

DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIVES



Understanding the Bible through the Essential Biblical Distinctive of Circumcision

Chapter 3 – The Middle Wall of Partition Erected:

Circumcision is the basic distinction at this time in the past.

Through circumcision God erected in Abraham's flesh "the Middle Wall of Partition" (Ephesians 2:14)

We want to identify in this section:

- **What is the middle wall of partition?**
- **When was the middle wall of partition erected?**
- **Why was the middle wall of partition erected?**
 - **The purpose of the law being added to the covenant.**
 - **The status of the nations on the wrong side of the wall**



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'What is the Middle Wall of Partition?'

Circumcision is the middle wall of partition.

- **The MWP is the description of Israel & the Nations under circumcision.**
- **Israel had a special position.**
- **It is a barrier of access to God.**
- **It is the source of enmity between the Jews and Gentiles.**

God separated Israel from the nations

- **Number 23:9**
- **II Samuel 7:23-24**



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'What is the Middle Wall of Partition?'

The separation was done by God, not man

- God did the separating (I Kings 8:53; Genesis 15:12, 17-18)

The seedline was brought about by God alone

- Genesis 17:12-14



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'What is the Middle Wall of Partition?'

The separation had a purpose

- The people of the covenant were to be a peculiar people
 - ❖ Psalm 135:4; Deuteronomy 14:2; I Chronicles 17:20-21; Exodus 19:1-6
- Circumcision is what people were known by
 - ❖ Ephesians 2:11
- The circumcision is near to God, uncircumcision is separated/far from God
 - ❖ Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-7; Ephesians 2:11-12
- The gentile in Israel was a stranger
 - ❖ I Kings 11:1; Amos 3:1-2
- The blessing could only come to those on the right side of the wall
 - ❖ Genesis 22:15-18



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