

The Seven Dispensations

Dispensation	Opening Event	Man's Responsibility	Man's Failure	Man's Tendency	Closing Event	Personal Salvation
Innocence (1) <i>Summary/Principle:</i> <u>Rom 5:12</u>	God creates man <u>Gen 1:26,27</u> <u>2:7,25</u>	Believe & Obey <u>Gen 2:15-17</u>	Innocence Lost <u>Gen 3:6,7</u>	Away from God <u>Gen 3:9,10</u>	Judgment-Expelled from Eden <u>Gen 3:17-19</u> <u>3:22-24</u>	By Grace through Faith-Substitutionary sacrifice: - The blood of the Lamb, <u>Gen 3:21</u> - The promise of the Seed, <u>Gen 3:15</u> ; <u>4:25</u>
Conscience (2) <u>Rom 2:15</u>	Abel offers a lamb. Cain murders Abel. <u>Gen 4:2-15</u>	Believe & Obey <u>Gen 4:4-7</u> <u>Heb 11:4</u>	Conscience defiled <u>Gen 6:5-7</u>	Away from God <u>Gen 6:11-13</u>	Judgment- The Flood <u>Gen 7:11-12,23</u>	By Grace through Faith- <u>Gen 6:8</u> <u>Heb 11:4-7</u> <u>1Pet 3:18-22</u>
Government (3) <u>Rom 13:1-7</u>	Noah - worships God -receives a covenant and responsibility <u>Gen 8:20-22</u>	Believe & Obey <u>Gen 9:1-6</u>	Personal disorder <u>Gen 9:20-23</u> Societal disorder <u>Gen 11:1-4</u>	Away from God- 'Man's Failure' references apply.	Judgment-Confusion of tongues <u>Gen 11:5-9</u>	By Grace through Faith-The line of the Seed: <u>Gen 9:26</u> ; <u>11:10-32</u>
PROMISE (4) <u>Num 23:19</u> <u>Mic 7:20</u> <u>Rom 11:29</u>	God -calls Abram -gives him promises <u>Gen 12:1-7</u> ; <u>13:14-17</u> ; <u>15:5</u> Promises repeated to Isaac & Jacob <u>Gen 26:1-5</u> <u>28:10-15</u>	Believe & Obey <u>Gen 15:6</u> <u>Rom 4:3</u>	Promised blessings pursued by fleshly means: -Abram, <u>Gen 16:2</u> -Jacob, <u>Gen 27:19</u> -Moses, <u>Acts 7:22-29</u>	Away from God-God's promises disregarded: -Lot, <u>Gen 13:10-13</u> -Esau, <u>Gen 25:31-34</u> <u>26:34,35</u> -The sons of Israel <u>Gen 37:18-20</u> -Israel's longing for Egypt <u>Ex 16:2,3</u> Summary: <u>Psa 106:1-15</u>	Judgment-Bondage in Egypt <u>Ex 1:7-14</u> ; <u>2:23-25</u>	By Grace through Faith- <u>Rom 4:3-5</u> <u>Heb 11:8-22</u> <u>Gen 22:8,15-18</u> <u>Gen 49:8-12,18</u>
LAW (5) <u>Rom 3:19,20</u>	Israel promises to keep the Law <u>Ex 19:1-8</u>	Believe & Obey <u>Deu 7:11-15</u> , blessings <u>Deu 8:11-20</u> , cursings	Law broken repeatedly- <u>Ex 32:1-8</u> <u>Judg 21:25</u> <u>Psa 106:16-48</u>	Away from God <u>Dan 9:4-16</u>	Judgment- -Israel -Assyria Judah - Babylon <u>2Kin 25:1-11</u> -Jerusalem destroyed <u>Mat 23:37-39</u>	By Grace through Faith-the blood of the Lamb <u>Exo 12:3</u> <u>Gal 3:10-19</u>

<p>GRACE (6)</p> <p><u>John 1:17</u> <u>Titus 2:11-14</u> <u>1Pet 1:10-12</u></p>	<p>Christ -ascends -sends the Spirit <u>Acts 1:1-9</u> <u>Acts 2:1-4</u> -establishes His church <u>1Cor 12:12,13</u> <u>Eph 3:1-10</u></p>	<p>Believe & Obey -for eternal life <u>Acts 2:36-47</u> <u>John 6:28,29,47; 5:24</u> <u>Rom 5:1,2; 10:4</u> <u>Eph 2:8,9</u> -for earthly living <u>Rom 8:2-4</u> <u>Gal 2:20; 3:2,3</u></p>	<p>Apostasy- <u>2Tim 4:3-4</u> <u>Heb 6:4-8</u></p>	<p>Away from God <u>2Tim 3:13</u> <u>2Pet 2:1-3,17-22</u></p>	<p>The Bride of Christ caught up to meet Him. <u>1The 4:16-17</u> <u>Rev 3:10</u> Judgment- The apostate church enters the Tribulation. <u>Rev 2:21-23</u> <u>Rev 3:15-16</u></p>	<p>By Grace through Faith- <u>1Pet 1:18-21</u> <u>Isaiah 53</u> <u>Rom 3:20-26</u> <u>Rom 6:23</u> also see references under 'Man's Responsibility'</p>
<p>Tribulation (a special 7 yr period)</p> <p><u>John 5:43</u></p>	<p>The man of sin is revealed <u>1The 5:1-3</u> <u>2The 2:1-12</u> <u>Mat 24:21-22</u></p>	<p>In the Tribulation, man's failure comes to awful fruition: Innocence- Men live the lie & call evil good (cp. <u>Gen 3:5</u>). Conscience- Corrupt minds ignore God's Word (<u>Mat 24:37-39</u>). Government- The world unites with antichrist against God. Promise- Israel is in the promised land, but in unbelief. Law- The rebuilt Temple is given over to false worship. Grace- The apostate church is aligned with the antichrist.</p>	<p>Judgment- Christ casts out Satan & his false leaders. <u>Rev 19:11-21</u> <u>Rev 20:1-3</u></p>	<p>Even in this terrible time, many find salvation by Grace through Faith in the blood of the Lamb. <u>Rev 7:14; 12:10,11</u></p>		
<p>KINGDOM (7)</p> <p><u>Isa 9:6,7</u></p>	<p>Jesus Christ returns to earth as King of kings <u>Mat 25:31-34</u> <u>Rev 20:4-6</u></p>	<p>Believe & Obey <u>Isa 2:1-4</u> <u>Isa 11:1-16</u> <u>Isa 12:1-6</u> <u>Isa 55:1-3</u> <u>Zech 14:16-18</u></p>	<p>Even in the age of Righteousness, man turns away from Christ to follow Satan when given the opportunity. <u>Rev 20:7-10</u></p>	<p>Judgment- -the final rebellion is crushed. -eternal destinies are decreed <u>Rev 20:10-15</u></p>	<p>By Grace through Faith- <u>Rev 21:22-27</u></p>	