



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

THIS STUDY COVERS FIVE DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS

Innocence — Conscience

Human Government — Promise — Law

***God committed the responsibility of governing the earth to
Israel. In each of the five dispensations Israel failed.***

This study reveals “why” they failed.

It teaches us the importance of being

Good Stewards of “The Manifold Grace of God” today!

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS A DISPENSATION?

There are “three different words” in the Greek language which are translated “Dispensation.”

Those Greek words are used 19 times in the New Testament.

1. Oikonomeo is used once.

Luke 16:2 and is translated: “**Steward.**”

2. Oikonomos is used 10 times.

Luke 12:42; 16:1, 3, 8; I Corinthians 4:1, 2; Titus 1:7; and 1 Peter 4:10.

Eight of those times it is translated: “**Steward.**”

Once, in Galatians 4:2, it is translated “**Governors**”

Once, in Romans 16:23, it is translated: “**Chamberlain.**”

3. Oikonomia is used 8 times.

Luke 16:2, 3, 4

4 times: It is translated: “**Stewardship or Steward.**”

I Corinthians 9:17

It is Translated “**Dispensation.**”

Ephesians 1:10; 3:2

It is translated “**Dispensation.**”

Colossians 1:25

It is translated “**Dispensation.**”

I Timothy 1:4

It is translated “**Edifying.**”

A DISPENSATION MUST BE VIEWED FROM TWO DIFFERENT VIEW POINTS.

From God’s view point it is a “period of time” during which God entrusted the administration of “**His economy**” to man.

From man’s view point it is a “period of time” during which man has the responsibility of being “a good steward” of “**God’s economy**” which has been entrusted to him.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF “AN ECONOMY?”

There are four basic definitions of economy:

1. The management of a household, private affairs, and expenses.
2. Thrifty and efficient use of material resources.

- A. Frugality in expenditures.
- 3. The arrangement or operation of an organization.
- 4. The structuring of life in a country, area, or period of time.

Men, through the ages, have been given the responsibility of managing “God’s Economy.” A good example is found in I Corinthians 9:17 where Paul declared:

“For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.” (Committed: Secondary meaning: “entrusted” - Strong’s Greek Concordance.)

**We are
REQUIRED
to be
“GOOD STEWARDS”
in the managing of God’s economy.**

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful”
(I Corinthians 4:2)

THE DISPENSATIONS IN THE BIBLE

(TIME PERIODS OF MAN’S MANAGEMENT OF GOD’S ECONOMY)

There are seven different dispensations in the Bible. In six of those dispensations, God entrusted the administration of His economy on the earth to man. They are:

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| 1. The dispensation of “Innocence” | (Past) |
| 2. The dispensation of “Conscience” | (Past) |
| 3. The dispensation of “Human Government” | (Past) |
| 4. The dispensation of “Promise” | (Past) |
| 5. The dispensation of “Law” | (Past) |
| 6. The dispensation of “Grace” | (Present) |
| 7. The dispensation of “the Millennium” | (Future) |

In our series of lessons on “Old Testament Survey” we will study the first five dispensations and will consider if men have been faithful in the “management of the economy” which God entrusted to them!

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson #1

CREATION

Genesis 1:1 – Genesis 1:31

(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

INTRODUCTION: The Bible begins with a “Brief, but Blunt Statement.”

I. In the Beginning God Created the Heaven and the Earth (Genesis 1:1).

A. The Trinity and Creation

1. The Father in Creation (Genesis 1:1).
2. The Son in Creation (John 1:1-3).
3. The Spirit in Creation (Psalms 104:30).

B. God created the heaven and the earth.

1. Heaven (Greek – *Shamayim* – **Plural**) (See Genesis 2:1).
 - a. First heaven - Second heaven – Third heaven
2. Earth (Greek – *Erets* – **Singular**)
 - a. This strongly indicates that there is not another inhabited earth.

C. This is all man will ever know about “how” God created the heavens and the earth.

1. **God commanded**, and things were created (Psalms 148:5).
 - a. The “Universe” testifies that there is a God (Romans 1:20).
 - b. The Heavens declare the glory of God (Psalms 19:1).
 - c. The Heavens declare God’s great power and nothing is too hard for - (Jeremiah 32:17).

D. Creation is one of the “Secrets of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 29:29).

1. “*Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?*” (Job 11:7) – The Answer is understood – “**NO!**” (Deuteronomy 29:29).
2. Job did not understand the secrets of:
 - a. The Creation (Job 38:4-7)
 - b. The Seas (Job 38:8-18)
 - c. The Light (Job 38:19-21)
 - d. The Weather (Job 38:30)
 - e. The Heavens (Job 38:31-33)
 - f. The Power (Job 38:34-38)
 - g. The Animals (Job 38:41)

E. “And the heavens and the earth *were finished...*” (Genesis 2:1).

F. We are told to “Lift up our eyes and look” (Isaiah Chapter 40:12-15, 18, 21 and 26).

G. We believe this “By Faith” (Hebrews 11:3).

1. Books have been written with THEORIES, but creation is believed by faith.

THE GAP THEORY

Genesis 1:1 – Genesis 1:2

Two centuries ago, in an effort to explain “prehistoric” fossils, various Christian leaders introduced the idea that a gap of time is missing between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. This idea, which undermines the Bible’s integrity, is now making a comeback. It’s time to close this debate.

A Brief Overview of The Gap Theory

According to False Teachers

- A gap exists between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. God made the world, and then something happened that caused it to “**become**” without form and void.
- The gap could be of very long duration—even millions of years.
- During this gap, so-called “prehistoric” creatures lived and died. Gap theorists teach that Lucifer was in charge of this “gap” world, but when he fell from grace (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28) God destroyed “the gap world” in a “Luciferian Flood.” After this, God “remade” the world in six-literal, 24-hour days, as outlined in Genesis 1:2.

Four Claims of Biblical Support Made by False Teachers and Biblical Rebuttal.

- I. **The Claim of “Biblical Support” in Genesis 1:2.** “The earth was without form, and void.” It is suggested that the Hebrew word *hâyâh*, translated “was,” could be translated as “became.” So, according to them, the verse would read: “*The earth became without form and void.*”

A. The Rebuttal to that Teaching: Genesis 1:2. Hebrew experts agree that the grammar of Genesis 1:1–3 does not allow for a gap. Notably, the Hebrew word rendered, *and* at the beginning of Verse 2, has a very specific meaning in this context. It introduces a parenthetical statement that breaks the sequence of events in Verses 1 and 3.

A Hebrew reader would see this word and understand it to say, “Oh, by the way, before I tell you what happened next in Verse 3, let me describe what the earth was like initially.”

The word *and* is a translation of the single Hebrew letter *waw* (ו). Whenever a sentence begins with the *waw* attached to a noun (as with “the earth” in Verse 2), the statement is a parenthetical comment. It details the state of affairs at that point, not the next step in the flow of events.

Moreover, the Hebrew word *hâyâh* should not be translated “became” because this is not its primary meaning. A translator is not entitled to “expand the field to secondary meanings” unless the context requires a secondary meaning. This context DOES NOT require that to be done.

- II. The Claim of “Biblical Support in Isaiah 14:12–21.** This passage prophesies the fall of Babylon’s king. But since it refers to “*Lucifer, son of the morning*” in Verse 14, it is often seen as a comparison to Satan’s fall. Gap theorists place this fall in the so-called gap between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.

A. The Rebuttal to that Teaching: Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28. These passages describe the fall of real kings. Many creationists (though not all) also believe that each king’s fall is compared to Satan’s fall, but this does not require a gap. Satan could have fallen between Genesis 2 (day six of creation) and Genesis 3 (Adam’s fall). This is a figment of their imagination!

This interpretation makes better biblical sense. Ezekiel 28:15 emphasizes that Satan (Lucifer) is a created being. Yet Genesis 1:31 claims, “*Then God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.*” So “everything” **must** include Satan.

Furthermore, there is no clear biblical basis for saying that Ezekiel 28 alludes to a garden different from the Garden of Eden. Satan could have visited this garden before he rebelled.

Ezekiel 28:11–19. This passage is a lament for Tyre’s prince, but many Christians believe it also **compares** the prince’s fall to Satan’s fall and the Garden of Eden. Gap theorists **suggest** that the garden described in Ezekiel is different from the one described in Genesis 2. This, they say, was the original Luciferian Eden—a garden composed of minerals rather than plants. There is NO REFERENCE at any place in the Scriptures to this theory! Therefore, they have no grounds or right to make that comparison **nor to “suggest”** such a thing. It is contrary to Scripture!

- III. The Claim of “Biblical Support in Genesis 1:28.** “*God said unto them, . . . replenish the earth*” (KJV). Gap theorists claim that the word *replenish* indicates that the earth must have been populated before Adam.

A. The Rebuttal to that Teaching: Genesis 1:28. The problem is that the English language has changed since 1611. The KJV translators correctly rendered the Hebrew word as *replenish*, but it has changed meaning.

Replenish in 1611 did not carry any connotations of doing something “again”—that is not what the *re-* prefix meant in this context. It simply meant “to fill completely.” If the translation were done today, the word *replenish* would be incorrect. In fact, versions before the KJV—the Geneva and Tyndale Bibles—used the word *fill*. Even the KJV translates the same Hebrew word as *fill* in Genesis 1:22.

IV. The Claim to “Biblical support in 2 Peter 3:5–6. “...*by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.*” It is claimed that Adam’s world was created out of the remnants of the Luciferian Flood.

A. The Rebuttal to that Teaching: 2 Peter 3:5–6. Peter is criticizing “uniformitarianism” — (the concept that the rate of geological change today has always been the same):

In opposing this view, Peter reminds his readers that scoffers deliberately ignore two events—the Creation and the Flood—which were unique in earth history.

Peter refers to this same Flood of Noah’s day in 1 Peter 3:20 and 2 Peter 2:4–5, but,

THE GAP THEORY IS NOT BIBLICAL. IN FACT, IT IS A COMPROMISE OF THE TRUTH OF GENESIS.

Moreover, attributing the fossil layers to Lucifer’s Fall creates another problem. The fossil record is filled with signs of disease, thorns, and death. Yet God claimed that the world before Adam’s sin was “very good.”

Also, Isaiah 45:18 states, “*God created the earth to be inhabited*”

Genesis 1:31 **declares that EVERYTHING God made was VERY GOOD!**

This brief overview shows that the gap theory is not biblical. It is, in fact, a compromise of the truth of Genesis, which arose when Christian leaders tried to accommodate the millions of years claimed by scientific research which was done by unsaved geologists, for fossil layers. The gap theory not only compromises the Bible but also fails to satisfy secular geologists, **who no more accept** a Luciferian Flood than the global Flood of Noah’s day.

GOD’S STERN WARNING ABOUT ADDING TO HIS WORD

I. God Warns: “*Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and you be found a liar.*” (Proverbs 30:6)

A. As with so many errors, the gap theory arose when fallible, sinful humans tried to squeeze their ideas into the Bible. Instead, we should start from the Bible and submit our views to His Word.

II. God warns: “*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*” (Revelation 22:18-19)

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

I. The First Day of Creation (Genesis 1:3-5).

- A. God created light and separated the light from the darkness.
 - 1. God called the light, Day. (God is light! – John 1:4-9.)
 - a. The sun was not created until the 4th day!
 - b. Revelation 22:5 – There will be no need for the sun!
 - 2. God called the darkness Night.
- B. *“God saw that it was good”* (Verse 4).

II. The Second Day of Creation (Genesis 1:6-8).

- A. God created "the firmament."
 - 1. This divided the water above the firmament from the water below.
 - 2. God called “The firmament Heaven.”
(Today, this is called “the first heaven.”)
- B. God gathered the waters UNDER heaven into one place (Genesis 1:9-10).
 - 1. This let “land” appear.
 - 2. God called the land, “Earth.”
- C. *“God saw that it was good!”* (Verse 10).

III. The Third Day of Creation (Genesis 1:11-12).

- A. God created “plant life.”
- B. *“God saw that it was good!”* (Verse 12b).

IV. The Fourth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:14-18).

- A. God Created the Sun and the Moon.
- B. *“God saw that it was good.”* (Verse 18b).

V. The Fifth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:24-25).

- A. God created the Creatures of the sea and every winged fowl.
- B. *“And God saw that it was good.”* (Verse 21b)

VI. The Sixth Day of Creation (Genesis 1:24-31).

- A. God created cattle, creeping things, and beasts.
- B. *“God saw that it was good.”* (Verse 25b).

C. God created the first man (Verse 26-27).

1. He created them *"in His own image"* (Verse 27).
2. God gave man dominion over all that He had made.

D. *"God saw **every thing** that He had made, and behold, it was **VERY** good"* (Verse 31).

1. **The EVERY THING must have included Lucifer (Devil) AT THAT TIME.**
2. It seems to indicate that "Lucifer" fell between his creation (?) and Genesis 3.

NOTE: In Genesis 2:18, God said, *"It is not good for man to be alone."*

**IN THE BEGINNING
GOD CREATED
THE HEAVEN AND
THE EARTH**

Genesis 1:1

T H E
T H E
G A P
O R Y

**AND THE EARTH
WAS WITHOUT
FORM AND VOID**

Genesis 1:2

UNSCRIPTURAL

GOD PREPARES THE EARTH FOR THE HABITATION OF MAN

1st DAY LIGHT APPEARS - LIGHT DIVIDED FROM DARKNESS	2nd DAY THE FIRMAMENT WATERS ABOVE DIVIDED FROM WATERS BELOW	3rd DAY EARTH and SEAS DIVIDED GRASS HERBS and TREES PLANTED	4th DAY SUN and MOON APPOINTED LIGHT LOCATIONS STARS ALSO	5th DAY CREATURES of the SEA and EVERY WINGED FOWL	6th DAY CATTLE BEASTS and CREEPING THINGS and THE FIRST MAN	7th DAY THE HEAVENS THE EARTH FINISHED and ALL THE HOST OF THEM
Genesis 1:3-5	Genesis 1:6-8	Genesis 1:9-12	Genesis 1:14-18	Genesis 1:24-25	Genesis 1:24-30	Genesis 2:1

"Let them praise the Name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created."

Psalms 148:5

**GOD GAVE US NO FURTHER
EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW
HE CREATED THE HEAVEN
AND THE EARTH**

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God."

Hebrews 11:3

**GOD SAW EVERY
THING THAT HE
HAD MADE.
AND BEHOLD,
IT WAS VERY GOOD!**

Genesis 1:31

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
Lesson #2
THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

Genesis 1:27 – 3:24

(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

(This period lasts less than one year – Possibly only a few days or weeks, at most!)

INTRO: I. The Dispensation of Innocence begins with the creation of Adam and Eve.

I. God Created man in a State of Innocence (Genesis 1:26-27).

II. God created Adam in His own image.

A. God is a “three-part being” - - - Father -Son- Holy Spirit.

1. Man is a “three-part” being - - - body – soul – spirit (I Thessalonians 5:23).

B. God’s Image consists of “Four Basic Characteristics:”

1. God has Intellect - - - - -Know - Learn - Advance - Understand - Reason.

a. God created man with intellect.

2. God has Emotion - - - - - Love - Hate - Sad - Glad.

a. God created man with emotion.

3. God has a Will - - - - - Ability to make choices.

a. God created man with a free will.

4. God is eternal - - - - - He will live forever.

a. God created man to be eternal.

C. God Created Man for a Special Purpose (Genesis 1:26).

1. He was not created to “serve the Lord.”

a. You have heard, “*Saved to serve.*”

2. Adam was “saved” to do what he was “made” to do!

3. The True Purpose of God creating Man is found in Mark 12:30.

a. Love the Lord.....

4. We “Serve” the Lord **BECAUSE** we “love the Lord.” (II Corinthians 5:14)

Example: Do you prefer to have a mate who “loves” you or “serves” you?

My wife “serves” – BECAUSE she loves me! – Not for the sake of serving!

D. God placed Adam & Eve in the “Garden of Eden” – “A Place of Delight” (Genesis 2:8-17).

1. It was a place of a “Perfect Environment.”

a. There was no curse on anything or any person.

1. A perfect God.

2. A perfect Creation.
 3. A perfect man.
 4. A perfect environment.
 5. A perfect communion.
 2. They were placed "in charge of the Garden" (Genesis 1:28-31).
 3. This is called: **The Edenic Covenant** (Genesis 2:15 - 17).
 - a. They had nothing to do but "enjoy life" and "*fulfill their purpose.*"
- III. God Designed a Plan to "Test" if man "loved God - the way he should"** (Genesis 2:16 -17).
- A. There are two different ways that men can love God.
1. Revelation 2:4 God did not say they did not love him.
 2. God said, they left their "**first love.**" (**Honeymoon type of love.**)
- B. The proof that they loved God the way they should love God was summed up in:
1. One Word - **OBEDIENCE!** (**John 14:15 & 21 & 23**).
 - a. I Samuel 15:22 "**Better to obey than to sacrifice!**"
- IV. God Commanded man, "not to eat" of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.**
- A. (**Genesis 2:16-17**)
- V. God Warned Man of the Penalty for "Not Obeying" His Instructions** (Genesis 2:17).
- A. "*...for the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*"
1. The Penalty is TWO-FOLD:
 - a. Physical Death
 - b. Spiritual Death - Speaks of "separation" from God - **WARNED!**
 1. II Thessalonians 1:6-9 & Revelation 20:6 & 14
- VI. God allowed Man's Love to be "tested." (Satan)**
- A. Man is tested by Satan in a very "subtle manner."
1. He casually cast "Doubt" on God's Word (Genesis 3:1).
 - a. "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree in the garden?"
 2. He defyingly "Disputes" God's Word.
 - a. "Ye shall not surely die" (Verse 4).
 1. Eve believed Satan's lie!
 3. He sarcastically sows "Discord" between God and Eve.
 - a. "God doth know..." (Verse 5)
 - b. This caused Eve to leave her love for God.
- B. Man is **ALWAYS** provided a "way of escape" **IF he wants it.**
1. Satan **is always LIMITED** in offering temptation!
 2. Satan can only "tempt" you to disobey God.
 3. Satan cannot "force" you to disobey God!
 4. Man has THE FINAL CHOICE!
 - a. God will always make a way of escape (I Corinthians 10:13).
- VII. Man Failed the Test of his Love and his Obedience Toward God** (Genesis 3:6)!
- A. Eve was deceived (I Timothy 2:14).

1. In transgression: "Breaking the rules."
2. Chose disobedience – in place of God's blessings. **LADIES BEWARE!**
- B. Adam was not deceived (I Timothy 2:14). **MAN KNEW BETTER.**
 1. MAN FAILED!
- C. What caused the fall?
 1. **Man thought he knew better than God, "What was best."**
 - a. **Good for food.**
 - b. **Pleasant to look at.**
 - c. **To make one wise. (Tempted to "be like God.")**
- D. The HIGH-PRICE of disobedience:
 1. Adam and Eve both - now have a "sin nature."
 2. They lost their perfect environment in the Garden.
 3. They now must work for their food (Genesis 3:19).
 4. They gave birth to the first "murderer" (Genesis 4:8-10)!
 5. They gave birth to the first man to be murdered (Genesis 4:8-10).
- E. Man did not "start at the bottom of moral decay and work his way up!"
 1. **Man started at the TOP and fell to the BOTTOM.**

VIII. God's THREE-FOLD CURSE on the THREE PARTICIPANTS (Genesis 3:14-19):
(Called the **Adamic Covenant** – the second covenant made by God with man.)

- A. "God said unto the serpent..." (Verse 14)
 1. Still in effect today!
- B. "Unto the Woman God said..." (Verse 16).
 1. Still in effect today (Ephesians 5:33)!
 - a. Reverence: Greek word - "Phobeo" - - - Be fearful of, not scared of him.
Be respectful of him – reverence him.
- C. "Unto Adam he said..." (Verse 17-19).
 1. Still in effect today!

THE FIRST CRISIS

- I. **God deals with the "First Crisis" man created by his disobedience** (Genesis 3:23-24).
 - A. God expels Adam and Eve from the Garden.
 - B. God set "Cherubims with flaming sword" at the entrance of the garden.
 1. This is to protect man from taking of the "*Tree of Life*."
 2. Had they eaten of the "tree of life" they would have lived forever in their sin.
 - a. Genesis 3:22
 - C. God made them "coats of skins and clothed them."
 1. The coats were from animal skins, which pictures:
 - a. Sacrifice (Genesis 3:21).
 - b. Blood was shed (Hebrews 9:22).
- II. **God Promises Man a Redeemer** (Genesis 3:15).

A. Adam and Eve were promised a redeemer that would “bruise Satan’s head.”

1. When man falls in sin:

- a. He, fallen man, never searches for God.
- b. God searches for fallen man (Genesis 3.8)!

B. The Promise of a Redeemer **OPENS** the Second Dispensation – Next Week!

“THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE”

III. MAN FAILED!

A. The Dispensation of Innocence ends in Judgment.

Expulsion from the Garden of Eden! (Genesis 3:22-24)

PARADISE
The Garden of Eden
Genesis 2:8-15

THE CREATION OF MAN
Genesis 1:26
Genesis 2:7

CREATION OF WOMAN
Genesis 1:27
Genesis 2:21-22

THE FRIST DISPENSATION INNOCENCE Gen. 1:1—Gen. 3:24

1st DISPENSATION ENDS IN JUDGMENT
EXPULSION FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Genesis 3:24

Adam & Eve

INNOCENCE

SIN
Genesis 3:6-7

THE TEMPTATION
Genesis 3:1-5

Gen. 2:18-25

CREATED IN INNOCENCE

Warned of the Consequences

Of sin

Genesis 2:15-17

“The soul that sinneth it shall surely die”
Genesis 2:17

THE THREE-FOLD CURSE

The Serpent
The Woman
The Man

Gen. 3:14-15

The Blood Line

The Promise

Gen. 3:15

MAN FAILED

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

LESSON THREE

THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

Genesis 3:23 & 24; Genesis 4:1-6 – Genesis 8:20 & 9:1-6)

(This period covers 1700 years +/-!)

(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

STARTS: Genesis 3:23-24
ENDS: Genesis 8:18-19
LASTED: 1700 years +/-
COVERS: 3 pages front and back!
TEACHES: Not a lot taught! – A whole lot taught!

STARTS: Cain's disobedience – Murder – Punishment
LISTS: Cain's descendants (Genesis 4:16-24)
STATES: Renewing of the spiritual line (Genesis 4:25)
LISTS: Seth's descendants (Genesis, Chapter 5)
STATES: What men were/became over 1700 years (Genesis 6:1-7).
DESCRIBES: The ark (Genesis 6:8-22).
JUDGMENT: The Flood (Genesis Chapter 7, 8:18 & 19).

INTRO: Following judgment and expulsion from the garden, man is left to “**follow his conscience**” –

A. “**LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE.**”

1. Conscience continues until today.

a. Romans 2:14-15

b. Acts 23:1; 24:16

B. The Greek word for Conscience is: ***suneidesis***.

1. The word, “Conscience” is not found in the Old Testament.

a. The “principles” are there!

2. It means: “**Moral conscientiousness to guide a person.**”

a. Paul – John 8:9 (Woman taken in adultery).

3. It is possible to “sear” your conscience (I Timothy 4:2).

a. “Sear” means to: “Render insensitive.”

C. The Dispensation of Innocence Ends with (1) Judgment – (2) Expulsion (Genesis 3:8-13).

1. Adam and Eve knew what was “right and wrong.” (AFTER THEIR SIN.)

a. How did they know they were naked? – **BY THEIR CONSCIENCE!**

1. Romans 2:14-15

b. Indians in South American Jungle – “How do they know...?”

1. Live for years naked – Immediately, they put clothes on after salvation.

2. They cut a person's hand off if caught stealing.

3. They get buried alive if caught killing someone.

4. They get buried alive if caught in adultery.

a. Romans 2:14-15

2. They KNEW that God's blessings **depended on OBEDIENCE!**

a. They learned this **"THE HARD WAY."**

I. The Dispensation of Conscience begins with:

A. Adam and Eve having a "sin nature" (Genesis 4:1-5).

1. AND passing it along to their children **"reap what you sow"** (Galatians 6:7).

2. The sin nature continues today (Romans 5:12).

B. Cain and Abel are "representatives" of the **opposing seeds** (Genesis 4:1-2).

1. Represent: The seed of the wicked and the seed of the righteous (Genesis 3:15).

2. That conflict continues today - - - The enmity is between:

a. God and his children **and** Satan and his children - always at war. (Galatians 5:17).

b. *"...ye are of your father the devil"* (John 8:44).

C. The "Promised Redeemer" will ultimately destroy the serpent (Satan) (Revelation 20:10).

II. The Disobedience is illustrated in the Offerings of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-5).

A. Cain brought an offering of the "fruit of the ground." (**Work of man – from a cursed earth.**)

1. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 – Titus 3:5 – Isaiah 64:6 – (Works are filthy rags)

B. Abel brought an offering "of the flock" (Blood Shed).

1. It was an offering of blood (Hebrews 12:24 – Hebrews 9:22).

a. *"Without the shedding of blood ... no remission"* (Hebrews 9:22).

C. NO doubt, **Abel and Cain knew about a "blood sacrifice?" (Taught by Father!)**

1. How else would Abel have known to sacrifice?

2. From their father's teaching, they were to be guided "by their conscience."

a. **CAIN FAILED BECAUSE HE "DISOBEYED" HIS CONSCIENCE!** (Genesis 4:6-7).

III. The Results of the First Failure under Conscience – (MURDER) (Genesis 4:8-13).

A. One disobedience over 1700 years - led to *"...the wickedness of man was great!"* (Gen. 6:5).

a. That is still true today! (**EXAMPLE**) - (Wrong on one – over time - will be wrong on all.)

IV. The Righteous Seed Renewed in Seth (Genesis 4:25).

A. *"...then began men to call upon the name of the Lord* (Genesis 4:26).

1. The BLOOD line of Christ began with Seth – (Genesis 5:3).

B. The generations of Cain listed (Genesis 4:25 - 5:22): – No ages given!!!

C. The Generations of Seth: **Covers 1700 years +/-**

1. Adam lived 930 years and begat.

2. Seth lived 912 years and begat.

3. Enos lived 905 years and begat.

4. Cainan lived 910 years and begat.

5. Mahalaleel lived 895 years and begat.

6. Jared lived 962 years and begat.
7. Enoch lived 365 years – (Translated) and begat.
8. Methuselah lived 969 years and begat.
9. Lamech lived 777 years and begat.
10. Noah lived 950 years and begat.
 - a. Shem, Ham, & Japheth.... (Genesis 5:32).

V. The End result of Disobedience (Genesis 6:1-5):

- A. God warned man: *"My spirit shall not always strive with man..."* (Genesis 6:3).
 1. The wickedness of man was great in the earth (Genesis 6:5).
- B. God made the decision to destroy man off the face of the earth (Genesis (6:7).
 1. Destroyed by the Flood (Genesis 7:17-24)!

C. MAN FAILED IN THE ECONOMY WHICH GOD HAD ENTRUSTED TO HIM!

1. Man failed because: **"MAN thought he knew better than God what was best!"**

VI. The Righteous Seed Preserved by God – through Noah, and his son, Shem (Genesis 6:8-12).

A. *"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord"* (Verse 6:8-10). **WHY?**

1. Noah was a **"man of faith."**
2. Noah's faith is described in **(Hebrews 11:7)**.
 - A. The ground of His faith "...being warned of God..." **(God said...)**!
 - B. The sphere of his faith "...things not yet seen" **(Coming judgment)**.
 - C. The evidence of his faith "...moved with fear – built an Ark" **(Obeyed)**.
 - D. The witness of his faith – "...by which he condemned the world" **(Preached)**.
 - E. The reward of his faith– "...became heir of righteousness which is by faith."

VII. The Typology of the Ark (Genesis 6:14) – A PICTURE OF THE REDEEMER – JESUS CHRIST!

- A. This is the clearest and most detailed type of the believer's salvation in the Scripture.
 1. The Ark was God's Divine Provision (Genesis 6:13,14).
 - a. In God's mind it was a - "means of escape" for His own people.
 - b. This was LONG before judgment came.
 2. The Ark was revealed to Noah.
 - a. This Divine Provision was not an invention of Noah - (Man-made).
 - b. In like manner, God reveals salvation to us.
 3. The Ark was a refuge from Divine Judgment.
 - a. Three Arks in the Scriptures:
 1. The Ark of Noah.
 2. The Ark of bulrushes (Exodus 2:3) **(Moses)**.
 3. The Ark of the Covenant **(Tabernacle)**. – (The Holy Law was Protected.)
 - b. All three speak of a "Place of Safety" (Acts 4:12).
 4. The Ark was entered into **by invitation from God** (Genesis 6:18; 7:1).
 - a. *"The Lord said unto Noah, come thou..."*

1. This is the first time the word *“come”* is found in Scripture!
 - b. Clearly teaches: **God was ALREADY on the inside!** (Genesis 6:18; 7:16).
5. The Ark was a place of Absolute Security.
 - a. When Noah entered the Ark – **God SHUT him in** (Genesis 7:16)!
 - b. We are “kept by the power of God” (I Peter 1:5).
6. The Ark had only one door!
 - a. Jesus said, I AM THE DOOR (John 10:19 – John 14:6).
7. The Ark had “three stories” (Genesis 6:16).
 - a. Deliverance from:
 1. The Penalty of Sin.
 2. The Power of Sin.
 3. The Presence of Sin (Future).
8. The Ark had one window (Genesis 6:19).
 - a. It faced upward – **toward heaven!**
 1. We are to “look-up - unto Jesus.”
 2. We are not to be **on deck**, “Battling the storm.”
 3. We are not to look “downward” and fear the circumstances.
9. The Ark was **“Pitched”** within and without with **“Pitch.”**
 - a. The word “Pitch” is not the word used for **“tar” as we think of it.**
 1. That word in the Hebrew for “tar” is: Zetteth.”
 - b. The word “pitch” in this verse, in the Hebrew is “Kaphar.”
 - c. Kaphar is the word translated: “Atonement” in Exodus 30:10,15,16; 32:30.
 - d. The word “Kaphar” is translated “atonement” **94 places in the Old Testament!**

VIII. Men were **“without excuse”** in the days of Noah. – **WHY?**

- A. Noah preached righteousness (I Peter 3:18-20; II Peter 2:5).
- B. Men had ample light from creation (Romans 1:14-20 – Psalms 19:1).
- C. Men had ample light from conscience (Romans 2:14-15).

But, MAN FAILED – Because of disobedience!

THE SECOND CRISIS

I. God Deals with the “Second Crisis” man created by his disobedience.

- A. There apparently was NO HOPE for that generation.
- B. Therefore, God sent a “World-Wide Flood” (Genesis 7:17-22).
 1. “Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8).
 2. God delivered Noah and his family by having him build an “ARK” (Genesis 6:14).
 - a. We studied that earlier! – **Picture of Christ.**
 3. How do we escape the judgment of God today? – Through Christ – Our Ark!
 - a. **The world is the same today – they laugh – go on with the party!**

We are still to “Preach the Gospel to Every Creature!”

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth..."
Genesis 6:1

Genesis 6:1

THE SECOND DISPENSATION CONSCIENCE Gen. 4:1—Gen. 7:24

2nd DISPENSATION ENDS IN

JUDGMENT
"THE FLOOD"
Genesis 7:17-24

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."
Genesis 6:3

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"
Genesis 6:5

"...behold, I will destroy them with the earth."
Genesis 6:13b

"Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch."
Genesis 6:14

Cain's altar: Man-made - by works
Genesis 4:1-26
Abel's altar: Sacrifice - by Faith

The Spiritual Seed
RENEWED in Seth
Genesis 5:1-5

Noah



Enos Cainan Mahalaleel Jared Enoch Methuselah Lamech

The Patriarchs from Adam to Noah — Genesis 5

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly."
II Peter 2:5

The Beginning of the "Highway of the Seed" of the Promised Redeemer
Genesis 3:15

THE MESSIANIC LINE OF CHRIST
Adam—Seth—Noah—Abraham
Isaac—Jacob—Judah—David
Immanuel—Christ

MAN FAILED

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
LESSON #4
THE DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT
Genesis 8:20 – Genesis 9:27
(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

(Parenthetical pause)

(Genesis Chapter 10 lists the “generations” of the sons on Noah.)

The Dispensation of Human Government continues to Genesis Chapter 11.

(However, Genesis 11:10-32 lists the generations of Abraham.)

The Dispensation is covered in 3 pages – front and back! –

This Dispensation covers 225 years +/-.

Intro: 1. The dispensation of “Human Government” begins with Noah, **AFTER the flood.**
a. It runs from the end of the flood to the Dispersion at Babel (Genesis 11:4).

- I. Noah and his family had lived in the ark for approximately one year +.**
A. The ark floated on restless water – no sail – no rudder to guide it.
B. Seemingly at the mercy of the unleashed elements.
1. Noah trusted in “The One” who “shut them in.”
a. He had not looked ANYWHERE but up for about one year!
- II. God Remembers Noah and his Family** (Genesis 8:1-4).
A. God Instructs Noah to depart out of the Ark (Genesis 8:15-19).
B. Noah’s **first act was to build, not a home, but an altar** (Genesis 8:20).
1. This is the **DIVINE blueprint for life** (Matthew 6:33) – (Hebrews 10:38)!
2. **(Illustration) Wm. Carey** – My business is "preaching the Gospel."
“I only cobble shoes to finance my business!”

GOD ENTRUSTS MAN TO GOVERN THE WORLD

- I. God Institutes “Human Government”** (Genesis 9:1-6).

A. For the first time – government is done by men.

B. The highest function of any government is placed under man!
1. The judicial taking of life – **Capital Punishment! – The Death Penalty.**
2. This was instituted about 2345 B. C.
3. This has continued forward since that time – **IT HAS NEVER BEEN REPEALED.**
a. Was not effective in the past – as with Cain (Genesis 4:8-15).
- II. The Noahic Covenant** (Gen. 9:9-12).
A. God made a covenant that He would never destroy the earth again by flood.
1. To confirm His covenant with men, “God set a rainbow” in the sky (Genesis 9:13).

III. **The Shame of Noah – The Sin of Ham** (Genesis 9:20-23).

A. Noah was drunken with wine!

1. Very likely that this was the first time wine was fermented!

B. Laid helpless and “uncovered” in his tent.

1. His son, Ham, entered the tent and “saw his nakedness.”
2. Ham, instead of showing respect – called his brothers “to enjoy the humiliation!”

C. His brothers backed into their father’s tent.

1. They COVERED their father’s nakedness!

D. What a blessing today if Christians would be gracious and:

1. “...Cover the shame of others,”
2. “...Instead of exposing and criticizing and denouncing their faults and sin!”
 - a. The problem – Lack of love.
 - b. I Peter 4:8: “...*charity shall cover a multitude of sins.*”

IV. **The “Three-Fold” Prophetic Declaration of Noah** (Genesis 9:24-27).

A. **(Canaan)** "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren" (Verse 25).

1. Ham was not cursed directly.
 - a. He suffered more so, because his son bore the curse which he caused!
2. “The mills of God grind slowly but they grind exceeding fine.”
 - a. 800 years later, the descendants of Canaan suffered:
 1. Slaughter
 2. Slavery
 3. Driven from the land called by their name.

B. **(Shem)** Blessed be the LORD God of Shem (Verse 26).

1. **Notice:** The blessing was not directed – **directly to Shem** – but to “the LORD God” of Shem.
 - a. This gives Glory and honor to Shem’s creator!
 - b. The New Testament teaches we should do the same (Matthew 5:16).
2. Shem’s blessing was a “spiritual blessing.”
 - a. Shem became the blood line of the redeemer.

C. **(Japheth)** God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem.

1. We see this fulfilled today:
 - a. Japheth’s descendants cover a large part of the earth.
 - b. This is true both in numbers and in territory.
2. Japheth shall dwell “in the tents of Shem.”
 - a. The spiritual blessing remains with Shem, not Japheth.
 - b. Christ came through the blood line of Shem – Not Japheth!

V. **The Source of the “Three-races” of the world** (Genesis 9:18–19; 10:32).

A. Everyone here today came from one of those three races.

VI. God's Commandment to Noah and his Sons (Genesis 9:1).

A. God's **Commandment**: "...*be fruitful, multiply, and **replenish** the **earth***" (Genesis 9:1).

1. Hebrew word for "replenish" is **Male** (Maw-lay): – **To fill up – THE EARTH.**

2. Hebrew word for "earth" is: **Erets, meaning: country, earth, field, ground, land, nations, way, wilderness, world.**

B. God's commandment repeated: "***Bring forth abundantly IN THE EARTH***" (Genesis. 9:7).

1. God Expected Noah, his sons, and his son's sons to "**OBEY**" His commandment.

2. Noah's sons were **commanded** to **scatter abroad** and "re-people" **the earth**.

VII. Man failed - because of "disobedience to God's Command" (Genesis 11:4).

A. **Nimrod** – a descendant of Ham – the cursed race (Genesis 10:6-10).

1. Man attempted to build a "Man Made" tower reaching Heaven (Genesis 11:4)!

a. This is a picture of the coming "one world government" by man.

B. **Man said**: "... Go to, **let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest **we** be **SCATTERED** abroad upon the face of the whole earth.**"

C. "...to obey is better than to sacrifice" (I Samuel 15:22).

THE THIRD CRISIS

I. God deals with the "Third Crisis" which was created by man's Disobedience.

MAN FAILED: 1) Innocence: 2) Conscience, now 3) Human government!

A. "...and the LORD came down..." (Genesis 11:5-7).

1. He came as a "Building Inspector."

a. God always inspects three things in the life of man:

1. Our works (Ephesians 2:10 – Revelation 20:12-13).

a. I Corinthians 3:12 & 13 "**...of what SORT it is.**" (Not how much)

2. Our hearts (I Samuel 16:7).

3. Our motives (Proverb 16:2).

2. God saw that **ALL THREE of these were wrong** in the building of the Tower of Babel!

B. God chose a very simple way to defeat the rebellious conspiracy:

1. Not by a flood,

2. Not by lightning-bolts,

3. But by **Confounding their Language.**

a. Until now, the people of the earth had spoken one language (Genesis 11:1).

b. "**...from thence did the LORD SCATTER them abroad.**

...upon the face of ALL the earth." (Genesis 11:8-9)

II. When Christ returns, there will be world unity and peace – But NOT BEFORE!

A. That time "is at hand" (I Thessalonians 5:3).

B. Again, "**Man Failed**" due to his Disobedience – thinking he knew better than God (Gen. 11:4).

MAN FAILED

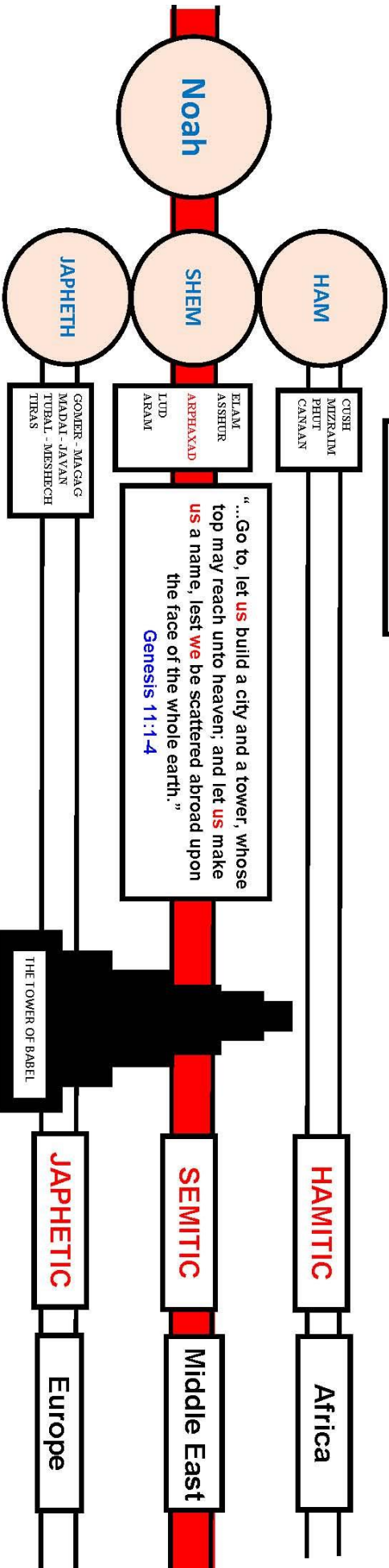
And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.
Genesis 9:1

THE THIRD DISPENSATION
HUMAN GOVERNMENT
Gen. 9:1—Gen. 11:1-9

3rd DISPENSATION ENDS IN
JUDGMENT
BABEL—SCATTERED ABROAD
Genesis 11:1-9

THE CURSE
UPON CANAAN
Genesis 9:24-25

“...let us go down, and there confound their language, and ...scatter them abroad...”
Genesis 11:5-9



And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.
Genesis 9:18-19
Genesis 10:32

This was the beginning of the three races of the world.

MAN FAILED

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson #5

THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

Genesis 12:1 – Exodus 19

(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

(It starts with a promised blessing – it ends by Israel going into bondage.)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **After the language of the people was confused, “...they left off the building.”** (Genesis 11:8).
 - A. God scattered them abroad ... upon the face of the earth.
- II. **Two Major Empires Developed**
 - A. Both came from the descendants of Ham.
 - 1. Babylon – founded by Nimrod – Capital of World (Genesis 11:4).
 - 2. Egypt is called, “the land of Ham” (Psalms 105:23).
 - a. Apparently founded by a descendent of Ham.
- III. **There was great, so called, progress in Egypt.**
 - A. Culture increased.
 - B. Literature
 - C. Arts
 - D. Wealth grew.
 - E. There were great achievements:
 - a. This was the early beginning of people, “loving the World” (I John 2:15):

The lust of the flesh -	Do more
The lust of the eyes -	Have more
The Pride of Life -	Be more
- IV. **There was a great decline in:**
 - A. Decline of Personal Morals.
 - 1. Plan: Whatever feels good – do it.
 - B. Decline of Religious life.
 - 1. They departed from the worship of the One True God.
 - C. Idolatry abounded and spread to the known world.
 - 1. They began to have “multiple gods.” (**Ur of Chaldees was the capital of idolatry.**)

GOD SEPARATED ONE FAMILY TO PRESERVE THE WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE GOD

- I. **God’s Purpose in Calling Abraham**
 - A. A Nation which would be a witness to the One True and Living God (Isaiah 43:10).
 - B. To Receive, Protect, and Preserve the Word of God (Romans 3:1-2).
 - C. To Bring Forth the Promised Redeemer (Genesis 3:15).
 - 1. Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).

D. To be Living Testimony of the Wisdom and Blessing of serving a Living God who hears and answers the prayers of His people (Deuteronomy 4:5-8).

II. The Call of God to Abram (Abraham) (Genesis 12:1-3).

A. Abraham's Past:

1. Raised in "Ur of Chaldees" (Genesis 11:31).
 - a. Home of the "worship on Nanna, the god of the moon."
 - b. Well known as a place of idolatry.
2. Abraham's family left, - - - **but only went "half-way" to the Promised Land.**
 - a. They stopped in Haran for an estimated 5 years.
 - b. Terah: (Abraham's father, **means "Delay!"**)

III. The Partial Obedience of Abraham (Genesis 12:4 & 5).

A. He did not separate from "...his kindred." (Took Lot with him) (Verse 5).

- a. Partial obedience – is total disobedience.

B. Christians practice the same today – Partial Separation!

- a. We do not COMPLETELY separate (II Corinthians 6:17).
- b. God did not tell us to "partially separate!"
 1. He said, *"...touch not the unclean thing!"*

IV. The Complete Obedience of Abraham (Genesis 13:5-11) (SEPARATION).

THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

I. The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3 and 13:14-15).

A. The Abrahamic Covenant involved both a Command and a Promise:

1. The Command (Genesis 12:1):
 - a. This was said at least **five years** prior to Abraham leaving Haran.
 1. "...get thee out of thy country..."
 2. "...and from thy kindred..."
 3. "...and from thy father's house..."
 - b. God commands: **SEPARATION** (I Corinthians 6:17).
2. The Promise (Genesis 12:2-3):
 - a. A great nation.
 - b. A great name.
 - c. A limitless posterity.
 - d. An everlasting possession of the promised land.
 - e. A blessing to "all the families of the earth."
 - f. A Messianic promise of Jesus Christ – Abraham's seed (Galatians 3:16),

- B. The Dispensation was exclusively to Israel. "...to **THY SEED** forever" (Genesis 13:15).
 - C. The Dispensation **MUST BE DISTINGUISHED** from the Covenant (Genesis 13:15).
 - 1. The dispensation ended – It was a temporary time of testing Israel.
 - 2. The covenant was an "everlasting covenant" – "... to thy seed **FOREVER!**"
 - D. The law did not cancel the Abrahamic Covenant (Galatians 3:15-18).
 - E. It was a disciplinary dealing with Israel ...
 - "...until the Seed should come to whom the promise was made" (Galatians 3:19-29).
 - F. Today we become "heirs to the promise" the same as Abraham did, **By faith** (Galatians 3:29).
- II. The Birth of Ishmael** (Genesis 16:1-16) – **The illegitimate** son of Abraham by his wife's handmaid.
- A. God promised that he would be a "great nation."
 - 1. This includes most of the Arab Nations.
 - B. Prophesied that he would be:
 - 1. A wild man and against every man – every man against him (Genesis 16:12).
 - a. Still in effect today!
- III. The Birth of Isaac** (Genesis 21:2-3).
- A. The son of Promise (Genesis 17:15-19).
 - B. The offering of Isaac to the Lord (Genesis 22:1-14).
 - C. The "Abrahamic Covenant" is confirmed to Isaac (Genesis 26:1-5).
- IV. The Two Children of Isaac - Esau and Jacob, a picture of two different lifestyles:**
- A. Esau: The people with whom God has warfare from generation to generation (Malachi 1:1-4).
 - 1. Esau sold his "birthright" (Genesis 25:27-34).
 - a. Became the "father of the Edomites."
 - 2. Esau was a PICTURE of "**the fleshly life.**"
 - a. No interest in "spiritual things."
 - 3. God had sworn to have war with Esau and his kinfolk forever (**Malachi 1:4**).
 - a. Amalek is Esau's grandson (Genesis 36:12).
 - 1. Amalek & Moses (Exodus 17:8-16).
 - 2. Amalek & Saul (I Samuel 15:1-3).
 - B. Jacob: – which means, "trickster."
 - 1. Jacob tricked his brother into selling him the birthright (Genesis 25:27-34).
 - 2. God changes Jacob's name to "Israel" "A Prince with God" (Genesis 32:24-32).
 - a. Pictures "**the spiritual life.**"
- V. The Twelve Children of Jacob/Israel – The Patriarchs** (Genesis 29-37).
- A. The Names of the twelve sons of Jacob/Israel:
 - 1. These are the **twelve tribes** of Israel (Genesis 49):

1. Reuben	7. Dan
2. Simeon	8. Gad
3. Levi	9. Asher
4. Judah	10. Naphtali
5. Zebulun	11. Joseph
6. Issachar	12. Benjamin

- B. The Promised Land (Cannan) was divided to the twelve tribes by Joshua.
- C. The land was given the name: Israel!

VI. The Life of Joseph (Genesis 37- 50). A Picture of (II Peter 1:5-7):

- A. Joseph reports his brother's evil to his father (Genesis 37:2). - VIRTUE
- B. Joseph's dream (Genesis 37:5-7 – 9) - Later became true! - KNOWLEDGE
- C. Joseph is hated by his brothers (Genesis 37:4 & 5).
- D. Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers (Genesis 37:28).
- E. Joseph made the Master over Potiphar's house (Genesis 39:1-4).
 - 1. Lied about by Potiphar's wife (Genesis 39:20). - TEMPERANCE
 - 2. Cast into prison for two years (Genesis 41:1). - PATIENCE
 - 3. Finds favor with the keeper of the prison (Genesis 39:23) - GODLINESS
- F. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's Dream.
 - 1. Exalted to 2nd most powerful man in Egypt (Genesis 41:14).
- G. Joseph preserves the life of his father and his brothers. - BROTHERLY KINDNESS
 - 1. Joseph's dream is fulfilled (Genesis 42:6).
- H. Joseph understood that God never moves without "Purpose or Plan" (Romans 8:28).
 - 1. Israel, Joseph's father, dies (Genesis 49:33).
 - 2. Joseph forgives and preserves his brothers (Genesis 50:18-20). - CHARITY

VII. The "Dispensation of Promise" ends with Israel in Bondage to Egypt (Exodus 1:8-22).

- This was prophesied by God (Genesis 15:13-14).
 - 1. Two things were prophesied:
 - a. They would be delivered.
 - b. They would leave with great substance.
- A. This begins with Joseph.
 - 1. Thirteen years had passed since Joseph was sold into slavery.
 - a. All the countries come to Joseph in Egypt... (Genesis 41:57).
 - b. Jacob and his household come to Joseph in Egypt...(Genesis 46:26-27).
 - c. His father and brothers "bow down" to Joseph.
 - a. Fulfillment of (Genesis 37:5-7).
 - 2. The nation grew greatly (Exodus 1:7).
 - 3. Seeing the great growth – the new Pharaoh issued a decree (Exodus 1:8-22).

GOD PROVIDES ISRAEL A DELIVERER FROM BONDAGE

- I. The Birth of Moses (Exodus 2:1-2)**
- II. The Call of Moses (Exodus 3:7-8)**
- III. The Ten Judgments on Pharaoh and Egypt: (Exodus 5 - 12)**

A. These attacks were God's attacks on **"the gods of Egypt"** (Exodus 12:12).

1. The Grievous Water of the Nile Turned to Blood (Exodus 7:14-25).
2. The Grievous Visitation of Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15).
3. The Grievous Plague of Lice (Exodus 8:16-19).
4. The Grievous Swarms of Flies (Exodus 8:24).

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THE OFFER OF COMPROMISE

(Exodus 8:25-29)

- a. I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to your God:
 - a. Only ye shall not go very far away!
- b. Today: I will let you be a Christian;
 - a. But don't be a fanatic!

(Parenthetical break ends.)

5. The Grievous Murrain (Exodus 9:1-7).
6. The Grievous Boils (Exodus 9:8-12).
7. The Grievous Hail (Exodus 9:13-21).
8. The Grievous Locusts (Exodus 10:4).
9. The Grievous Darkness over the Land of Egypt (Exodus 10:21-23).
10. The Grievous Death of the First Born (Exodus 11:4-7 & 12:29-30).

IV. God Delivers His People (Exodus 12:1-13). (The Great Redemption Chapter.)

A. God's People are delivered by Blood (Exodus 12:13).

1. *"...when I see the blood, I will pass over you."*

B. God's People leave with "great substance" (Exodus 12:33-36).

1. Israel came to Egypt with no food to eat!

C. God's People leave an "innumerable seed" and "a great nation."

1. Israel came to Egypt with 70 people (Genesis 46:27).
2. Israel departed Egypt with an estimated 2 million people.
 - a. Fulfillment of Genesis 15:13-14.

D. God's People leave - Conscious that they are a **"people separated unto God."**

1. The Promise of God - demands "SEPARATION!" (Genesis 12:1-3).
 - a. True for Christians Today (II Corinthians 6:12-18) - (I Peter 2:9).

V. Chapter Twelve "foreshadows & pictures" a Greater Redemption.

A. Redemption of "Whosoever will" may be redeemed from Sin and Death!

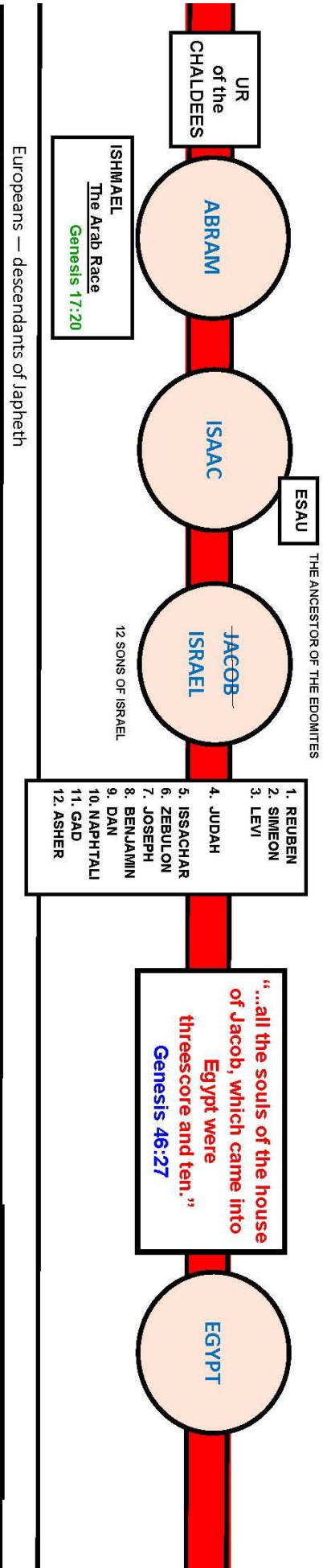
THE CALL OF ABRAHAM
"I will bless them that bless thee,
and curse him that curseth thee: and
in thee shall all families of the earth
be blessed."
Genesis 12:1-3

THE FOURTH DISPENSATION
PROMISE
Gen. 12:1 — Exodus 1:22

4TH DISPENSATION ENDS IN
JUDGMENT
IN BONDAGE IN EGYPT!
EXODUS 1:7-22

THE HEBREWS ARE CHOSEN
AS THE
"MESSIANIC" LINE

Ethiopians — Descendants of Cush Libyans — Descendants of Phut Canaanites — Descendants of Canaan Egyptians — descendants of Mizraim



"Now these are the names of the children of Israel,
which came into Egypt; every man and his household
came with Jacob."
Exodus 1:1

THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT
Exodus Chapter 12

THE ISRAELITES ARE
FIRST CALLED "JEWS" IN
II KINGS 16:6

THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE BEGAN ABOUT 1921
BC AND ENDED IN 1491 BC — A PERIOD OF 430 YEARS

MAN FAILED

ESAU AND HIS KINFOLK

Lesson #6

Malachi 1:1-4

Intro: God did not hate “the man” Esau.

Esau is a picture of the “flesh.”

God hates “the flesh principle.”

I. **Esau and Jacob** (Genesis 25:27-34):

A. Esau – A man’s man! – Hunter – Camper – Cut his way through anything.

1. As a young man Esau despised “spiritual things.”

B. Jacob – A sissy – Trickster – Cheat – Supplanter.

1. A “Mama’s Boy.”

2. Mama didn’t let him date until he was 50 years old!

C. God’s choice? Jacob – Why?

1. Jacob wanted more. (He went about it the wrong way – like Moses.)

D. Wrestled with God (Genesis 32:24 – That was a “fixed fight”).

1. Question: “What is your name?” GOD KNEW HIS NAME!

2. God wanted Jacob to “admit what he was” - (I’m Jacob – a trickster.)

E. God changed him – Made him “A prince with God.”

II. **Esau and Moses** (Exodus 17:8-16).

A. Amalek – Grandson of Esau (Genesis 36:12).

1. God said, “He has indignation forever!”

B. Israel was headed to the Promise Land - **Victory – Rest – Joy – Peace** (Hebrews. 4:9).

1. Flesh said, “I’ll stop them.”

C. Battle won in a strange way.

1. On the mountain top!

2. By prayer - Intercession

a. Paul won the battle – not fighting - but in prayer – (Acts 27:21-24).

3. Moses’ arms got tired!

D. When a man is fighting the battle against the flesh - (like a Pastor):

1. The CHURCH needs to hold his hands up!

E. Exodus 17:16: The LORD will have war with Amalek from **generation to generation**.

III. **Esau and Saul** (I Samuel 15:1-3 – 7-15).

A. Esau – Amalek – Agag – **ALL KINFOLK**.

1. Indignation forever (Malachi 1:4).

2. From Generation to Generation (Exodus 17:16).

B. God said, “SPARE NOT.”

1. They saved the best.....

C. What were they going to do:

1. They were going to offer the VERY BEST of that which God utterly hates as a sacrifice.

D. How does the Flesh Work?

1. We ARE IN THE FLESH when we do not obey ALL that God commands.

2. We ARE IN THE FLESH when we use “fleshly – worldly methods in God’s work.”

IV. Conclusion:

A. I Samuel 31:4 – II Samuel 1:9-13

B. Saul did not obey and “utterly destroy” the Amalekites (the flesh).

C. And - **an Amalekite – THE FLESH came back to destroy Saul!**

1. ... came back to bite him.

V. The Bible Formula for Victory over the Flesh:

A. Galatians 5:16

1. WALK IN THE SPIRIT – Will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

a. Romans 8:13 (READ)

b. Galatians 2:20

JOSEPH
Lesson #7
Genesis 37:1

OLD TESTAMENT PICTURE OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN
(Worth a thousand words!)

New Testament Christian - II Peter 1:4-9

Written to Saved People (II Peter 1:1).

On the way to Heaven - **Is Being Saved Enough???** NO! God said it is not enough!

A. **We** are to ADD some things (II Peter 1:5).

Seven things - Perfection - **(ALL OF THESE)**.

Be **Diligent** - Strive until you have accomplished!

B. Caught in a terrible World System designed to destroy us.

Danger - Demas - II Timothy 4:10.

Old Testament Picture - Genesis 37:1

(Based on II Peter 1:4-9) - **(We find all seven of these things in Joseph's life.)**

I. Virtue (Genesis 37:2) Doing Right - Correctness - Clean living - Nothing in life - Handle

A. Brought THEIR evil report. (He refused to join them.)

B. Teens go mixed swimming – On the beach – wild music (Exodus 28:42).

Want to be virtuous? YOU CANNOT GO!

C. Worldly places.

D. Does not mean: "weak, tame and passive."

Means: boldness - firmness - independence from all else except God!

ADD THIS

II. Knowledge (Genesis 37:5) - - - Of God

A. New Testament - Study Bible ---

1. Old Testament – Knowledge came from Dreams (Genesis 31:11).

B. Do you study your Bible?

C. Young people - do your parents see you read and study your Bible?

D. Bible Study important -

1. God commands it (II Timothy 2:15).

ADD THIS

III. Temperance - Self Control (Genesis 39:7-8)

A. Joseph refused!

B. Control:

1. Eyes - Psalms 101:3

2. Body - I Corinthians. 9:27

3. Mind - Philippians 2:5 and 4:8

ADD THIS

IV. Patience (Genesis 39:20) (Waited in Jail – no record of complaint.)

A. Importance – Patience listed with others in I Timothy 6:11.

B. Not missing a plane by 5 minutes and not cussing.

- C. Means: Enduring tribulation - mis-treatment - Romans 8:28.
Cheerfully endure - Cheerfully wait or continue.

ADD THIS

V. Godliness (Gen 39:21-23)

- A. Not only DID right but had right Attitude! (Jail keeper saw that.)
B. Accept God's Will - Luke 22:42.
C. Think like God thinks - Want what God wants - Ask what God wants you to ask for. -
Do what God wants you to do! Wait for God's timing.

ADD THIS

VI. Brotherly Kindness (Gen 42:21-25).

- A. They meant it for Evil (Psalms 105:17).
B. No excuse for harshness, rudeness, or anger.
C. Abraham (Genesis 13:8) - QUESTION - What would you have done????

ADD THIS

VII. Charity (Love) (Genesis 45:4 - Genesis 50:15-19)

- A. Solves all problems - (I Corinthians 12:31- 13:1)

Conclusion: Choice of two things - The choice is yours (II Peter 1:8-9).

- A. If these abide in you (II Peter 1:8).
1. Unless you are a successful Christian – You are a total failure.

Consequences:

- B. If these do not abide in you (II Peter 1:9)
1. Blind (Can't see what's real value in life.)
2. Can't see the future – and have ladder leaning on the wrong wall.
3. Tragic - Forget you are saved.
4. Come to end of life - fearful with no peace about eternity.

Do not deceive yourself!

1. Thinking "...this won't happen to me."
a. It depends on the choice you make.
b. Drunk in gutter – made a bad choice.
c. Man in Jail – made a bad choice.
2. Reread II Peter 1:8-9.

Giving all Diligence.....ADD THESE THINGS

THESE THINGS ABOUT JOSEPH ARE GREAT!

HOWEVER: None of these got Joseph listed in God's Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11).

Hebrews 11:22: *"By faith Joseph when he died made mention of the departing of the children of Israel: and gave commandment concerning his bones."*

Genesis 50:20-22: The commandment concerning his bones.

A. Refers to: The promise God made to Abraham (Israel) in Genesis 15:13-14.

1. Joseph got in God's Hall of Fame because,

"He believed God would do what He said he would do!"

2. Joseph was willing to lie in his coffin for the 400 years to be complete and then be carried out, because he knew God would deliver the Israelites out of Egypt.

Of all the things that God could have said about Joseph in Hebrews 11 - his faith was the thing that was important. That should make you and me "Walk by Faith!"

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
Lesson #8
THE DISPENSATION OF LAW
Part #1
Exodus 19:8; I & II Kings
(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

INTRO: Israel spent 400 + years in bondage to Egypt.

BEGINNING OF BONDAGE	Exodus 1
BIRTH OF MOSES	Exodus 2
CALL OF MOSES	Exodus 3-4
10 CONTESTS WITH PHARAOH	Exodus 5 – 12:29 – Compromise Offered.
ISRAEL SET FREE	Exodus 12:29-36
1 st STAGE OF JOURNEY	Exodus 13:21-22 – God’s Presence day and night.
PHARAOH PURSUES	Exodus 14:8 & 9
MOSES ASSURES PEOPLE	Exodus 14:11-14
GOD PARTS RED SEA	Exodus 14:21
ISRAEL CROSSES ON DRY LAND	Exodus 14:22 & 29-31 – Waters closed.
EGYPTIANS DROWNED	Exodus 14:23-28
BONDAGE ENDS	Exodus 14:29-31 – People SAW God’s might.

I. Israel is Organized into a Great Nation (Exodus 19:5-6) - (Fulfills Genesis 12:1-3).

A. This is done BEFORE the Law (Galatians 3:17). God Made a Promise.

1. It is done “by promise” – 430 years **before** the Law.

II. The Beginning of Israel’s National History (Exodus 19:5-8).

A. Israel becomes a “Theocracy.”

1. God’s part:

- a. Sovereign Ruler
- b. Guide
- c. Provider
- d. Protector
- e. The Abrahamic Covenant Becomes the National Covenant with Israel.

2. Israel’s part: They are to obey the voice of God and keep his covenant.

1. WE WILL OBEY ALL (Exodus 19:5-8).

a. The church – We are “set apart” people (I Peter 2:9).

III. The Giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20).

A. The Purpose of the Law:

- 1. No place left for: “...Yea, hath God said?” (Genesis. 3:1)
- 2. Given clear and bold (Exodus 20:18-19).
- 3. Taught Israel the correct approach to God (Through blood sacrifice) (Exodus 20:24).
 - a. Taught them “Not to add anything to His plan!” (Exodus 20:25)

1. No Silver! – No Gold - No earthly rewards, etc.

2. Zechariah 4:6 - We are to depend entirely on the Holy Spirit

4. Final Purpose of law: (1) "That ye sin not" (Exodus 20:20).
(2) "Given to "Prove them" (Exodus 20:20).
a. "If you love me, keep my commandments."
5. Still true today (Galatians 3:19-25).

B. The Law was given two different times:

1. **The First time:** It was "Given by Voice (Exodus 20:1).
2. **The Second time:** Written by God on stone tablets (Exodus 24:12-18).

C. The People had agreed to "Obey" (Exodus 24:3-8).

1. The Covenant was "SEALED WITH BLOOD" (Exodus 24:8).

D. God gave Moses the Pattern for the Tabernacle on Mt. Sinai (Exodus Chapters 25-31).

(Along with the Law)

1. The Purpose of the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:8):
a. A dwelling place for God "with His people." (**1st time in 2500 years!**)
b. TODAY – He dwells in us.
2. Moses came down from the mount (Exodus 32:15).
a. **Moses had been gone only 40 days and nights.** (Exodus 24:18).

E. The people rebelled and backslid! AGAIN! (Exodus 32:1- 8) – HOW QUICKLY! (Verse 8)

1. The People HAD SEEN God's mighty power (Exodus 14:29-31).
a. THE RED SEA was about 9 miles across and 300 feet deep.
b. Israel numbered above 2 million people.
 1. Crossed on dry ground.
 2. Saw the water close and drown the Egyptian army!
2. The People had PROMISED TO OBEY (Exodus 19:5-8).
3. **The people thought they knew better than God what was best (Exodus. 32:1-8)!**
a. **THE PEOPLE DISOBEYED.**

F. The Law "Set in Stone."

1. The Law was "**Inspired by God**" (Exodus 32:16).
2. The Law was **Broken** because of sin (Exodus 32:18-19).
a. They "reaped what they had sown" (Exodus 32:25-26) (Galatians 6:6).
3. Tablets made by Moses: (Exodus 34:1-4, 27-28).
4. Written by "the hand of Moses" (Exodus 34:27-30).
a. Moses was the "human penman."

G. Moses made "Atonement" for the people (Exodus 32:30).

IV. The Journey to the Promised Land (Numbers 10 – 34).

A. Moses led Israel to the Border of the Promise Land (Numbers 10:11 through 12:15-16).

1. **Israel did not like the wilderness – Complained** (Numbers 11:1-5).
a. Israel tired of eating Manna (Numbers 11:4-9).
b. Wanted "flesh to eat."

2. God gave them flesh (Quail)! (Numbers 11:31-32).
 - a. Caused them to be SICK of flesh. (Numbers 11:33).

V. The Rebellion of Israel against God's command.

- A. Israel came to the Land of Canaan (Numbers 13:2-3).
1. It was an **eleven-day journey** from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea (Deuteronomy 1:2).
 2. Sent spies to the Promised Land.
 3. Spies came back and gave a report (Numbers 13:21-31).
 4. People feared and did not believe God (Deuteronomy 1:43).
 5. They rebelled against God.
 6. The people disobeyed!
 - a. **Thought they knew better than God what should be done!**

VI. The Disciplinary Action and Chastisement of Israel because of their:

- A. Ungratefulness and Stubborn Unbelief.
1. **They were reminded of all God had done for them** (Deuteronomy 1:29-30).
 - a. Today, we look and say, "They must have been crazy."
 - b. What about us today? – WE HAVE SEEN....
- B. God was angry with Israel (Numbers 14:11-25).

VII. The "Wandering in the Wilderness" - Rebellion (Numbers 14:23,29-34 & Deuteronomy 2:1).

- A. God was angry with Israel (Numbers 14:11-25).
1. Promised they would not enter the Promised Land - (Numbers 14:30-31).
 2. Promised they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years - (Numbers 14:32-35).
- B. There is very little said about what the people did for 40 years in the wilderness.
1. The stops they made are listed in Numbers 33.
 2. Leviticus - Numbers – Deuteronomy give details of law!
- C. Shows that "Time out of God's will and Purpose" is,
1. Wasted, not recorded, and lost for all eternity.
- D. The sad, sad loss to Israel.
1. The trip from Mt. Sinai to Kadesh-barnea was only 11 days (Deuteronomy 1:2)!
 2. Israel spent 40 years – then perished (Numbers 14:40-45).
- E. Moses disobeys God when the people were thirsty.
1. God instructed Moses to **"smite"** the rock (Exodus 17:5).
 2. God instructed Moses to **"speak"** to the rock" (Numbers 20:8).
 3. Moses' sin against God – he **"smote"** the rock (Numbers 20:12).
- F. Moses led Israel for 40 years (Numbers 14: 3-34).
- G. Moses saw the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 34:1-7).

1. God took Moses home to Heaven – 120 years old.

VIII. Lessons from the Wilderness

- A. The Israelites WERE NOT disorganized and struggling as many assume.
 1. Approximately 2 million people.
 2. The Tabernacle was at the center of the nation.
 - a. The cloud/fire (presence of God) hovered over the Tabernacle.
 3. The twelve tribes were arranged in order:
 - a. Three tribes on the North, South, East and West.
 4. **There was nothing left to “self-will.”**
 5. When the cloud/fire moved – **Israel moved** – Cloud stopped – **Israel stopped**.
 - a. EVERY member was in their appointed place.
 6. God provided their every need for 40 years.
 - a. No sickness recorded!
 - b. Shoes did not wear out.
 - c. Raiment did not wear out (Deuteronomy 8:4).
 7. In spite of the goodness of God to Israel, they were:
 - a. Ungrateful and murmured about:
 1. Their leader
 2. Their water
 3. Their food
 4. Their way
 5. Their land
 - b. Yet, God was Faithful (II Timothy 2:13).

IX. The Palestine Covenant (Deuteronomy 30:1-9).

- A. Verse 1: Dispersion for Disobedience
- B. Verse 2: Future Repentance
- C. Verse 3: The Second Coming of Christ
- D. Verse 5: Restoration to Their Homeland
- E. Verse 6: The National Conversion of Israel
- F. Verse 7: Judgment of Israel’s Oppressors
- G. Verse 9: National Prosperity

THE DEATH OF MOSES

X. The Appointment of Joshua (Joshua 1:1).

- A. Joshua led the Israelites to the Promised Land.
- B. This was over 400 years after the promise to Abraham.
- C. Promised Land – Complete Redemption.
 1. From the Land of Egypt – to a Land flowing with Milk and Honey (Exodus 3:17).

XI. The Crossing of Jordan and the Fall of Jericho (Joshua Chapter 6).

- A. Under Joshua the people were in complete obedience (Hebrews 11:30).

1. Done BY FAITH – Israel believed God!

XII. Israel's INCOMPLETE OBEDIENCE (Numbers 33:51-56) - BACKSLIDE AGAIN!

A. Instructed to destroy the Canaanites - (All the people in the Promised Land.)

1. They Kept the Best (Joshua 9:1-21).
 - a. **Made a league with the Gibeonites.**
 - b. Did not seek counsel from the Lord (**Joshua 9:14**).
 - c. Compromised.

2. SEE: (I Samuel 15:9, 15) (Samuel and Saul)

B. The Results (Numbers 33:55-56 and Joshua 23:13)

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XIII. The Period of the Judges (Book of Judges).

A. Judges were appointed (Judges 2:16-17).

1. No leaders had been appointed since Joshua.
2. Israel was still a Theocracy (under God).

B. Thirteen Judges are listed:

1. (Judges 3:9, 3:15, 3:21, 4:4-5, 6:11, 10:1, 10:3, 11:1, 12:8, 12:5, 12:13, & 12:14)

C. The History of Israel records continued.

1. Backsliding
2. Chastisement
3. Repentance
4. Deliverance

D. The Object of the Book of Judges -

1. To show that as often as Israel sinned against God, He brought chastisement upon them at the hands of their enemies; and when they repented and remembered their Covenant, God appointed someone from the ranks to deliver them.

E. The end of the period of the Judges (Judges 21:25).

XIV. The Call of Samuel (I Samuel Chapter 3).

A. Purpose: To give the people spiritual and moral guidance.

XV. The move from "Theocracy" (God-rule) to "Monarchy" (man-rule). – (I Samuel 8:1-6).

A. Samuel was displeased with Israel's demand for a king (I Samuel 8:6).

B. Israel rejected God's leadership (1 Samuel 8:7).

C. God instructs Samuel to grant their request.

1. Show Them (I Samuel 8:9-22).

THE FIRST THREE KINGS OF ISRAEL – A UNITED KINGDOM:

Saul David Solomon

JORDAN
RIVER

IN SOLOMON'S REIGN ISRAEL
REACHED THE HEIGHT OF ITS
GLORY
AND
THE BEGINNING OF ITS TRAGIC
DECLINE

THE FIFTH DISPENSATION LAW — PART #1 EXODUS 19:8 — 1 & 2 KINGS

KING SOLOMON BUILDS THE
TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM
1 Kings 5 & 6

HIS FATHER DAVID WAS FORBIDDEN
TO BUILD THE TEMPLE
1 Chronicles 28:3

KADESH
BARNEA
Deut. 1:2 & 19

ISRAEL
DEMANDS
A KING
1 SAMUEL 8:1-6

MOSES

THE CROSSING
OF THE RED SEA
EXODUS 13:17
EXODUS 14:21

ELEVEN DAYS JOURNEY
Deut. 1:2

JOSHUA

THE
JUDGES

KING
SAUL

KING
DAVID

KING
SOLOMON

MT SINAI
EXODUS 19:20

THE LAW
EXODUS 19:20

DEATH
OF
MOSES
Deut. 34:5

THE CROSSING
OF JORDAN
JOSHUA 3

JERICHO
JOSHUA 6

40 YEARS
WANDERING IN
THE WILDERNESS
NUMBERS 14:33

THE GOVERNMENT
CHANGES FROM A
THEOCRACY
TO
A MONARCHY

ISRAEL IS A UNITED KINGDOM UNDER
SAUL - DAVID - SOLOMON

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

1 & 2 SAMUEL

1 & 2 KINGS

ORDER OF EVENTS
Lesson #9
DISPENSATION OF LAW

EVENTS FROM EGYPT TO MOUNT SINAI

1. Israel departs from Egypt (Exodus 12:29-36).
2. Israel arrives at the Red Sea (Exodus Chapter 14).
 - A. Waters opened – Israel passes over on dry ground.
 - B. Waters closed – Egyptians drowned.
3. Israel in the Wilderness of Sin.
 - A. Complained that they had no food.
 1. Manna given (Exodus 16:14).
 - B. Complained that they were tired of Manna and wanted flesh. (Numbers 11:4)
 2. Quail given (Numbers 11:31-35).
 - C. Complained that they were thirsty (Exodus 17:1-4).
 1. Water given from rock (Exodus 17:5-6).
4. Amalek (Picture of the flesh) opposes Israel (Exodus 17:8-16).
 - A. God gives victory.

EVENTS ON/AT MOUNT SINAI

5. Moses called up on Mount Sinai to meet with God (Exodus 19:3).
 - A. God speaks to Moses.
 - B. Moses speaks to Israel.
6. The Dispensation of Law begins (Exodus 19:5-8).
7. The Law is given to Moses, verbally, on Mount Sinai (Exodus Chapter 20).
 - A. 200 miles from Egypt.
 - B. Given very loud and with great authority (Exodus 20:18-20).
8. The Pattern for building the Tabernacle given to Moses (Exodus 24-31).
9. Israel Disobeys God and builds a golden calf (Exodus 32:1-8).
10. Moses descends from Mount Sinai with the Tablets of Stone (Law) (Exodus 32:18).
 - A. Cast tablets to the ground (Exodus 32:18-19).
11. Second set of stone tablets with the 10 Commandments given (Exodus 34:1-4).
12. The work begins on the Tabernacle (Exodus chapters 35-40).

EVENTS FROM MOUNT SINAI TO KADESH-BARNEA

13. The journey from Mount Sinai to Kadesh-barnea (Deuteronomy 1:19).
 - A. An 11-day journey (Deuteronomy 1:1-2).
14. The 12 spies are sent into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-24).
15. The 12 spies return with their report (Numbers 13:26-37).
 - A. Ten give a bad report and discourage the people (Numbers 13:27-29).
 - B. Two (Joshua and Caleb) give a good report, encourage the people (Numbers 14:6-8).
 1. REAL DETERMINATION: (Joshua 14:7-12)
 - a. 45 years later, *"I still want that mountain."*
16. The Rebellion and Unbelief of Israel (Deuteronomy 1:19-46).
 - A. They rebelled (Deuteronomy 1:20).
 - B. They are reminded and encouraged (Deuteronomy 1:28-31).
 - C. They change their mind (Deuteronomy 1:41).
 - D. They are rebuked by God (Deuteronomy 1:42).
 - E. They rebelled and refused to listen to God (Deuteronomy 1:43).
 - F. They are punished (Deuteronomy 1:44-45).

EVENTS BEGINNING WITH THE 40 YEARS OF WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

17. Israel camps at Kadesh-barnea for a good period of time (Deuteronomy 1:46).
18. Israel begins their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness (Numbers 14:29-33).
19. Moses views the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 34:1-4).
 - A. Moses gives final instructions to Israel (Deuteronomy 2-32).
20. Moses taken by God (Deuteronomy 34:5).
21. Joshua appointed by God to lead Israel (Deuteronomy 34:9 - Joshua 1:2).

DEATH OF MOSES – JOSHUA LEADS ISRAEL TO THE PROMISED LAND

22. Promises and instructions given to Joshua (Joshua 1:3-9).
23. Joshua assumed command of Israel (Joshua 1:10).
24. Joshua and Israel cross the Jordan River to Jericho on dry ground (Joshua 3:15).
25. The Children of Israel possess the Promised Land (Joshua 6).

ISRAEL'S FIRST THREE KINGS

Lesson #10

SAUL – ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

I Samuel 9:17 – 10:1

Intro: Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;"

School Honor Roll – Deans List: Must have a B+ in every subject.

THE MAN WHO MISSED GOD'S HONOR ROLL (Hebrews Chapter 11).

Three Reasons Saul's Name Should Have Been Mentioned in Hebrews 11:

I. **Physical Reason** (I Samuel 9:2):

A. Choice young man – No physical defects.

B. Goodly – Blessed of God - Tall – Strong – Good looking - Personality.

1. Beautiful, best, better, bountiful, cheerful, fine, glad, good, gracious, joyful, kindly, kindness, like the best, loving, merry, pleasant, pleaseth, pleasure, precious, prosperity, ready, sweet, wealth, welfare, well favored. **Much given – much required** (Luke 12:48).

C. Most Christians today, especially in the United States, have every possible advantage.

1. Deaf would give anything to trade places with me.
2. Blind would give anything to trade places with me.
3. Lame would give anything to have legs to be able to walk.
 - a. Are we using what God gave us to the full potential?

II. **Positional Reason** (I Samuel 10:1):

A. King of Israel! – CAPTAIN over God's people. (Could not go any higher.) - **Israel – God's Chosen.**

1. Saul was given "the opportunity of a lifetime." **Saul - Captain of Israel.**
 - a. SAUL FAILED – Missed God's Honor Roll!

B. Christians in the United States -

1. Have a better position in life than most people in the world.
 - a. Born in America - free - unlimited opportunity.
(World would give anything to live here.)

2. We have a greater opportunity in life than most people in the world.

a. Copy of the Word of God!

Know the beginning - The first five books of the Bible!

1. 187 Chapters - 5757 Verses - 156,868 Words – **We have an exact copy!**

Know the ending – Revelation.

1. Good churches to attend, study, and grow.

III. Potential Reason (Great opportunity).

- A. God gave him "...another heart" (I Samuel 10:6 and 9).
- B. Had Samuel – Prophet of God to guide him.
- C. **Saul could have been the greatest man in the Bible.**
 - 1. We are a "new creature" in Christ.
 - 2. We are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. **We have GREAT potential** (Romans 8:29-31).

Three Reasons Why Saul's Name Is Not Mentioned in Hebrews 11:

I. Because Saul forgot who he was! (I Samuel 9:20-21).

- A. Same statement made by Gideon (Judges 6:15).
 - 1. Went on to be great – listed in Hebrews.
 - 2. See I Corinthians 1:28 (Base things).
- B. Saul forgot what he was – **"adam" means – "dirt – common – hypocrite."**
 - 1. I Corinthians 1:29 and 31 – No flesh should glory in His presence.
- C. Began doing things for his own self-glory (I Samuel 15:1-17) - **(Vs. 17)**
 - 1. **Saul forgot who he was.**
 - 2. Saul had a WRONG motivation.
- D. Three things should motivate us:
 - 1. Who He is:
 - a. God – Creator – All Powerful – Life Giver – No beginning – No End.
 - b. Church today has forgotten this – **ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE.**
 - 1. Bringing in "Worldly methods" to "help" Christ build His church.
 - 2. (I John 2:15-16) – The world is NOT OF GOD!
 - 2. What He has done for us:
 - a. Cross of Calvary – NAILED His Son to that cross.
 - b. Suffered all of Hell for us – for all our sins.
 - c. Don't know all there is to know about Hell – but do know he suffered **all** of it for us.
 - 3. Why we should serve Him (Romans 5:8 and II Corinthians 5:14).

II. Because Saul had a Flippant Attitude toward God's Word (I Samuel 15:1-20 - 22).

- A. Who was Amalek?
 - 1. Amalek was Esau's grandson (Genesis 36:12).
 - a. Exodus 17:16 – God has war with Amalek from Generation to Generation!
 - b. Malachi 1:4 – God has indignation FOREVER!
 - 2. God's **clear instructions** to Saul (I Samuel 15:2-3).
- B. Saul's disobedience (I Samuel 15:8-9).

1. Going to offer to God, “the very best” of that which God utterly hated! – What?
 - A. The flesh thinks: 1) Man's way is better than God's way.
- C. Saul's flippant claim that he had obeyed God's Instructions (I Samuel 15:13).
 1. They, willing to justify themselves.....Same today!

III. Because Saul was a “People Pleaser” rather than a “God Pleaser.”

- A. 1 Samuel 15:9 - Saul and the People saved the best.
- B. 1 Samuel 15:15 – Saul blames the people. "They have brought them....
- C. 1 Samuel 15:24 - Saul was fearful of the people - a “people pleaser.”

“If you please the Lord, it doesn't matter who you displease.

“If you don't please the Lord, it doesn't matter who you do please.”

Those Three Reasons tell us why Saul missed God's Honor Roll and his name not listed in Hebrews 11.

DAVID - ISRAEL'S SECOND KING

II Samuel 5:1-5

I. The Reign of King David was the Brightest of all the Kings of Israel or of Judah.

- A. David fills more pages of History than any other Old Testament character.
- B. The dark blot on the life of David -
 1. David's moral failure with Bathsheba (II Samuel Chapter 11).
 - a. His sin was deep. His repentance was deeper.
- C. God's love was still deeper (II Samuel Chapter 12).

II. The Davidic Covenant (II Samuel 7:12-16).

- A. The Davidic Covenant embodies:
 1. A House
 2. A Kingdom
 3. A Throne – FOREVER

III. The Provisions of the Davidic Covenant

- A. David would have a son who would succeed him.
- B. God would establish his Kingdom.
- C. He would build a house unto God.
- D. The Throne of his kingdom would be established by God forever.
- E. The covenant was unconditional.
 1. Disobedience would be punished by chastisement.
 2. But it did not cancel the covenant.

IV. The Davidic Covenant confirmed in The New Testament in:

- A. Luke 1:31-33
- B. Acts 2:29-30

SOLOMON – ISRAEL’S THIRD KING

I Kings 2:12

I. Solomon’s Reign was made Famous by Three Major Events:

A. His Wise Choice (I Kings 3:5-15).

1. God offered to give him anything of his choice.
 - a. Solomon said: “O, God give me an understanding heart.”
2. That needs to be our choice today!

B. His Discrimination/Wisdom (I Kings 3:16-28 and 4:29-34).

1. Solomon sought Divine guidance above all else.
 - a. If anyone has ever fulfilled Matthew 6:33 – It was Solomon!
2. God continues to offer wisdom today to anyone who truly wants it (James 1:5).

C. The Building of The Temple (I Kings 5, 6, and 7).

1. David, Solomon’s father, wanted to build a house for God (I Chronicles 22:6-9).
 - a. He was not allowed to but promised that his son would build it.
2. David contributed the equivalent of about 5 billion dollars (I Chronicles 22:14).
3. The building of the Temple was the great achievement of Solomon’s reign.
4. After the Temple was built –
 - a. The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies.
 - b. This symbolizes the “Presence of God.”
 - c. When the priest placed it, they “drew out the staves.”
 1. This was very important.
 2. They were wooden rods – used to move it from place to place.
5. God commanded that the staves be not removed (Exodus 25:12-15).
6. However, the Holy of Holies was “prepared” for the Ark.
 - a. The Ark had found its **“everlasting placement!”**
 - b. When the Ark was in the Holy of Holies – the staves were removed!
 - c. The glory of the Lord filled the house (I Kings 8:1-11).
7. When we surrender our lives to Christ,
 - a. It should be as the Ark – **“an everlasting placement.”**
 - b. I Corinthians 6:19-20 and Romans 12:1

II. Solomon’s Tragic Decline

A. Solomon sought luxury and splendor.

B. He forgot the interests of his people and the purpose of God for his life.

C. Sought out “strange wives.”

1. “... his wives turned his heart away from the Lord” (I Kings 11:4).
2. Solomon built altars to “false gods” (I Kings 11:7).
3. God promised to “rend the kingdom **FROM HIM**” (I Kings 11:11-13).

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
Lesson #11
THE DISPENSATION OF LAW
PART #2

(This is covered in I Kings – II Chronicles – Isaiah – Jeremiah – Ezekiel – Daniel.)
(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

Introduction:

1. I Kings records: The death of David, the reign of Solomon and Jeroboam, the division of the two kingdoms, Israel (ten tribes) and Judah (two tribes).
2. It includes the great prophet, Elijah.
3. The Dispensation of Law begins with:

I. Solomon's Heart is Turned Away from God (I Kings 11:1-8).

- A. Solomon had 700 wives & 300 concubines (I Kings 11:3).
 1. They were ALL from nations with whom God had instructed them not to mix!
 - a. Daughters of Pharaoh, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonites and Hittites.
 2. Solomon built "high places" to honor his wives' "false gods" (I Kings 11:6-8).
 3. Solomon began with a blaze of glory – ended in shameful disloyalty to God.

II. God's Anger is Kindled toward Solomon (I Kings 11:9).

- A. God decreed that He would "rend" the kingdom from Solomon's son (I Kings 11:11).
 1. For David's sake, God would leave one tribe (I Kings 11:13).
 - a. Rehoboam, Solomon's son would rule the one tribe.
 2. God decrees that Jeroboam will be the next king of Israel (I Kings 11:29).
 - a. Jeroboam would rule the ten tribes (I Kings 11:31-35).

III. The Death of Solomon (I Kings 11:41-42)

THE DIVISION OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

I. The Cause of the Division of the Tribes of Israel (I Kings 12:1-11).

- A. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, ADDS to the burden of the people (I Kings 12:10,11).
 1. Rejects the counsel of the older men (I Kings 12:6-8).
 2. Receives the counsel of the younger men (I Kings 12:13-14).
- B. Jeroboam and the ten tribes depart (I Kings 12:16-19).
- C. Rehoboam pursues to destroy them (I Kings 12:21).
 1. God intervenes (I Kings 12:22-24).

THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL NORTHERN TRIBES

I. Ten of the Tribes of Israel rebel and form the “Kingdom of Israel” (I Kings 12:1-15).

- A. Jeroboam, the first king of Israel, began by showing his utter disregard for God.
 - 1. He began by trying to destroy the religious unity of the two kingdoms.
 - a. He built two calves for the Northern Kingdom to worship (I Kings 12:25-33).
 - b. He said: “...behold thy gods” (I Kings 12:28).
 - c. He did this to prevent the ten tribes from returning to Jerusalem.
 - d. He feared they might re-unite with the two tribes of Judah (I Kings 12:26).
- B. The Kingdom of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, lasted 250 years.
 - 1. The Kingdom had 19 kings during that 250 years.
 - a. Not one of the 19 kings was a Godly king.
 - b. A record of gross idolatry and abominable practices.
 - 2. King Ahab, even under the fearless prophet Elijah, was wicked (I Kings 16:33)!
 - a. Elijah’s prophecies did not change Ahab (I Kings 18).
 - 3. It became a backslidden and idolatrous kingdom.
- C. The Northern Kingdom ended by going into captivity to Assyria (II Kings 17).

THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH SOUTHERN TRIBES

I. The Two Tribes of Judah & Benjamin formed the Southern Kingdom (called one).

- A. The Kingdom of Judah lasted 400 years.
- B. During that time there were 19 kings.
 - 1. They had one woman who ruled.
 - 2. Queen Athaliah – Daughter of Jezebel - (II Kings 8:10 and II Chronicles 21:6)
 - a. A very wicked - murderous woman.
 - b. She was “slain by the sword” (II Kings 11:13-20).
- C. All of the kings of Judah were the lineal descendants of King David.
 - 1. The Davidic Covenant confirmed (II Samuel 7:8-17).
- D. Many of the kings were Godly – some were not.
- E. The kingdom ended with the indictment.
 - 1. “Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord” (I Kings 14:22).

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FIRST INVASION

(Daniel 1:1-7)

I. The Southern Kingdom goes into captivity to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

A The king took the wisest of the Hebrews back to Babylon (Daniel 1:3-17).

1. Daniel - Renamed - Belteshazzar
2. Hananiah - Renamed - Shadrach
3. Mishael - Renamed - Meshach
4. Azariah - Renamed - Abednego

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SECOND INVASION

(II Kings 24:10 and 25:8-9)

A. He completely destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple.

B. He had no compassion for anyone (II Chronicles 36:15-21).

C. The captivity lasted 70 years.

1. The destruction of Jerusalem was foretold by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:11).

D. During the 70 years, certain events which we are familiar with took place:

1. Daniel in the lion's den.
2. Queen Esther
3. Nebuchadnezzar's forgotten dream.
4. The handwriting on the wall.
5. The fall of Babylon!

THE PROCLAMATION OF CYRUS, KING OF PERSIA REBUILD JERUSALEM & REBUILD THE TEMPLE

I. The "Prophecy of God" is called to the attention of the King (Isaiah 44:28).

A. It is assumed and accepted by most Bible scholars that Daniel recounted this.

B. The fulfillment of the Prophecy of Jeremiah (Ezra 1:1).

C. King Cyrus sends Jews to rebuild the city (Ezra 1:3).

1. Great funds and materials were provided by King Cyrus (Ezra 1:5-11).

II. This Section of the Dispensation of Law ends with:

A. Nebuchadnezzar destroying Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

B. The Decree of Cyrus to rebuild Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL
DIVIDED
975 B.C.
1 Kings 11:26-60 & Chapter 12

THE FIFTH DISPENSATION
LAW — PART #2
1 Kings — Daniel

JERUSALEM DESTROYED BY
KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR
THE DECREE OF CYRUS TO
REBUILD JERUSALEM
Ezra Chapter 1

NORTHERN KINGDOM — ISRAEL

TEN TRIBES

CAPITAL SAMARIA

JEROBOAM
The 1st

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL
(The Northern Kingdom)

1. Jeroboam 2. Nadab 3. Baasha 4. Elah 5. Zimri 6. Omri 7. Ahab 8. Ahaziah
9. Jehoram 10. Jehu 11. Jehoahaz 12. Joash 13. Jeroboam II 14. Zachariah
15. Shalumi 16. Menahem 17. Pekahiah 18. Pekah 19. Hosea
The Prophets
Man of God - Amos - Elijah - Elisha - Micah - Jonah - Hosea - Amos - Obadiah

Ten Tribes go into Captivity to
ASSYRIA
721 B.C.
II Kings 17

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED
I Kings 11:26-60 & Chapter 12

REVOLT
OF
TEN
TRIBES
I Kings 12

SOUTHERN KINGDOM — JUDAH

TWO TRIBES

CAPITAL JERUSALEM

REHOBOAM
The 1st

THE KINGS OF JUDAH
(The Southern Kingdom)

1. Rehoboam 2. Abijah 3. Asa 4. Jehoshaphat 5. Jehoram 6. Ahaziah 7. Athaliah
8. Jehoash 9. Amaziah 10. Uzziah 11. Jotham 12. Ahaz 13. Hezekiah 14. Manassah
15. Amon 16. Josiah 17. Jehoahaz 18. Jehoiakim 19. Jehoiachin 20. Zedekiah
THE PROPHETS
Sennacherib - Iddo - Hanani - Jehu - Elisha - Jehoiakim - Zedekiah 18:11 - Isaiah - Micah -
Nahum - Joel - Jeremiah - Habakkuk - Zephaniah - Ezekiel - Daniel - Obadiah

Two Tribes go into Captivity to
BABYLON
586 B.C.
II Kings 25

THE POST EXILIC PROPHETS
Haggai - Zachariah - Malachi

ISRAEL: I & II Kings — II Chronicles

JUDAH: I & II Kings — II Chronicles — Isaiah — Jeremiah

THE CAPTIVITY: Jeremiah — Ezekiel — Daniel

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
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Ezra – Nehemiah – Haggai – Zechariah – Malachi
(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

- I. Daniel is the Prophet of the “Time of the Gentiles.”**
 - A. The “Time of the Gentiles” when the Gentiles ruled the world.
 - 1. That runs from the Babylonian captivity to the setting up of the Kingdom.
 - a. That began about 607 B.C.
- II. The Books of Ezra & Nehemiah, Haggai & Malachi cover the “Post Captivity” period.**
 - A. The “Post-Captivity” began with the “return of the remnant to rebuild Jerusalem.”
 - 1. That period extends to the close of the Old Testament.

THE POST-CAPTIVITY PERIOD OF THE JEWS
THE RETURN OF THE REMNANT TO JERUSALEM
(Nebuchadnezzar had completely destroyed Jerusalem - II Kings 25:8-9)

THE RETURN OF THE REMNANT WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THREE STAGES.

The First Expedition - Zerubbabel – 536 B.C.
The Second Expedition -Ezra – 75+/- years later – 458 B.C.
The Third Expedition - Nehemiah – 14 years +/- later – 444 B. C.

- I. The First Expedition – Zerubbabel – 536 B.C. (Ezra 1:1-5 & 3:8).**
 - A. This expedition was to “**rebuild the Temple**” (Ezra 1:2).
 - B. It consisted of about 50,000 people (Ezra 2:64-65).
 - C. The first activity of the expedition was to “**Set up an Altar**” (Ezra 3:1-3).
 - 1. They restored the true worship of God in the form of sacrifice (Ezra 3:4-7).
 - 2. This should still be our pattern today (Matthew 6:33).
 - D. The second activity was to “**Lay the Foundation of the Temple**” (Ezra 3:8).
 - E. They encountered great opposition from, “**...the people of the land...**” (Ezra 4:1-4).
 - 1. These UNGODLY people wanted to “join the Jews in the work” (Ezra 4:2-3).
 - a. This would have been a compromise by failing to separate
 - 1. Pictures: “**The Contemporary Movement**” of today.
 - 2. These people obtained a decree from King Artaxerxes to stop the work (Ezra 4:17-22).
 - a. The work was suspended (Ezra 4:23-24).
 - F. The Prophet Haggai stirred the people (Ezra 5:1-6).

1. **The people obtained the “written decree” of King Cyrus** (Ezra 6:1-3).
2. The Temple was completed and Dedicated (Ezra 6:15-18).
3. Worship and the Passover were restored (Ezra 6:19-22).

G. This work covered about 17-18 years.

II. The Second Expedition – Ezra – 458 B. C. (Ezra 7:6-26).

A. The Second Expedition took place about **78 years after Zerubbabel’s return.**

B. Ezra gained **favor with King Artaxerxes** (Ezra 7:1-6 & 10).

1. The King granted him written permission to return to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:11).
2. The King granted permission to take all the Temple vessels (Ezra 7:19).

C. Ezra finds **Israel completely backslidden** (Ezra 9:1-4).

1. Mixing with the “people of those lands” (Ezra 9:2-3).
 - a. They committed abomination **by mixed marriages.**
 - b. The great danger to purity of religion is “mixed marriages.”
2. Mixing the “Holy Seed” with the “people of those lands.” (Idolatry – False gods).
 - a. A total breakdown of separation!

D. Ezra spent three months in prayer for the people (Ezra 8 & 9).

1. **God heard and answered his prayer.**
2. **Worship of the “One True God” was established.**

III. The Third Expedition – Nehemiah – 444 B.C.

(Book of Victorious Christian Service)

A. Nehemiah was **STIRRED (Nehemiah 1:1-4).**

1. Obtained favor to return to Jerusalem **from King Artaxerxes** (Nehemiah 2:13).

B. Nehemiah was

1. **SENT** (Nehemiah 2:5).
2. **SAFE** (Nehemiah 2:7 and 9).
3. **SUPPLIED** (Nehemiah 2:8).
4. **SURVEYED** the ruins (Nehemiah 2:11-16) - **QUESTION:** What needs to be done???
5. **SEPARATED** (Nehemiah 2:19-20).
6. **SUFFERED** (Nehemiah 4:1-4) - They faced strong opposition by ridicule.
7. **SUPPLICATION** (Nehemiah 4:9).
8. **SUSTAINED** (Nehemiah 4:10-14) - Victory by prayer.
9. **SACRIFICED** (Nehemiah 4:18-23).
 - a. EVERY man was involved (Nehemiah 4:18).
 - b. Local Church could “turn the world up-side-down.”
10. **SUCCEEDED** (6:15).

A. Wall was finished in 52 Days.

C. Bible outline for good teaching and preaching (Nehemiah 8:8).

THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT CANNON OF SCRIPTURE

- A. The last three “Post-Captivity Prophets”
 - 1. Haggai
 - 2. Zechariah
 - 3. Malachi
- B. These were known as the “Restoration Prophets.”
- C. After the rebuilding of the Temple and of the city of Jerusalem, the following took place:
 - 1. The priests were indifferent to the inferior and blemished sacrifices.
 - 2. The people were neglectful of their tithes.
 - 3. God’s Covenant was ignored.
 - 4. Divorce and idolatry were common.
 - a. Men were divorcing their Jewish wives and marrying idolatrous foreigners.
 - 5. All were a flagrant violation of God’s purpose for “His chosen people.”
- D. The people were saying, “**...it is vain to serve God**” (Malachi 3:14).
 - 1. They claimed that the wicked and the good both received God’s blessings.
- F. Malachi reminds them: **God has a book of remembrance** (Malachi 3:16-18).

FOUR HUNDRED SILENT YEARS (From the close of Malachi to Matthew)

- A. **There is no written record in Scripture concerning these 400 years of silence!**
- B. The things we know come from Josephus, the noted Jewish historian.
 - 1. Various other writers have contributed, and secular history has helped.
- C. Things we know:
 - 1. There were changes in Empires which were world dominant.
 - a. There was the Babylonian Empire – which ended before Malachi
 - b. There was the Persian Empire which was in power at the close of the Old Testament
 - c. The Grecian Empire overthrew the Persian Empire about 334 B.C.
This was under Alexander the Great!
 - d. **The Roman Empire came to power about 146 B. C.**
 - 1. They overthrew Corinth in Greece.
 - 2. Rome rose to be the world power.
 - 3. This was under Pompey.
 - a. Pompey stormed Jerusalem
 - b. Destroyed the city, walls, and Temple
 - 4. Julius Caesar followed Pompey and became the greatest of Emperors.
 - 5. It was during this time that Jesus Christ was born!

2. During this time there were “three” major groups of people
 - a. Greeks:
 1. The Greeks gave us a universal understood language.
 2. The New Testament was written in Greek.
 - b. Romans:
 1. They built great roads.
 2. The greatly developed travel by ship.
 3. They made the world accessible!
 4. They prepared the way “for the Preaching of the Gospel to every creature.”
 - c. The Jews:
 1. Faithfully preserved the Oracles of God.
 2. Ezra gathered the scriptures into one book:
The Law – The Prophets – The Psalms
 3. They clung desperately to the promise of a Redeemer.
 4. When He came – They rejected Him (John 1:11).
 5. This opened the door to the Gentiles (John 1:12).

EVENTS OF THE POST CAPTIVITY PERIOD
The Books of Ezra — Nehemiah
Hagai — Zechariah — Malachi

THE FIFTH DISPENSATION

LAW — PART #3

Daniel — Malachi

400
SILENT YEARS
MALACHI TO MATTHEW

THE
RESTORATION
OF THE
REMNANT

1. THE RETURN OF THE REMNANT TO JERUSALEM
Ezra 1:5; 2:64-69; 3:1
2. THE REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE
II Chronicles 36:22-23; Nehemiah 2:1-11
3. THE REPAIRING OF THE WALLS OF THE CITY
Nehemiah 2:17—6:15
4. THE RESTORATION OF THE TEMPLE WORSHIP
Ezra 3:6-10; 8:1; 5:14-15; 6:5
5. THE LABORS AND REFORMS OF EZRA AND NEHEMIAH
Nehemiah 3:1-32 & 4:17-23
6. THE PROPHECIES OF
HAGGAI — ZECHARIAH — MALACHI
7. THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT CANON OF SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT
CLOSES UNDER
PERSIAN RULE

NEHEMIAH
EZRA
ZERUBBABEL

HAGGAI — ZECHARIAH — MALACHI
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THE
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THE END OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT
HISTORY AND CANON

NEW TESTAMENT
OPENS UNDER
THE ROMAN EMPIRE

DANIEL

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
Lesson #13
THE DISPENSATION OF LAW
PART #4
Matthew 1:1 to the Crucifixion
(SEE VISUAL CHART AT END OF LESSON)

Intro: This section began with the “Four Gospels” and extended to the Crucifixion of Christ.

WHY ARE THERE FOUR GOSPELS?

Intro: Christ and Christianity were totally new to the world.

A. The Gospel needed to be presented to “four” different groups of people:

1. To the Roman mind.
2. To the Greek mind.
3. To the Jewish mind.
4. To those who had received the Christian faith – New Converts!

I. The Message of The Gospel of Matthew

- A. Matthew presents Christ as "The King of the Jews." (Jeremiah 23:5 & 33:15)
- B. To convince the Jews that Jesus of Nazareth was the King of Israel. (Matthew 2:2)
1. Matthew has about 60 references to prophecies about Jesus.
 2. It traces the genealogy of Jesus through David to Abraham.
 3. It teaches about his birth in Bethlehem.
 4. It speaks of His “forerunner” (Malachi 3:1).
 5. It teaches of his second coming in great power.

II. The Message of The Gospel of Mark

- A. Mark presents Christ as "The Servant." (Mark 10:45)
1. Mark lists 19 miracles performed by Christ.
- B. Written to converts among Romans and Greeks.
1. Mark stresses “the mighty works of Christ.”

III. The Message of The Gospel of Luke

- A. He presents Christ as “...the son of man” (Luke 19:10).
- a. Called "son of man" 26 times in Luke
- B. This was written to both Jew and Gentile.
- C. Luke presents the “Human-Deity” of Christ.
1. Luke seeks to show how “human” Christ was and understands us.
- D. Luke gives a detailed account of Christ’s Infancy – Boyhood – Mother and Father.
(This will be studied in detail later in the lesson.)
- E. At the same time – Luke carefully guards his “Deity and Kingship” (Luke 1:33-35).

IV. The Message of The Gospel of John

- A. John presents Christ as "the God-Man" (John 1:1)
- B. This Gospel was written to ALL Christians.
- C. The genealogy of Christ is traced to God
- D. The key verse in The Gospel of John is John 20:21.

JESUS - THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW AND BETTER COVENANT (Hebrews 8:6 and 12:24 – Hebrews 9:16-17)

I. The Fulfillment of God's FIRST promise to man (Genesis 3:15).

- A. Matthew gives us the genealogy of Jesus Christ.
 - 1. It continually uses the word "begat."
 - a. Begat: Means natural "descent" or "pro-create."
 - 2. The use of the word "begat" ends with Jacob (Matthew 1:16)
 - 3. From Jacob it goes to "Joseph, the husband of Mary."
 - a. Mary is "of whom Jesus was born."
 - b. Fulfillment of the promise in Genesis "...the seed of the woman."
 - 4. Jesus did not have a human father and "was not conceived."
 - 5. The use of the phrase "Immaculate Conception" is blasphemy.

II. The Virgin Birth (Matthew 1:18-22).

- A. If this is denied – then that person will lose their soul.
 - 1. If Joseph is the natural father – then there is no "substitute for sin."
- B. The Virgin Birth must be accepted "by faith."
 - 1. Even Mary said, "...how shall this be?" (Luke 1:34).
 - 2. The only answer: "...nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).
 - 3. The terms: "Immaculate conception" or "Supernatural birth" is NOT CORRECT!
 - a. The birth of Isaac was supernatural – but not by a virgin.
 - 4. "VIRGIN" is the only answer to Mary's question: "How...?"
 - 5. God prepared a body for Jesus to inhabit (Hebrews 10:5).
 - 6. The virgin birth was a fulfillment of (Matthew 1:22-23 and Isaiah 7:14).

III. The Place of the Messiah's Birth – Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)!

- A. Jerusalem was under Roman Rule.
 - 1. A decree given by Caesar that the world should be taxed (Luke 2:1-4).
 - 2. Joseph and Mary were from Bethlehem – the lineage of David.
 - 3. There was no worldly fanfare – as was normal for famous people.
 - a. Nevertheless – The calendar is set by the birth of Christ.
 - 1. B. C. Before Christ
 - 2. A. D. **DOES NOT stand for "after death."**
 - b. A. D. stands for the Latin phrase: "Anno Domini" (The year of our Lord).

c. Both B.C. and A.D. stand for **the exact same date.**

1. The year of our Lord's birth.

IV. The Infancy of our Lord Jesus

A. There are only four mentions of the infant life of Jesus Christ:

1. His Circumcision (Luke 2:21).
2. His Presentation to God in the Temple (Luke 2:22).
3. The visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).
4. His flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15).

V. The Boyhood of our Lord Jesus

A. One major event took place at 12 years of age (Luke 2:41-50).

1. Jesus accompanied His parents to the Feast of the Passover in Jerusalem.
2. Jesus was suddenly missing in the crowded halls of the Temple.
3. When found by His parents, His mother tenderly rebukes him (Luke 2:48).
4. How Jesus answered tells us a great deal.
 - a. He gives full recognition to the fact that "God" is his father, not Joseph.
 - b. He declared his total dedication to His Father's work.
 1. "I MUST...be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49).
 2. Romans 12:1 - John 8:29 - Hebrews 11:5 **"Please God..."**

VI. The Baptism of our Lord Jesus (Luke 3:21-22).

A. Jesus was "about" thirty years of age (Luke 3:23).

B. Jesus presented Himself to be baptized – to "fulfill the law" (Numbers 4:3, 43, 47).

1. Matthew 5:17

C. The first words of Jesus' public ministry were: "...suffer it to be so" (Matthew 3:15).

D. God's approval of baptism (Matthew 3:13-17).

1. "...I am well pleased."

THE THREE-FOLD TEMPTATION OF JESUS CHRIST

I. The First of the "Three-fold" Temptation of our Lord Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11).

A. The First Temptation was to **show the powers entrusted to Him** - unlawfully (Matt. 4:1-4).

1. Satan tempted him to "...command these stones to become bread."
 - a. Tempted to commit an act of "self-indulgence" –
 1. **The lust of the eyes – Have More!** (I John 2:15–16).
2. Christ immediately met the temptation with the Word of God.
 - a. *"Man doth not live by bread only..."* (Deut. 8:3) – Man has a higher calling!
 - b. "To live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

B. The Second Temptation was to **exalt Himself** – in the flesh (Matthew 4:5-7)

1. Satan tempted him to "cast himself down" from a great height.
 - a. Satan said, "IF THOU BE the Son of God..."

- b. Satan tempted him to “... prove he was the Son of God.”
 - 2. Satan was tempting him to “be spectacular – in the flesh.”
 - a. **The lust of the flesh - Do More!** (I John 2:15-16).
 - 3. Christ Immediately met the temptation with the Word of God.
 - a. ***“Ye shall not tempt the Lord your God...”*** (Deuteronomy. 6:16).
- C. The Third Temptation was to gain **authority over the world** – (Matthew 4:8-10).
 - 1. Satan tempted Jesus with having authority over the world – without the Cross!
 - a. It could have been done by one simple act of “self-exaltation!”
 - 2. Satan offered to make him WORLD RULER!
 - a. **The Pride of Life – Be More!** (I John 2:15-16)
 - b. If he would bow down and worship him!
 - 3. Christ immediately met the temptation with the “Word of God.”
 - a. ***“Thou shall worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.”*** (4:10)

CHRIST’S EARTHLY MINISTRY

I. Christ’s First Public Manifestation of Himself as Messiah.

- A. He manifested Himself **publicly** by driving the “money changers” out (John 2:13-25).
- B. Before that, he manifested Himself to his family and close friends.
 - 1. The Marriage at Cana (John 2:1-12).
- C. This was “the beginning of miracles” (John 2:11).
- D. This miracle was followed by:
 - 1. His healing of the sick (Matthew 8:1-18)).
 - 2. His calling of His disciples (Matthew 4:18).
 - 3. His teaching the multitudes (Mark 6:32-44).
 - 4. His sermon on the mount (Matthew 5).
 - 5. His demonstration of His power over nature (Mark 4:35-41).
 - 6. His demonstration of His power over death (John 11:38-44).

(There are many other verses – these are examples.)
- E. He showed Himself a spotless example.
 - 1. He was tempted “in all points” yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).
- F. He had “reflected the image” of the invisible God (John 14:9).
- G. He fulfilled the prophecies of Him being “the servant of Jehovah” (Luke 4:18-21).
- H. It only remained for Him to settle the sin question and defeat death (I Corinthians 15:54-57).

THE BETRAYAL – ARREST - TRIAL – CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

I. The betrayal, arrest, and trial of Jesus is covered in Matthew 26:45-75 & 27:1-26.

II. The Crucifixion of Jesus is covered in Matthew 27:26-66.

BEGINNING OF THE
NEW TESTAMENT
CANON OF SCRIPTURE

THE FIFTH DISPENSATION LAW — PART #4 Matthew — Acts 1:11

5th DISPENSATION
ENDS IN
JUDGMENT OF SIN

IT IS
FINISHED!

THE
ASCENSION
OF
JESUS
Acts 1:1-14

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON
IN WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED

CALVARY

THE
RESURRECTION
OF
JESUS
Matthew Ch. 28

THE
BIRTH
OF JESUS
(BETHLEHEM)
Matthew Ch. 1 & 2

THE
BAPTISM
OF
JESUS
Matthew Ch. 3

THE
EARTHLY
MINISTRY
OF JESUS
Matthew Ch. 4-25

THE
BETRAYAL
ARREST & TRIAL
OF JESUS
Matthew Ch. 26-27

THE
CRUCIFIXION
OF
JESUS
Matthew 27:27-66

MAN FAILED

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS 1:1-11

REVIEW OF OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson #14

I. The Dispensation of Innocence:

- A. This began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden – a perfect environment!
- B. They were given ONE commandment.
- C. They yielded to Temptation.
 - 1. Problem: Wanted to be “like God” so they decided that they KNEW BETTER.
- D. Fell into sin – disobedience.
- E. **Judgment** – Expelled from the Garden (Genesis 3:23-24).

II. The Dispensation of Conscience

- A. God gave every person a conscience (Romans 2).
- B. The conscience teaches clearly what is “right and wrong.”
- C. Man Failed to follow his conscience:
 - 1. The first murderer and first murder.
 - 2. Mankind continued to disobey and fell further and further.
 - 3. The earth ended totally corrupt (Genesis 6:1-13).
- D. **Judgment** – God sent the flood.
 - 1. Eight people – “found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8).

III. The Dispensation of Human Government

- A. Began with Noah after the flood.
 - 1. Three sons:
 - a. Ham
 - b. Shem
 - c. Japheth
 - 2. All people of the earth came from these three (Genesis 9:19 and 10:32).
- B. All the people of the earth rebelled.
 - 1. Under Nimrod, they build the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-4).
- C. **Judgment** – They were dispersed across the earth (Genesis 11:1-9).

IV. The Dispensation of Promise

- A. God set apart “one man” to be a great nation.
 - 1. They are called “God’s Chosen People.”
- B. It started with a three-fold promise (Genesis 12:1-3).
- C. There was immediate disobedience.
 - 1. Abraham did not separate from his “kinfolk.”
 - 2. He took his nephew, Lot, with him (Genesis 12:4).
 - 3. He forsook the Promised Land under trial (Genesis 12:10).
- D. Abraham believed and trusted God for a “seed” (Genesis 15:3).
 - 1. Thought he knew better than God – went in to his wife’s concubine! (Genesis 16:1-4)

- 2. Gross disobedience!
- 3. Israel and the world are still reaping the consequences (Genesis 16:11-12).
- E. **Judgment** - Bondage in Egypt (Exodus 1:7-11).

V. The Dispensation of Law

- A. Begins with Moses getting the 10 commandments on Mt. Sinai.
- B. Israel traveled to Kadesh-barnea – views the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 1:19).
 - 1. Did not believe God.
 - 2. They refused to go up and possess it (Deuteronomy 1:29-32).
- C. They spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness.
- D. Moses died on the bank of the Jordan River.
- E. Joshua led Israel across Jordan (Joshua 3:1).
 - 1. Conquered Jericho (Joshua Chapter 6).
 - 2. Possessed the Promised Land.
- F. Israel rebelled and wanted a King – AS OTHER NATIONS!
 - 1. Saul – David – Solomon
- G. Israel splits:
 - 1. 10 tribes went North and formed the Northern Kingdom.
 - a. Samaria was the new capital.
 - 2. 20 tribes went South and formed the Southern Kingdom.
 - a. Jerusalem was the capital.
- H. Both kingdoms went into captivity:
 - 1. Northern to Assyria.
 - 2. Southern to Babylon.
- I. The ten tribes re-unite.
- J. Jerusalem is rebuilt in three stages:
 - 1. Zerubbabel
 - 2. Ezra
 - 3. Nehemiah
- K. The end of the Old Testament Scripture.

THE 400 SILENT YEARS

THE NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS

I. The Beginning of the New Testament Canon of Scripture

- A. The Birth of Christ.
- B. Christ's earthly ministry.
- C. Israel rejects Christ as their Messiah (John 1:12).
- D. The arrest of Christ.
- E. The crucifixion of Christ.

II. The New Testament Church begins - The Dispensation of Grace

- A. Hebrew 9:16-17