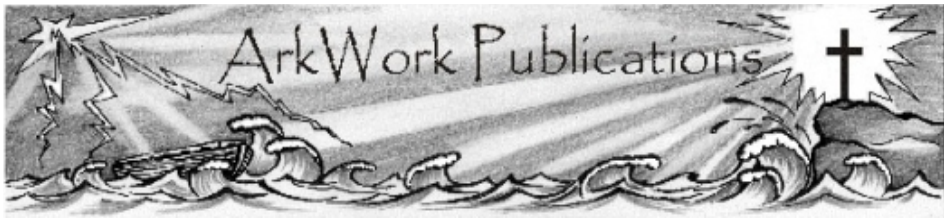
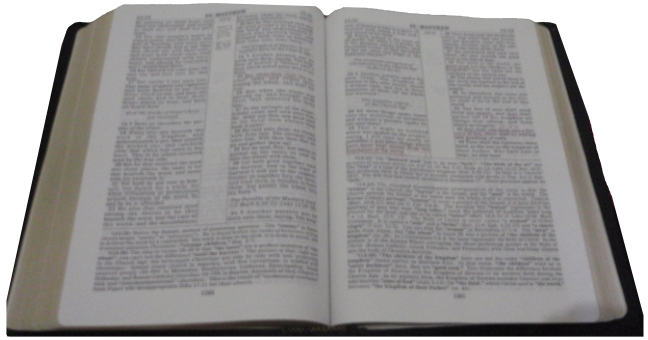
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Promise

Promise – Family – Patriarchal

Gen. 12 - Ex. 19 - Abrahamic Covenant

- God made promises to Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob

- 430 years it last.

1st - Dispensation - **Gen. 2-3** Eden or Innocence

2nd- Dispensation - **Gen. 3-6** Conscience

3rd- Dispensation - **Gen. 9-11** Human Government

3 dispensations in 11 chapters of the Bible— Last 2000 years

4th- Dispensation - **Gen. 12- Ex. 19**- Promise - 60 chapters

5th- Dispensation - **Ex. 19-** New Testament

Things become more specific.

Eden - don't eat - eat

Conscience- offer sacrifice

Human Govt. - Govern himself
Altar
Burnt offering

Babel - Produces Nations

- The earth is divided into 12 natural boundaries

- 12 - Israel

- **Deu. 32:8**- When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

- Pre-Flood - No boundaries

- Post Flood- Boundaries

1- North America
2- South America
3- Central America
4- Africa
5- Asia
6- Arctic
7- Antarctica
8- Greenland
9- Europe
10-Aulstralia
11- West Indies
12- Middle East

Why did God divide the people?

Acts 17:26-27 – That they should seek the Lord.

<u>Babel & Tongues is a curse</u> – People form into different language groups and nations are born. Within 3 chapters war.

Gen. 14:1-2- War.

Promise- God deals primarily with 4 men – Abraham
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph

- God is through with the nations and calls out one nation to be his own.

- This nation is so special that all the blessings of the other nations depend on this one nation.

1- Promise of a Great Nation

- **Gen. 12:1-2** – written 4000 years ago.

- Unconditional promise

2- Promise of a Great name – Abraham- Jews
Arabs
Christians

3- Promise of Great blessing

- a- National
- b- Individually

Gen. 12:3- 3 families - Shem
Ham
Japeth

2 Kinds of blessings — Physical & Spiritual

- Physical – **Gen.12:3**- all families and nations are blessed if they bless Israel.

- Spiritual – Abraham and Jesus are of the same seed. Every sinner is blessed in Abraham if they trust Jesus

- **Eph.1:3**- A Christian is from Christ seed and Jesus is from Abrahams seed.

- **Salvation under the Law**.

- Salvation under the law is not the same as salvation in the NT.

- Deu. 14:1-2

- Deu. 29:9-29

- Deu. 30:15-20

- Eze. 18:4, 20-24

- **No assurance of salvation under the Law**

- Ps. 51:11

- Isa. 63:11

- 1Sam. 10:6, 9-10

- **The Holy Spirit could come and go on a person under the Law.**

- **David** - The Holy spirit never left him

- **2Sam. 12:13**

- **Samson** - The Holy Spirit left him and came back.

- **Jd. 16:20, 28-30**

- **Heb. 11:32**

- **Saul** - The Holy Spirit left and never came back

- **1Sam. 16:14**

We will cover more of this under the book Transition.

A summery of the Law

God's Attribute - - Justice of God

- Holiness of God

- **Heb. 2:2**

1- **The scope of distance of the Law**

- Moral codes or laws

- Civil laws

- Religious laws

- **Gen 9:6** - some civil laws were given to Noah

- **Ex. 20:1-26** - Moral Codes - The Commandments

- **Ex. 21:1** - Civil Codes - The Judgments

- **Ex. 24:12 - 31:18** - Religious Codes - the Ordinances

- This the distance or the scope of the law.

2- **The Deficiencies of the Law.**

- The law in relationship to God was perfect.

- It did not justify man. it does not bring man into the full fellowship that God intended.

Gen. 12:7- **Promise of a seed**

- unto thy seed will I give this land.

- unconditional

Gen. 15:3-6 -

Gen. 22:17- Abraham has 2 seeds

- Physical – Israel – sand of the sea

- Spiritual – Christian – stars of Heaven.

Gen. 15:18-21- land

Gen. 17:4-6- Kings & Nations

Gen. 17:7-14 - Covenant of Circumcision

- Abrahamic Covenant

Dispensation of Promise

Man's Responsibility

- Heathen or World is still under conscience **Rom.1-2**

- **Rom. 2:14-15** -

- Goes by 1- Creation
  - God revealed through creation

2- Blood Sacrifice

3- Conscience

- Idolatry comes from the Dispensation of Promise.

  - The seeds of Idolatry were planted in the dispensation of Human Government under Nimrod in Babylon.

  - All false religions have there roots in Babylon. **Gen.11**

- From this point on God deals with one family and his seed.

<u>Salvation and Blessings depend on 3 things.</u>

1- Sacrifice

2- Stay in the Land

3- Circumcision

Element of faith in this dispensation

- All Dispensations have faith in them.

- **Heb. 11:6**- But without faith it is impossible to please him.

  11:4- Abel **11:23**- Moses

  11:7 Noah

  11:8- Abraham

All dispensations - element of faith & element of works

<u>except one</u>— Church age.

Eph. 2:10- we are his workmanship– He worked on us.

- The only Dispensation where God does it all.

- **Gal. 3:23-24**

  - The law wasn't given to justify a man but to condemn him.

  - But within the scope of the law God gave the ordinances to be redeemed from the curse of the OT until the messiah showed up.

- God gave this to the Jew

- Duty of the law was to condemn man

- Until the 1st coming of Christ the gentiles who have not the law are a law unto themselves.

- **Rom. 2:14-15**

- Gentiles are still under conscience.

- The Law is written in their heart.

- They have the revelation of creation - Rom1

- They have a conscience - Rom. 2

- Even though Israel has the full revelation of he law a gentile could still offer a sacrifice when his conscience convicted him of sin.

Ex. 20 -The Law begins -

Mt. 27:50 - Ends at Calvary -

Mt. 26:26-28 - When Christ started to shed his blood the law was on its way out.

- **Rom. 7:11**- By sinning and not keeping the commandments the law slew me, I sinned

- **Rom. 7:12-13**- **But sin**

  - The law doesn't kill you its your sin.

  - The law shows you, you are a sinner.

  - The law reveals to you what is killing you — Sin

- **Rom. 7:13**- ... **exceeding sinful**

  - the law will make you realize how bad sin really is.

- **Rom. 7:14**- I am carnal, sold under sin

- **Gal. 3:13**- Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.

  - The law put you under a curse.

  - Christ put you under grace.

    - OT- 39 books 3 x 13

    - **Gal. 3:13** - curse

    - 13 - number of rebellion

    - 39th book is the curse

    - **Mal. 4:6**- smite the earth with a curse

    - The last verse in the OT ends in a curse.

    - 40th book up shows Jesus Christ who will redeem man from the curse of the OT

- Every other dispensation:

  - Hear what God says.
  - Do what God says.
  - Obey what God says.

- In order to be blessed physically and eventually spiritually.

- All these men have some kind of faith.

- **Abraham** - Exercises Faith

  - Gen. 15:5-6 - He believed what God said.

  - Gen. 22:1-18 - Abraham believed God.

  - Abraham exercised his faith.

- **Isaac** - Possession of Faith.

  - Gen. 25:5 - Isaac possessed everything by Faith.

- **Jacob** - The disciplines of Faith.

  - Jacob goes form one trouble to another.

  - He is learning it takes discipline in your life to live by faith.

  - If you are going to live by faith then God is not going to let you live like the heathen, or with the heathen.

- **Joseph** - Patience of Faith, Reward of Faith

- These dispensations are primaraly dealing with Grace Moses is not born yet.

Promise - **Man's Failure**

I- Heathen -

- 1- Separated by boundaries.

- 2- Don't repent but get worse.

- 3- Turn to Idolatry

  - **Gen. 31:30**- Jacobs wives have false gods from Laban.

  - **Ex. 12:12**- Gods of Egypt

    - Didn't learn form Babal

    - Still following the false gods of Nimrod, ever spiraling downward.

    - Now they are engrossed in Idolatry.

  - **Rom. 1:22-32** - is a picture of the people at this time.

II- **Israel**-

- Jacob changed to Israel.

- Israel ends up in bondage to a cursed nation - Egypt.

- Israel is in sin and rebellion against God.

- **Ex. 1:11**- Israel is put in Bondage.

- Israel is about to loose their identity if God doesn't intervene.

- **Rom. 3:19**- **them who are under the law**:

  - People who understand, not little kids handicapped who don't.

  - People who have the revelation of the conscience or the law itself, or knowledge of it.

- The law is to show you, you are guilty.

- **Rom. 3:20**- **Therefore**

  - The duty of the law is to show you, you are a sinner.

  - The Law was never given to justify a man

  - It was given to condemn you.

  - To show you your need for this system.

  - That is fulfilled in the atoning work of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

- The Tabernacle and the Priesthood and Feast was a system to reveal Jesus Christ as the redeemer and justifier and the one that atones for sins.

- **Rom. 5:20**- **offence might abound**

  - The law was entered that people might recognize their sin.

- **Rom. 7:7**- ...for I had not known lust, except he law said, Thou shalt not covet.

  - The law entered to show man what covetousness truly was.

- **Rom. 7:9-11**- There is nothing wrong with the law its our weak flesh that is at fault

- **Rom. 7:10**- ...the commandment is good, my nature is corrupt.

- From this point on Israel has a way of paying for their sins.

- They now have a complete covenant.

- They have a way to redeem themselves when they brake the commandments and ordinances.

- **This is the Deficiency of the Law.**

- If it wasn't for the third part put on the law, the law would of completely condemned Israel to death.

- The Tabernacle, Feast and Priesthood all pictured the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- The Law pictured God,s nature but the rest of it pictured his mercy and love.

- Gods nature is righteousness and holiness.

- But in Gods charicter he has mercy and longsuffering.

- This is all seen in the Tabernacle.

- **Rom. 8:3-4**

- This is the deficiency of the Law

- It is weak through the flesh.

What is the Laws duty

- We've seen the distance it travels.

- We've seen the deficiency of it.

- **What's the purpose of the Law?**

Why?

1- Israel left the land.

2- Didn't circumcise **Ex. 4:24-26**-

<u>God's Attribute in Promise</u> — <u>Faithfulness.</u>

God makes promises and come through every time.

<u>Eden</u> - Goodness of God.

<u>Conscience</u> - Long Suffering of God.

<u>Human Govt.</u> - Justice of God.

<u>Promise</u> - Faithfulness of God.

- Some of these people under promise were a mess, but God kept his word. Thank you Lord.

- We will not go to hell because God is faithful to his Son Jesus Christ.

- God promised his Son anybody who believes in Jesus will go to heaven.

- The Promises to Isaac and Jacob are not based on what they do or did, (they didn't deserve it).

- It was given to them because of the promise given to Abraham.

This dispensation ends in failure and judgment.

Law

Dispensations 1-4 are in Genesis.

The Law # 5 is in Exodus to the New Testament.

This Dispensation shows how man reacts to a law.

- **2Ch. 15:2** - ...The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

How man reacts to a divine law given to him by an almighty God.

- Up to this time God has not revealed to man much of personal restraint.

- **Gen. 9** - Government was given as a restraint.

- Before Government was given Conscience was a restraint.

- None of these did any good they did not keep man from sinning.

- So now God gives man a volume of Material in what to do and not to do, and to encourage man to do right.

- But we will find out we still don't have the right combination to make man what he should be.

- The Dispensation of Law fails also.

- God gives different dispensations to man to show him he is fair in dealing with men in their salvation and their damnation.

- **Rom. 3:4**-

God forbid: yea, let **God** be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome **when thou art judged**.

- If Moses would of kept the stones and not brake them it would of been the death warrant for Israel.

- They had made a covenant with God but broke it before God gave them the section on mercy.

- Moses had to brake the tablets.

- He was smarter than what people think

- After braking the stones Moses begins to intercede for them and convinces God not to kill the whole bunch.

- But very many still die and they were continually plagued after that.

- Israel doesn't have a priesthood or the tabernacle or the feast set up.

- You don't want to say to God " all you say we will do"

- Israel did and they blew it.

- Without a way to redeem man any system is useless, it will only condemn a man.

- All legalist condemn the people not justify them.

- People get so bad that they have to start lying.

- I am not sinning

- I don't sin

- When they do.

- Or they have sinned away the day of grace and there is no more hope.

- When there is hope.

-Lev. 1-7 - Moses institutes the Feast

- Lev. 8 - Priesthood is consecrated

- 29-30 God reveals to him the priesthood.

- We don't know how much time is between chapters 24-31 maybe a month maybe 40 days.

- But by the time Moses comes down from the mount Israel has made them a golden calf.

- They reverted back to the religion fo Egypt a type of the world.

- They are starting to take off their clothes and go naked running around like wild heathen.

- They are braking the Moral code, Civil code and Religious Code.

- They are braking everything.

- When Moses comes down from the Mount he has everything written on tables of stone.

- **Ex 32:17**- Joshua said there is a noise of war in the camp.

- the average church today sounds like they are having a rock concert in them.

- **Ex. 32:18**- but the noise of them that sing do I hear

- **Ex. 32:19**- and the dancing

- They picked up African practices while in Egypt.

- Egypt is in the Land of Ham - Africa

- **Ps. 105:23, 27; 106:22**

- When Moses sees what is going on, the nakedness, singing, calf the dancing (a modern day laodicean church service)

- Moses brakes the stone tablets.

- At the Great White Throne Judgement man will judge and condemn God for being unfair and unjust in his dealings with man.

- So God has different dispensations to show man that he could not keep them.

- A man will say the Law was to hard if you would of made it so all I had to do was believe I would of done that.

- Then God will show him we tried that and they said "it's too easy there has to be more to it."

- Every dispensation ends in failure. If it wasn't for the Grace of God we would all die and go to hell.

Ex. 19:7-8

- This is a statement made with out thinking first.

- People have a bad habit of not thinking a thing completely through.

- Before the law was given to Moses at the end of the dispensation of promise.

- Israel has come out of Egypt they have had the blood of the Lamb applied.

- They have been redeemed

- As a nation they went through the Red Sea and were baptized

- Now there in the wilderness and God reveals to them his absolute holiness.

- Theme of the Law - Holiness

- This is the attribute God reveals in the next 38 chapters.

- In **Ex 19:3-8** they spoke to soon, God hasn't given them the law yet.

- While Moses gives them part of the Law they brake the first two commandments.

- Worshiping other Gods beside the Lord

- **Ex. 24:3-8**

  - After God has given them the moral law and the civil law.

- Read Ex. **20-23** there is only one person whoever kept them and not brake them - Jesus Christ.

  - Nobody can keep them.

  - In the beginning they said we will keep them.

  - So Moses gives them the first two sections of the law.

  - The first two sections contain the commandments and judgments.

  - It's the last section that contain the ordinances which include the tabernacle the feast and the priesthood.

  - What Israel did was they grabbed on to the cold hard commandments of the law and said we will do it.

  - They didn't wait on God to give them a way to redeem themselves if they didn't keep them.

  - Moses gave them the first two sections of the law which provide no provisions if they brake them.

  - Then Moses goes back up into the mountain in chapter **24:12-13**

  - From 24-32 Moses is up in the mountain getting the directions for the tabernacle and priesthood.

- Meanwhile Israel is braking the first commandment.

- Israel is makeing a golden calf.

- Israel doesn't have any provision for mercy under the covenant they made with God.

- So what takes place.

- In Chapter 32 Moses is finished,

- 26- He gets everything that involves the tabernacle, candlestick, curtains, skins etc.

- 27- Dimensions for brazen altar.

- 28- Priesthood the mediator between God and man– **Heb. 5:1**

- But all they got is the commandments and judgments.

- **Ex.28:36**- This is on the crown of the High Priest

- Pure Gold= deity

- Gold is the highest priced value, so a mans god is his highest priced value.

- Signet - HOLINESS TO THE LORD

- The word holy is through out the books of Ex. through Deu.

- Thats the theme of the legal dispensation - Holiness

- This the attribute God reveals during the law.

- The absolute holiness of God and the righteousness of God is revealed in the law.

- All the **thou shalt not's** or **thou shalt's** is impossible for any one to keep.

- God gives to Moses the garments of the Priest.