

Ages, Periods or Epochs of Mankind in the Word of Yahweh

*(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament,
I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and Anointed for Christ.)*

Yahweh's, instructions for mankind, which are recorded in His Word, can change during different periods of time or ages. These ages have been built around central figures. In order to understand our Father's magnificent Word, we must discern the age in which the instruction was written and to whom the instruction was given. Not doing so will result in doctrinal error and misapplication of our Father's Word. For example, Adam and Eve's commandment was to not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Does this commandment apply to us today? No, because this commandment was given in the Age of Adam and Eve and was addressed to Eve and Adam and not to us. Another example of Yahweh's will, changing over time, would be the two wives of Jacob. Can I have two wives according to our Father's Word, in this age? Was Jacob having two wives a sin, during his age? I believe there are twelve ages, in the Word of Yahweh; ten of those ages involve mankind. Discerning different commandments, for different ages, is absolutely necessary if we are to handle our Father's Word, skillfully.

<u>Ages of Mankind</u>	<u>Spiritual Significance of Numbers</u>	
1) Age of Adam & Eve	Unity & Commencement	
2) Age of Cain	Difference, and generally of enmity	
3) Age of Noah	<i>Completeness, divine perfection</i>	3
4) Age of Abraham	Creative works	
5) Age of Moses	Divine Grace	
6) Age of Yahshua	Human number, Son of Man	
7) Age of the Christ, the Secret	<i>Spiritual Perfection, Son of Elohim</i>	<u>±7</u>
8) Age of the Beast	Regeneration, resurrection	
9) Age of Christ as King	Finality of judgment	
10) Age of Yahweh as King	<i>Perfection of Divine Order</i>	10

The Age of Adam and Eve begins in, Genesis 1:3, and ends in, Genesis 3:24, when they are expelled from Paradise. This period of time was probably less than nine months because no children were born in Paradise. The characteristics of the Age of Adam and Eve were: Eve and Adam reigned in Paradise; they were vegetarians; they could communicate with Yahweh; Yahweh's habitation was in the Garden with them; there was only one law. The Age of Eve and Adam was the first age. The number one, "in all

languages is the symbol of unity. Unity being indivisible, and not made up of other numbers, is therefore independent of all others, and is the source of all others.”¹

The Age of Cain begins with Cain rebelling against Yahweh and murdering his holy brother, Abel. This age ends with Yahweh saying, “I must wipe off man whom I created from off the face of the ground,” which came about by the flood. Why! “...Yahweh saw that great, was the wickedness of man in the earth, and that, every purpose of the devices of his heart, was only wicked all the day” (Gen. 6:5). The duration of this age was approximately, 1650 years. The characteristics of this age were: there was no capital punishment (Cain was not put to death) and maybe no rules, they were vegetarians and Yahweh’s abode was in Heaven and not upon earth (Deu. 26:15). The Age of Cain was the second age. “The second of any number of things always bears upon it the stamp of difference, and generally of enmity. Take the second statement of the Word of Yahweh. The first is Genesis 1:1: ‘In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth.’ The second is, ‘Now, the earth, had become waste and wild, and darkness, was on the face of the roaring deep...’ Here the first speaks of perfection and of order; the *second* of ruin and desolation.”²

The Age of Noah begins with, “And Noah built an altar to Yahweh” (Gen. 8:20). Yahweh makes a covenant with Noah, the sign of the covenant being the rainbow (Gen. 8:9-12). This age ends when Yahweh makes a covenant with Abraham (Gen. 16:16). The duration of this age was approximately, 450 years. The characteristics of this age were: capital punishment was enacted (Gen. 9:5,6); mankind were no longer vegetarians (Gen. 9:3-4); Yahweh’s habitation was still in Heaven. The Age of Noah was the third age. “Three is the first of four perfect numbers. Three denotes divine perfection; seven denotes spiritual perfection; ten denotes ordinal perfection; and twelve denotes governmental perfection. The first occurrence of the number is in Genesis 1:13. ‘The third day,’ was the day on which the earth was caused to rise up out of the water, symbolic of that resurrection life.”³

The Age of Abraham begins with Yahweh making a covenant with Abram (Gen. 17:1). This age ends when Yahweh makes a covenant with Moses and His people (Ex. 19:3-25). The duration of this age is approximately 400 years. The characteristics of this age were: the seed of Abraham and Sarah were called out, from among the nations, to be separate for Yahweh, who later became known as Hebrews; circumcision was mandatory for all males; commandments, statutes and laws were to be kept (Gen. 26:5); Yahweh’s abode, for mankind, could have changed to mount Horeb (Ex. 3:1); future salvation would come through the covenant made with Abraham (Gen. 17). The Age of Abraham was the fourth age. “The *fourth* day saw the material creation finished (for on the fifth and sixth days it was only the furnishing and peopling of the earth with living creatures). Four is the

¹ Numbers in Scripture, Its Supernatural Design and Spiritual Significance, by E.W. Bullinger, pg. 50

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number of material completeness.”⁴ The new earth, the land of Canaan, the promise of Yahweh to Abraham, would, in the future, be populated with the seed of Abraham. On the fourth day, of creation, the stars were made. Yahweh also promised Abraham that, “I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven” (Gen. 26:4, 22:17, 15:5).

The Age of Moses begins with Yahweh making a covenant with Moses and His people (Ex. 19:3-25). This age ends when Yahshua begins his ministry. The duration of this age is approximately 1500 years. The characteristics of this age were: Law of Moses (Ex. 20), Yahweh was Elohim of the Hebrew's (Ex. 3:18), special diet (Lev. 11:1); Yahweh's habitation with mankind is in the Tabernacle (Ex. 26) and later in Solomon's Sanctuary (II Chron. 6:1-7:2); salvation is by works (Psalms 37:9). The Age of Moses is the fifth age. The number five is the number of grace or favor. “The Tabernacle had *five* for it's all-pervading number; nearly every measurement was a multiple of five. The outer court was 100 cubits long and 50 cubits wide. On either side were 20 pillars, and along each end were 10 pillars, or 60 in all; that is 5 x 12, or grace in government. The pillars that held up the curtains were 5 cubits apart and 5 cubits high, and the whole of the outer curtain was divided into squares of 25 cubits (5 x 5).”⁵

The Age of Yahshua began when Yahweh anointed His Son with spirit (Mt. 3:16). This age ends when Yahshua anoints or pours out holy spirit upon the House of Cornelius (Acts 10). The duration of this age is unknown. The characteristics of this age were: favor and truth (“the law, through Moses, was given, favor and truth, through Yahshua the Anointed, came into existence” (Jn. 1:17)); Yahweh was still Elohim of the Hebrew's; the truth of our adversary and our authority and power over him were revealed; Yahweh as a Father was revealed; Yahshua fulfilled the law of Moses (Mt. 5:17); the truth of the law was fully revealed (divorce Mt. 19:3-9, Deu. 24:14; sin Mt. 5:27-28; entering the kingdom of Yahweh Mt. 19:23-25, Mt. 5:20; Sabbath Mark 2:27); the law and the prophets, were until John,—from that time, the good news of the kingdom of Yahweh, is being proclaimed (Lk. 16:16, Mt. 11:12-13). The habitation of Yahweh was not in a building but in His Son, Yahshua (Jn. 2:19); salvation was still by works (Mt. 10:22). The Age of Yahshua was the sixth age. Mankind (adam) was made on the sixth day, therefore making the number six, the human number. Yahshua was called the Son of Adam (Man). In the four Gospels, Jesus, by itself, was used 558 times, while Christ, by itself, was used 48 times. The Greek word, Ιησους, is the word translated into English as, Jesus. Ιησους, is composed of six letters. We have a marvelous interlacing and combination of the numbers six and seven, which serve to set forth his human nature, Son of Man, the number six, and the elohim nature, Son of Yahweh, the number seven, of Yahshua the Christ.

The Age of the Christ or the Age of the Sacred Secret began in Acts chapter ten. (See the Article, “The Christian Church did not begin on the Day of Pentecost.”) This age ends

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with the Parousia of the Lord for his Body, the Assembly of Yahweh (I Thes. 4:16, I Cor. 15). This is our present age, which has lasted over 2,000 years. The characteristics of this age are: the secret was revealed, which is the Christ (Col. 4:3); Christ is the Head and we are his Body (I Cor. 6:19); there are neither Hebrew or Gentile but Assembly of Yahweh (I Cor. 10:32); spirit comes upon all believers; believers are no longer servants but are born of Elohim, children of Yahweh; we can eat all things (I Tim. 4:4-5); salvation is by grace and not by works (Eph. 2:8); a new covenant, the ministration of the spirit and not the law came into existence (II Cor. 3:6-11). The Age of the Christ is the seventh age. Seven is the number of spiritual perfection; the day Yahweh rested from all His works. Seven is used like no other number in the Word of Yahweh. Yahweh is resting in this age because He has put all things under His Son's feet, the Christ, who is running all creation (I Cor 15:24-28). Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. The Greek word, Χριστος, is the word translated into English as, Christ. Χριστος, is composed of seven letters. Christ, used by itself, is used 208 times, in the Seven Pauline Epistles, while Jesus, by itself, is used 45 times.

The Age of the Beast begins after the Parsouia of the Lord, for his Body. This age begins in Revelations 1:1. The Age of the Beast ends when satan is bound for 1000 years and the beast and the false prophet are thrown, alive, into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). The duration of this age is approximately 7 years. The characteristics of this age will be: there are only Hebrews and Gentiles in this age, no Christians; believing Hebrews are the Bride of the Bridegroom; this age is a continuation of the four Gospels (Mt. 24, Rev. 1:1-20); salvation is by works (Rev. 2:7). The Age of the Beast is the eighth age. Eight is the number of regeneration and resurrection. A child was to be circumcised on the eighth day, which was the sign of the covenant of Abraham (Gen 17:12). At the end of this age the earth will be destroyed and regenerated. The resurrection of the just will also occur in this age or the next age (Rev. 20:4).

The Age of Christ, as King, begins when Christ reigns on a regenerated heaven and earth and all creation is subject to him (Rev. 20:6). This age ends with the white throne judgment; when death, sheol and all who are not written in the Book of Life, are cast into the lake of fire (I Cor. 15:25-28, Rev. 20:11-15). The duration of this age is 1,000 years. The characteristics of this age will be: Righteousness, joy and peace upon the earth, because the Righteous Judge will rule (Is. 65:17-25); Christ will reign upon the Earth. The Age of Christ, the King, is the ninth age. Nine is the number of finality or judgment. "It marks the completeness, the end and issue of all things as to man; the judgment of man and all his works."⁶ There are nine fruit and nine manifestation of spirit. The white throne judgment will occur at the end of this age.

The Age of Yahweh, as King, begins with the New Jerusalem descending from Heaven (Rev. 21-22). This age has no end. The characteristics of this age will be: A New Heaven

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and Earth where Yahweh is dwelling with man, on the Earth. There is no more death, sorrow or pain. The Age of Yahweh, as King, is the tenth age. Ten signifies the perfection of divine order. "Completeness of order, marking the entire round of anything, is, therefore, the ever present signification of the number ten. It implies that nothing is wanting; that the number and order are perfect; that the whole cycle is complete."⁷ Ten represents the Ten Commandments, the tithe and the ten plagues on Egypt. When 3, the number of *divine perfection* is added to 7, the number of *spiritual perfection*, you get 10, *ordinal perfection*, the number of divine order.

The two ages that do not include mankind, occurred in Genesis 1:1 to 1:2. "In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth." This would be the first age, perfect in creation. Something occurred between verse one and verse two, which caused the second age, which resulted in darkness (II Pet. 3:6). "... The earth, had become waste and wild, and darkness, was on the face of the roaring deep..." The possible explanation that the earth became without form or void might be the results of fallen messengers, dinosaurs and other beings, which revolted against Yahweh. The creations of the first heaven and earth, in Genesis 1:1, could have revolted against Yahweh, as Adam and Eve revolted against Yahweh, in the second heaven and earth, and the result of their actions was the flood that occurred during the time of Noah. We do not know the reason for the calamity that occurred in Genesis 1:2, because the Word does not tell us. The number twelve signifies perfection in government; there were twelve tribes of Israel, twelve Apostles and twelve months in the year.

Application

Sabbath

Let us look at, Exodus 31:14, concerning the Sabbath. "Therefore shall ye keep the sabbath, for holy, it is unto you, he that profaneth it shall be surely put to death; verily whosoever doeth therein any work that souls shall be cut off from the midst of its people:" Does this commandment apply to me today? Should I be put to death if I work on the Sabbath? This law was applicable only during the Age of Moses through the Age of Yahshua (Lk. 13:14). The first four ages could not be held accountable because there was no stated law. In our age, the Age of the Christ, an change of law has taken place, because Colossians 2:16 states, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:" Yahweh's law of the Sabbath, changed in the different ages.

Circumcision

Let us look at, Genesis 17:10-14, concerning circumcision. "This, is my covenant which ye shall keep, betwixt me [Yahweh] and you [Abraham], and thy seed after thee,—To circumcise to you every male... he that is eight days old...But, as for the uncircumcised

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male who shall not be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin,—that person shall be cut off from among his people,—my covenant, hath he made void.” Circumcision was not required in the first three ages. Circumcision began in the Age of Abraham and continued through the Age of Yahshua. Yahshua was circumcised on the eighth day (Lk. 2:21). In the Age of the Christ, do we need to circumcise our male children on the eighth day? “Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment” (Acts 15:24). “Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing” (Galatians 5:2). Yahweh’s law of circumcision, changed in the different ages.

Divorce

Let us look at, Deuteronomy 24:1-4, concerning divorce. “When a man taketh a woman, and marieth her, then shall it be, if she find not favor in his eyes, because he hath found in her some matter of shame, that he shall write her a scroll of divorcement, and put it into her hand, and shall send her forth, out of his house. And, when she cometh forth out of his house, then may she go her way, and become another man’s. But if the latter husband hate her, and write her a scroll of divorcement and put it into her hand, and send her away out of his house,—or, if the latter husband die, who had taken her to him to wife, then may her first husband who sent her away not again take her to become his wife after that she hath been defiled, for that were an abomination, before Yahweh,—lest thou bring sin upon the land which Yahweh thy Elohim is giving unto thee for an inheritance.” Divorce was allowable during the, ‘Age of Moses.’ In the ‘Age of Yahshua,’ Yahshua brought more truth concerning this matter and made divorce unallowable, except if fornication was committed. “And there came unto him Pharisees, testing him, and saying,—Whether is it allowed a man to divorce his wife, for every cause? And, he, answering, said—Did ye never read—He who created at the beginning, Male and female, made them,— and said—For this cause, will a man leave his father and his mother, and be united to his wife,—and, the two, will become, one flesh; So that, the longer, are they, two, but, one flesh, What, therefore, Yahweh, hath yoked together, Let not, a man, put asunder. They say unto him—Why then did, Moses, command, to give a writing of repudiation and to divorce? He saith unto them—Moses, in view of your hardness of heart, permitted you to divorce your wives; From the beginning however, hath it not been done, thus. And I say unto you—Whosoever shall divorce his wife, saving for unfaithfulness, and shall marry another, committeth adultery” (Mt. 19:3-9). In the ‘Age of the Christ,’ if a member of a married couple, who were not Christians, becomes a Christian and the unbelieving partner wants to leave the marriage, it is allowable. “And, a woman who hath a husband that believeth not, and, he, is well pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband...But, if, the unbelieving, departeth, let him depart: the brother or the sister hath not come into bondage, in such cases, but, in peace, hath Yahweh called us” (I Cor. 7:13-15). Yahweh’s law of divorce, changed in the different ages.

10 Commandments

Yahweh's laws of the Ten Commandments are still valid today except for the law of the Sabbath, which has been done away in the Age of the Christ.

Ages, Periods or Epochs of Mankind⁸

Ten Time Periods

		<u>Rules Diet</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Habitation of Yahweh</u>
Adam & Eve Age (Gentiles) (Paradise)	Mankind reigns Ps. 115:16 (Fruit of G & E don't eat Gen. 2:16)	Gen. 1:29 vegetarian	Gen. 1:1-Gen. 3:24 Less than 9 months	With mankind in Eden Gen. 3:8, Paradise
Cain Age (Gentiles)	None listed. No capital punishment. (Cain allowed to live.)	vegetarian	Gen. 4:1-7:11 1650 years	Heaven, Deu. 26:15
Noah Age (Gentiles)	Gen. 9:5,6 Capital punishment.	Gen. 9:3,4 (eat all things)	Gen. 8:15-16:16 460 years	Heaven
Abraham Age (Hebrews & Gentiles)	Gen. 17:1,9-14, Keep my covenant. (sealed by circumcision.)	eat all things	Gen. 17:1-Ex. 19:25 400 years	Heaven, Beth-el Gen. 35:1, Holy Mountain Ex. 3:1, 19:3
Moses Age (Hebrews)	Ex. 20:1 (Mosaic Law) Ten Commandments.	Lev. 11:1 special	Ex. 20:1-Mt. 3:15 1500 years	Sanctuary, Tent Ex. 26 Temple II Chro. 6:1-7:2
Yahshua Age (Hebrews Mt. 15:24)	Mt. 5:17, Mt. 5:43-48 Fulfill the law.	special	Mt. 5:17-Acts 10:1 unknown?	In Yahshua John 2:19-21 II Cor. 5:19
<i>(Revealed Father Jn 1:18, satan I Jn 3:8 & love. Change of Lordship. Grace & truth Jn. 1:17. Melchizedek priesthood. Heb. 5:6,7:12. Sinning in heart. Mt. 5:27,28. Sanctuary of Yahweh. Jn 2:19)</i>				
The Christ Age (Body of the Christ) (Assembly of Yahweh) I Cor. 10:32	Rom. 6:14, Eph. 3:2-9 Grace. The secret revealed.	I Ti. 4:4,5 (eat all things)	Acts 10:1-I Th. 4:16 2000? This present time.	In Yahshua (In us) I Cor. 6:19 (We are his body)
Beast Age (Hebrews)	Mosaic Law Synagogues. Rev. 3:9	special	Rev. 1:1-19:21 7 years ?	In Yahshua
Christ the King Age	Christ reigns 1000 years Rev. 20:4	?	Rev. 20:1-15 1000 years (I Cor. 15:23-28)	In Yahshua
Yahweh the King (Paradise)	YAHWEH REIGNS I Cor. 15:28, Rev. 22:3	?	Rev. 21:1-22:21 without end!!!	New Jerusalem, Paradise I Chron. 23:25, Rev. 21-22

⁸ Three distinct groups of mankind. *Judeans, Nations and the Assembly of Yahweh (I Cor. 10:32)*