

DISPENSATIONAL MISSIONARY EVANGELISM (Part 1)

Our lesson text begins in:

- **Eternity Past** (2 Pet.2:4) [did not spare angels]
- **The Gentile Age** (2 Pet.2:5) [did not spare ancient world]
- **The Jewish Ages** (2 Pet.2:6-) [ungodly of Sodom]
- **An ageless doctrinal principle:**
 - (2 Pet.2:9-10) “The **Lord knows how to rescue the godly** from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”

(2 Pet.2:4-10) reflects the merciful grace attitude of God towards the sinner.

(2 Pet.3:9) “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patience toward you, not wishing for any to perish **but for all to come to repentance.**”

Ezekiel selected three missionary evangelists (two from the Gentile age and one from the Jewish age) to boast about their service.

(Ezekiel 14:14) “Even though these three men, **Noah, Daniel, and Job** were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could not deliver themselves, declares the Lord.” (5th cycle of divine discipline to Judah by Babylon)

It is interesting that the Old Covenant (OC) had two dispensations, (Gentile Age and Jewish Age) and the New Covenant (NC) has two as well, (Church Age and Millennium Age).

This lesson will study four points of the two of the Old Covenant (OC) Dispensational Missionary Evangelism.

1. One big question for the Bible student is “How were people saved under the Old Covenant (OC)?”

Paul’s Answer: “The Scriptures, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘All the nations will be blessed in you.’ (Gen.12:3; 22:18; Gal.3:8, 16)

Under the OC, the Gentile and Jewish dispensations had the same canonized Hebrew Bible called **The Scriptures** (Genesis to Malachi until the Incarnation of Christ) (**John 5:39-40**).

“**The Scriptures**” (**Old Testament**) is used this way through-out the development of the Church Age until John and the writing of the Book of Revelation and the canonization of the New Testament (Matthew to Revelation).

“**The Scriptures**” is used this way in the four Gospel; Acts; Romans; 1 Corinthians; Galatians; 2 Timothy; James; 1&2 Peter.

(**Luke 3:23-38**) links the genealogy of Jesus Christ to both the Gentile Age and Jewish Age dispensations. 75 custodians of The Word of God and Evangelism are listed.

2. Under the OC, people of both dispensations were saved by believing in a prophetic gospel.

The Prophetic Gospel: Christ would come and die on the cross and be buried and raised on the third day **“According to The Scriptures”** (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9) [Scriptures] (Isa.52:13-53:12; Ps.2:7; 16:10/ Acts 13:32-35; Ps. 22).

Peter and John before the Sanhedrin:

(Acts 4:10-12) “Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene**, whom you **crucified**, whom **God raised from the dead – by this name this man stands here before you in good health**. **He (Jesus Christ the Nazarene) is the stone** which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is **salvation in no one else**; for there is **no other name** under heaven that has been given among men by which **WE must be saved.**” (Ps.118:22; Dan.2:34-35)

3. The Gentile Age was divided into two divisions of custodianship of The Word of God and Evangelism

The first section of custodians of the Gentile Age was the **Sethites** (Adam to Seth to Noah) (Gen.5). World missionary evangelism by the Sethites occurred by one language. “Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.” (Gen.11:1)

The second section of custodians of Gentile Age was **Shemites** (Noah to Shem to Abraham).

The Shemites were to evangelize nations of different languages (**Foreign missions**) (Tower of Babel/ Gen.11).

(Gen.11:9) “Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord **confused the languages** of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the earth.” **Foreign missions** will be the norm to the end of human history.

4. (Matt.1:1-17) divided the Jewish Age into three sections of 14 generations each (Abraham to David to Babylonians to Chris/ Matt.1:17).

- **Abraham to David** (Matt.1:1-6)
 - Abraham’s salvation (Gal.3:8)
- **David to Babylon Captivity** (Matt.1:7-11)
 - David’s Messianic Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22, 31, 40, 41, 69, 72, 110; 113-118
- **Babylon Captivity to Christ** (Matt.1:12-16)
 - The Incarnation of Christ to His death, burial, and resurrection, ascension, and session (four Gospels; Acts 1-2).

The Priest-Nation of Israel was the custodian of The Word of God and Evangelism (Ex.19:6; Isa.42:6; 49:6; Matt.28:18-20). Their failure led to the Church age ambassador taking the full responsibility of it. (2 Cor.5:17-21) (**John 1:11-13; Matt.21:42-46; Acts 13:46-52; 28:28**).