

Genesis Series

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Acts 1:6–7 And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times [cro,noj, *chronos*] or epochs [kairo,j, *kairos*] which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

**1 Thess. 5:1 Now as to the times
[cro,noj, *chronos*] and the epochs
[kairo,j, *kairos*], brethren, you have no
need of anything to be written to you.**

***Age, aionos*, a period of time in human history; an age; an age may include several dispensations.**

Stewardship or administration, oivkonomi,a, *oikonomia*, which emphasizes the responsibility delegated by God to the human race during that period of time.

***Dispensation:* A distinct and identifiable administration in the development of God's plan and purposes for human history (Eph. 3:2; Col. 1:25–26).**

a. A dispensation therefore is a distinct and identifiable administration in the development of God's plan and purposes for human history (Eph. 3:2; Col. 1:25–26).

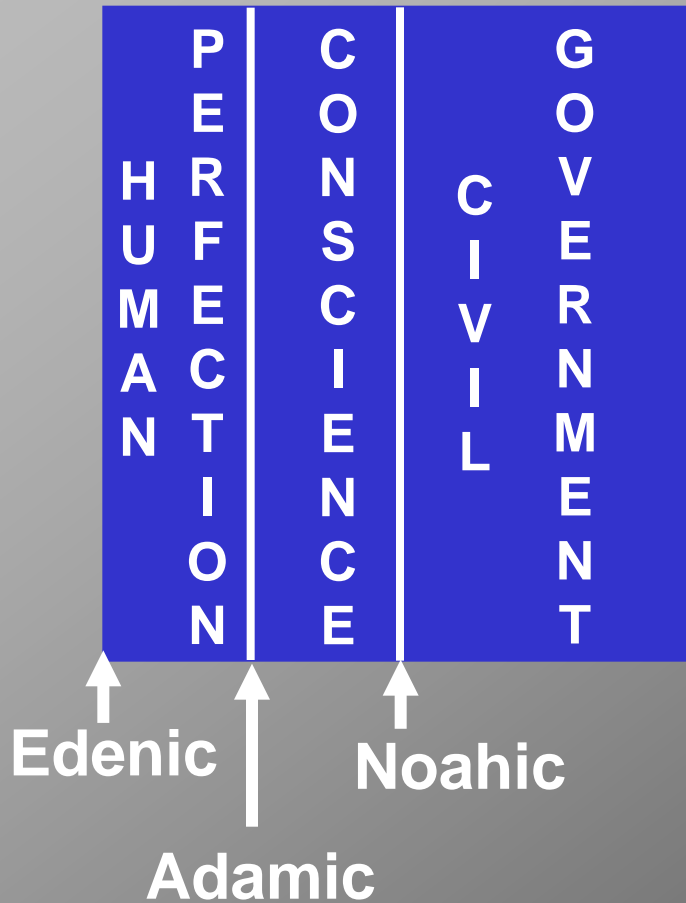
b. A closely connected but not interchangeable word is age (Greek *aion*), which introduces the time element.

c. God manages the entirety of human history as a household, moving humanity through sequential stages of His administration, determined by the level of revelation He has provided up to that time in history.

d. Each administrative period is characterized by revelation that specifies responsibilities, a test in relation to those responsibilities, failure to pass the test, and God's gracious provision of a solution when failure occurs.

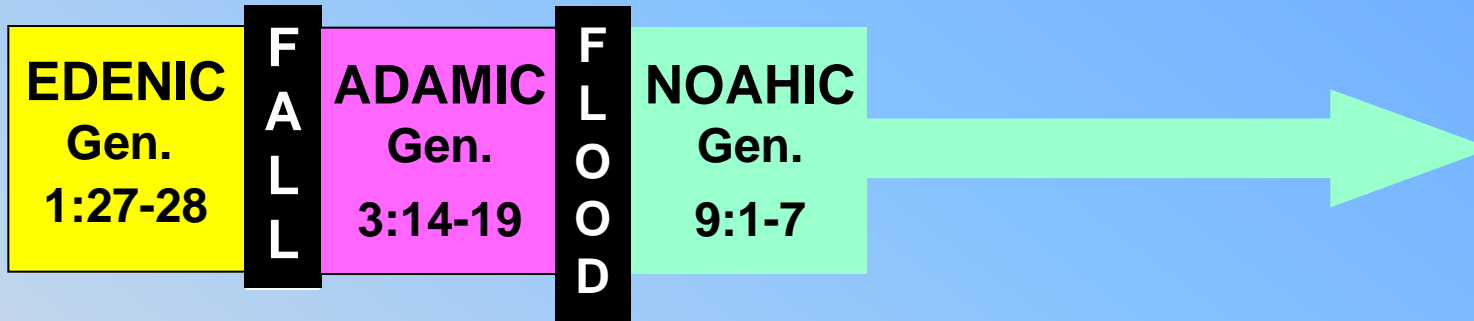
The Theocratic Dispensations

AGE OF THE GENTILES



8 BIBLICAL COVENANTS

GENTILE COVENANTS



JEWISH COVENANTS (Unconditional Permanent)

ABRAHAMIC
Gen. 12:1-3
“land, seed, blessing”

Real Estate
Deut. 30

Davidic
2 Sam. 7

New
Jer. 31

The Abrahamic Covenant and the Dispensation of Patriarchs

Scripture

Persons

Provisions

Categorizing the provisions

Basic motifs

Confirmations

Status

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

Gen. 12:2 “And I will make you a great **nation**, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a **blessing**;”

Gen. 12:3 “And I will bless those who
bless you, and the one who curses
you I will curse. And in you all the
families of the earth shall be **blessed.**”

Gen. 12:7 And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this **land.**” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Gen. 13:14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;”

Gen. 13:15 “for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.”

Gen. 13:16 “And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.”

Gen. 13:17 “Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.”

Gen. 26:2 And the LORD appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; stay in the land of which I shall tell you.”

Gen. 26:3 “Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.”

Gen. 26:4 “And I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;”

Gen. 26:5 “because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws.”

Gen. 26:24 And the LORD appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, for the sake of My servant Abraham.”

Gen. 28:13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.”

Gen. 28:14 “Your descendants shall also be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Gen. 28:15 “And behold, I am with you, and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”