

# Dispensations

PERIOD:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NAME:	INNOCENCE	CONSCIENCE	AUTHORITY	LAW (JEWISH)	CHURCH (GRACE)	TRIBULATION	KINGDOM
<b>CHARGE FROM GOD:</b>	1.) Replenish the earth 2.) subdue the earth for human uses 3.) have dominion over the animals 4.) eat the herbs and fruits 5.) till and keep the garden 6.) abstain from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.	People had the knowledge of good and evil, and they knew the voice of Conscience. God gives man a chance to show how well he can control his own personal actions & govern using his Conscience.	God commanded Noah and his family to replenish the earth (Gen. 9:1) which necessitated their scattering. God gives man authority to employ capital punishment in handling bloodthirsty criminals.	God called Abraham to be the father of a nation which would be God's chosen people and through whom He would bring His message to the world. Israel was to be God's mouthpiece to all the nations.	The Church is to worship God, witness & evangelize with the gospel of Jesus Christ, edify and build up the Church and the saints, and insure that the doctrines of the scripture are kept pure and sound.	God allows Satan to set up his counterfeit kingdom and under these extreme conditions the Jews are to once again be the light unto the world with the 144,000. They must resist bowing down to the beast.	Christ (the King) and His saints (the bride of Christ) are to rule and reign over the earth, bringing glory to God. The earthly inhabitants are to live righteously under Christ's reign for 1,000 years.
<b>CHARGED:</b>	Adam & Eve	Cain & His Descendents	Noah and His Family	Abraham & His Descendents	The Body of Christ	Jewish Evangelists	Christ and His Bride
<b>TIMING:</b>	From the creation of Adam to the expulsion from the Garden	From Cain and Abel to the time of the end of the Flood.	From Noah's exiting the ark, to the Confusion of Tongues.	From the call of Abraham to the bondage in Egypt.	From the Day of Pentecost to the Rapture of the Church.	From the signing of the Peace Treaty to the Second Coming.	From Christ's Second Coming to the end of the 1,000 years.
<b>FAILURE:</b>	Eve, then Adam ate of the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.	There was a breakdown of morals with murder and illicit sexual sinfulness.	They did not scatter, but built Babylon's Tower and began worshipping idols.	Over and over Israel turned from God unto idols. She rejected her promised Messiah.	The Church fails to evangelize the world and to keep her doctrine pure (apostasy).	This period ends with terrible suffering, wars, and millions will be killed without Christ.	When the innocent are tested, they follow Satan and are killed by a fire from heaven.
<b>THE JUDGMENT:</b>	1.) The serpent was cursed: to be on his belly and eat dust. 2.) Woman's sorrow was multiplied and headship given to man. 3.) earth was cursed. 4.) Sorrow of life 5.) Labor to be burdensome 6.) Physical death 7.) Expulsion from the Garden of Eden.	Because of the continual sinfulness of man, God brought the judgment of a world-wide Flood upon all mankind, and even the animal and plant life. Noah, his wife, and his three sons, and their three wives were the only humans spared from the Flood.	Nimrod founded Babylon and built a temple in which to worship the sun, moon, and stars. God came down and confounded their language so they could not continue building their heathen temple and thus they were forced to scatter as God had wanted.	Israel was taken into captivity over and over as a result of her sins and unfaithfulness to God. The ultimate rejection was of Christ when He came. Christ prophesied that the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed and the Jews would be scattered.	There will be confusion of religions because of the vast number of "professing" Churches, and there will be Apostasy, a falling away from true doctrines, which will cause her members to be "lukewarm" so the Lord will spew them out of His mouth.	The judgments of God will be poured out as never before through the Seven Seals, and Seven Trumpets, and the seven Bowls or vial judgments. At the "Battle of Armageddon: the brightness of the coming of Christ will annihilate the armies.	When the 1,000 years are expired, Satan is loosed and goes forth and deceives many to go to battle against the saints of God and the beloved City of Jerusalem. God's judgment is sure and He has fire come down from heaven to devour them.
<b>THE LESSON:</b>	Innocence alone cannot save man nor produce a worthwhile stewardship over God's creation. Man needs the Lord Jesus Christ to bring forgiveness, peace, and fellowship.	The judgment of God upon sin is sure. Conscience alone leads man to ruin and a failing society. There is no salvation apart from the Grace of God, through Faith in Him.	Authority alone cannot meet the need of the individual soul. Full authority vested in the head of government cannot solve the problems of managing this world or of managing individuals.	Even by having the perfect LAW of God, the LAW by itself is powerless to save man's soul and is powerless to bring about a prosperous government or to reconcile man to God.	The Church, when acting without the true headship of Christ and without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is a failure in redeeming man to God and in keeping her doctrines pure.	Not even a fallen angel (Satan) is capable of ruling a kingdom on earth even when in control of the religious and the political spheres of government. The only hope of man is Jesus Christ.	No one is justified in saying God has not given man a fair chance. Man sins of his own free will. He cannot say the Devil made him do it, since the Devil has been bound in chains for 1,000 years.
<b>THE MEANS OF SALVATION:</b>	Clothing in scripture stands for righteousness, which stands for salvation. God slew an innocent victim to clothe them. Salvation is by Grace through Faith.	Abel's offering of the blood of an innocent victim from his flock was accepted by God, but Cain's offering was rejected. Salvation is only by Grace through Faith.	Noah was saved by GRACE through Faith (Hebrews 11:7). Noah built an altar and made an animal sacrifice of an innocent victim (lamb) to the Lord.	Salvation was not by law-keeping. It was by Grace through Faith. Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness (salvation).	Salvation, once again is by GRACE through Faith. It is the gift of God not of works, lest any man should boast. Man works are viewed as being filthy rags.	The redeemed will be saved by Grace through Faith, because " <i>these have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.</i> "	At the close of the Tribulation and beginning of the Millennium, Christ is seen as the Lamb. The sinner must be saved by Grace through Faith in Jesus Christ.
<b>CHARACTER OF CHRIST DEMONSTRATED</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is <b>PERFECT MAN</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is <b>THE REDEEMER</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is <b>RULER</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is <b>THE RESURRECTION</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is the <b>HEAD OF THE BODY</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is the <b>MIGHTY DELIVERER</b>	The Lord Jesus Christ is the <b>KING OF KINGS</b>