

**Luke 24:44 [NKJV]** ~ Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

## The Seven Dispensational Periods of Time The Eight Covenants from God

**What are Dispensations?** Periods of historical time in which God revealed His glory to man by testing and calling man to a renewed obedience to Him"

**What are Covenants?** Formal, binding agreements between God and man (individual, national, or all mankind)

★ **Conditional Covenants** = Are two-way agreements between God and man in which if man obeyed God's conditions, God promised to grant special blessings in fulfillment of the agreement

★ **Unconditional Covenants** = Are one-way commitments made by God whereby He binds Himself to provide specific blessings with no strings attached

**Innocence (Freedom)**.....*Genesis 1-3*

**Edenic Covenant – Purpose:** a *conditional* covenant between God and Adam, with Adam serving as the representative head of the entire human race; conditioned the life of man in his created innocence; was the basis of the *Dispensation of Innocence (Freedom)*

★ Gen. 1:28-30; 2:15-17; 3:1-8 -

**Edenic Covenant – Status:** **broken by man (Gen. 3:1-8); ended**

**Conscience**.....*Genesis 4:1 – 8:14*

**Adamic Covenant – Purpose:** an *unconditional* covenant between God and Adam, with Adam again serving as the representative head of the entire human race; conditioned the life of fallen man and the promise of a Redeemer; God addressed the serpent, Satan, Adam, and Eve individually; was the basis for the *Dispensation of Conscience*

★ Gen. 3:14-19 -

**Adamic Covenant – Status:** **its judgments are still in effect today!**

**Human (Civil) Government**.....*Genesis 8:15 – 11:32*

**Noahic Covenant – Purpose:** an *unconditional* covenant between God and Noah, with Noah serving as the representative head of the entire human race; because of the flood, all humanity now descends from both Adam and Noah, was the basis for the *Dispensation of Human (Civil) Government*

★ Gen. 8:21-22; 9:1-17 -

**Noahic Covenant – Status:** **the conditions of this covenant are still in effect today**

**Promise**.....*Genesis 12:1 – Exodus 18:27*

**Abrahamic Covenant – Purpose:** an *unconditional* covenant established between God and Abraham, with Abraham serving as the representative head of the Jewish race (not all of humanity); it founded the nation of Israel and confirmed, with special additions, the Adamic promise of redemption; was the basis for the *Dispensation of Promise*

★ Gen. 12:1-3; 12:7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-21; 22:15-18 -

**Abrahamic Covenant – Status:** **the conditions of this covenant still remain in effect today**

**Law (Mosaic Law)**.....

*Exodus 19:1 – Acts 1:26*

**Mosaic Covenant – Purpose:** a *conditional* covenant established between God and the nation of Israel (not just Moses); contained the Law of Moses (613 commandments) including blessings for their obedience and curses for their disobedience; was the basis for the *Dispensation of Law (Mosaic Law)*

★ Exodus 20:1 – Deut. 28:68

**Mosaic Covenant – Provisions:**

[1] Offerings of Blood Sacrifices -

▪ **Leviticus 17:11** - "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."

▪ **Five Offerings in Leviticus 1-7:**

- **Burnt Offering** (Lev. 1:1-17; 6:8-13)
- **Grain Offering** (Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23)
- **Peace Offering** (Lev. 3:1-17; 7:11-21)
- **Sin Offering** (Lev. 4:1-35; 6:24-30)
- **Trespass Offering** (Lev. 5:1-6; 7:1-10)

[2] Restrictions on Diet -

[3] Expansion of Capital Punishment -

[4] Reaffirmation of Circumcision -

[5] Establishment of the Sabbath -

**Mosaic Covenant – Specific Purposes:**

[1] To Establish God's Standard of Righteousness

[2] To Teach Believers How to Live

[3] To Set Apart the Jewish People

[4] To Serve as a "wall of separation" for Gentile Believers

[5] To Reveal Sin

[6] To Reveal Man's Inability to Appease God

[7] To Point People to a Saving Faith in the Messiah

**Mosaic Covenant – Status:** **the conditions of this covenant remained in effect until the death of the Messiah**

**Palestine ("Land") Covenant – Purpose:** an *unconditional* covenant established between God and the nation of Israel (just like the Mosaic Covenant), reaffirming the permanent location of the land of Israel, as well as securing their final restoration and conversion; it served as an expansion of the original Abrahamic Covenant while emphasizing that the land will only be able to be enjoyed when the nation of Israel is obedient to God

★ Deut. 29:1 – 30:20

**Palestine ("Land") Covenant – Blessings** (Deut. 28:1-14) & **Curses** (Deut. 28:15-68):

[1] In their Cities and the Country (Fields)

[2] In their Fruitfulness and Health

[3] In their Daily Labor and Stored Provisions

[4] In their Relationship with their Enemies

[5] In their Status before God, both Individually and Nationally

[6] In their Status before Other Nations

[7] In the Abundance of Seasonal Rains

**Palestine ("Land") Covenant – Phases:**

[1] The Nation will be Dispersed because of its Unfaithfulness

[2] The Nation would then Repent to the Lord

[3] The Messiah would Return

[4] The Nation would be Regathered & Reclaim the Promised Land

[5] The Nation would be Converted to God

[6] God will Righteously Judge Israel's Enemies

[7] God will Richly Bless Israel

### Palestinian ("Land") Covenant – Expectations:

- [1] The Ten Commandments = Obedience Implored = Our *Submission*
- [2] The Lord God = Love Ensured = Our *Adoration*
- [3] The Land = Rest Assured = Our *Consecration*

**Palestinian ("Land") Covenant – Status:** the conditions of this covenant still remain in effect today

**Davidic Covenant – Purpose:** an unconditional covenant established between God and David, who alone could serve as the head of the House of David, and guaranteed the perpetuity of the Davidic family and kingdom, over Israel and the whole earth, to be fulfilled in and by the Messiah, Jesus Christ

★ 2 Samuel 7:8-16; 1 Chronicles 17:10b-14 -

**Davidic Covenant – Promises David Saw Fulfilled:**

- [1] A Great Name for David (2 Sam. 7:9; cf. 8:13)
- [2] A Great Place for the Nation (2 Sam. 7:10)
- [3] A Grateful Rest from their Enemies (2 Sam. 7:11a)

**Davidic Covenant – Provisions:**

- [1] An Eternal Dynasty = A House (2 Sam. 7:11b, 16a)
- [2] A Rightful Heir = A Seed – Solomon (2 Sam. 7:12)
- [3] An Earthly Throne (2 Sam. 7:13a)
- [4] An Eternal Throne (2 Sam. 7:13b, 16b)
- [5] A Divine Discipline for Disobedience (2 Sam. 7:14-15)
- [6] An Eternal Descendant = the Messiah (1 Chron. 17:11)
- [7] An Eternal Kingdom (1 Chron. 17:12-15)

**Davidic Covenant – Status:** an unconditional covenant, it is still in effect today, and will remain so as an eternal covenant

**Grace** ..... *Acts 2:1 – Revelation 19:21*

**New Covenant – Purpose:** an unconditional covenant established between God and the nation of Israel that replaced the Mosaic Covenant upon the death of Christ the Messiah, who provided this eternal blessing by His substitutionary sacrifice; is the basis for the Dispensation of Grace

★ **Jeremiah 31:31-34** - <sup>31</sup>Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—<sup>32</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

★ **Hebrews 8:7-13** - <sup>7</sup>For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. <sup>8</sup>Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—<sup>9</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. <sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup>None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." <sup>13</sup>In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away."

### New Covenant – Two Foundational Elements:

- [1] It Is a \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Jer. 31:31)
- [2] It Is an \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Jer. 31:35-37)

### New Covenant – Provisions of Physical Blessings:

- [1] A R \_\_\_\_\_ of the D \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ of I \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:8-II, 15-17; 31:31)
- [2] A R \_\_\_\_\_ of P \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:12)
- [3] A R \_\_\_\_\_ for G \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:13-14)
- [4] A R \_\_\_\_\_ of their C \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:38-40)

### New Covenant – Provisions of Spiritual Blessings:

- [1] A R \_\_\_\_\_ for the M \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:32)
- [2] A R \_\_\_\_\_ of the Entire N \_\_\_\_\_ of I \_\_\_\_\_ - A N \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:33-34a; Heb. 8:10-II)
- [3] A R \_\_\_\_\_ for S \_\_\_\_\_ - F \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:34b; Heb. 8:12)

[4] The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezek. 36:26-28)

[5] The P \_\_\_\_\_ of A \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 61:8-9)

[6] The P \_\_\_\_\_ of an E \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ (Ezek. 37:26-28)

[7] The P \_\_\_\_\_ of the L \_\_\_\_\_ of J \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:2; Gal. 6:2)

[8] The P \_\_\_\_\_ for G \_\_\_\_\_ to be P \_\_\_\_\_ in the C \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2:11-16; 3:5-6)

[9] The P \_\_\_\_\_ that A \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ in G \_\_\_\_\_ K \_\_\_\_\_

**New Covenant – Status:** the conditions of this unconditional covenant will remain in effect for the remainder of eternity

*Millennial Kingdom (Messianic Rule)..... Revelation 20:1-6*