

# God's Plan for the Ages Series

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DISPENSATIONS

**DISPENSATIONALISM: LITERAL INTERPRETATION**

# **1. A brief working definition:**

**Dispensationalism is a theological system, which understands that God sovereignly governs the history of the human race through a sequence of divinely directed administrations marked by distinctive periods of time as He works out His plan to destroy sin and evil.**

# **Three Essential Elements of Dispensationalism:**

- 1. A consistent literal, historical,  
grammatical interpretation of the Bible.**
- 2. A distinction between God's plan for  
Israel and God's plan for the Church.**
- 3. The overall purpose of God's plan for  
His creation is His glory.**

**“the natural or usual construction and implication of a writing or expression; following the ordinary and apparent sense of words; not allegorical or metaphorical” (Webster’s New International Dictionary).**

# **THE GOLDEN RULE OF INTERPRETATION**

**When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicate clearly otherwise.**

**Ezek. 26:3, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:  
‘Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will  
cause many nations to come up against you, as  
the sea causes its waves to come up.**

**Ezek. 26:4, “ ‘And they shall destroy the walls of  
Tyre and break down her towers; I will also  
scrape her dust from her, and make her like the  
top of a rock.**

**Ezek. 26:5, “ ‘It shall be a place for spreading  
nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,’  
says the Lord GOD; ‘it shall become plunder for  
the nations.**

**Ezek. 26:6, “ ‘Also her daughter villages which  
are in the fields shall be slain by the sword.  
Then they shall know that I am the LORD.’ ”**



Elijah fed by widow

Elisha predicts Ben-Hadad's death

Tyre

Elijah confronts Baal's prophets, then runs to Jezreel

Naaman healed of leprosy

Elisha restores Shunammite's son to life

Elijah fed by ravens

Elisha traps blinded Arameans

Elisha born

Elijah born

Samuel raised in temple

Dothan  
Abel Meholah?

Samuel goes on annual circuit

Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind

Jonah sails for Tarshish

Amos calls for social justice

Jeering youths mauled by bears

Samuel born

Jeremiah born

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi prophesy

Anathoth

Micah born

Amos born

Elijah runs from Jezebel

Arad



## **Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)**

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the city of Tyre.**
- 2. Many nations would come against Tyre.**
- 3. Tyre will become like the top of a flat rock.**
- 4. Fishermen will spread their nets over the site.**
- 5. Tyre will be thrown into the water and never be rebuilt.**

**Aerial showing the peninsula built out to the island of Tyre.**





Map 8a:  
**ASSYRIAN EMPIRE (c. 700 B.C.)**

← Exiles from Israel into Assyrian captivity (722 B.C.)

**Nahum 1:8, “But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies.”**

**Nahum 1:9, “What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.”**

**Nahum 2:6, “The gates of the rivers are opened, And the palace is dissolved.”**

**Nahum 3:10, “Yet she was carried away, she went into captivity; Her young children also were dashed to pieces at the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.”**

**Isaiah 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”**

**Fulfilled in Matt. 1:18, 24, 25**



**Genesis 49:10,” The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”**

**Fulfilled in Luke 3:23, 33**

**Micah 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”**

**Fulfilled in Matt. 2:6**

**Isaiah 9:1, “Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.”**

**Fulfilled in Matt. 4:12, 13, 17**

**Zechariah 9:9, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”**

**Fulfilled in Luke 19:35–37**

**Isaiah 53:7, “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”**

**Fulfilled Matt. 27:13, 14**

**Isaiah 53:9, “And they made His grave with the wicked – But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.”**

**Fulfilled Matt. 27:57–60**

**Psalm 16:10, “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”**

**Fulfilled Acts 2:29–31**

**Psalm 41:9, “Even my own familiar friend  
in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread,  
has lifted up his heel against me.”**

**Fulfilled in Matt. 26:49; John 13:18**



**Zechariah 11:12, “Then I said to them, ‘If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.’ So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.”**

**Fulfilled in Matt. 26:15**

**Matthew 24:2, “And Jesus said to them,  
‘Do you not see all these things?  
Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone  
shall be left here upon another, that shall  
not be thrown down.’ ”**

**Fulfilled in AD 70**