

## TABLE 5B - DISPENSATIONALISM'S COVENANTAL PERIODS (EXPANDED)

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**01 - EDENIC COVENANTAL PERIOD** - It began on Day 6 of Creation Week in 3977 BC and has lasted until today

**02 - ADAMIC COVENANT PERIOD** - It began on Adam and Eve's last day in Eden in 3977 BC and has lasted until today.

**03 - NOAHIC COVENANT PERIOD** - It began in 2320 BC, on the day after the landfall of the Ark when Noah built an altar to sacrifice fowls and has lasted until today.

**04 - 1<sup>st</sup> ABRAHAMIC COVENANT PERIOD** - It began in 1894 BC with God's Promise to Abraham regarding God's election of him and his heirs to be God's Chosen People and has lasted until today.

**05 - 2<sup>nd</sup> ABRAHAMIC COVENANT PERIOD** - It began in 1894 BC with God's Promise to Abraham regarding God's grant of Land to his Chosen People and has lasted until today.

**06 - MOSAIC COVENANTAL PERIOD** - It will last an unknown number of years (1464 BC-unknown date) from (a) the *Giving of the Law* to (b) the *End of the Age* (ignoring the fact that Messiah fulfilled all the requirement of this covenant at 3:00 pm on Passover in 33 AD), after which God no longer dwelt in a temple made by human hands<sup>1</sup>).

**06A - MOSAIC COVENANTAL PHASE I** - It lasted 1,535 years (1464 BC-70 AD) from (a) the *Giving of the Law* to (b) the *Destruction of Jerusalem* in 70 AD.

**06A-1 - Moses' Tabernacle Period** - It lasted 487 years (1464-977 BC) from (a) the *Exodus* to (b) *Solomon 11*.

**06A-2 - Solomon's Temple Period** - It lasted 422 years (977-555 BC) from (a) *Solomon 11* to (b) *Zedekiah 11*.

**06A-3 - 1<sup>st</sup> period without temple** - It lasted 74 years (555-481 BC) from (a) *Zedekiah 11* to (b) Year 4 of Daniel's 69 Weeks of Years.<sup>2</sup>

**06A-4 - Daniel's Temple Period** - It lasted 464 years (481-17 BC) from (a) Year 4 to (b) Year 468 of *Daniel's 69 Weeks of Years*.<sup>3</sup>

**06A-5 - Herod's Temple Period** - It lasted 88 years (17 BC-70 AD) from (a) Year 466 of Daniel's

<sup>1</sup> This is not a minor oversight. God was so infuriated by the continuation of animal and bird sacrifices in the temple after the death of his Son, whom he had sent to Earth to provide *the unique, one-time- all-sufficient, never to be repeated* sacrifice for the sins of Mankind. that he destroyed Jerusalem & its Temple and banned the Jews from Judea for almost two millennia.

<sup>2</sup> 70 years of Exile in Babylon, 2 years of organizing & travelling to Jerusalem, and 2 years of rebuilding the temple equals 74 years.

<sup>3</sup> Daniel was the Tirshatha (Governor), Sheshbazzar (Prince of Judah), & Belshazzar (name given by Nebuchadnezzar) in Ezra 3:1 & 8 to whom Cyrus gave custody of the temple treasures looted by Nebuchadnezzar, along with the responsibility to (a) transport them to Jerusalem, (b) safe-guard them during the rebuilding of the temple, and (c) replace them in the rebuilt temple, which was completed in 481 BC = Year 4 of Daniel's 69 Weeks of Years. Thus, 481-17 = 464.

69 Weeks of Years to (b) 70 AD,<sup>4</sup> during which Messiah was born in 2 BC.

**04A-5A-1 - Animal sacrifices before Messiah's death** - It lasted 51 years (17 BC-33 AD).

**04A-5A-2 - Animal sacrifices after Messiah's death** - It lasted 37 years (33-70 AD).

**06B - MOSAIC COVENANTAL PHASE II = Parenthesis during the New Covenantal Period**

(see below) = **2<sup>nd</sup> period without a temple** - It will last an unknown number of years (70 AD-unknown date) from (a) the *Destruction of Jerusalem* to (b) the start of the Great Tribulation.

**06B-1 - Diaspora** - It lasted 1878 years (70-1948 AD) from (a) the *Destruction of Jerusalem* to (b) the *Establishment of Israel*.

**06B-2 - State of Israel** - It will last an unknown number of years<sup>5</sup> (1948 AD-unknown date) from (a) the *Establishment of Israel* to (b) the *End of the Age*.

**04B-2A - Land without Jerusalem or temple** (1948-1967 AD) - It lasted 19 years from (a) the *Establishment of the State of Israel* to (b) the *Conquest of Jerusalem*.

**04B-2B - Land without temple** - It will last an unknown number of years (1967 AD-unknown date) from (a) the *Conquest of Jerusalem* to (b) the start of *Great Tribulation*.

**06C - MOSAIC COVENANTAL PHASE III** - It will last an unknown number of years (dates unknown) from (a) *2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Messiah* for the Saints (Rapture) & the start of *Great Tribulation* to (b) the *End of the Age*.

**06C-1 - The Great Tribulation = Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Years** - It will last 7 years (dates unknown) from (a) *2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Messiah* (=Parousia #1) for the Saints (Rapture)<sup>6</sup> to (b) the *3<sup>rd</sup> Coming of Messiah* (Parousia #2).<sup>7</sup>

**06C-1A - 1<sup>st</sup> Half of the Great Tribulation** - It will last 3.5 years (dates unknown) from (a) the start of the *Great Tribulation* to (b) the *Abomination of Desolation*.

**06C-1B - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the Great Tribulation** - It will last 3.5 years (dates unknown) from (a) the *Abomination of Desolation* to (b) the *3<sup>rd</sup> Coming of Messiah* (=Parousia #2).

**06C-2 - The Millennium = Messiah's Kingdom** - It will last 1,000 years (dates unknown) from (a) the *3<sup>rd</sup> Coming of Messiah* (=Parousia #2) to (b) the *End of the Age*, during which Messiah will rule world from Jerusalem.

**07 - PROPHETIC COVENANTAL PERIOD** (c.1424 BC-Parousia #2?) - It ordains a line of faithful prophets for God's people – a line which culminated in the ultimate Prophet, God Himself in the person of the Messiah

**08 - PHINEAS COVENANTAL PERIOD** (c.1404 BC-Parousia #2?) - It ordains a line of faithful priests for God's people – a line which culminated in the ultimate Priest, God Himself in the person of Messiah.

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<sup>4</sup> Herod was appointed King of Judea in 40 BC, and he conquered Jerusalem in 37 BC. The reconstruction of the **temple** started in 19 BC, and the *naos* was completed in 17 BC, when, I am assuming, the renewal of worship occurred, and the *outer court* was completed in 11 BC. Then Jerusalem and its **temple** were destroyed in 70 AD. Thus 17+1+70=88.

<sup>5</sup> It has lasted 73 years to the present (2021 AD).

<sup>6</sup> Messiah is clear in the Oliver Discourse that the Rapture is part of the *2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Messiah*, which would be Parousia #1.

<sup>7</sup> Since the Rapture was part of the *2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Messiah*, His arrival at the end of the *Great Tribulation* would consist of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Coming of Messiah*, which would be Parousia #2. Given this sequence of events, I am left with a couple of questions. First, since Messiah will not be staying on Earth after He takes the Saints up to Heaven, does that must mean that the Prophetic, Phineas, and Davidic Covenants remain in effect until the end of the *Great Tribulation*? Second, where does the replacement of the old heavens and old Earth with new heavens and a new Earth fits into this picture?

**09 - DAVIDIC COVENANTAL PERIOD** (c.1000 BC-Parousia #2?) - It ordains a line of faithful kings for God's people – a line which culminated in the ultimate King, God Himself in the person of Messiah

**10 - NEW COVENANTAL PERIOD** (33 AD-unknown date) - It will last from (a) the *Death of Messiah* to (b) the Parousia #1 & the *Rapture of the Saints* before the Great Tribulation begins.