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The Dispensation of Israel

Please keep our Royal Family in New England in prayer, as Pastor Bob has gone home to be with the Lord.

There may have been no greater mentor and legacy left than that of Robert McLaughlin Bible Ministries.

We will open in Genesis chapter 12 today.

The basic period of human history is the Age of Israel which occupies a great deal of attention in the Old Testament.

This dispensation has 2 stages underneath the umbrella and one decree of judgement.

/The Dispensation of Israel;

The age of the Patriarchs (Gen 12 - Gen 50:26)

The age of the Law (Exo 20 – Act 1:9)

The decree of a Tribulation (Dan 9) \

Most of these scriptures have breaks and transition periods in between but these scriptures show a clear beginning and end to each stage.

In fact, most of Old Testament revelation deals with this segment of history. In the Dispensation of Israel, we have three unfinished beginnings. The first one is grace. God’s grace plan opened up in the Garden but became much more prevalent in the Age of Israel.

It became apparent because God had to implement a form of restraint of HIS grace. Only because mankind is so attracted to religion and legalism.

/The Dispensation of Israel began with Abraham and concludes with the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ — from Abraham to the day of Pentecost is a clear account of this dispensation. During this period God started out by creating the new nation - Israel, the special nation called out for a purpose, in grace. Rejection of God’s plan and refusing to walk in His grace had to be dealt with.\

This new creation of the Jewish bloodline and the nation of Israel was a shadow of the coming CA Bels.

/This grace came to an abrupt halt as far as actively being incorporated into the calling of the new creation. The giving of the Mosaic law was allowed for several purposes, one was it put a halt (momentarily) to grace and became a wonderful teaching tool. God initiated a period where HIS people would see shadows and analogies of HIS plan even while they bucked against HIS grace. Laws, rituals and commands became not only teaching tools but a form of self- induced misery to lead us away from religion and into HIS grace plan.\

It always was pointing ahead to the coming Messiah on that cross.

The grace concept is postponed and is fulfilled in the Church Age which is often called the grace age.

There is fulfillment of several things from the Dispensation of Isarel that now became clear with the completed canon of Scripture.

/During the Dispensation of Israel, God promised after the Babylonian captivity 490 years to fulfill the principle of evangelism across the world. Yet 490 years was cut off by the Cross of Christ - seven years short! So, we have the seventy weeks of Daniel prophecy cut off, not continued, but finished in the Tribulation, a period of seven years approximately. \

Many scholars do not consider this a dispensation but a period of discipline owed and that is truly how the 7 years of Tribulation should be taught.

The nation of Israel refused to follow the commands and plan of God starting with the Sabbath and sabbath years as well.

They also fell into idolatry, repeatedly, instead of evangelizing and upholding the WORD accurately they worshipped foreign gods. They created religious nonsense.

/God promised David he would have a son who would reign forever during this dispensation, and that was cut off by the Cross of Christ, and so the kingdom which was cut off in the Church Age is continued forever after the second advent of Christ. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God will reign forever. We have three things which were started in the Age of Israel but which will finish in the final dispensation. \

Let us now look at the pivotal points under the Dispensation of Israel.

The dispensation of the Gentiles was now about to transition into the Dispensation for the Jews.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram,
“Go from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house,
To the land which I will show you;

Abraham’s father Terah was under the authority of Nimrod’s governing body. The same Nimrod who ordered the construction of the Tower of Babel.

Which meant they were moon and sun worshippers of fallen angels and their off spring the Nephilim. Interesting that most Islamic flags and symbolism always has a star and moon on them.

/[Gen 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/12/2/s_12002) And **I will make you into a great nation**, And I will bless you,
And make **your name great**; And *you shall* be a blessing;

Promises and prophecy are given or fulfilled in stages under every dispensation. \

[Gen 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/12/3/s_12003) And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

/[Gen 12:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/12/4/s_12004) So **Abram went *away* as the LORD had spoken to him**; and Lot went with him. **Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.**

Abram believed upon the one true God. He clung to his belief and pulled away from family and tradition to follow God.\

One of the Hebrew definitions for the title or name - Haran means to be dried.

This place Abram was at, had no truth!

It was a place of separation from God and Abram made a choice to not only believe upon TLJC, but step into action upon what he believed. Remove himself from a death grip of false gods and lies.

/Abram had heard the teaching of God and he was given greater insight into all aspects of truth from the Garden up until the Tower of Babel. He was now going to become the father of the faith; a new Patriarch of the nation God would CALL OUT. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob along with Jospeh would fill the role of leadership for each generation. \

This is why you often hear the teaching of the original Patriarchs as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – we are all under the same Divine Triune God of the Patriarchs.

/Gen 50:26 So **Joseph died at the age of 110 years;** and they embalmed him and placed him in a coffin in Egypt.

The age of Patriarchs ended with Joseph. He was recognized as the last Jewish patriarch of the original calling to Abraham. The promises continue until fulfillment. \

Every Biblical prophecy and promise come to fruition at some point.

Many have already come to fruition while others open up in the future.

Jump over to Exodus chapter twenty RF.

/The transition periods between stages often shows God allowing discipline and warnings to take hold before judgment and cleansing happens. In His grace we are never fully wiped off the map and there is always a calling back and repentance available. The transition in between can be difficult and such was the slavery under Egyptian masters. \

As a free people, they had to have laws of establishment in order to protect and maintain their freedom. God had already shown mankind the proper way to establish government.

God had already laid a foundation during the first dispensation, of what gave a nation security – the four pillars of divine establishment, Free will, Christian Marriage, Christian Family & Nationalism.

Now, God also provided this protection in the form of the Mosaic Law, which included the Moral Code or Ten Commandments, the Spiritual Code and the Social Code. Sometimes called Codex 1 (moral code) or Codex 2 (spiritual code). REPEAT

/Exo 20:1 **Then God spoke all these words,** saying, 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 “**You shall have no other gods before Me**.

This was the definitive point of beginning the age of the LAW. Under Abraham was the birth of Israel which was overseen by the age of Patriarchs. \

The building blocks began from the original Garden, until this point where God’s grace plan unfolding with Christ at the center. The 4 divine institutions for stability and protection, the WORD of God as the fabric and foundation holding it all together.

Each building block bringing into focus the whole of the plan of God which culminated at the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Which is seen through a now crystal clear lens and pure focus of the completed canon of scripture.

[Exo 20:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/20/4/s_70004) “You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

One of the first problems that followed mankind out of the garden was the worship of other gods such as the little god of self and fallen angels.

This is exactly what GOD focused on in establishing the original ten commandments among all the other laws and commands.

[Exo 20:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/20/5/s_70005) “You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

[Exo 20:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/20/6/s_70006) but showing favor to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

All commandments, laws and rituals are fulfilled in the person and work of TLJC.

/The period of the Exodus which starts with the 400 years of captivity in Egypt and forty years of wilderness wandering. Then finally the period of the law and the prophets, which starts from the time of the wilderness wanderings and goes to the ascension of Jesus Christ and the day of Pentecost. The transition period for the Dispensation of Israel into the Church Age was the period of the age of the Hypostatic union. \

Which we will note next lesson.

/There are eight characteristics of the Dispensation of the Israel:

1) Many languages.

2) Many races of people.

3) A specific missionary agency: the regeneration of Abram became the nation of Israel. The word “*Hebrew*” means “*one who crosses the river.”* Abraham crossed the Euphrates River to evangelize to everyone.\

Abraham spoke to the people who spoke a different language and had different culture beliefs, Abraham was God’s first travelling ambassador; thereby, he became the first missionary.

With it and the blessings GOD imputed into those Patriarchs in that lineage became a commission to carry God’s word.

/4) Four unconditional covenants: the security of Israel was in these four covenants (positional truth).

the Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic and New Covenants to Israel. Each of these covenants had an eternal life clause.\

The fourth characteristic of the Dispensation of Israel points to their security forever within those 4 covenants.

/5) Judgement: Israel’s failure as a missionary agency was met with warnings and discipline several times. The fifth cycle of discipline (Lev. 26:27-39) being the last and most severe. The Northern Kingdom, known as both *“Israel”* and *“Ephraim,”* was overtaken by the Assyrians in 721 B.C. The Southern Kingdom, known as *“Judah",* crumbled under the (Chaldean) Babylonian Empire in 586 B.C., during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, and were in captivity for seventy years.\

The Jews have experienced this extreme punishment several times, they continued to bow to false idols and ignore the respect for God and their calling for upholding the word of God.

/The persistent warnings and scattering abroad is a continuation of the disciplinary action of 70 A.D. During the period of the Judges, the nation of Israel was under severe discipline. The fourth cycle as only part of the population was removed from the land. The second dispersion of the Jews of the Southern Kingdom under the fifth cycle of discipline began at the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., and will continue until the second advent of Christ.\

 Never forget that God is not through with the Jews; even though they are under discipline, they are still His chosen people and they have a blessed future ahead.

/6) Time Span: from Abraham to the Second Advent. This Dispensation is interrupted by the Church Age Dispensation and then resumed in the Tribulation. The Second Advent of Christ not only terminates the Tribulation but also concludes the Dispensation of Israel.\

/7) Salvation: people were not saved by keeping the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ as He was revealed in the Old Testament (Gen 15:6, Gal 2:16).

8) Spirituality: the mechanics for godliness is first salvation and then habitual confession of sin described in Lev 5:14-19. Spirituality was revealed by the faith-rest life (Romans 4:17-22; Hebrews 11). The written word from the mind of Christ began and became the standard of the commission moving forward. \

Exo 24:12 Now the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the Law and the commandments which I have written for their instruction.”

Josh 1:8 “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success.