

# Dispensations:

## The Key to Rightly Dividing God's Word



### The Millennium & Eternity

**Names: A)** Millennium. Millennial Reign. The 1,000 years. The Messianic Dispensation. Millennial Kingdom. The Day of the Lord. **B)** Eternity. The Perfect Age. Ages of Ages. Fulness of Times.

**Scripture: A)** Rev. 20; Matt. 5-7; Eze. 40:48; Zech. 14. **B)** Rev. 21-22.

**Covenant: A)** Palestinian. **B)** New.

#### Key events to know:

1. The Palestinian covenant.
2. People in Millennium.
3. The Structure & Constitution of the Millennial Kingdom.
4. The New covenant.
5. The new Heaven and Earth.

### THE MILLENNIUM

The 7-year tribulation period has come to an abrupt end at the battle of Armageddon. The Lord Jesus Christ has taken the kingdoms of this world by force and saved the remaining Jews from the antichrist at the battle of Armageddon. Satan has been imprisoned. Now the 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth begins!

#### The Palestinian Covenant

Deut. 29-30:10

1. Israel's dispersion for disobedience – 30:1.
2. Foretelling of their \_\_\_\_\_ (during tribulation) – 30:2.
3. The return of Christ and their regathering after the tribulation – 30:3-4.
4. The restoration of the entire promised land – 30:5.
5. Their national conversion (salvation) – 30:6; Rom. 11:26.
6. Their enemies will be judged and cursed – 30:7; Matt. 25.
7. Their national blessing – 30:9.

This covenant begins at the end of the tribulation period and start of the millennium. Israel as a nation repents and receives their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. He blesses them and restores the land promised to them so long ago. Their enemy nations will be judged and Israel will have her rightful place as the leading nation on earth ushering in the millennial Kingdom ruled by Christ.

Dispensation	Covenant	Description
Eternity Past	None	Original creation. Lucifer & angels.
Innocence	Edenic	Reconstruction of earth. Creation of man.
Conscience	Adamic	Adam's lineage and sons of God.
Human government	Noahic	Noah's flood and lineage.
Promise	Abrahamic	Abraham's seed and birth of nation of Israel.
Law-Kingdom	Mosaic	Moses leading the exodus, the giving of the law, the kingdom's rise & fall.
	Davidic	The line and Kingdom of David.
Christ's 1 <sup>st</sup> coming	Davidic	2 Kingdoms. The start of the Church.
The Church & God's grace	None	Transition of Church from Jew to Gentile oversight.
Tribulation-judgment	None	A time of great trouble for the Jew.
<b>Millennium</b>	<b>Palestinian</b>	<b>The 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth.</b>
<b>Eternity</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>The new Heaven &amp; Earth.</b>

## The People

There will be 3 groups of people that enter into the Millennium:

1. The Nation of Israel – the remnant of Jews alive at the end of the tribulation. They are in their natural bodies.
2. The Gentiles – those who helped Israel during the tribulation period. The “sheep” – Matt. 25:31-46. They are in their natural bodies.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ – those saved during the Church Age dispensation of grace. They are in their glorified bodies – Rev. 4-5, 19:14; 1 Thess. 4:17.

**NOTE:** Those who got saved in the tribulation who were killed will be resurrected to live and reign in the Millennium – Rev. 20:4. They will not have glorified bodies as only Church Age saints do. These saints will either be Jews or Gentiles. OT saints will likely be here too – Zech. 14:5; Matt. 8:11; Eze. 34:23-24; Job 19:25-27.

## The Structure and Constitution of the Kingdom

Zech. 14:9 - Other things we know about this Kingdom:

- This begins the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven Christ preached about in His early ministry – Matt. 3-7.
- The “sermon on the mount” gives the constitution and doctrines for this Kingdom. It is plain to see that once again salvation is based on works. Faith will not be a key component as Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ present to reign. Obedience is key – Matt. 5-7!
- The Lord Jesus Christ will rule the earth from His throne in Jerusalem with a “rod of iron.” It will be a government of truth, righteousness, holiness, and purity. Sin will not be tolerated – Rev. 19:15.
- The 12 disciples will each have a throne to rule over the 12 tribes of Israel – Matt. 19:28.
- Church age saints, in their Christ-like bodies, will assist with His righteous reign – 1 Cor. 6:1-4; 2 Tim. 2:11-12; Rev. 1:6.
- Each year the people will have to go to Jerusalem to keep the feast of tabernacles. Those who don’t will be punished – Zech. 14:16-17.

With Satan bound, man will not be able to blame him for their sin. Every negative influence will be removed. Leadership will be unified and righteous under Christ. No corruption, no politics, no selfishness. It is everything man has said he has wanted and strived for. But this dispensation, like most of the others, will end in failure...of a sort. Satan will be loosed for a season where he will find a substantial number of people willing to rebel against God with him – Rev. 20:8. God will devour them with fire and cast the Devil into the lake of fire forever.

### KEY POINTS

God has shown us one key truth throughout all His dealings (dispensations) with mankind: the problem with mankind is **NOT** his circumstances, environment, outside influences, or even Satan and his devils. It is \_\_\_\_\_!

## ETERNITY

The rebellion of the millennium is crushed and Satan has been imprisoned forever. Now the Great White Throne judgment takes place. Every saved person not part of a group that was previously judged (like the Church) will be judged here along with the lost, according to their works. Whoever is not found in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire – Rev. 20:11-15. The New Covenant will be fulfilled.

## The New Covenant

Jer. 31:31-37; Heb. 8:7-13

Doctrinally speaking, this covenant is for Israel. It does not pertain to the church age though similarities can be seen.

- God will put His law in the individual's heart – Jer. 31:33.
- He will be their only God, and Israel His people - Jer. 31:33.
- There will no longer be any preaching or witnessing as all Jews will know the Lord - Jer. 31:34.
- Israel will be forgiven, and their sins remembered no more - Jer. 31:34.
- This covenant will be forever - Jer. 31:35-37.

This covenant is referenced in Hebrews 8 and by Jesus in Matt. 26:28.

## The New Heaven & Earth

**Rev. 21:1-3** - *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

Things have finally come full circle and are the way God originally intended – to live forever with beings who have \_\_\_\_\_ to love and serve a most deserving, and Holy God!

