

Biblical Storyline

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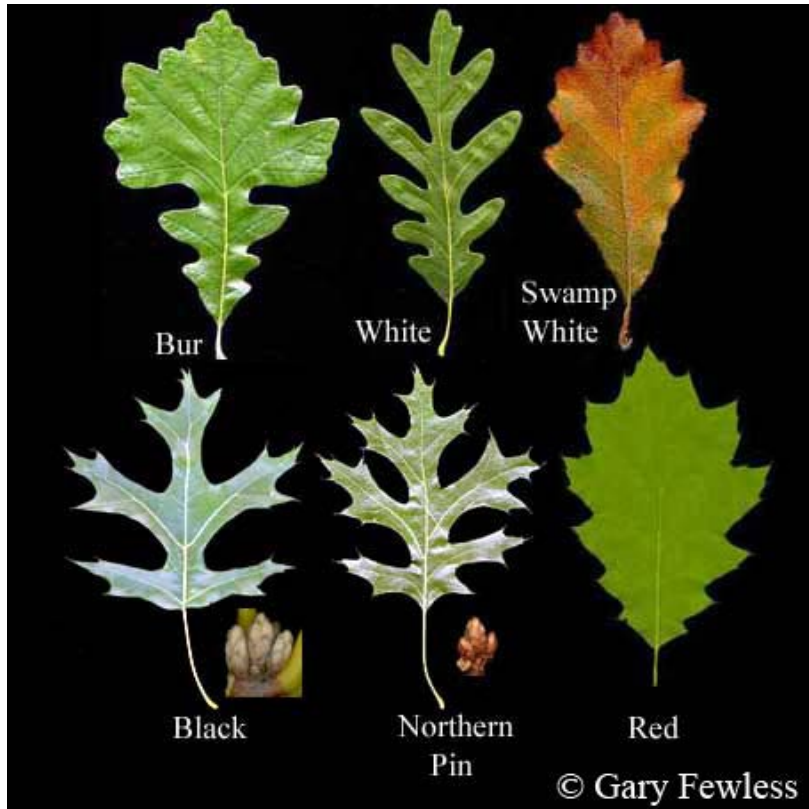
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Six Biblical Covenants



Noahic (Genesis 9:8-17)

- parties - God and 1) humanity and 2) all living creatures
- unconditional - God will never destroy the earth again with a flood
- signature - the rainbow

Six Biblical Covenants



Abrahamic (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:9-21)

- parties - God and Abraham (continued to Isaac, Jacob, and Israel)
- unconditional - God would make Abraham into a great nation
- signature; nothing in Gen 12 (handshake); cut animals and vision in Gen 15

Six Biblical Covenants



Mosaic (Exodus 19-24)

- parties - God and national Israel
- conditional - Israel had to obey God's Law or be punished with sickness, famine, and exile
- signature; stone tablets, fire and thunder on Mt. Sinai

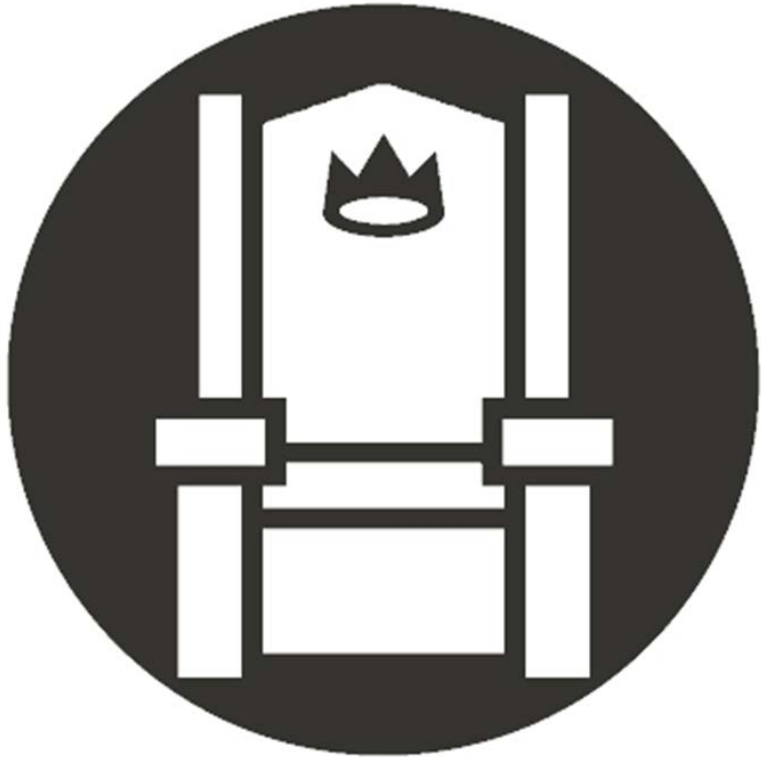
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Land (Deuteronomy 30:1-10)

- parties - God and national Israel
- unconditional - Gen 15 promises the land; Deut 30 promises the timing, when they turn wholeheartedly as a nation to God
- handshake; signature in Gen 15

Six Biblical Covenants



Davidic (2 Samuel 7:8-16)

- parties - God and David
- unconditional - God will preserve David's royal dynasty forever
- handshake

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New (Jer 31:31-34; Ezek 36:24-38)

- parties - God and 1) the whole house of Israel and 2) the whole house of Judah
- unconditional – both spiritual and physical promises
- handshake

Dispensations



Greek: οἰκονομία (*oikonomia*)

Latin: *dispensatio*

English: “rules of the house,”
administration, management

Dispensations



*Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship [οἰκονομία] from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God. **Colossians 1:25 (NASB)***

Dispensations



...with a view to an administration [οἰκονομία] suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.
Ephesians 1:10 (NASB)

Dispensations



*...and to bring to light what is the administration [οἰκονομία] of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things. **Ephesians 3:9 (NASB)***

Nine Dispensations



Free Will / Innocence

- one law
- ended with the Fall

Nine Dispensations



Moral Conscience

- many unwritten laws
- still in effect today



Nine Dispensations



Human Government

- one new permission: all things acceptable to eat
- one new law: society is to put to death any wild animal or person who murders a human
- still in effect today

Nine Dispensations



Abrahamic Promises

- one new law: bless Abraham/Israel or be cursed by God
- still in effect today

Nine Dispensations



Mosaic Law / Covenant

- 613 new laws
- given only to the nation of Israel
- ended with the cross; no longer in effect

Nine Dispensations



Church

- numerous rules (the law of Christ) which we are empowered to live out by the indwelling Holy Spirit
- the Church is accessible to anyone who believes but is made up of only those who believe
- Pentecost to the Rapture

Nine Dispensations



Tribulation / Daniel's "70th week"

- visions and dreams will provide new revelation
- Moral Conscience, Human Government, and Abrahamic Promises will still be in effect
- 7 years; after the Rapture until Jesus' Second Coming

Nine Dispensations



Millennial Kingdom

- theocracy; Jesus' word will be law; he will rule with an iron fist; animal sacrifices will be made as the fines; rebels will be executed
- at least Human Government and Abrahamic Promises will continue
- 1,000 years

Nine Dispensations



Fullness of the Times / Eternal State

- no law will be necessary because all people will be fixed in their permanent spiritual state
- all other dispensations will be summed up here; this dispensation will last forever



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A Survey of the Biblical Covenants and Dispensations



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