

Part II

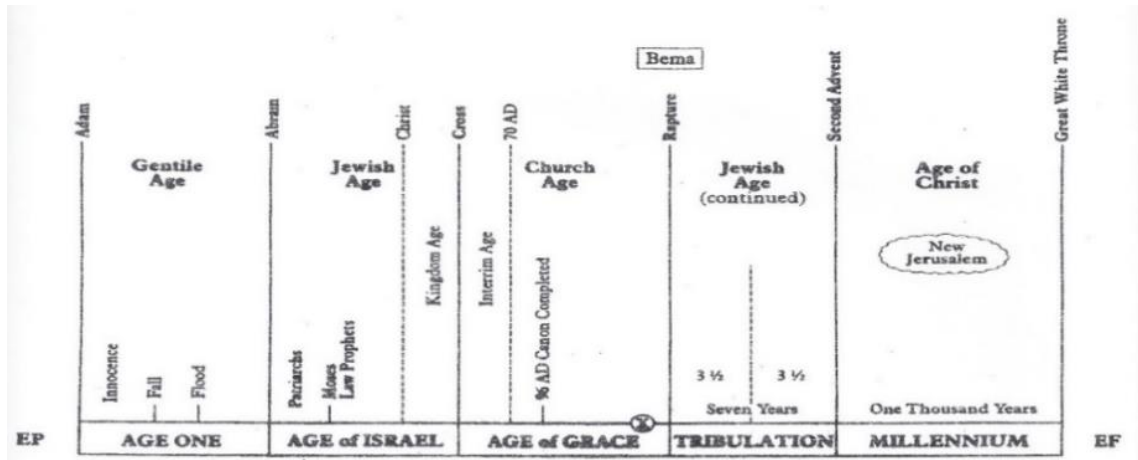
Age of Israel

1. Last week we completed Part I of the *Doctrine of Dispensations*. When time expired we had just completed a study of Age One—The Gentile Age.

2. Let’s again place several real-time circa dates on events mentioned last week:

- Flood – 5000 B.C.
- Abram – 2000 B.C.
- Moses – 1450 B.C.
- Christ – 4 B.C.
- Cross – 32 A.D.

3. Before we begin a study of Age Two—Age of Israel, I want to give you an opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.



Age of Israel-Jewish Age

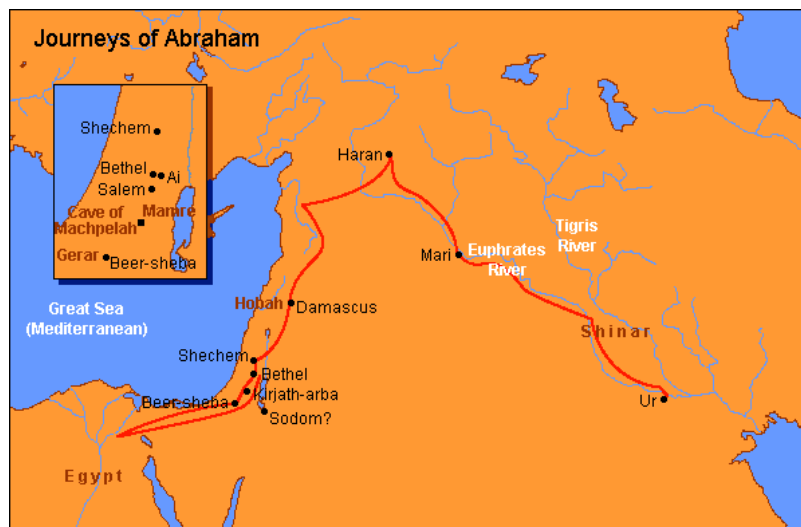
1. Let’s complete our study of the two Theocentric Dispensations by looking at the Age of Israel or as I also call it: The Age of Israel Proper.

2. As can be seen from our dispensation chart the Age of Israel, has a very

important sub-age called the Kingdom Age.

2.1 The Kingdom Age is also called the Age of the Hypostatic Union. An age when Christ presented His Kingdom to Israel.

3. God elected Israel as His special people when He called Abram (later to be named Abraham) out of the land of the Chaldeans. Specifically, God asked him to leave the city of Ur on the Euphrates River and seek a Promised Land. It is important to note God said, “leave your family in the apostate land of Chaldea and follow my instructions.”



3.1 This Abram did in part and thus he became the first Hebrew. Unfortunately, he could not leave his family and for this indiscretion God led him north to Haran until his father Nahor died; but for this partial obedience God did promise to bless Him.

3.2 God will first bless Him with a conditional covenant—the Mosaic Law and four unconditional covenants which would forever be known as “The Four Unconditional Covenants.” (Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, New)

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

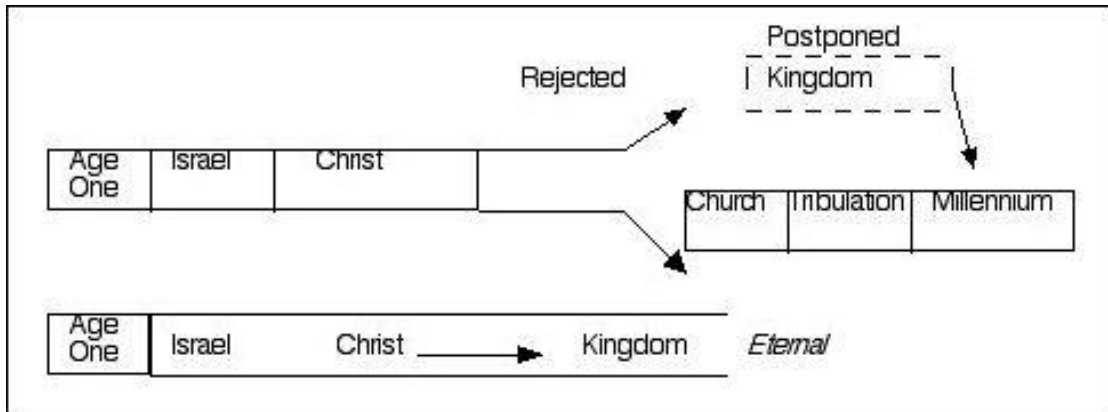
Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

3.3 Abram and Lot with their wives left Haran and made their way south into the Promised Land. Abram and his family are the first Jews. The Jews will not become a nation until the exodus from Egypt. The name Jew in Hebrew actually means “he who crossed the river.”

4. We are now ready to study an age which I like to call the Age of Israel Proper.

### Age of Israel Proper

1. Every age had certain distinguishing characteristics. The Age of Israel had the very important sub-age which I have elected to call the Kingdom Age. Here is where Christ offered His Kingdom to Israel.



2. A few bullets concerning the Age of Israel proper:

- 2.1 Many races of people,
- 2.2 Many languages,
- 2.3 Israel is the missionary agent,
- 2.4 Specialized priesthood of Levi,
- 2.5 Israel judged in time,

2.6 Four unconditional covenants,

2.7 Time span – Abram to the cross.

3. Special characters in the Age of Israel proper were the Patriarchs, the Prophets and of course Jesus Christ.

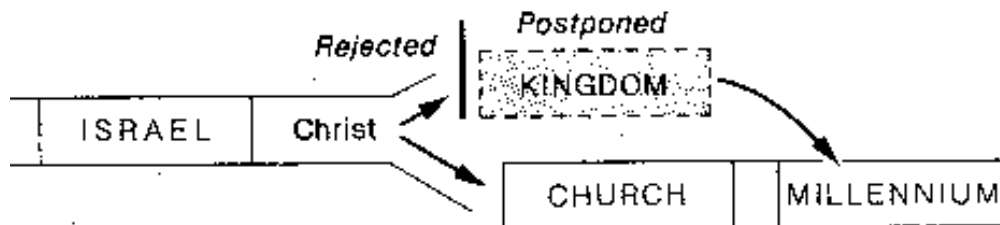
4. The Age of Israel proper began with the selection of Abram and will end with the coming of John the Baptist when the Age of Israel proper gives way to the Kingdom Age or Age of the Hypostatic Union.

Luk 16:16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man pressed into it.

5. The Kingdom presentation would later be offered in a sub-age called The Kingdom Age or The Age of the Hypostatic Union. It is in this sub-age Christ will offer His Messianic kingdom.

6. Israel rejected the offer and was judged for that rejection.

6.1 Had Israel accepted Christ's offering of perfect environment and an earthly Kingdom, the four unconditional covenants would have been implemented, however, the offering was rejected, therefore the implementation will be postponed until the Millennium.



7. Let's review the Four Unconditional Covenants.

7.1 Abrahamic Covenant- Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-10, 12, 17 and 18 and Gen 22:15-18.

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

Gen 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Gen 15:1 After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

Gen 15:2 But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"

Gen 15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Gen 15:4 Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir."

Gen 15:5 He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars -- if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Gen 15:6 Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Gen 15:7 He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

Gen 15:8 But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

Gen 15:9 So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

Gen 15:10 Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half ...

Gen 15:12 As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him ...

Gen 15:17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.

Gen 15:18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates ..."

7.1.1 Let's see if we can find a map which describes the area from the Nile to the Euphrates rivers.



Gen 22:15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time

Gen 22:16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

Gen 22:17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,

Gen 22:18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

- The promise of peoples, nations and kings to Abraham and Sarah, would ultimately include the many Gentiles who would later believe and become "grafted branches." Our documentation for this wonderful promise of inclusion can be found in Gal 3:7-9, 29 and Rom 4:11.

Gal 3:7 Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham.

Gal 3:8 The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

Gal 3:9 So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye **Abraham's seed**, and heirs

according to the promise.

Rom 4:11 And he (Abraham) received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.

- We are blessed because of the promises made to Abraham and Sarah and truly the world was blessed originally when Abram believed God and it was credited to him for righteousness and all peoples on earth will be blessed through—the ultimate blessing, Jesus Christ.

## 7.2 Palestinian Covenant - Gen 15:18-21; Eze 20:33-35 and 42-44

Gen 15:18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates --

Gen 15:19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites,

Gen 15:21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

Eze 20:33 As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will rule over you with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

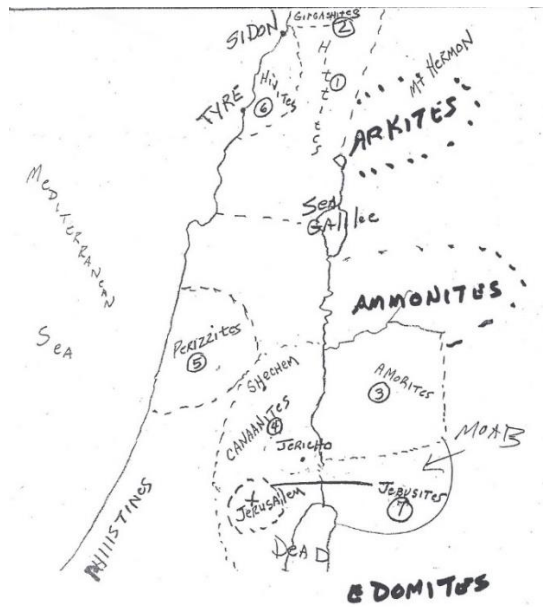
Eze 20:34 I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered -- with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you.

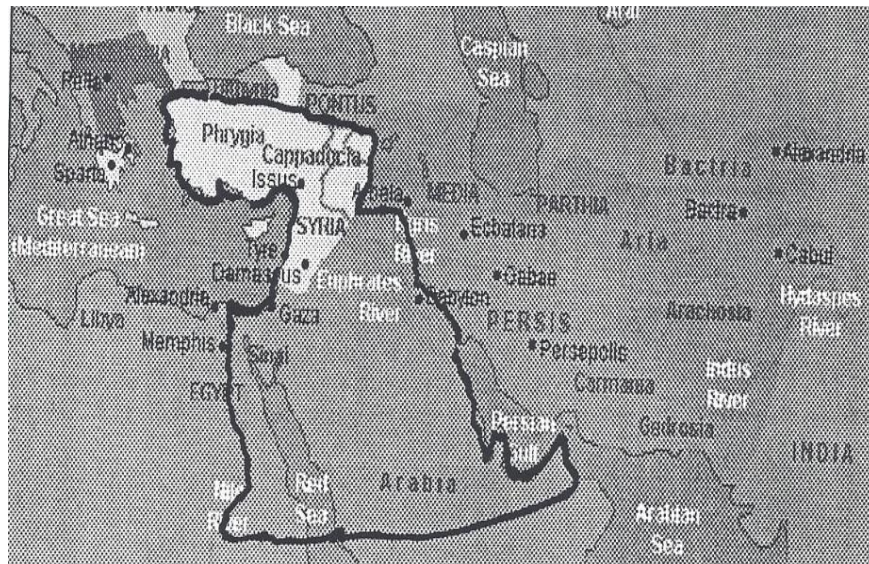
Eze 20:42 Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the land I had sworn with uplifted hand to give to your fathers.

Eze 20:43 There you will remember your conduct and all the actions by which you have defiled yourselves, and you will loathe yourselves for all the evil you have done.

Eze 20:44 You will know that I am the LORD, when I deal with you for my name's sake and not according to your evil ways and your corrupt practices, O house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.



7.2.1 When Christ returns, He will give to Israel an area never before settled by Israel. A land beyond even that held previously by either King David or King Solomon.



### 7.3 Davidic Covenant - 2Sa 7:10; Eze 37:24-26

2Sa 7:10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning.

Eze 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall



have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Eze 37:25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever.

Eze 37:26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

#### 7.4 New Covenant - Jer 31:31-34

Jer 31:31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Jer 31:32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

Jer 31:33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jer 31:34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

7.5 In Gen 17:1-11 God reaffirms the Abrahamic Covenant, Palestinian and the Davidic Covenant with the ritual of circumcision. At the ripe old age of ninety-nine, Abraham is given the heir of the promise, Isaac, who is born that very year to him and his aged wife Sarah.

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.

Gen 17:2 I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Gen 17:3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

Gen 17:4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

Gen 17:6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings

will come from you.

Gen 17:7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Gen 17:8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Gen 17:9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

Gen 17:10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

## 8. The Covenants are alive today and coming soon. Heb 8:10-13

Heb 8:10 This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Heb 8:11 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

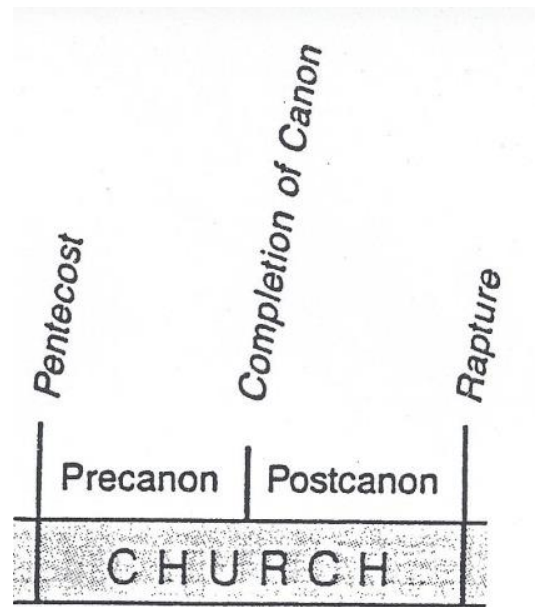
Heb 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Heb 8:13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

## **Part III**

### **The Church Age**

1. The Age of the Church is taught by most pastor-teachers each and every Sunday in varying degrees. We can divide the age into two segments.



2. Scriptures appropriate for the Church Age are Acts, the Epistles and Revelation. For example, we have in this church studied over a forty-year period most of these Scriptures.

3. Given this fact, I think it best at this point to simply summarize several basic truths discovered about the Age of the Church.

4. Many of these truths have been earlier discovered and taught. Accordingly, let's move on to a study of the Tribulation as the first of two eschatological ages.

## **Part IV**

### **The Tribulation**

#### Introduction

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Mat 24:21-22

1. Just how short shall the "Tribulation be and when shall it take place"? It shall come seven years after the Rapture of the Church. The seven years are divided into two periods of three and one-half years. The Tribulation

duration is often described as: 42 months, 1260 days or a time, and times and a half-time. The certainty of certain events occurring in the Tribulation will be the subject of this doctrine. Welcome to events future.

2. In His Olivet Discourse, Jesus Christ, speaking to his disciples, prophesied concerning the Tribulation. The disciples wanted to know: "Tell us, when all this will take place? And what will be the sign that it is about to happen?" Mar 13:4

3. The prophecy should not have come as a shock to the disciples as the Old Testament contained many references to this future time of great violence. The Scriptures speak of a "time of Jacob's distress" and compares it to a "woman in child birth."

4. Eze 20:34-38 refers to a time when Israel shall "pass under the rod." The Tribulation is also represented as God's melting pot, where Israel will be refined as gold and their impurity removed.

Jer 30:4 These are the words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah:  
Jer 30:5 "This is what the LORD says: "Cries of fear are heard -- terror, not peace.

Jer 30:6 Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale?

Jer 30:7 How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

Eze 20:34 I will bring you from the nations and gather you from the countries where you have been scattered -- with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with outpoured wrath.

Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, face to face, I will execute judgment upon you.

Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Eze 20:38 I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me.

Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Eze 22:19 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Because you have all become dross, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

Eze 22:20 As men gather silver, copper, iron, lead and tin into a furnace to melt it with a fiery blast, so will I gather you in my anger and my wrath and put you inside the city and melt you.

Eze 22:21 I will gather you and I will blow on you with my fiery wrath, and you will be melted inside her.

Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will be melted inside her, and you will know that I the LORD have poured out my wrath upon you.'"

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