

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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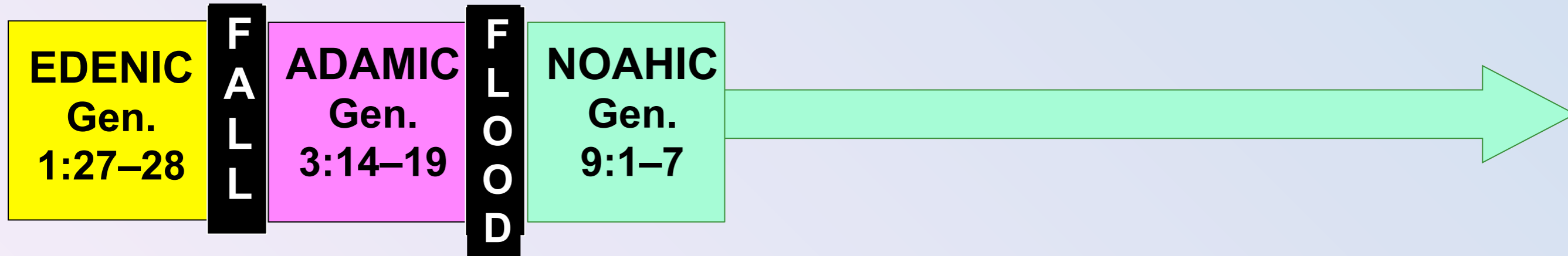
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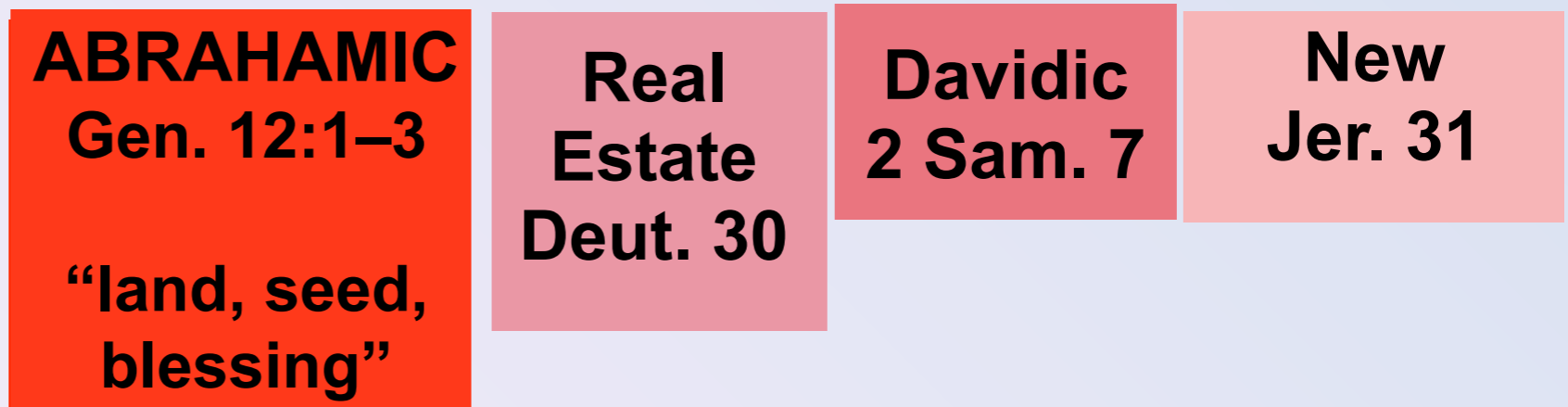
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FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS
AGES AND ANGELS

8 BIBLICAL COVENANTS

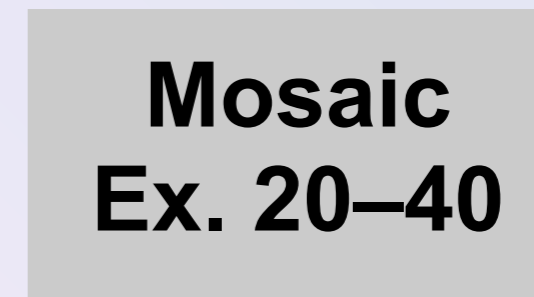
GENTILE COVENANTS



JEWISH COVENANTS (UNCONDITIONAL/PERMANENT)



JEWISH COVENANTS (CONDITIONAL/TEMPORARY)



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THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

AGE: An epoch or an era; time marked by boundaries or occurrences; a definite fixed period of time (Romans 11:5; Luke 21:24; Ephesians 1:10).

***A dispensation* is an administration within an Age. There may be only one dispensation or there may be more than one dispensation within an age.**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

I. AGE OF THE GENTILES:

A. Scripture: Genesis 1–11

**1. Dispensation of Innocence
(Genesis 1:28–3:8)**

**2. Dispensation of Conscience
(Genesis 3:9–8:14)**

**3. Dispensation of Government
(Genesis 8:15–11:32)**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

B. Characteristics:

- 1. One language (Genesis 1:11)**
- 2. One race (and they still didn't get along)**
- 3. No canon of Scripture (revelation, but not in written form)**
- 4. Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, just as today**
- 5. No distinct administrative entity**
- 6. Divine institutions developed by God and attacked by Satan**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

II. AGE OF THE JEWS

A. Scripture: Genesis 12 through Malachi, minus millennial passages such as Isaiah 11, 35, 64, 65. Also Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (except John 13–17), Revelation 6–19

- 1. Dispensation of Patriarchs: Abraham to giving of Law**
- 2. Dispensation of the Law: Moses to Christ**
- 3. Tribulation: Signing of covenant to 2nd Advent of Christ**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

B. Characteristics:

- 1. Many languages**
- 2. Many nations**
- 3. Specific administrator (Israel). Israel was to give the gospel to other people. Abraham, a gentile who became a Jew through regeneration, was the founder of the Jewish race.**
- 4. Salvation: Not saved by keeping the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, just as today (Genesis 15:6; cf. Romans 4:1–3; Gal. 2:16).**
- 5. Revelation from God came through Israel.**

C. Scope: From Abraham to the 2nd Advent of Christ minus Church Age

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

III. AGE OF THE CHURCH

A. Scripture: John 13–17; Acts; New Testament epistles (except for certain portions that deal with the Tribulation); Revelation 1–3

Two subdivisions:

- 1. Pre-canon period: From Pentecost in Acts 2 until the completion of the Canon in A.D. 96 with the writing of the book of Revelation**
- 2. Post-canon period: A.D. 96 until the Rapture**

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B. Characteristics: (Believers' unique assets)

- 1. Union with Christ through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13)**
- 2. Universal indwelling of Jesus Christ (fellowship)**
- 3. Universal indwelling of the Holy Spirit**
- 4. Universal ministry of the believer: ambassadorship, priesthood, spiritual gifts**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

B. Characteristics: (Believers' unique assets)

5. Completed canon of Scripture (after A.D. 96)

6. Filling by the Holy Spirit to enable the believer to live a supernatural way of life

7. Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ

8. All racial/social/gender distinctions removed as regards standing before God (Colossians 3:11; Ephesians 2:15; Gal. 3:28), but not in terms of physical reality or role distinctions within the church body

9. All believers are freed from the power of the sin nature

Mystery:

1. The church was not revealed in the Old Testament:

2. Ephesians 3:1–11; Colossians 1:25–27; Romans 16:25–26.

But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory (1 Corinthians 2:7)

C. Scope: From Pentecost (Acts 2) to the Rapture

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

IV. AGE OF CHRIST (Millennium)

The Millennium is that period of 1,000 years during which Jesus Christ Himself will personally rule the earth. This time begins 75 days after His Second Advent to earth.

**A. Scripture: Isaiah 11, 35, 62, 64, 65;
Revelation 20**

B. Outline:

- 1. Second Advent of Christ (Jesus returns to the earth with the Church)
(Revelation 19:7–8, 14–15; see also Jude 14–15; 1 Thessalonians 3:13)**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

IV. AGE OF CHRIST (Millennium)

B. Outline:

- 3. Removal of the abomination of desolation (Daniel 12:11)**
- 4. Antichrist and False Prophet cast into Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:20)**
- 5. Satan cast into the Abyss (Revelation 20:1–3)**
- 6. Judgment of Jews (Ezekiel 20:33–38)**
- 7. Judgment of the Gentiles (Joel 3:1–3; Matthew 25:31–46)**
- 8. Resurrection of Old Testament saints (Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2)**
- 9. Resurrection of the Tribulation saints (Revelation 20:4)**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

C. Characteristics: Perfect environment for 1,000 years under the reign of Christ.

- 1. No Satanic activity; only true worship
(Revelation 20:1–3)**
- 2. Greatest period of spirituality
(Joel 2:28–29; Isaiah 65:24)**
- 3. Israel restored as the nation of God
(Zechariah 8:20–23; Isaiah 35:3–10; 65:18)**
- 4. Bona fide universalism for the first time:**
 - a. Universal peace (Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:3)**
 - b. Universal prosperity (Psalms 72:7, 16)**
 - c. Perfect world government
(Zechariah 14:9; Isaiah 11:1–2; Psalms 72)**
 - d. Universal knowledge of God
(Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 31:34)**

THE AGES OF HUMAN HISTORY

- 5. Radical changes in nature**
 - a. Creation loosed from bondage to sin (Rom. 8:19–22)**
 - b. Animals lose their ferocity (Isaiah 11:6–9; 65:25; 35:9)**
 - c. Plant life will abound (Isaiah 35:1, 2, 7)**
- 6. Life will be extended on earth (Isaiah 65:20)**
- 7. Perfect administration of justice by a Perfect Judge (Isaiah 11:3–5; Psalms 72:12–14; Isaiah 9:6–7)**
- 8. Unbelievers are removed from the earth at the beginning of the Millennium. Those born during the Millennium will need salvation. Even in perfect environment, many will refuse to believe in Jesus Christ for salvation (Revelation 20:7–9)**
- 9. Salvation, as in every dispensation, is by faith in Jesus Christ**

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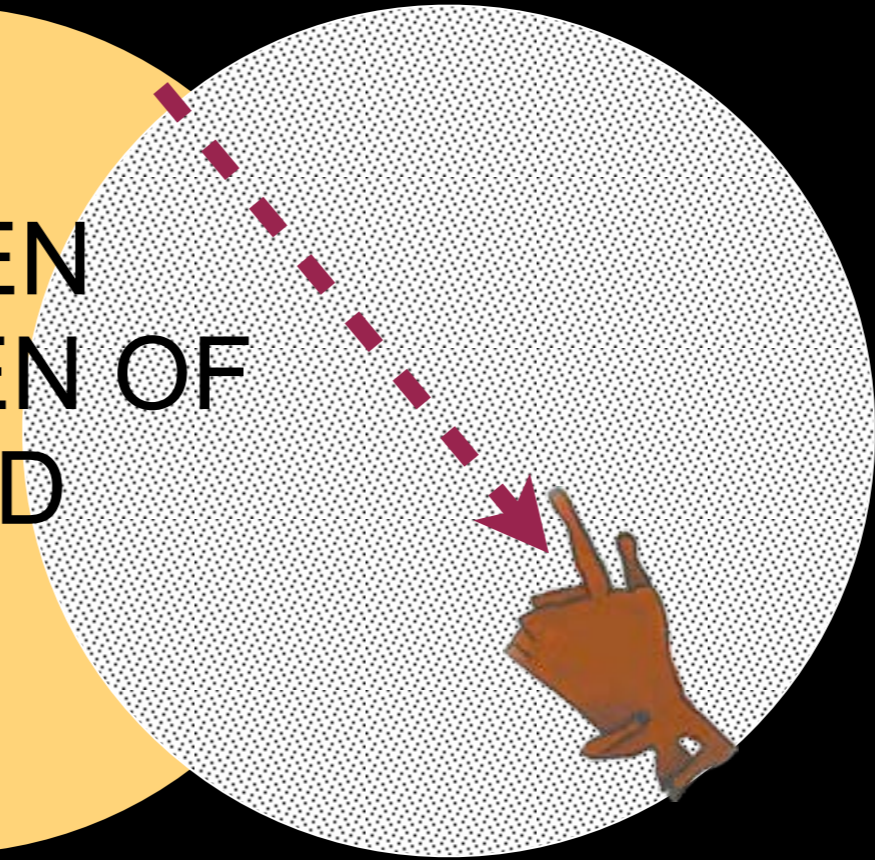
**STAGES OF
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Gen. 1:1–3**

**Fall of
Lucifer
Ezek. 28:14
Isa. 14:12–17**

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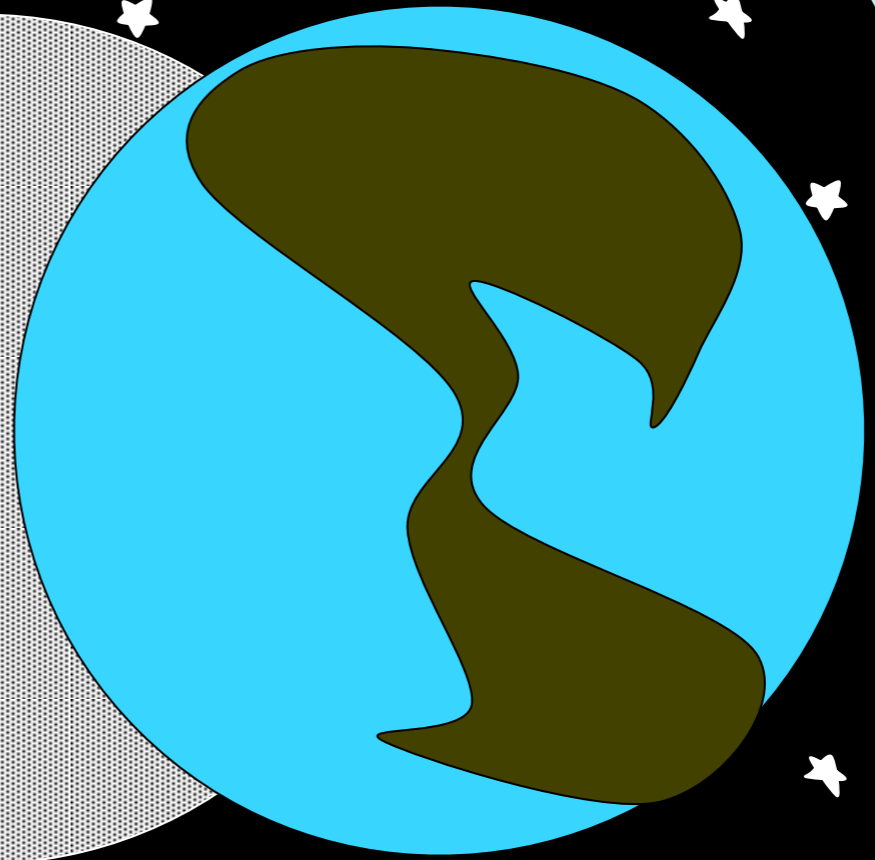
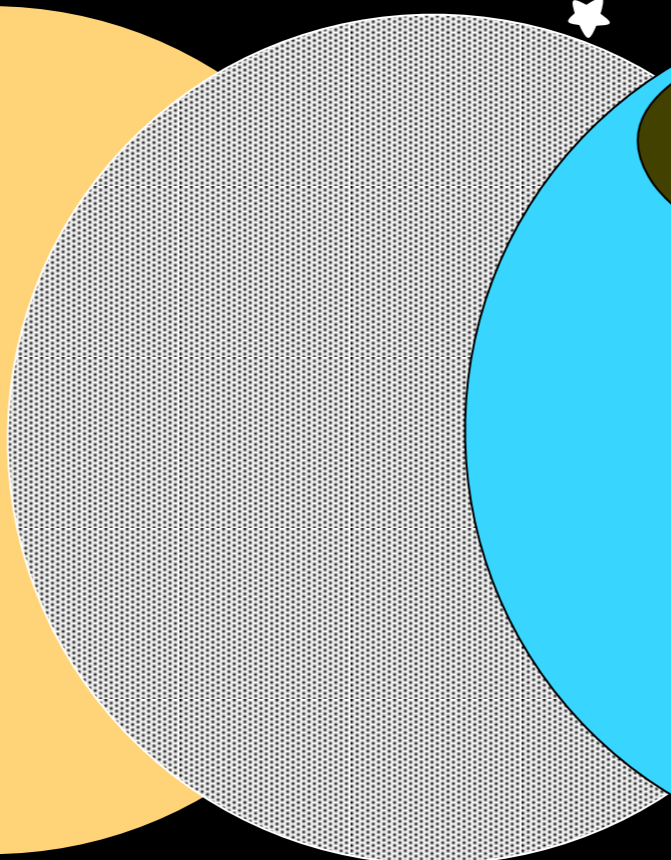
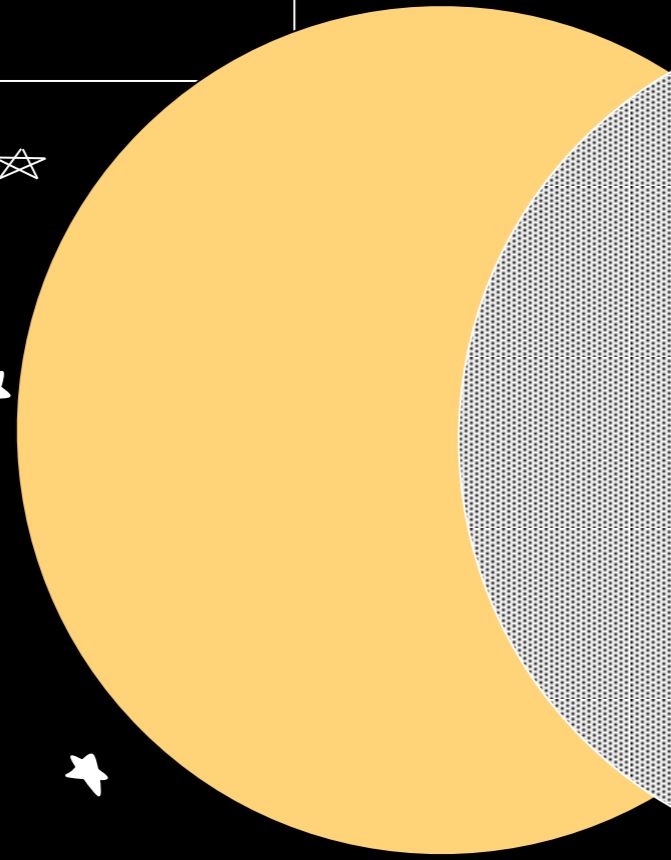
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Gen. 1:2**



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Creation
Gen. 1:1**

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**Pre Adamic
Race**

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Stratification

**Gen. 1:3–2:3
Seven Days
of Restoration**