

GOD'S EVERLASTING COVENANT



What we refer to as the Abrahamic covenant is in reality the new and everlasting covenant as it was given to Abraham and his posterity. It was new to Abraham because he received it as part of a new dispensation of the gospel, but it is everlasting in that the same covenant is extended to all of God's children in all gospel dispensations, beginning with Adam.

Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained what this covenant entails: "The new and everlasting covenant is the gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, the doctrines and commandments of the gospel constitute the substance of an everlasting covenant between God and man that is newly restored in each dispensation" ("The Power of Covenants," *Ensign*, May 2009, 20).

This chart provides an overview of God's everlasting covenant as it was renewed in Jesus's day and again in our own. It shows how the Lord has fulfilled and continues to fulfill His covenant promises to us, including those promises He made to Abraham.

51 Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in the land of Canaan. Through His Atonement and ministry, He fulfilled many of the promises made to Abraham and the ancient prophets.
Luke 1:68-75; 2:4-7

52 PROPHECY
 In the latter days and during the Millennium, the Lord will fulfill all the promises He made to the house of Israel.
Joseph Smith Translation, Luke 3:4-11 (in Bible appendix)

53 PROPHECY
 The leaders of the Jews would reject the Messiah. He would be crucified and rise from the dead on the third day. He will return to the earth later in power and glory.
Luke 9:22, 26-27

DISPENSATION:	Eastern Hemisphere
THE MERIDIAN OF TIME	Western Hemisphere
* A.D. 1	30



TRIBE OF JUDAH



TRIBE OF JOSEPH

(Joseph's descendants include the Nephites and Lamanites)



LOST TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL

61 PROPHECY
 The coming forth of the Book of Mormon would be a sign that God had begun to fulfill His covenant with His people.
3 Nephi 21:1-7; 29:1-4

62 PROPHECY
 Jesus Christ will establish His covenant among all those who receive the gospel.
3 Nephi 21:20-25

63 The Apostle Peter was told in a vision that Gentiles may receive the ordinances and blessings of the gospel. See prophecy 62.
Acts 10; Galatians 3:26-29

ILLUSTRATION OF OLIVE BRANCH BY LAURENT RENALTI/HEMERA/THINKSTOCK

* Early dates are approximate, and spacing is not proportional.

54 Moses and Elijah gave priesthood keys to Peter, James, and John.

Matthew 17:1-8;
Guide to the Scriptures,
"Transfiguration";
scriptures.lds.org

55 PROPHECY

The city of Jerusalem will be destroyed and its people killed and scattered.

Joseph Smith—Matthew
1:4-20

56 PROPHECY

The world will kill the Apostles and fall into apostasy. God will restore all things in the latter days.

Matthew 17:11;
John 15:18-16:3

57 The Son of God suffered and died for the sins of the world and was resurrected from the dead. See prophecies 41 and 53.

Mark 14:32-65; 15:1-38;
16:6-14

58 The Apostles were commanded to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.

Matthew 28:16-20

59 After His Resurrection, Jesus Christ appeared to "other tribes of the house of Israel, whom the Father hath led away out of the land."

3 Nephi 15:15; 16:1-3

60 PROPHECY

God will gather His people throughout the earth and fulfill all His promises.

3 Nephi 16:5; 20:10-13;
21:26-29

Jesus Christ—Twelve Apostles

Jesus Christ—Twelve Disciples

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THE GREAT APOSTASY

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PROPHECY: ALLEGORY OF ZENOS

(ABOUT 400 B.C.—A.D. 100)

After some time, the master of the vineyard and his servant returned to the vineyard and found good fruit on all trees. The tame olive tree roots caused the wild branches to bring forth good fruit. The branches from the tame olive tree—scattered throughout the vineyard—prospered, even when they were planted in poor locations. One branch planted in a good location had both good and bad fruit. (See Jacob 5:15-28.)

ALLEGORY OF ZENOS (ABOUT A.D. 100-1400)

After the master and his servant nourished the trees of the vineyard, they found much fruit on the trees, but all of it was bad. The tame olive tree had all sorts of bad fruit because the wild branches had overcome the strength of the roots. The fruit of the branches from the tame olive tree were all corrupt. Even the one branch with good and bad fruit had died. The Lord of the vineyard wept and asked, "Who is it that has corrupted my vineyard?" The servant said, "Is it not the loftiness of thy vineyard?" The Lord of the vineyard decided to try one more time to save his vineyard. (See Jacob 5:29-51.)



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64 The Jews in Jerusalem were killed and scattered by the Romans. See prophecy 55.

Guide to the Scriptures,
"Jerusalem";
scriptures.lds.org

65 PROPHECY

The gospel of Jesus Christ will be restored in the latter days by angelic ministry.

Revelation 14:6-7

66 PROPHECY

The Lord will gather His Saints in a great latter-day missionary work.

Revelation 14:14-16

67 PROPHECY

Satan will be bound for a thousand years, and Christ will reign upon the earth.

Revelation 20:1-6

68 PROPHECY

There will be a new heaven and a new earth, and the city of New Jerusalem will come down from heaven.

Revelation 21:1-10,
22-27

69 The original Apostles were rejected and killed. The ordinances of the gospel were lost. See prophecy 56.

2 Thessalonians 2:3;
Revelation 12:1-6

70 Lehi's descendants became wicked and rejected the gospel.

Mormon 8:1-10;
Moroni 1

71 Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared to Joseph Smith, preparing the way to restore the new and everlasting covenant. See prophecy 33.

Joseph Smith—History 1:14–20; Doctrine and Covenants 1:17–23

72 The angel Moroni appeared to Joseph Smith. The Book of Mormon was later translated and published. See prophecies 33 and 61.

Joseph Smith—History 1:27–54

73 John the Baptist and Peter, James, and John appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, restoring the priesthood of God to the earth. See prophecy 65.

Joseph Smith—History 1:68–73

74 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized in Fayette, New York, USA. See prophecies 42 and 62.

Doctrine and Covenants 20–21

75 PROPHECY
The servants of the Lord from all dispensations will partake of the sacrament together.

Doctrine and Covenants 27:5–14

76 PROPHECY
The Lord Jesus Christ will dwell on the earth for a thousand years during the Millennium. See also prophecy 44.

Doctrine and Covenants 29:10–11

77 PROPHECY
Satan will be loosed again and will reign for a short time, and then the end of the earth will come.

Doctrine and Covenants 43:29–33

**DISPENSATION:
THE FULNESS OF TIMES**

Prophet Joseph Smith

1830

1900

2000

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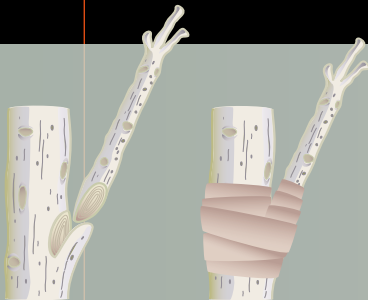
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ALLEGORY OF ZENOS (ABOUT 1800–MILLENNIUM)

The Lord of the vineyard asked his servants to graft the natural branches back into the tame olive tree and to graft the wild branches back into their original trees. He asked them to carefully graft the branches “according as the good shall grow.” Other servants were brought to help, but they were few. He promised the faithful servants joy in the fruit of his vineyard. (See Jacob 5:52–73.)

79 PROPHECY

All faithful Saints will be caught up to meet Christ when He returns.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:95–98

80 PROPHECY

The devil and his armies will be defeated by Michael the archangel and the hosts of heaven in a great, last battle after the Millennium.

Doctrine and Covenants 88:110–116

81 Moses, Elias, and Elijah conferred the priesthood keys needed to restore the everlasting covenant. See prophecy 65.

Doctrine and Covenants 110:11–16

82 The Saints in Nauvoo built a temple, and ordinances for the dead were restored.

Doctrine and Covenants 124:29–34

83 The headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was established in the western part of North America. See prophecies 42, 60, and 62.

Isaiah 2:2–3

84 The gospel of Jesus Christ is being preached throughout the world. Every person will have the opportunity to accept the gospel. See prophecies 60 and 62.

85 The blessings of the priesthood were extended to every worthy person without regard for race. See prophecy 62.

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78 PROPHECY

Jesus Christ will stand on Mount Zion and the Mount of Olives, the continents will become one land, and the twelve tribes will receive their inheritances.

Doctrine and Covenants 133:17–35; Articles of Faith 1:10

1 Jesus Christ appears at Jerusalem (in the Holy Land) and the New Jerusalem (in North America). See prophecy 78.

2 Jesus Christ returns to the earth in power and glory at His Second Coming. The lost tribes of Israel and the city of Enoch are restored. See prophecies 52, 53, and 78.

3 The disciples of Christ are resurrected. See prophecy 79.

4 The sons of Levi present an offering unto the Lord in righteousness.

5 A great sacrament meeting is held with all the disciples of Christ from all dispensations. See prophecy 75.

JESUS CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN

ALLEGORY OF ZENOS

All the trees of the vineyard began to bring forth good fruit. They became "like unto one body; and the fruits were equal." The Lord of the vineyard blessed his servants for their diligent efforts and gloried in the fruit of his vineyard. (See Jacob 5:74–76.)



ALLEGORY OF ZENOS

Evil fruit again came to the vineyard. The Lord separated the good from the bad fruit. The bad fruit was cast away, and the vineyard was burned. (See Jacob 5:77.)

"Blessed are you for receiving mine everlasting covenant, even the fulness of my gospel, sent forth unto the children of men, that they might have life and be made partakers of the glories which are to be revealed in the last days, as it was written by the prophets and apostles in days of old" (D&C 66:2).

86 Temples are being built across the world, making the ordinances of the gospel available to all people—living and dead.

Doctrine and Covenants 124:37–42

6 The Millennium ushers in peace for a thousand years. The earth is renewed. See prophecies 44, 52, 53, and 76.

7 Satan is loosed. See prophecy 77.

8 The great and final battle takes place. Satan and his armies are defeated. See prophecy 80.

9 After all people have been resurrected, they will come to the Final Judgment and either inherit a kingdom of glory or be cast out. Satan is banished forever.

10 Earth becomes sanctified and glorified. See prophecy 68.