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ISRAEL IN FOCUS

The continuity from the Age of Gentiles to Age of Israel existed because the ethnic heritage of Israel originated in the preceding age and because divine guidance for each epoch of human history comes from the same God. The way of life for the citizens of Israel in the Old Testament is the RITUAL PLAN OF GOD, in contrast to the PROTOCOL PLAN OF GOD for Church age believers.

The rituals prescribed by the Mosaic Law were a dynamic "shadow of what is to come" [Colossians 2:17, Hebrews 8:5, 10:1].

They were types and teaching aids portraying Christ, salvation, and fellowship with God. The royal priesthood's function and every individual's daily life included participation in ceremonies that depicted the New Testament doctrines.

When Christ came, His reality fulfilled the shadows, making this magnificent heritage of rituals suddenly obsolete [Hebrews 8:13]. The changes in man, required a new code, therefore, a code was provided.

In the Church Age, the believer's way of life manifests the all-powerful reality rather than the shadow. The ritual plan of God remains part of Scripture, documenting God's absolute faithfulness- describing Christ's Person and work. The knowledge of the Old Testament's Israel is an essential instructive part of every believer's spiritual foundation.

The regenerated Israel communicated and demonstrated the grace of God, the greatest expression of which was that Israel would be the nation through which the Savior would be born into the world. The sequence of promises that guarantee the coming of Christ, beginning with the Seed revealed to Adam and Eve [Genesis 3:15] and continued with the promises made to numerous saints of the Old Testament, preceded to become more specific.

The Messiah would come from the race of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, from the nation of Israel, from the tribe of Judah, from the family of Jesse, from the royal lineage of King David. From the time of founding of the Jewish race, the promises of the messianic line coincide with the covenants between God and His people.¹

The nation of Israel is defined by five divine covenants. The first two covenants, sworn during the age of the patriarchs, prepared the way for the founding of the nation. God made the remaining three after the Jewish race had become the Jewish nation.

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT [Genesis 12:1-3, 13:6, 22:15-18, 26:4, 28:14, 35:11]

THE PALESTINIAN COVENANT [Genesis 13:15, 15:18-21, 26:3-5, 28:13-15, Joshua 1:2-4, 32:36-44, Ezekiel 11:16-]

¹ See Genealogy of Christ –Book 2

THE MOSAIC LAW:

1. Codex I –the Freedom Code
2. Codex II – the Spiritual code
3. Codex III – the Establishment Code

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT [2 Samuel 7:8-17, Psalm 89:20-37]

THE NEW COVENANT TO ISRAEL [Jeremiah 31:32-34, Hebrews 8:8-12, 10:15-17]

God's covenant to Abraham identifies God's elect and chosen people and the land. The Palestinian (or Real Estate) Covenant were the basis for God's deliverance of the Jews from Egyptian slavery and for the founding of the nation in the Promised Land [Exodus 6:2-9].

The Mosaic Law established the policy for ethical, spiritual, and civil life within the Old Testament Israel. The Davidic Covenant was designated by the ruling dynasty of Israel. The New Covenant promises restoration for the chosen nation under divine discipline and guarantees eventual fulfillment of all unconditional covenants.