2Thess #78

The Doctrine of Intercalation.

We will pick it up where we left off which was putting a finishing touch on the New Covenant in relation to the Church Age.

Open up in Ephesians chapter two RF.

We will wrap up this short series on the differences between the Church Age and the dispensation of Israel.

/The new covenant to the Church is made in favour of the royal family. This is God’s greatest experiment of grace. The new covenant supersedes the shadow covenant of the Old Testament, the Mosaic Law. It authorizes a new universal priesthood for the royal family of God which operates positionally in the Holy of Holies. We are now a walking piece of the temple of GOD on earth. We have an altar within our soul structure (1Cor 3:16, 2Cor 6:16, 1Pet 2:5,).\

The New Covenant identifies the Church Age as Royality.

Never had the children of GOD been given this level of intimacy and 40 grace gifts we were given.

The letter to Ephesus is directed at all of the Apostle Paul’s churches which were almost all Gentile congregations.

This is a prison epistle, speaking about the mystery of the plan of God.

Calling on the unity we all have and the power we find in the CA grace plan we are called into during this dispensation.

/Eph 2:17 And He came and **preached peace to you who were far away**, and **peace to those who were near;**

The dual lesson the Apostle Paul is highlighting is those who were Gentile were considered far away. Also meaning the gospel of Christ is to go across the whole world – distance was never an issue.\

Jesus came to save the whole world – all sins were dealt with upon the cross – yet all people do not accept that grace gift.

[Eph 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/18/s_1099018) for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

/[Eph 2:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/19/s_1099019) So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **you are fellow citizens with the saints,** and are of God’s household,

All Bels are saints this is not an issue of man-made religion, it is a GOD ordained grace plan designed from eternity past.\

[Eph 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/20/s_1099020) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,

/[Eph 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/21/s_1099021) in whom **the whole building, being fitted together**, is **growing into a holy temple in the Lord**,

All four dispensations (Gentile, Israel, Church and Millennial reign) are brought together and being built up by Christ as a HOLY temple. Recognized as holy people who will be home in heaven for all of eternity.\

This is written in the Greek present tense it is something that continues until completion.

All Bels in every dispensation, make up the whole temple or the whole future resurrected saints of GOD.

All Bels from every age and dispensation make up the citizens of heaven.

Every detail and season or turning point in every dispensation fits together like a divine Lego set.

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/[*Eph 2:21*](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/21/s_1099021) *in whom the whole building, being fitted together*

*synarmologeō –* to fit in specific fashion, a proper order or special fitting. Joined together in exact precision, a frame or building, parts that are put together to make a whole. Body parts that work as one.\

SOON-AH-MAY-GAYO, is only used a few times in the NT - it always points to a building or structure that is properly put together.

[Eph 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/2/22/s_1099022) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Every dispensation was given a plan, legal promises and expectations from GOD the Father – and it can only be fulfilled by being a Believer in TLJC and having God the HS working in your favor.

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/The new covenant sanctioned by God is valid because of the blood of Christ, the efficacious spiritual death of Christ on the cross, being judged for our sins. All prophecy, covenants and salvation were fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session.\

The physical blood of Christ cannot be what saves a lost soul.

“*Blood*” means the work of redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation. The blood of Christ is the finished work of TLJC, that is what links animal blood in the analogy with the saving work of Christ on the cross.

/The new covenant sanctions a new priesthood and a royal priesthood of the Church Age. The priesthood under Aaron was special, the Levitical order of Israel. That was a teaching tool and stood as a shadow worship of what was coming. Part of the New Covenant for Israel is that in Christ (finished work), their unfulfilled promises are coming in the New Kingdom era (2nd Advent). The rebirth of the Levitical order is part of that. \

The Apostle Peter used the term Royal priesthood when teaching to Bels in Rome.

The last ten years of the Apostle Peter’s life he was teaching from Rome and teaching to predominately Gentile Bels.

In fact, by this point of 63 or 64 AD, Nero was on the verge of really turning up the heat on Christians and the Jewish population had faded as far as true followers of Christ.

It was predominantly Gentile Believers.

/1Pet 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, **A royal PRIESTHOOD**, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *GOD’S* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Apostle Peter uses OT prophecy about Israel in the future, yet he reminds the CA Bels we are given a greater priesthood. (Rev 1:6, Rev 5:10) \

So, the OT prophets who spoke of a New Covenant may not have fully understood the coming Church age, yet TLJC recognized it and used that exact term in HIS last Supper.

/Jer 31:31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when **I will make a new covenant**with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

Luk 22:20 And in the same way *He took* the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup, which is poured out for you, **is the new covenant in My blood.**  (1Cor 11:25) \

The NEW COVENANT in MY blood – spiritual death, the work on the cross.

This meant that all sins were paid for and therefore all covenants and prophecy were being fulfilled. Also, the NEW covenant not only recognized Israel in the future, it pointed to a new ROYAL family a body and bride of Jesus Christ.

The Church Age was opened up after the Cross of Christ.

In theology the CA is often referenced as the doctrine of intercalation;

/The word ‘intercalation’ means insertion. The Dispensation of Israel was interrupted at the death of Christ, His resurrection, ascension and session then sealed all covenants. Ten days after HIS ascension the transition was completed. A new dispensation called the Church was inserted; the last Adam (Christ) now had His own royal family. Seven years are still owed to Israel (Tribulation).\

The Church Age, therefore, is a mystery not known to the Old Testament Bels — There is only a handful of hints about the CA or the rapture that is why we have mystery doctrine of the Church age.

The word mystery is used over 20x in the NT teachings.

Jump over to Ephesians chapter 3 RF.

/Rom 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ**, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past**, 26 but **now has been disclosed, and through the Scriptures of the prophets**, in accordance with the commandment of the eternal God, **has been made known to all the nations**, *leading* to obedience of faith;\

The Apostle Paul became the master of mystery doctrine – in fact he was commissioned by TLJC to make sure he was the leader in this specific teaching.

/Col 1:25 I was made a minister of this *church* **according to the commission from God granted to me** for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out *the preaching of* the word of God, 26 *that is,* **the mystery which had been hidden from the *past* ages and generations**, but now has been revealed to His saints,\

There is no way to do a deep study of the NT, certainly the letters from the Apostle Paul and not recognize mystery doctrine and dispensations.

Eph 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

/[Eph 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/2/s_1100002) **if indeed you have heard of the administration**(oikonomia) **of God’s grace** which was given to me for you;

A stewardship, a dispensation, a household estate or a property designation.\

OH-COIN-AY-ME-AH, dispensation, the administration over a piece of property. In this case a time period under God’s grace plan…Church Age.

[Eph 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/3/s_1100003) that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before briefly.

[Eph 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/4/s_1100004) By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

/[Eph 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/5/s_1100005) **which in other generations was not made known to mankind**, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;\

Again, the Apostle Paul is referencing a different time period…a different age.

/[Eph 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/3/6/s_1100006) *to be specific,* **that the Gentiles are fellow heirs** and fellow members of the body, and **fellow partakers of the promise**in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

The New Covenant and the whole family of GOD from the other dispensations – the CHURCH is part of the 4 walls where Christ is the Chief Cornerstone.\

As I told you last lesson, reminding you again today - every dispensation has certain blessings, promises and expectations different from the others. Yet all working in conjunction for the perfect, completed plan of GOD the Father.

/Doctrines pertaining to the Church Age are not found in the O T. You don’t find the baptism of the Spirit, you don’t find the Rapture, you don’t find indwelling by the Trinity. The OT Bels did not have these intimate privileges nor where they made aware of them. Doctrines pertaining to the Church Age is intercalated by the NT teaching, especially the epistles.\

The Old Testament reveals prophecy leading up to the session of Jesus Christ then skips the Church Age and reveals the Tribulation, the 2nd Advent, and the Millennial reign of Christ.

/In the OT there may be hints regarding the Church Age - which occur within the original Hebrew text, by examining the large breaks or parenthesis which randomly occurred. Examples of this can be found in Dan 2:40 into 41, Dan 7:23 – 24, also in Dan 8:22 – 23, Psa 22:22 – 23. It is seen in original writings of the ancient text and has become a heated debate. Yet there are other more profound scriptures seen in Dan 11, Hosea 3, Hosea 5 & 6.\

You can go over to the OT – Hosea chapter 5 as we close. I’ll put the rest of these scriptures on the board for you to see;

In Daniel, the last 6 chapters are all prophecy about not only the end times but a mixture of the coming kingdoms. Such as the rise of Alexander the Great, the Persian kings who came after him and then the Roman Empire during the days of TLJC.

/Dan 11:35 “And **some of those who have insight will fall, to refine, purge, and cleanse them until the end time**; because *it is* still *to come* **at the appointed time.**

There are some scholars who believe this points to the CA and the struggles leading up to the Rapture – the end time is the appointed time of Tribulation.\

Bels in the CA will have great insight, they will have great attacks and challenges, they will have to purge themselves of the false doctrines and false brethren along the way.

/Dan 11:36 “Then **the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt himself** and boast against every god and will **speak dreadful things against the God of gods;** and he will be successful **until the indignation is finished**, because that which is determined will be done.\

This speaks to the antichrist and the indignation points to the 7 years of Tribulation.

/Hos 3:4 For **the sons of Israel will live for many days without a king or leader**, without sacrifice or memorial stone, and **without ephod** or household idols.

No temple of pillars and stone, no guidance from GOD (ephod), no animal sacrifices. Many days in prophecy can relate to many years.\

This speaks to a long period of time while the nation of Israel fumbles around without any guidance from the true God of Israel. This points us to a mystery time we are living in right now – Church Age.

/[Hos 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/3/5/s_865005) **Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD** their God and **David their king**; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His **goodness in the last days**.

Afterward (Church age, rapture) the 2nd advent brings back true Israel to the Lord Jesus Christ. Then a return to the line of David on the throne.\

Let us close looking at the last scripture of Hosea chapter 5 and into chapter 6;

/Hos 5:15 **I will go away *and* return to My place Until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face**; In **their distress** they will search for Me.

God separated from the Nation of Israel (divine discipline) because they rejected HIS commands and then rejected Christ. The distress for the Israelites will happen in the Tribulation.\

Look at chapter six now;

Hos 6:1 “Come, let’s return to the LORD. For He has torn *us,* but He will heal us; He has wounded *us,* but He will bandage us.

/[Hos 6:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/hos/6/2/s_868002) “He will revive us after two days;He will raise us up on the third day,That we may live before Him.

Days are often referenced as years in prophecy – The midway point of the Tribulation will come a turning point. By the end of the last 3 years (3rd day) the 2nd Advent will arrive.\