

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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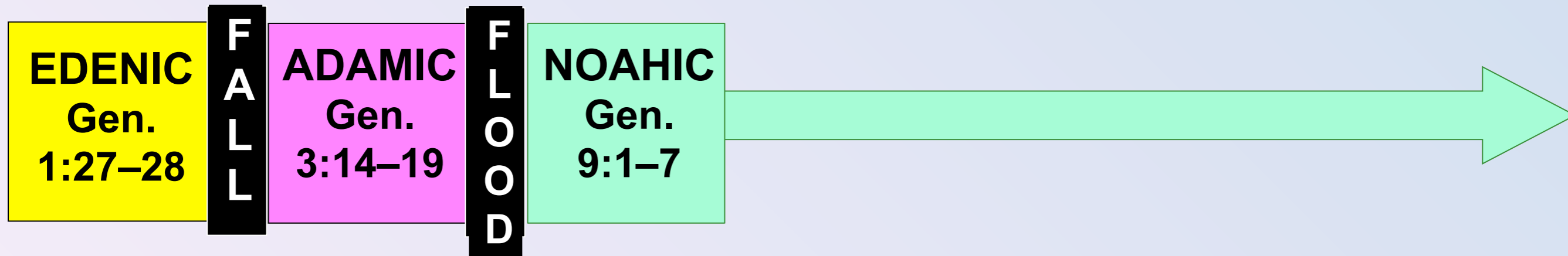


GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

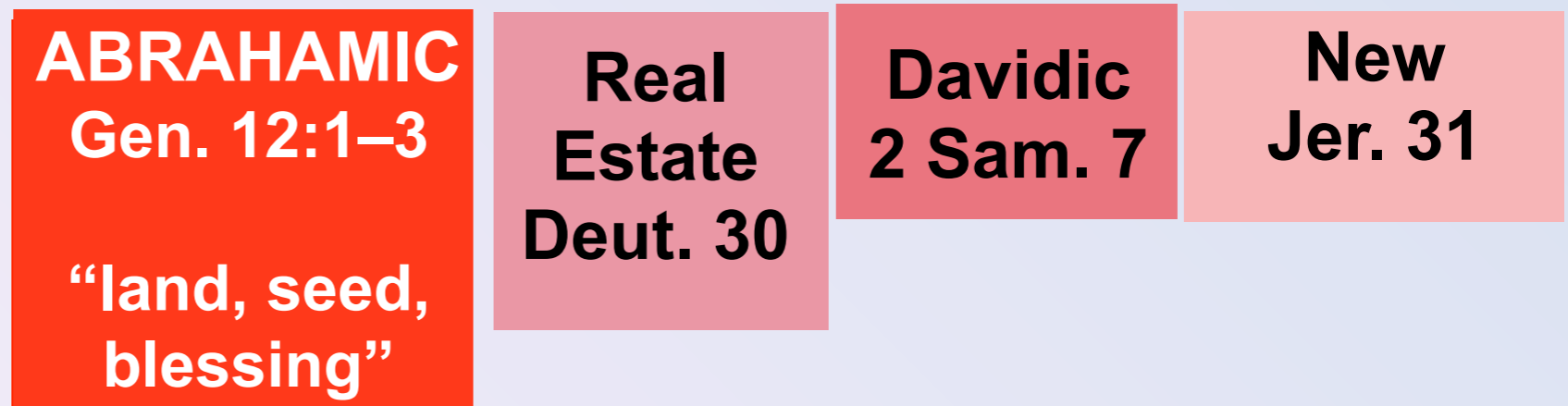
**THE AGE OF ISRAEL:
PATRIARCHS AND LAW**

8 BIBLICAL COVENANTS

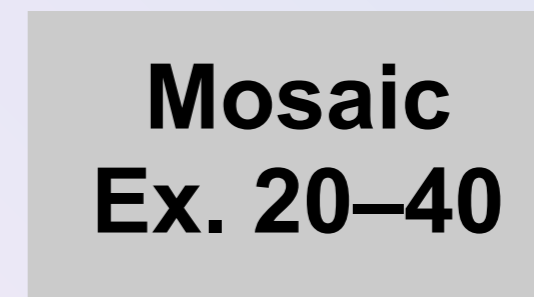
GENTILE COVENANTS



JEWISH COVENANTS (UNCONDITIONAL/PERMANENT)



JEWISH COVENANTS (CONDITIONAL/TEMPORARY)



The Ages of Civilization

Creation

Abraham

Christ's
1st Coming

Christ's
2nd Coming

ETERNITY
PAST



CATASTROPHE

AGE OF THE
GENTILES



AGE OF
ISRAEL



CHURCH
AGE



Millennium



MESSIANIC
AGE



JUDGMENT

ETERNITY
FUTURE

The Divine Institutions

The term “Divine institution” has been used by Christians to speak of those absolute social structures established by God and embedded within the social structure of the human race. Thus these are for the entire human race—believers and unbelievers alike. These are unbreakable realities.

Modern paganism views them as by-products of man’s psycho-social evolution, “cultural conventions.”

The Divine Institutions

1. Individual Responsibility

PRE-FALL

2. Marriage

3. Family

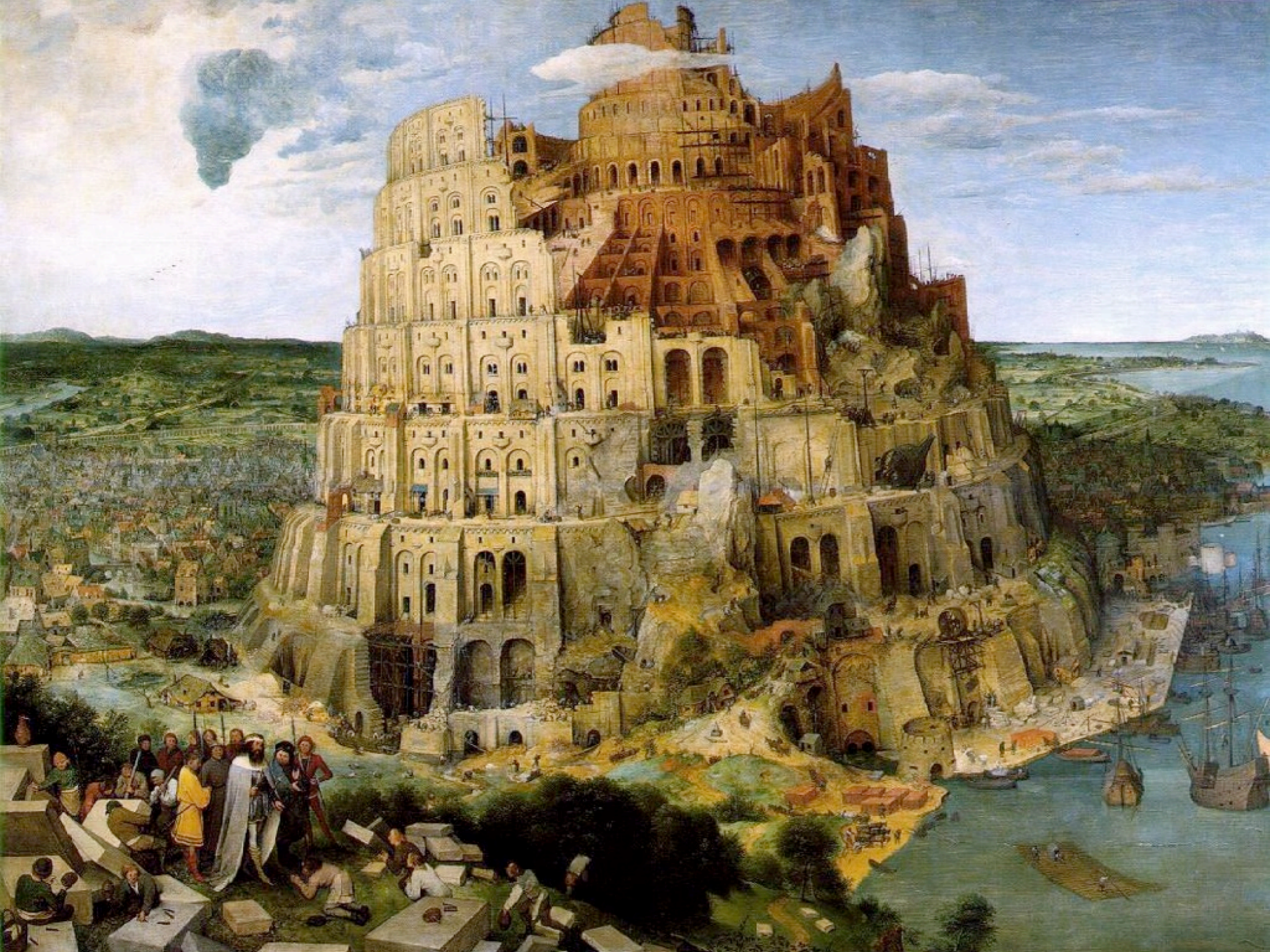
**Designed to promote
productivity and advance
civilization**

4. Government, judicial

5. Nations

POST-FALL

Designed to restrain evil





THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO
PLOWSHARES. AND THEIR SPEARS INTO
PRUNING HOOKS. NATION SHALL NOT LIFT
UP SWORD AGAINST NATION. NEITHER
SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE
ISAIAH

Acts 17:26, “and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,”

The Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 30

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

“blessing”

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.’ ”

C. Provisions:

- 1. To develop a great nation from Abraham. (Genesis 12:2, 13:16; 15:5; 17:1, 2, 7; 22:17)**
- 2. Land, an actual piece of real estate in the Middle East. (Genesis 12:7; 13:14, 15, 17; 15:7–21; 17:8)**
- 3. Abraham himself was to be blessed. This went into effect immediately. (Genesis 12:2; 15:6; 22:15–17)**
- 4. Abraham's name will be great. (Genesis 12:2).**

- 5. Those who bless him will be blessed
(Genesis 12:3).**
- 6. Those who curse him will be cursed
(Genesis 12:3).**
- 7. In him all nations will be blessed
(Genesis 12:3; 22:18).**
- 8. Sarah will have a son (Genesis 15:1–4;
17:15–21).**
- 9. The Egyptian bondage is prophesied
(Genesis 15:13–15).**

- 10. Other nations will come from Abraham (Genesis 17:3–6); fulfilled in the Arabic groups.**
- 11. Change of name from Abram to Abraham (Genesis 17:5) “exalted father” to “father of a multitude”.**
- 12. Sarai (contentious) is changed to Sarah (princess). (Genesis 17:15)**
- 13. Circumcision is the token of the covenant. (Genesis 17:9–14)**

DISPENSATION 4: PATRIARCHS (PROMISE)

A. Scripture: Genesis 12:1–Exodus 18:27

B. Central person: Abraham

C. Name:

Patriarchs: Recognizes the governing factor in this age, that God was working through three distinct individuals to bring about the next stage.

Promise: Recognizes the revelational factor of the Abrahamic Covenant. This is a key in Romans 4:1–20; Galatians 3:15–19; Heb. 6:13–15, Heb. 11:9.

D. Responsibility:

To the Abrahamic Covenant, to keep the seed isolated from the surrounding pagan environment (Genesis 24:3; 28:1; cf. 28:6–9), and to obey God (see Genesis 38).

DISPENSATION 4: PATRIARCHS (PROMISE)

E. Test:

To remain separate from the Canaanites.

F. Failure:

Intermarried with the Canaanites, which began to threaten the autonomy of the Abrahamic line (Genesis 38).

G. Divine judgment:

To Egypt to enforce separation until the nation is large enough to survive.

H. Grace:

God preserves the nation ethnically and spiritually, and they prosper even in the midst of slavery.