



Session 1:

GOD AND MAN THROUGH THE AGES

The Dispensations

Dispensationalism is the classic way to take the Bible _____ and see it as an entire unit.

Dispensation defined: A divinely ordained period of history where requirements are made of God's people or of mankind in general.

In dispensationalism...

- _____ doesn't change; _____ doesn't change; _____ doesn't change... only the way God _____ man changes.
- Salvation is always represented the same way: by _____ and the mercy of God who grants _____.

The Sequence of a Dispensation:

- 1) God _____ man to do or not do something.
- 2) Man _____ God.
- 3) God _____ man and begins a new dispensation.

SEVEN DISPENSATIONS IN SCRIPTURE

First Age: _____ (Gen. 1-3)

God's Command (Gen. 2:16-17)	Man's Disobedience (Gen. 3:6)	God's Judgment (Gen. 3:16-19)

Second Age: _____ (Gen. 4-8)

God's Command (Gen. 4:4-7)	Man's Disobedience (Gen. 6:11-12)	God's Judgment (Gen. 7)

Third Age: _____ (Gen. 9-10)

God's Command (2:16-17)	Man's Disobedience (Gen. 3:6)	God's Judgment (3:16-19)

Fourth Age: _____ (Gen. 12- Ex. 18)

In this dispensation, God gives a _____ to a _____. (Gen. 12:1-3)

God's Command
(3-fold)

1. _____ in the _____. (Gen. 26:3)
2. _____. Trust in Jehovah _____.
3. Do _____. _____ your _____ to follow God. (Gen. 18:19)

Man's Disobedience (Gen. 37; Ezekiel 20:5-8a)	God's Judgment (20:8b)

Fifth Age: _____ (Ex. 19- John 14:30)

God's Command (3-fold)	1. _____ the _____. (Gen. 26:3) 2. When you fail, _____ for _____. 3. Wait for the _____ of the _____. (Deu. 18:18-19)
Man's Disobedience (Matt. 23:37)	God's Judgment (Deu. 32:19-21; Isaiah 29:10; Rom. 11:8)

Sixth Age: _____ (Acts 2:1-Rev. 19:21)

God's Command (Acts 17:30; Eph. 5:18; Gal. 6:2)	Man's Disobedience (I Tim. 4:1; II Tim.4:3)	God's Judgment (Rev. 1:1-18)

Seventh Age: _____ (Rev. 20:1-15)

God's Command (Zech. 14:16)	Man's Disobedience (Rev. 20:7-10)	God's Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15; 21:1)

DISTINCTIVES OF DISPENSATIONALISM

- 1.
- 2.
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- 9.
- 10.



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There are seven different periods or *dispensations* in history where requirements are made of mankind or of God's people as means of governing them. Throughout the ages, *God* never changes; man never changes, salvation never changes... but the method of governing and the content of faith (revelation) *does* change. The chief end of dispensationalism is the glory of God throughout ALL of history.

DISPENSATION

INNOCENCE

GEN. 1-3

Man is created *perfect*, *innocent* and *holy*; in the *image* of God. Adam and Eve were given a test; a dispensation of God. There's a requirement....



Never eat of the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil* (Gen. 2:16-17).

CONSCIENCE

GEN. 4-8

Having the *knowledge* of good and evil because of the Fall, man will now be governed by his *innate moral sense*.



Do *good*. Offer *sacrifice* in *penance* (Gen. 4:4-7). God modeled sacrifice as an institution of atonement (Gen 3:21). Referenced in the *protoevangelium* of Gen. 3:15. Throughout the Bible, there's always a sacrifice for sin (Heb. 9:22).

GOVERNMENT

GEN. 9-11

Due to the violence that led to the Flood, men must now *govern* one *another* in order to reintroduce civilization. *Capital punishment* is instituted by God to keep peace and establish authority.



Scatter and fill the earth. *Govern* one another according to God, in whose *image* you were created (Gen. 9:6-7).

PROMISE

GEN. 12- EX. 18

Nations of Babel scattered. God now gives a *promise* to a *people*, starting with Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3). *Land*, *nationhood*, *blessing* for them & all on the earth; *curse* for enemies.



Stay in the land; *trust* God alone; *Command* households to follow God (Gen. 18:19; 26:3).

LAW

EX. 19- JN. 14-30

Upon deliverance from Egypt, God gives His written *Law* (moral, ceremonial, hygienic, civil) to Israel; not to save them, but to *govern* them and emphasize their *need*.

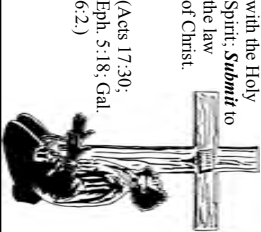


Obey the Law; When you fail, *sacrifice* for forgiveness (Ex. 19:3-6; *Match* for Messiah (Deu. 18:18-19)).

GRACE

ACTS 2- REV. 19:21

According to prophecy and the wisdom of God, Christ's *death* on the *cross* was the means by which Abraham's Seed would *bless* (and *change*) the world....



Repent; Be *filled* with the Holy Spirit; *Submit* to the law of Christ. (Acts 17:30; Eph. 5:1-8; Gal. 6:2.)

KINGDOM

REV. 20:1-15

At the end of the Tribulation, Christ *returns* with the *captured* Church, etc., to defeat Antichrist & set up a 1,000 year reign, literally fulfilling Mat 6:10 ("on earth as it is in Heaven").



Worship the *King* (Zech. 14:16).

DISOBEDIENCE

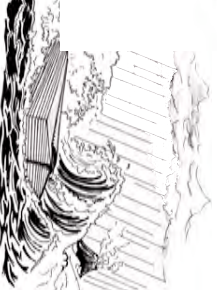
Adam and Eve, tempted by the serpent, *eat* of the Tree (Gen. 3:6). Man cannot be governed, even as he is created in *Innocence*.



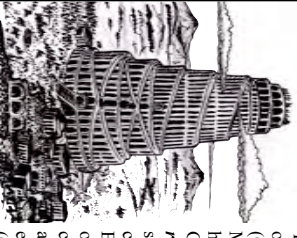
Cain *slays* his brother Abel, and eventually all of man corrupts his way on the earth and it is *filled* with *violence* (Gen. 6:11-12). Man cannot be governed by conscience.



The *Flood*. Every human being is destroyed except for 8 people: Noah, his wife, their sons, and their wives (Gen. 6-7).



The *confusion* of man's *tongues* and the *dispersion* of man over the earth (Gen. 11:4).

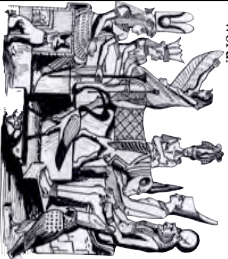


Man cannot not be trusted to God and govern himself. (Gen. 10:8-12).

The *Tower of Babel*. (Gen. 11) Man puts himself in God's place; *refusing* to scatter. The culture of Babel was one of conquering, exalting self (Gen. 10:8-12).

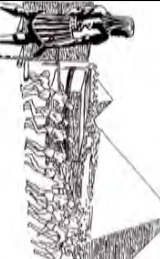


Joseph's brothers *betray* him (Gen. 37). While in Egypt, they *defile* themselves with *idols* (Ezek. 20:5-8). Even God's chosen people cannot be governed through promise, though God will keep His word.



Egyptian *bondage*, lasting 430 years (Ezekiel 20:8).

Having embraced the idols of Egypt, the children of Jacob will now have to embrace life in Egypt as slaves.



Distortion of the Law; *idolatry*; *murder* of the prophets, including *Christ* (Matt. 23:37). Man cannot be governed by the Law.



The *dispersion* and *hardening* of Israel (Deu. 32:19-21; Is. 29:10). The Apostle Paul refers to this as a "spirit of stupor" (Rom. 11:8).



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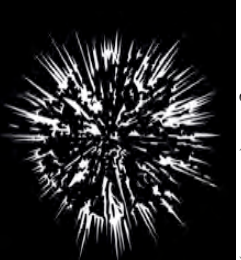


The *Tribulation* (Rev. 1-18). The "time of Jacob's Trouble" will *judge* mankind for rejection of God and bring *Israel* to its knees. In Rev. 6-19, Israel is revived. The Church escapes it all.

The *last rebellion* of Man (Rev. 20:7-10). At the end of the Millennium, Satan is released to deceive the nations, who march against the saints of God, and are consumed by fire from Heaven. Even after a thousand years of blessing, mankind cannot be governed through the Kingdom.



God *inhabitates* the cosmos, making way for the new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21:1). The wicked *raised* for the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15).



DISCIPLINE

The *Fall of Man* (i.e., the Curse); Man begins to physically die; he dies spiritually to God; comes under bondage to sin; all of nature corrupted.

