



# UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

## THE DOCTRINE OF DISPENSATIONALISM

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# SOME OF THE PROOFS OF DISPENSATIONS

## *THE DISPENSATIONS*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Judgment(s)</b>
Innocency	Genesis 1:3–3:6	Keep Garden Do not eat one fruit Fill, subdue earth Fellowship with God	Curses, and physical and spiritual death
Conscience	Genesis 3:7–8:14	Do good	Flood
Civil Government	Genesis 8:15–11:9	Fill earth Capital punishment	Forced scattering by confusion of languages
Patriarchal Rule	Genesis 11:10– Exodus 18:27	Stay in Promised Land Believe and obey God	Egyptian bondage and wilderness wanderings
Mosaic Law	Exodus 19:1– John 14:30	Keep the law Walk with God	Captivities
Grace	Acts 2:1– Revelation 19:21	Believe on Christ Walk with Christ	Death Loss of rewards
Millennium	Revelation 20:1–15	Believe and obey Christ and His government	Death Great White Throne Judgment

# **SOME OF THE PROOFS OF DISPENSATIONS**

**Any person is a dispensationalist who:**

- 1. Trusts Christ's shed blood and death on the Cross rather than animal sacrifice.**
- 2. Worships on the first day of the week rather than Saturday.**



# DISPENSATIONALISM


***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”***

**(2 Timothy 2:15)**

# IMPORTANCE OF DISPENSATIONS

**CHAFER SAID:**

**“IT IS PROBABLE [FOR THE SAINT] THAT THE RECOGNITION OF THE DISPENSATIONS SHEDS MORE LIGHT ON THE WHOLE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE THAN ANY OTHER ASPECT OF BIBLICAL STUDY.”**



# THE USE OF THE WORD “DISPENSATION” IN SCRIPTURE

**A. IT IS USED FOUR TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

**1. 1 Cor. 9:17**

“For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.”



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## 2. Ephesians 1:10

“That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:”

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## 3. Ephesians 3:2

“If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:”



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4. Colossians 1:25

“Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;”

# THE MEANING OF THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED DISPENSATION

## B. THE GREEK WORD IS OIKONOMIA.

1. It occurs seven times in the New Testament.
  - a. As we have seen, four times it is translated “dispensation.”
  - b. In addition, it is translated “stewardship.” three times.
    - a) It is an administration or stewardship delegated to man by God for a period of time, BUT THE TIME PERIOD IS NOT THE IMPORTANT ASPECT.



# PROPER INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE IS CRITICAL

## The “Golden Rule of Bible Interpretation”

**“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense. Therefore take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicate clearly otherwise.”**

**Of course there are “figures of speech” in the Bible, but the rule prohibits us from using figures of speech to establish a doctrine.**



# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

Salvation in any age, period of time, dispensation, or stewardship or whatever you want to call it, is always the same.

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”



# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

## WHAT IS GRACE?

1. UNMERITED FAVOR.
2. LOVINGKINDNESS (Heb. CHESID).
3. GETTING SOMETHING YOU DO NOT DESERVE: HEAVEN.
4. GOD'S RICHES AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE.
5. THE POWER TO DO GOD'S WILL, GIVEN BY GOD.

# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

God's grace is always demonstrated in His dealings with man from the Garden forward.

1. Grace that He did not destroy Adam and Eve.
2. Grace that He did not kill Cain
3. Grace that He saved 8 people out of the flood.
4. Grace that He instituted the Abrahamic Covenant with all its attributes.
5. Grace that He allowed Human Government.
6. Grace that He continued the Abrahamic provisions of blessings along side : (a) "electing" Israel and (b) the giving of the law.



# **SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS**

## **GRACE IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE LAW**

- 1. ELECTING ISRAEL.**
- 2. THE FREQUENT RESTORATION OF ISRAEL.**
- 3. THE GIVING OF THE NEW COVENANT DURING THE ERA OF LAW.**
- 4. GIVING OF THE SPIRIT TO SOME.**
- 5. GOD'S PROMISE THE DAVIDIC COVENANT WOULD NOT BE SET ASIDE.**



# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

## GRACE IN THE DISPENSATION OF THE LAW

### WHAT DOES HABAKKUK 2:4 TELL US?

Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.”

**THIS IS IN ALL DISPENSATIONS!!**

# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

“The basis of salvation in every age is the death, burial, resurrection, & ascension of Christ,

“The requirement for salvation in every age is faith,

“The object of salvation in every age is the God of the Bible,

“The content of faith changes in every age.” This is “Progressive Revelation.”

# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

## THE CONCLUSION (SUMMARY)

### TWO ASPECTS:

1. THE UNCHANGING BASIS OF SALVATION IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DEMONSTRATED BY THE CROSS.
2. THE CHANGING CONTENT OF REVELATION WHICH AFFECTS THE CONSCIOUS ASPECT OF FAITH.

# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

**DOES THIS CONFLICT WITH JOHN 1:17:**

**John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”**

**NO! IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THERE IS NO COMPARISON TO THE GRACE IN THIS DISPENSATION. IT DOES NOT MEAN THERE WAS NO GRACE IN PREVIOUS AGES.**

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**DOES THIS CONFLICT WITH 1 Pet. 1:10:**

**1 Peter 1:10 “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come unto you:*”**

**NO! AGAIN, IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THERE IS NO COMPARISON TO THE GRACE IN THIS DISPENSATION. IT DOES NOT MEAN THERE WAS NO GRACE IN PREVIOUS AGES.**



# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

**CRITICS CONFUSE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A DISPENSATION WITH SALVATION.**

**SALVATION IS NOT BY WORKS, OF WORKS, BECAUSE OF WORKS.....EVER!!!!**

**It is insulting to God to believe man could do anything greater than 'the gift' of God to warrant salvation.**



# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

**SALVATION IS SEEN AS THREE PHASES IN THE SCRIPTURE:**

- 1. SALVATION FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN**
- 2. SALVATION FROM THE POWER OF SIN**
- 3. SALVATION FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN**



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FROM: <u>PENALTY</u> OF SIN	FROM : <u>POWER</u> OF SIN	FROM: <u>PRESENCE</u> OF SIN
MOMENT OF SALVATION	SANTIFICATION	GLORIFICATION
ESTABLISHES <u>POSITION</u> IN CHRIST STANDING IN CHRIST	OBEDIENCE <u>PRACTICE</u> IN CHRIST STATE IN CHRIST	<u>PRESENCE</u> IN HEAVEN WITH CHRIST

# SALVATION IN THE DISPENSATIONS

## AN EXAMPLE

SALVATION IS SEEN AS THREE PHASES IN THE SCRIPTURE. THIS VERSE CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD PROPERLY UNLESS THE “PHASES OF SALVATION” IS UNDERSTOOD:

Philippians 2:12 *“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation [PRACTICE, SANCIFICATION] with fear and trembling.”* (cf. Isa. 66:1-2)



# A CAUTION

**ALL THE BIBLE IS FOR YOU, BUT SOME OF  
IT IS WRITTEN TO YOU!**

**WHAT DISPENSATION IS WRITTEN TO YOU?**

**WHOSE EPISTLES ARE THE PRINCIPAL  
WRITINGS TO YOU?**

# A TRUTH

**SOMEONE HAS SAID (CHAFER):**

**“SINCE THE CHILD OF GOD DEPENDS WHOLLY UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BIBLE FOR HIS DIRECTION IN DAILY LIFE, AND SINCE PRINCIPLES IN THE VARIOUS DISPENSATIONS ARE SO DIVERSE AND EVEN AT TIMES CONTRADICTORY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE RECOGNIZE THOSE PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE WHICH DIRECTLY APPLY TO HIM IF HE IS TO REALIZE THE WILL OF GOD AND THE GLORY OF GOD.”**



# FOUR IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES ABOUT DISPENSATIONS

1. DERIVED FROM NORMAL, LITERAL INTERPRETATION.
2. BASED UPON PROGRESSIVE REVELATION
3. LATER REVELATION SUPERSEDES EARLIER REVELATION TO SOME EXTENT.
4. ECCLESIOLOGY (STUDY OF THE CHURCH) IS THE “TOUCHSTONE” OR THE TEST OF GUINENESS OF THE DISPENSATIONALIST.

# FOUR IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES ABOUT DISPENSATIONS

4. A KEY PERSON IS INVOLVED.
5. A PERIOD OF MIRACLES AS GOD TRANSITIONS FROM ONE DISPENSATION TO ANOTHER.
6. ECCLESIOLOGY (STUDY OF THE CHURCH) IS THE “TOUCHSTONE” OR THE TEST OF GUINENESS OF THE DISPENSATIONALIST.

# THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

1. KEY PERSON(S) ADAM (means: earthman).
2. BEGAN WITH THE CREATION OF MAN; EDENIC COVENANT (Gen. 1:26-27).
3. ENDS WITH INNOCENCE LOST & JUDGMENT, (Gen. 3:6-7)
4. TRIAL (RESPONSIBILITY/EDENIC COVENANT):
  - 1) BEING FRUITFUL AND REPLENISH THE EARTH (GEN. 1:28).
  - 2) SUBDUE AND DOMINION OVER EARTH (Gen. 1:28).
  - 3) HAVING DOMINION OVER THE ANIMALS (Gen. 1:28).
  - 4) USING VEGETABLES FOR FOOD.
  - 5) CARING FOR OR WORK IN THE GARDEN (Gen. 1:28-29; 2:15; 3:23).
  - 6) ONE PROHIBITION: (Gen. 2:17).
  - 7) OBEY GOD BY FAITH (No one did. Gen. 2:17).



# THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) FALL OF MAN;
- 2) EVE SUBCOMED TO TEMPTATION AND,
- 3) ADAM JOINED HER (Gen. 3:1-6, 1 Tim. 2.14),
- 4) INNOCENNECE LOST (Gen. 3:7)

## 6. JUDGMENT:

- 1) Spiritual & Physical Death (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12-21).
- 2) Knowledge (“knew”) of Sin (Gen. 2:17; 3:5, 7).
- 3) Fear of God (Gen. 3:8).
- 4) Labour for sustenance (Gen. 3:17)
- 5) Difficulty in childbirth; YET desire still present (Gen. 3:16).
- 6) Access to the Tree of Life denied. A dimensional change AND to illustrate that there was now another way to life and salvation (Gen. 3:24).

# THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

## 7. GRACE OF GOD DEMONSTRATED

- 1) PROMISE OF A REDEEMER (Gen. 3:15, the “Protoevangelicum”)
- 2) PROVIDED SKINS (TYPE OF REDEMPTION, Gen. 3:21).
- 3) ALLOWED TO LIVE OUT THEIR NATURAL LIVES (Gen. 3:23-24).

## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- 1) Revealed the failure of man given “free will” (allows man to make a decision).
- 2) Revealed the “Coming (Advent) of a Saviour.”
- 3) Revealed His sovereignty.
- 4) Revealed His “Grace.”

# THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION

- 1) TRANSITIONS AND JUDGMENT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN A DISPENSATION.
- 2) EXPULSION FROM THE GARDEN (ACCESS TO OTHER DIMENSIONS—NOW MAN IS LIMITED TO FOUR DIMENSIONS) (Gen. 2:8-15; 3:23-24; seems to imply this aspect; similar to heaven; we cannot hear God walking in the Garden):
- 3) FLAMING SWORDS GUARDING THE GARDEN.
  - a. SWORDS OF JUDGMENT (FLAMES)
  - b. CHERUBIM GUARDING (MAN CAN ONLY SEE CHERUBIM IF IT IS GRANTED BY GOD, SUCH IS THE CASE WITH ISAIAH AND ESEKIEL AND ELIJAH AND OTHERS.
  - c. ADAM MUST HAVE HAD A SPECIAL ABILITY WHICH HAS BEEN LOST. HE WAS “SUPER” INTE

# THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

1. KEY PERSON(S): ABEL, ENOCH, NOAH.
2. BEGAN WITH INNOCENCE LOST & JUDGMENT AND EXPULSION FROM THE GARDEN; ADAMIC COVENANT (Gen. 3:7, 22-24, 4:1).
3. ENDS WITH JUDGMENT (Gen. 6:5, 11-13) AND THE FLOOD (Gen. 7:10-8:14).
4. TRIAL/TEST (RESPONSIBILITIES/ADAMIC COVENANT):
  - 1) BE FRUITFUL AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, BUT THROUGH SORROW (PREGNANCY, BIRTH PAINS; HEB. WORD RHYMES WITH TREE, A REMINDER OF THEIR SIN).
  - 2) HAVING DOMINION OVER ANIMALS.
  - 3) VEGETABLES FOR FOOD.
  - 4) WORK FOR FOOD, BUT IN SORROW.
  - 5) DO GOOD (Gen. 4:4, 7; 5:24; 6:8, 22)
  - 6) NO SPECIFIC MORAL CODE GIVEN; THEREFORE MAN WAS TO FOLLOW HIS CONSCIENCE.
  - 7) OBEY GOD BY FAITH; KEEPING THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AS REVEALED TO MAN. (Like Abel, Enoch, and Noah did. Gen. 6:8, 22)

# THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) REFUSAL TO BRING A BLOOD OFFERING (Gen. 4:3-7)
- 2) MURDER (Cain of Abel, Cain of many; Gen. 4:8, 23)
- 3) SIN (Gen. 6:1-5; unnatural affection with the Godless line, evil, evil, evil of every sort)
- 4) GREAT WICKEDNESS (Gen. 6:5-7)

(THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN THIS AGE WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THE ABJECT FAILURE OF MAN TO OPERATE UNDER HIS OWN CONSCIENCE.)

# THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

## 6. JUDGMENT:

- 1) UNIVERSAL FLOOD.
- 2) DESTRUCTION OF ALL MEN EXCEPT ENOCH (SETH'S SON) AND 8 PERSONS IN THE ARK.

## 7. GRACE OF GOD DEMONSTRATED

- 1) NOAH AND FAMILY SAVED.
- 2) LINE OF THE SAVIOUR/REDEEMER PRESERVED THROUGH NOAH, SHEM, ETC.
- 3) ENOCH WAS SAVED.

# THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- 1) HE IS A GOD OF GRACE, BUT ALSO HE IS A JUDGE OF SIN.
- 2) HIS PROMISE OF A REDEEMER THROUGH THE SEED OF A WOMAN WOULD BE PRESERVED.
- 3) A TYPE OF THE RAPTURE THROUGH ENOCH'S TRANSLATION (SAME HEBREW WORD USED FOR ELIJAH'S TRANSLATION (2 KINGS 2:3-5; INDICATES GOD'S VICTORY OVER DEATH). ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD IN THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE.

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION

- 1) THE MIRACLE OF THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD.
- 2) THE MIRACLE OF THE ARK (e.g., animals, two by two)
- 3) THE ARK IS A TYPE OF CHRIST (IF "IN CHRIST", YOU ARE SAVED; THE PITCH WAS "KAPHAR" = TRANSLATED TO COVER, ATONE, RECONCILE, PARDON, MERCIFUL (REDEEM), ETC

# THE DISPENSATION OF GOVERNMENT

1. **KEY PERSON(S): NOAH AND HIS 3 SONS, HAM, JAPETH, SHEM.**
2. **BEGAN WITH RESPONSIBILITIES; NOAHIC COVENANT (Gen. 9:1-16).**
3. **ENDS AT THE TOWER OF BABEL & SELECTION OF ABRAM. (BABEL = BABYLON) (SHINAR = BABYLONIA) (Gen. 10:10, 11:9; 11:10-12:1).**
4. **TRIAL (Gen. 9:1-16)**
  - 1) **ANIMALS FEAR MAN, MEAT AS FOOD.**
  - 2) **DON'T EAT BLOOD**
  - 3) **CONTINUE TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY TO FILL THE EARTH.**
  - 4) **CIVIL GOVERNMENT; CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**
  - 5) **OBEY GOD BY FAITH (Noah did)**



# THE DISPENSATION OF GOVERNMENT

## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) BEGAN WITH NOAH'S DRUNKENNESS AND HAM.
- 2) MAN DID NOT SCATTER AND FILL THE EARTH (EARTH WAS OF ONE LANGUAGE).
- 3) NIMROD WAS A REBEL AND GREAT HUNTER, PROBABLY OF MEN.
- 4) IMAGINATION WAS AGAINST GOD ("LET US MAKE US A NAME; THE REASON THE TOWER WAS BUILT) Gen. 11:4.

## 6. JUDGMENT

- 1) CONFUSION OF TONGUES (Gen. 11:7-9).
- 2) SCATTERED OVER THE EARTH (NATIONS BEGIN) (Gen. 10:32).

# THE DISPENSATION OF GOVERNMENT

## 7. GRACE OF GOD

- 1) THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'S LINAGE PRESERVED.
- 2) ABRAM SELECTED (Gen. 11:10-12:3).
- 3) CONSCIENCE AND HUMAN GOVERNMENT PRINCIPLES CONTINUE (TRANSDISPENSATIONAL, e.g., Gen. 9:1-2).
- 4) NO MORE WORLDWIDE FLOOD.

## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- 1) PROMISE OF NO MORE WORLDWIDE FLOODS (Gen. 8:21; 9:11).
- 2) PROMISE OF NO CHANGE IN SEASONS (SUMMER, WINTER, ETC) (Gen. 8:22).
- 3) SELECTION OF ABRAM (12:1).

# THE DISPENSATION OF GOVERNMENT

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION

### 1) MIRACULOUS CONFUSION OF TONGUES

# THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

- 1. KEY PERSONS(S): ABRAHAM, ISAAC (ISHMAEL), JACOB (ESAU), JOSEPH, MOSES.**
- 2. BEGAN WITH ABRAM (& ABRAHAMIC COVENANT) (Gen. 11:10; 12:1)**
- 3. ENDS WITH GIVING OF THE LAW AT MT. SINAI (EX. 18:27; 19:2).**
- 4. TRIAL:**
  - 1) THE WORLD CONTINUES UNDER HUMAN GOVERNMENT.**
  - 2) PATRIARCHS AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE TO OBEY GOD BY FAITH.**

# THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) OF COURSE, THE WORLD WAS FAILING BECAUSE OF IDOL WORSHIP, FALSE GODS, FORNICATION (Sodom and Gomorrah), ETC.
- 2) PATRIARCHS FAILED BECAUSE:
  - a) DELAY IN GOING INTO THE PROMISED LAND.
  - b) ABRAHAM FATHERED ISHMAEL.
  - c) ABRAM AND ISAAC WENT DOWN OR NEAR TO EGYPT (Gen. 12:10-13:1).
  - d) JACOB WAS GUILTY OF LYING, DECEIT, AND MOVED TO EGYPT; ESAU DEBACLE.
  - e) IN EGYPT, LACK OF FAITH; ALSO DEMONSTRATED AT MT. SINAI AND DURING THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY COMING AGAINST GOD AND MOSES.

# THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

## 6. JUDGMENT

- 1) SLAVERY IN EGYPT FOR 430 YEARS.
- 2) WANDER IN THE DESERT FOR 40 YEARS.
- 3) PLAGUES IN THE WILDERNESS.
- 4) MIRIAM'S LEPROSY.
- 5) MOSES AND AARON NOT ALLOWED TO GO INTO THE PROMISED LAND.

## 7. GRACE OF GOD

- 1) DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT.
- 2) DIVINE REVELATION (LAW).
- 3) THE PROTECTION FROM PLAGUES
- 4) INSTITUTION OF THE PASSOVER
- 5) AGE OF PROMISE CONTINUES UNTIL THE END OF HISTORY; SPECIFICALLY PROMISE OF REDEMPTION.

# THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- 1) PASSOVER
- 2) SPECIAL CARE OF HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE, THE ELECT
- 3) UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT:
  - 1) LAND
  - 2) NATION
  - 3) BLESSINGS
- 4) PROMISES ARE CONTINUING THROUGH ABRAHAM BY FAITH (Rom. 4).

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION

- 1) DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT
- 2) MIRACULOUS GIVING OF THE LAW (MORAL, CIVIL, CEREMONIAL)
- 3) PRESERVATION IN THE DESERT (MANNA, SHOES NOT WEARING OUT, WATER FROM THE ROCK...

# THE DISPENSATION OF LAW

- 1. KEY PERSON(S): LEVITES (MOSES, AARON), JOSHUA, TRIBES, KING DAVID, KINGS, PROPHETS**
- 2. BEGAN WITH GIVING OF LAW AT MT. SINAI IN SAUDIA ARBIA (NOT THE SINAI PENINSULA), MOSAIC COVENANT (EX. 19:3- ACTS 2)**
- 3. ENDS WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH IN ACTS 2: ff. (THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION WAS UNDER THE LAW (Gal. 4:4; Mat. 5:17))**



# THE DISPENSATION OF LAW

## 4. TRIAL (RESPONSIBILITIES)

- 1) DISPENSATION OF GOVERNMENT CONTINUES FOR THE GENTILES
- 2) KEEP THE LAW: MOSAIC LAW DIRECTED AT ISRAEL.
- 3) THEOCRACY THROUGH GOD'S PROPHETS, PRIEST, AND FINALLY KINGS.
- 4) SYSTEM OF PRAYER, WORSHIP, CLEANSING, FORGIVENESS.
- 5) OBEY GOD BY FAITH (e.g., That the sacrifices would (temporarily) atone, function of the sacrifices)

## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) CONTINUAL FAILURE, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE JUDGES, BUT ALSO DURING THE REIGN OF MANY KINGS.
- 2) THE CIVIL WAR THAT LED TO THE DIVISION OF THE NATION (REHOBOAM VESUS JEROBOAM)
- 3) PERIODS WHEN THE LAW WAS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN (2 Kings 22:2, Josiah's reign).
- 4) IDOLATRY & HEDONISM WERE RAMPANT.

# THE DISPENSATION OF LAW

## 6. JUDGMENT:

- 1) MANY
- 2) NATION SPLIT;
- 3) CIVIL WAR (NORTHERN 10 TRIBES AGAINST THE SOUTHERN 2 TRIBES OFTEN)
- 4) ASSYRIAN AND BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY
- 5) DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE AND JERUSALEM
- 6) FINAL DESTRUCTION IN 70 A.D.
- 7) WORLDWIDE DISPERSION OF THE JEWS (DIASPORA).



Areas of Jewish Settlement:

- 1 CE
- Late Roman Period
- Possible in Late Roman Period

# THE DISPENSATION OF LAW

## 7. GRACE OF GOD DEMONSTRATED

- 1) SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM FOR SINNING EGYPT.
- 2) GOD'S LONGSUFFERING IS DEMONSTRATED.
- 3) MANY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE DURING THIS PERIOD (SPECIAL (WRITTEN) REVELATION)

## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- 1) THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
- 2) MORAL LAW
- 3) CEREMONIAL LAW
- 4) CIVIL LAW
- 5) BRING SIN OUT IN THE OPEN.
- 6) A RULE OF LIFE (THE MORAL SENSE CONTINUES)
- 7) MADE THE NEED OF A SAVIOUR (CHRIST) ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION:

- 1) THE INCARNATION
- 2) THE MIRACLES OF JESUS, APOSTLES, AND PROPHETS (PHILLIP, STEVEN).
- 3) THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS.
- 4) THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

# THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

## 1. KEY PERSON(S):

### 1) THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- a) GOD WITH US = Heb. IMMANUEL ; Gr. EMMANUEL (Isa. 7:14; Mat. 1:23; Lk. 1:35; 1 Tim. 3:16) (el = God; immānū= with us)
- b) PERFECT GOD/PERFECT MAN
- c) SENT TO THE JEWS (Rom. 15:8)
- d) SAVIOUR OF ALL (“WHOSOEVER”) (JOHN 3:16)

### 2) APOSTLES

- a) PETER SENT TO THE JEWS (Gal. 2:7, 8).
- b) PAUL SENT TO THE GENTILES (Rom. 15:16; Gal. 2:7-8)

### 3) PROPHETS

- a) MARK, LUKE, JAMES, JUDE.
- b) UNKNOWN RECORDER OF HEBREWS.

# THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

2. **BEGAN AT PENETECOST (ACTS 2—THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH).**
3. **ENDS WITH THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH (THE BRIDE OF CHRIST) AND THE FIRST & SECOND PHASE OF THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 THESS. 4:13-16; 5:9)**
  - 1) **THE GREAT TRIBULATION OR 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF DANIEL IS A SPECIAL TRANSITION BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM (DESCRIBED IN OT, BUT ESPECIALLY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION UP TO VERSE 19:21.)**
  - 2) **SECOND PART THE SECOND COMING IS WHEN HE SETS HIS FEET DOWN UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES (Zec. 14:4).**

# THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

4. TRIAL (RESPONSIBILITY/BLESSINGS OF THE NEW COVENANT, BUT THE NEW COVENANT IS ADDRESSED TO ISRAEL, BUT THE SCRIPTURE DOES NOT SAY “ONLY” ISRAEL) (Jer. 31:31-34).
  - 1) RECEIVE GOD’S (FREE) GIFT OF SALVATION BY FAITH ALONE, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRUE, BUT IS NOW MORE EVIDENT (Eph. 2:8-9) ; AVAILABLE FOR THE JEW & GENTILE
  - 2) BELIEVE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor. 15:1-5). THE LAW CANCELLED, BUT CONTINUES TO DEMONSTRATE GOD’S HOLINESS.
  - 3) GOD’S GRACE & MERCY IS FOR ALL WHO WILL RECEIVE.
  - 4) PREACH THE GOSPEL (Lk. 24:47; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 4:2).
  - 5) RECEIVE JESUS & , GUARD, PROTECT HIS WORDS.
  - 6) OBEY GOD BY FAITH. (OVER 1000 COMMANDMENTS IN THE NT).
  - 7) THIS DISPENSATION IS DIRECTED AT THE CHURCH JUST AS THE “LAW” WAS DIRECTED AT ISRAEL. THE WORLD CONTINUES UNDER “GOVERNMENT” AND “PROMISE.” 59

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## 5. FAILURE:

- 1) NEITHER A TRIUMPHANT CHURCH, OR
- 2) A WORLD THAT ACCEPTED CHRIST'S GRACE AND TRUTH.
- 3) APOSTASY IN THE PROFESSING CHURCH (1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-3; 2 Pet. 2 – 3; Jude).

## 6. JUDGMENT:

- 1) JUDGMENT RESULTS IN THOSE LEFT BEHIND AT THE RAPTURE GOING INTO THE TRIB.
- 2) CHURCH WILL BE JUDGED AT THE BEMA SEAT (Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10)
  - a) LOSS OF REWARDS.
- 3) DEAD WITHOUT CHRIST AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (Rev. 20:11-15).



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## 7. GRACE OF GOD:

- a) GRACE IS ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN THE COMING OF CHRIST.
- b) THE SALVATION OF THE BELIEVER (ALL THREE PHASES) THAT RESULTS IN OUR JUSTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION IN CHRIST AND PEACE WITH GOD (Rom. 3:24; 5:1-2; 15-21; Gal. 1:1-2:21; Eph. 2:4-10), WHICH RESULTS IN OUR “STANDING” BEFORE GOD BY FORGIVENESS (Rom. 4:7, Eph. 1:7). The question is “what is your standing.”
- c) THE NATURE OF GRACE AS A RULE OF LIFE (Gal. 3:1-5:26).



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## 8. REVELATION OF GOD

- a) **GOD IN THE FLESH (John 1:14; 1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:10).**
- b) **CALLING OUT A PEOPLE TO HIS NAME (THE CHURCH) FROM JEW AND GENTILE BY THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**
- c) **RULE OF LIFE UNDER GRACE (PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CHURCH).**

## 9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION

- 1) **THE 70<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF DANIEL.**



# THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM MILLENNIUM

- 1. KEY PERSON(S): THE LORD JESUS CHRIST; DAVID, ISRAEL, THE CHURCH RULING WITH CHRIST FROM THE NEW JERUSALEM**
- 2. BEGAN WITH SECOND PHASE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. (Zech. 14:4)**
- 3. ENDS WITH THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD EARTH AND HEAVEN BY FIRE (Rev. 20:11; 2 Pet. 3:7, 10-12).**



# THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM

## MILLENNIUM

4. TRIAL (RESPONSIBILITY/NEW COVENANT FULFILLED)
  - 1) THEOCRATIC KINGDOM: DAVIDIC KINGDOM RULED BY CHRIST AND A RESURRECTED KING DAVID (2 Sam. 7:11-17; \*Jer. 30:9; Eze. 34:22-23) "WITH A ROD OF IRON" (Psa. 2:9; Rev. 12:5; 19:15).
    - a) Psa 72; Isa. 2:1-5; 9:6-7; 11
    - b) Jer. 33:14-17; Dan. 2:44-45; 7:9-14, 18, 27
    - c) Hos. 3:4-5; Zech. 14:9
    - d) Luke 1:31-33; Rev. 19-20
  - 2) NEW COVENANT IN EFFECT .
  - 3) SATAN AND DEMONS INACTIVE TILL THE END; SO, NO EXCUSES (Rev. 20:1-3, 7)
  - 4) REQUIRED TO GO TO JERUSALEM (Zech. 14:16).
  - 5) OBEY GOD BY FAITH (BUT EVEN IN THESE EXCELLENT CIRCUMSTANCES (Isa. 11:5-9) MAN FAILS TO BELIEVE AND TRUST).
  - 6) NEW TEMPLE & RENEWED SACRIFIAL SYSTEM (Eze. 40-46;



# THE DISPENSATION OF THE KINGDOM MILLENNIUM

## 5. FAILURE

- 1) EVEN WITH AN IDEAL SITUATION, MAN REBELS  
(Rev. 20:7-9)
- 2) SIN WILL BE IN THE MILLENNIUM (Isa. 65:20;  
Zech. 14:16-19).

## 6. JUDGMENT

- 1) DESTRUCTION OF THE REBELS BY FIRE (Rev. 20:9)
- 2) DESTRUCTION OF THE OLD EARTH AND HEAVENS

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## 7. GRACE OF GOD DEMONSTRATED

- 1) FULFILLMENT OF THE NEW COVENANT (JER. 31:1-4)
  - a) IN SALVATION (Isa. 12)
  - b) IN PROSPERITY PHYSICALLY AND TEMPORALLY (Isa. 35)
  - c) IN ABUNDANCE OF REVELATION (Jer. 31:33-34)
  - d) FORGIVENESS OF SIN (Jer. 31:34)
  - e) REGATHERING OF ISRAEL (Isa. 11:11-12, Jer. 30:1-11; Exe. 39:25-29)
- 2) SATAN AND DEMONS INACTIVE (until the end).
- 3) PERFECT GOVERNMENT
- 4) PRESENCE OF CHRIST
- 5) UNIVERSAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
- 6) NEW JERUSALEM WITH MANY MANSIONS.



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**8. REVELATION OF GOD: COMPLETE**

**9. MIRACULOUS TRANSITION**

- 1) BURNING OF EARTH AND HEAVENS (2 Pet. 3:7)**
- 2) (RE)NEW EARTH AND HEAVENS (2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 21:1ff.)**
- 3) ETERNITY FUTURE; “AGES TO COME” (Eph. 2:7)**

# GRACE THROUGHOUT THE AGES

## Psalms 145:8-9

The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.