of history, humanity is not improving but finding new ways and methods to rebel against God. Only the prophesied return of Christ will fix the economic and political structures of this world. The Law of Human Collapse is best illustrated by the mineral degeneration observable in Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image in Daniel Chapter 2.