

God's Plan for the Ages Series

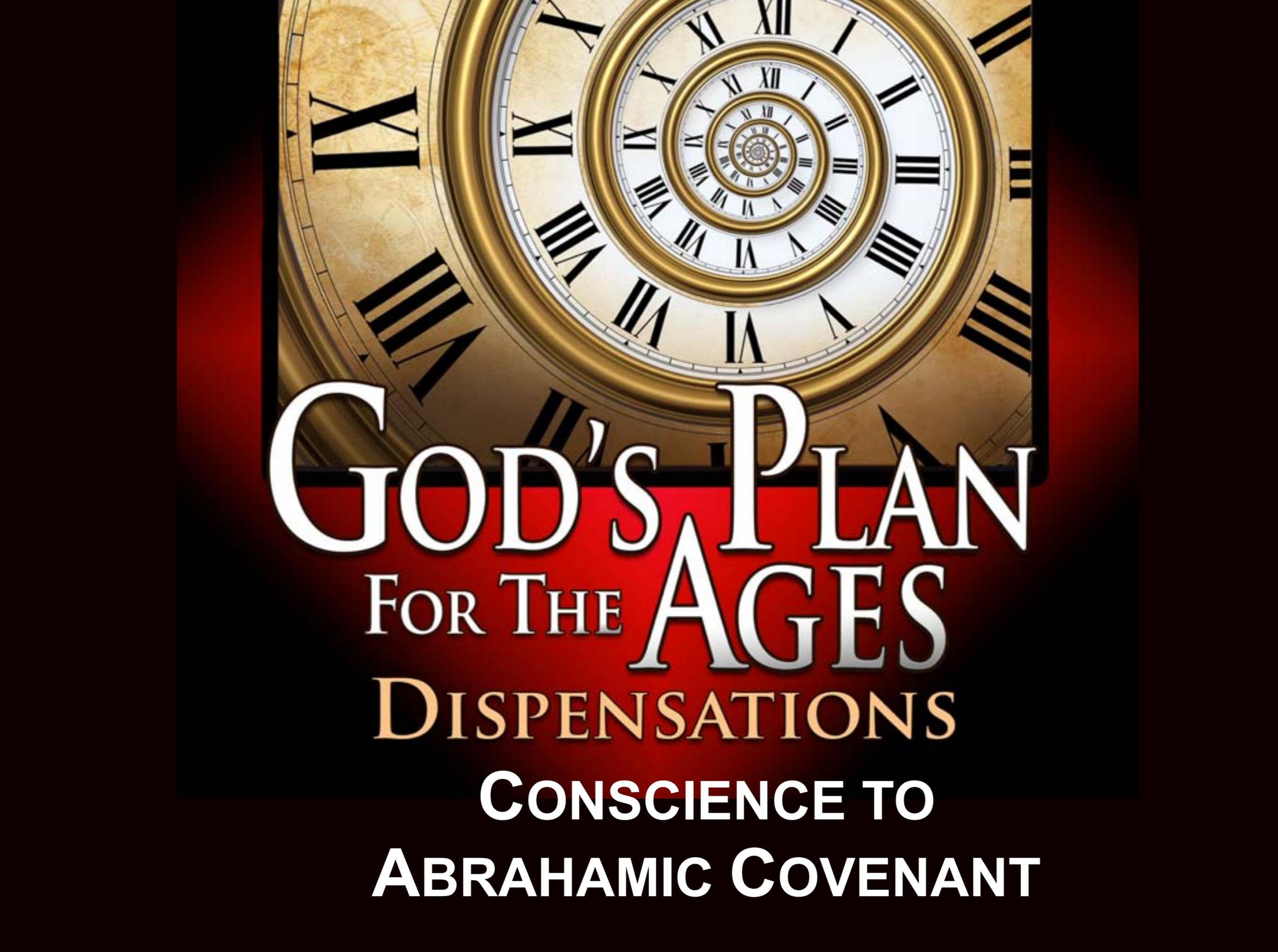
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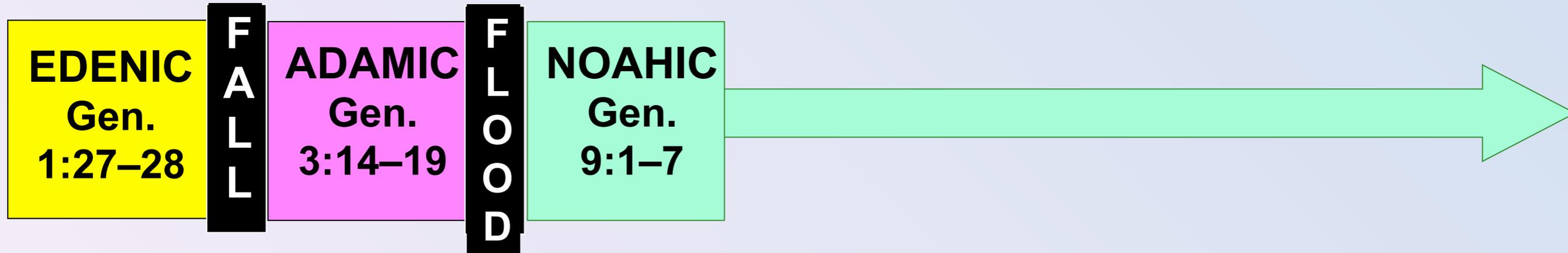


GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

CONSCIENCE TO
ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

8 BIBLICAL COVENANTS

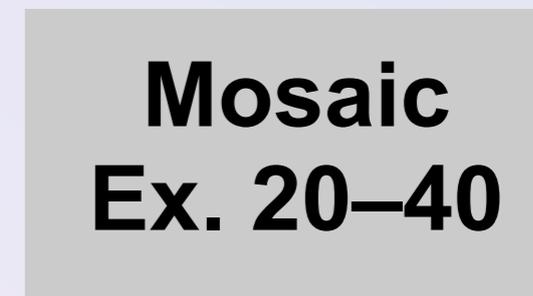
GENTILE COVENANTS



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 ADAMIC COVENANT

Gen. 3:14, “So the LORD God said to the serpent: ‘Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

Gen. 3:15, “ ‘And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.’

Gen. 3:16, “To the woman He said: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.’”

Gen. 3:17, “Then to Adam He said, ‘Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat of it”’: Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.

Gen. 3:18, “ ‘Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.

Gen. 3:19, “ ‘In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.’ ”

**EDENIC
RESPONSIBILITY**

CURSE

Be fruitful and multiply

Woman as helper

Subdue the earth

Rule over the animals

Every plant given for food

To serve and guard Eden

Don't eat

Pain in childbirth

Authority struggle

Earth cursed, thorns

Animals cursed

Plants of the field

Expelled

**Sp. death brings
physical death**

DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

A. Scripture: Genesis 3:9–8:19

B. Central person: Adam

C. Name: Describes the means through which God governed the race (Romans 2:15).

D. Responsibility: To the Adamic Covenant; subdue and rule now with a conflict; wife subject to husband; faith in the promised Redeemer.

E. Test: Will man follow his conscience based on the revelation he received from God?

F. Failure:

- 1. Man fails: Murder in Genesis 4:8; angelic infiltration in Genesis 6.**
- 2. Man cannot restore or recover perfect environment by his own efforts.**
- 3. Man must rely upon God's grace. Human resources are inadequate to resolve the consequences of sin, even in an environment only one step removed from perfection.**
- 4. The human race failed by co-habiting with the demons (Gen. 6:3) and rejecting God and turning to evil (Gen. 6:5).**

G. Divine judgment: Noahic Flood

H. Grace: Grace preceded judgment for 120 years.

I. Volitional issue:

1. For salvation: Faith in the promised Seed of the woman.

2. Spiritual life based on ritual and faith.

3. Human conscience is demonstrated to be insufficient to provide man with stability, personal or social or spiritual integrity.

VI. THE NOAHIC COVENANT

A. Scripture: Genesis 9:1–17

B. Persons:

God and Noah. Like Adam before him, Noah stood as the representative head of the human race.

C. Provisions

- 1. Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 9:1, 7).**
- 2. “And the fear of you will be upon all the animals” (Genesis 9:2) whereas before there was authority without fear.**

- 3. Change of diet: “Every living thing shall be food for you” (Genesis 9:3).**
- 4. Limitation: Don’t eat or drink blood (Genesis 9:4).**
- 5. Capital punishment (Genesis 9:5, 6).**
- 6. Promise of no more universal flood (Genesis 9:8–11).**
- 7. Token of the covenant: The rainbow (Genesis 9:13–16).**

J. Angelic conflict

- 1. Satan attacks man's volition which is the focal point of character. In failing the test, man shows a lack of authority orientation, role orientation, and personal love for God.**
- 2. The failure of human volition mirrors the failure of angelic volition before the rebellion.**
- 3. Satan scored a tactical victory in the garden and stole rulership of the planet from mankind.**
- 4. God already had a grace plan.**

- 5. Ironically, Satan's tactical victory sounded his own eventual defeat.**
- 6. In man's Fall, God would be able to demonstrate His righteousness, justice in compatibility with His love through His grace.**
- 7. During the second dispensation Satan has become the ruler of this world: attempts to destroy human genetic purity.**
- 8. In response, God brings judgment to wipe out the human race and begin again with a pure strain of humanity.**

VII. DISPENSATION 3: HUMAN GOVERNMENT

A. Scripture: Genesis 8:15–11:32

B. Central person: Noah

C. Name: Human Government

D. Responsibility: To fulfill the Noahic Covenant

E. Test:

- 1. Human government to rule justly**
- 2. To disperse and fill the earth**

F. Failure:

Babel, the first attempt at a united world against God.

G. Divine judgment:

Scattering of the people through a multiplication of languages

H. Grace:

God preserved a remnant through whom He would work

I. Angelic conflict: Development of idolatry and demonism

1 Cor. 10:19, “What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?”

1 Cor. 10:20, “No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.”

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT