

# The Bible

## Dispensations and Covenants

God's dealing with mankind thru the ages and His message for us today.



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## Introduction

Why are there so many Christian denominations?

When a scripture is taken out of context or is misapplied to an era that it was not intended, it can lead to a misunderstanding and the misapplication of God's word. For example, in Ephesians chapter 2:8-9 it states, "For by grace are ye **saved through faith**...it *is* the gift of God **Not of works**, lest any man should boast", yet in the book of James chapter 2:20 it states, "**that faith without works is dead**". Is it faith not of works OR faith with works? In Exodus 31:14 it states, "*...keep the Sabbath (worship on Saturday)...for it is holy unto you*", yet in Colossians 2:16-17 it states," *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday...or of the Sabbath days.*"

In this study presentation on the Bible Dispensations and Covenants, we hope to clear up a few misguided premises that cause many seemingly divers and conflicting doctrines within the faith, to show the rich beauty and consistency of God's Word! There are no contradiction or conflicts in the Bible when you understand particularly to whom God is speaking to (and instructing), for what purpose, and by scripturally comprehending the difference between God's dealings with mankind in times past, but now, and in things to come!

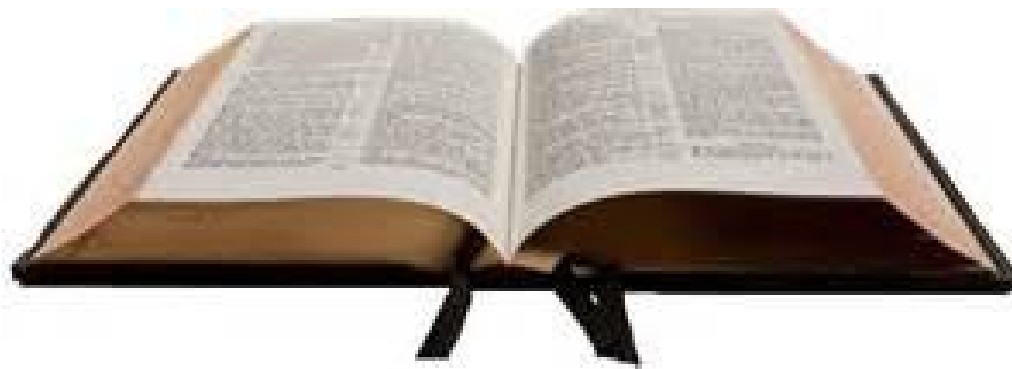
## Helpful Study Guidelines

As you follow along with the biblical narrative in this study series, take notes, ask questions (or write them down to discuss later). It's a very good practice to look up each scripture reference given in your bible: read a few verses above and after the text to affirm that your study material is presented within the context of the scriptures. A standard King James bible version will do just fine as you follow along in this lesson.

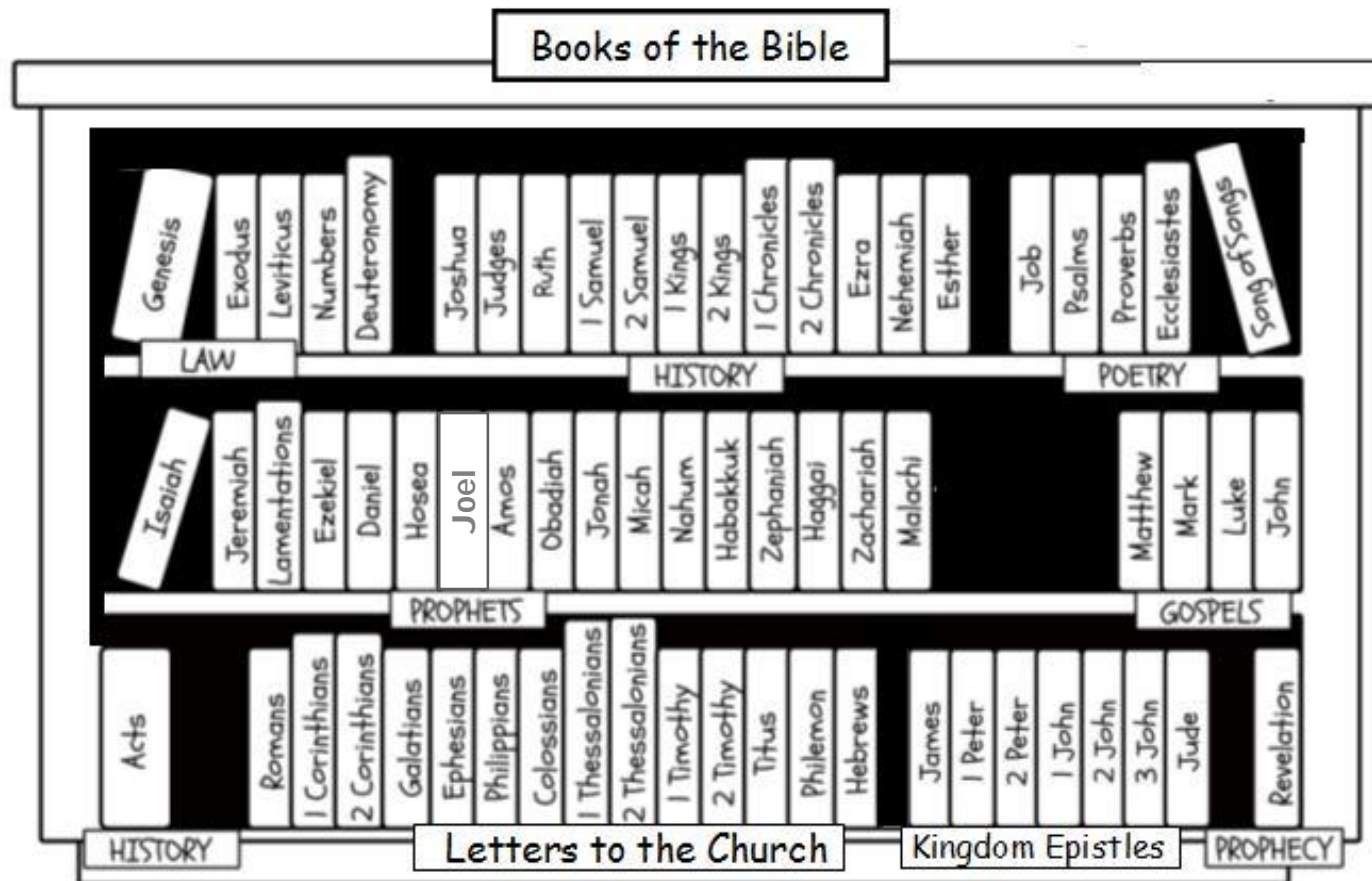
★ A key bible study principle: *"The meaning of any scripture IS always conveyed within the context of the scriptures"*. ★ Always read a few verses above and after every text reference given: this assures that you have the correct thought conveyance within context of the scripture, and that its application is consistent with its over arching narrative theme (or dispensation) for that period.

Lets get started. God bless!

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN**  
BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,  
**AND IS PROFITABLE FOR**  
DOCTRINE, REPROOF,  
CORRECTION, **AND FOR**  
INSTRUCTION IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.



Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16



The bible is a collection of 66 books written by 40 authors over a period of about 1,500 years. It is the infallible Word of God, a historical record of all that exist, and a **Testament** of God's dealings with mankind thought the ages.

## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE LIST

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy  
Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther  
Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs

Ecclesiastes  
Song of  
Solomon  
Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
Acts  
**Romans**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**2 Corinthians**  
**Galatians**  
**Ephesians**  
**Philippians**  
**Colossians**  
**1 Thessalonians**  
**2 Thessalonians**  
**1 Timothy**  
**2 Timothy**  
**Titus**  
**Philemon**  
**Hebrews**

James  
1 Peter  
2 Peter  
1 John  
2 John  
3 John  
Jude  
Revelation

The word "**Testament**" in the bible is translated both covenant and testament, which denotes both a contract and will.



The standard practice of dividing the Bible into only two sections, namely (1) the Old Testament and (2) the New Testament is widely misunderstood and **inaccurate**, and can lead to confusion and contradictions when seeking to relate doctrinal principles for today.

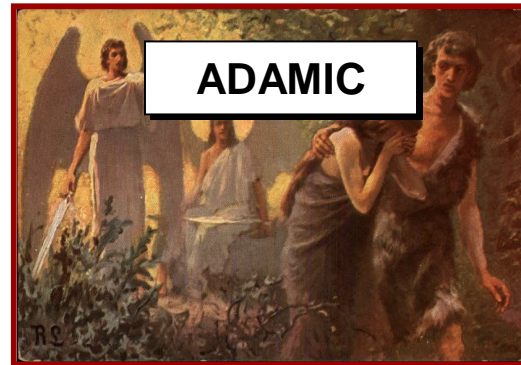
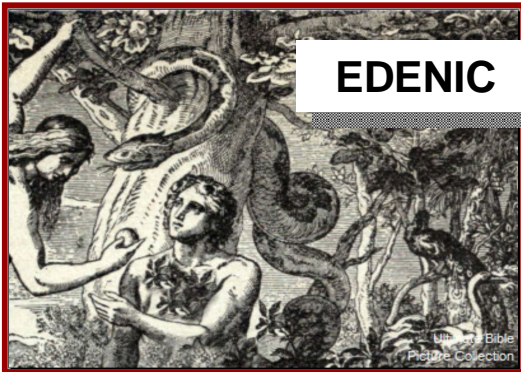


When we look at the messages of the Bible, the designation Old and New Testament could not possibly represent the entire covenant arrangements that God made with mankind down through the ages of time.

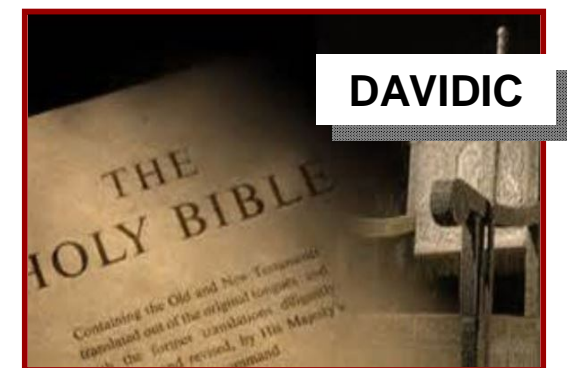


In order to receive the right message for our lives today, you must divide the bible according to the correct **dispensation and covenant that applies to you today!**

### (Covenants Listed by Name)



Thus the division of the Bible are not actually two-fold, (**old and new covenants**), but **seven** as defined by the various dispensations of God's covenant dealings with mankind during the ages.



# Dispensations

- Administrations, House rules or Economies.

## DISPENSATION

To dispense or administer an economy, administration or house rule. A particular program or set of operating instructions that GOD dispenses for man's obedience during a time period. A dispensation is not the time period, however it covers a period of time. The issue is **the policy, program, or instructions**, not time. Remember time is an interval of space GOD sets to implement His will and purpose.

## COVENANT

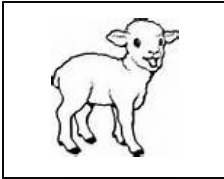
A pledge, alliance, contract or agreement between two or more parties. There are 2 types of covenants between GOD and man.

1. **Unilateral or unconditional** meaning all obligations are the responsibility of GOD, no responsibility placed upon mankind to effectuate the covenant.
2. **Bilateral or conditional** meaning mankind is required to do certain things in order to effectuate (to bring about or cause to exist) the covenant.

**HINTS for learning:**

In the upcoming pages an icon is placed along side each dispensation number to help remember which dispensation is association with that number.

INNOCENCE  
1



**Baby Lamb** for- "innocence"

1

CONSCIENCE  
2



**An Eye** symbol for- "conscience"

2

HUMAN  
GOVERNMENT  
3



**State Capital** symbol for - "human government"

3

PROMISE  
4



**Swear an Oath** symbol of a - "promise"

4

LAW  
5



**Judge Mallet** symbol for the - "law"

5

GRACE  
6



**Dove of Peace** is a symbol for- "grace"

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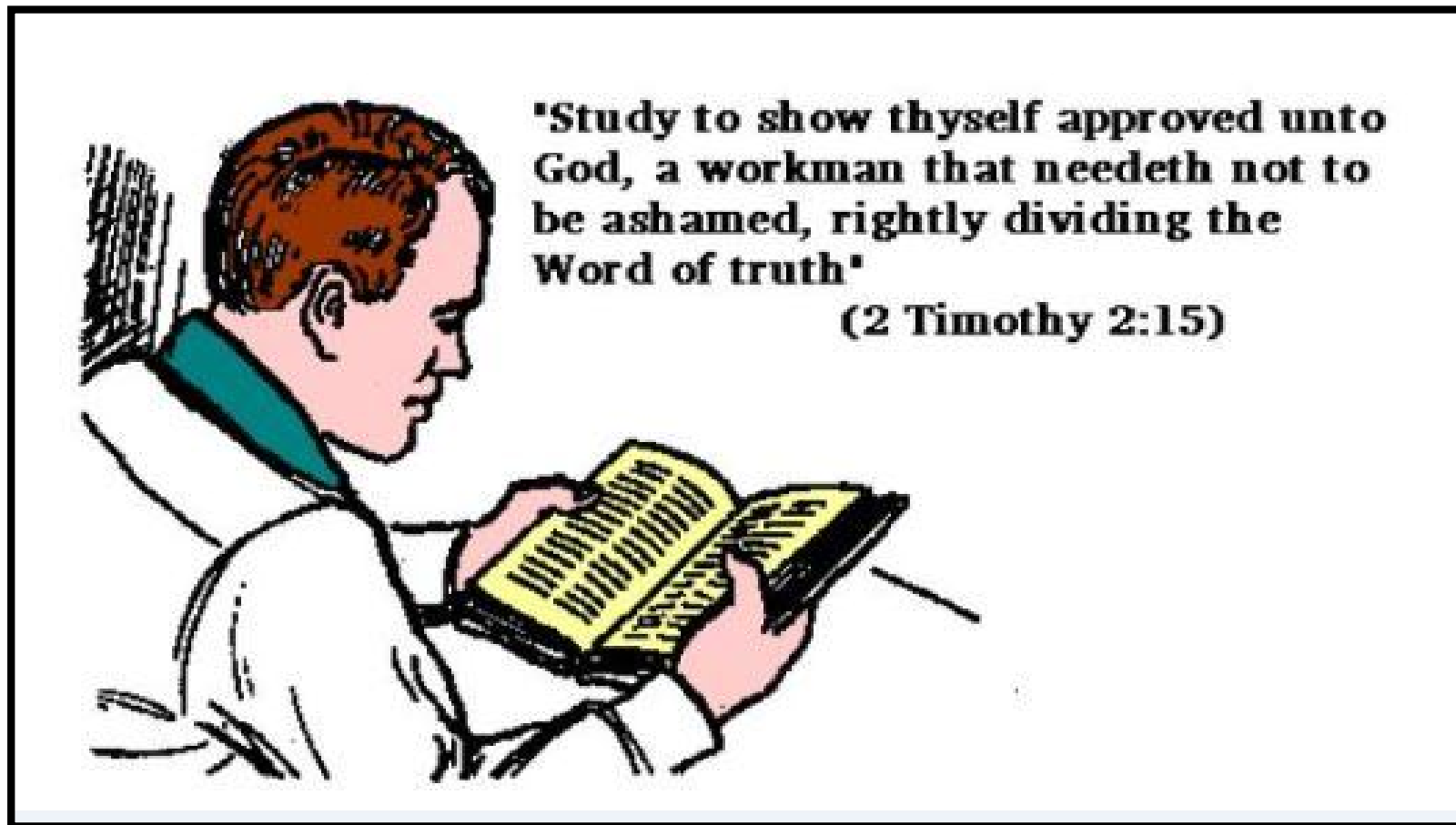
KINGDOM  
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**Kings Crown** for - "kingdom"

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Quiz after lesson pages 23

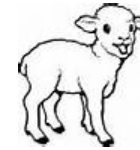
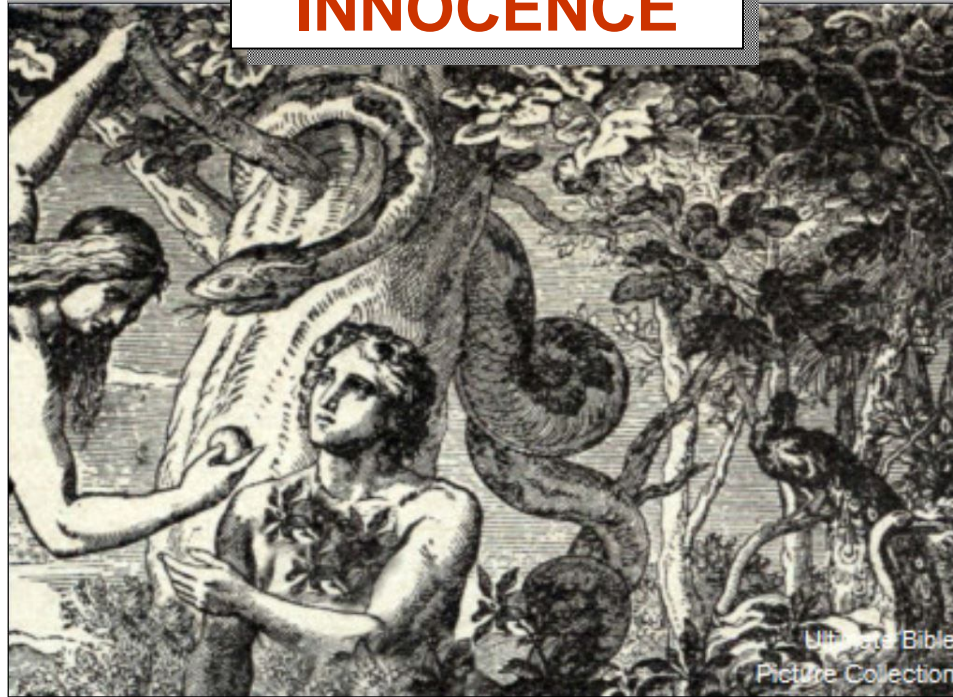


Lets go over each dispensation narrative in the Bible and look at God's unique covenant dealings with man thru the ages. **Here, in Geneses chapter two** we see God's initial relationship with the first human beings-Adam & Eve.



They were naked and not ashamed (having no knowledge of sin).  
The garden of **Eden** is where we begin with our first Dispensation of

## INNOCENCE

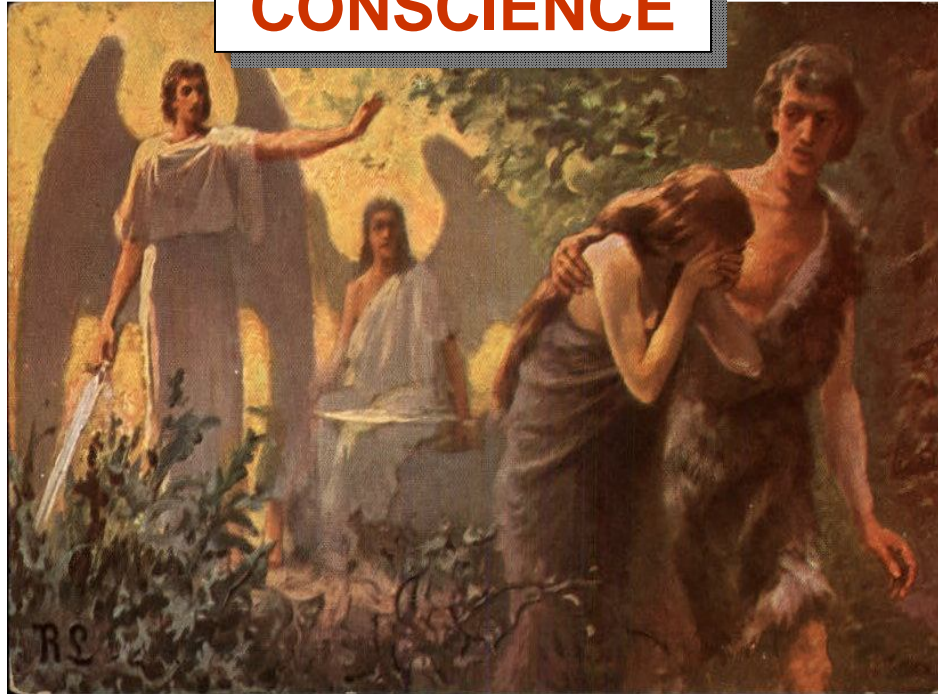


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**Adam** walked with God in the cool of the day. God gave Adam one **condition**, "do not eat of the tree of good and evil": for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die (Gen. 1:3-2:25).

Tricked by the serpent, **Adam & Eve** ate the forbidden fruit and their eyes were open to evil. This is the second Dispensation of

## CONSCIENCE



2

Naked and ashamed (being exposed to the influences of evil), Adam & Eve were banned from the garden and the tree of life: separated from God because of the nature of sin (Gen. 3:15-19).

Evil grew over the land and God caused a great flood upon the earth: saving only those in **Noah**'s ark. Enter the Dispensation of

## HUMAN GOVERNMENT



3

God promised not to destroy the earth again by water; making the rainbow in the sky for a token of His word. Noah's family and all the living creatures upon the ark were used by God to replenish the earth (Gen 9:5-Ch.12).



Then God called **Abraham** out from the people to a promised land; to be a blessing to all nations. This sets apart the next Dispensation of

## PROMISE

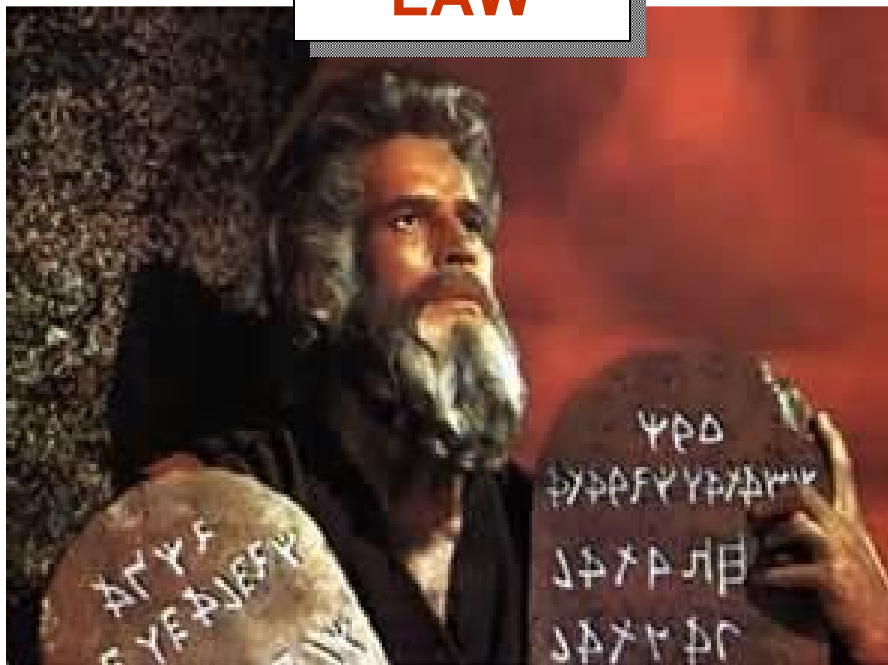


4

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, "...go unto a land that I will shew thee...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great.. and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen 12:1-3 thru Exodus 19:13).

Later, God called **Moses** to deliver Israel from slavery, and to give Israel exclusive Laws & Commandments to follow. This is the Dispensation of

**LAW**



5

Therefore, "if ye will obey my voice...and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people...And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words God spoke to the children of Israel (Ex. 19:5-Malichi 4:6).

God reveals the Church (the Body of Christ) to **Apostle Paul** to minister to the Gentiles. This “**Grace-Mystery-Truth**” is our present Dispensation of

**GRACE**



(Eph. 3:1-6)

“I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, I f ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward...that by revelation God made known unto me the mystery...That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel”

Does that mean we (Gentiles) are now “spiritual Israel” under the Law, and heirs to Israel’s earthly blessings and promised land?



**No.** It was pointed out in earlier writings that the Bible contains many specific messages for given individuals and nations. Some of these have either been, are being or are to be fulfilled.

## Read Romans 15:4; 8-9

4 For as much as was previously written, it was written for our learning, in order that through patience and comfort of the scriptures we might have hope.

8 For I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises of the fathers:

9 And the Gentiles on behalf of mercy to glorify God, even as it is (has been) written, on account of this I will confess you among the Gentiles and I will sing to your name.



Ephesians 1:3 states that God has blessed us Gentiles with each and every spiritual blessing in the Heavens in Christ Jesus."



This is the Church, "The Body of Christ"

This is the Gospel (or "good news") of the Grace of God for the present dispensation of grace.

## THE BODY OF CHRIST

The spiritual entity called the Church

The Church, the Body of Christ, is the called out people of the dispensation of grace. Both this Church and this dispensation had their beginning before the foundation of the world; it was a mystery of God hidden throughout the ages until God revealed it to the Apostle Paul for the grace dispensation.

## COLOSSIANS 1:25-27

Apostle Paul's letter to the Church

“Whereof I am made a minister, **according to the dispensation of God** which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; **Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations**, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”.

## BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Ephesians 4:15-16.** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

The Apostle Paul makes the comparison between the human body and the Body of Christ to parallel our instructions in this grace dispensation. First, we must understand that “the whole body [is] fitly joined together.: **God’s marvelous wisdom has properly placed the foot, the head, the eye, and all the parts of the body in exactly the right place to function at its very best.** This is true for all believers. In His wisdom, God’s sovereignty leads us to the place where we best fit and where He can best use us in the cause of Christ.



Also Read Ephesians 4:11-14 - Building up the Body of Christ.

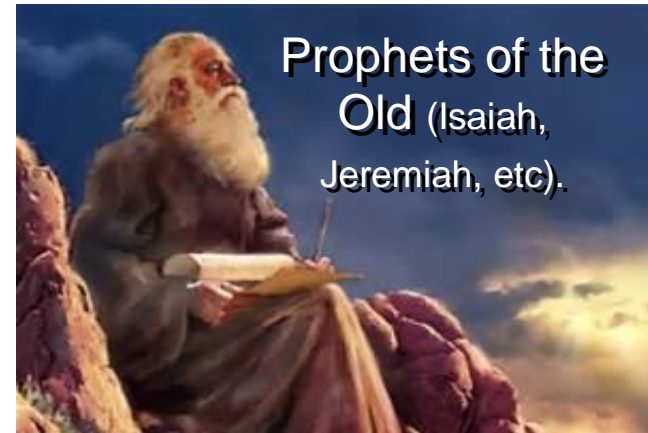
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# Christ is Lord over All

It is true that in the prophets and the four Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John), we learn that Christ is God and that He is Lord over all creation; **but the Apostle Paul's letters to the church (Romans - Hebrews) are the first and only place we learn that Christ is the Head of the Body-the Church!**

**Hebrews 1:1-2.** “God, who at sundry **times** and **in** divers manners spoke **in** time **past** unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath **in** these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds”



With regards to Israel and the promised kingdom, He (Jesus) is their Christ or King and the High Priest. He is Israel's Lord and Christ, but today He is more! **He is Head over a preordained church, a heavenly essence that did not have its beginning with Israel** on the day of Pentecost.

Okay, so what about the story in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (depictions under the Law) whereby the 12 disciples were looking for Christ to **fulfill** the prophecy given to their forefathers...



...that the Messiah would come and lead the Jews into their earthly kingdom. **Has God forgotten His people Israel?**

**"God forbid!** I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery...that blindness in part is happened to **I srael**, until the fulness of the gentiles be come in...



...And so all I srael shall be saved: **as it is written...**

“...There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer...For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins”.

(Narrative readings from Romans 11:25-27)



Genealogy Reference Note: Jacob's twelve sons (in order of birth), Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin, become the ancestors of twelve tribes.

So, when the Grace period ends, Jesus later returns as **King** to the throne of David to fulfill God's covenant made with the **Nation Israel**.

This is the future dispensation of the

**KINGDOM**



7



"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1;32-33. Rev. Ch. 21).

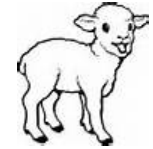
## QUIZ I:

Fill in the blanks to list each dispensation in sequential order

### HINTS

1

The first dispensation is “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



2

The second dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



3

The third dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



4

The fourth dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



5

The fifth dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ ”



6

The sixth dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



7

The seventh dispensation is - “ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ”



**QUIZ II:** Fill in the blank square with the correct **DISPENSATION** sequence number: 1-7



**KINGDOM**

Dispensation



**HUMAN  
GOVERNMENT**

Dispensation



**GRACE**

Dispensation



**PROMISE**

Dispensation



**CONSCIENCE**

Dispensation



**LAW**

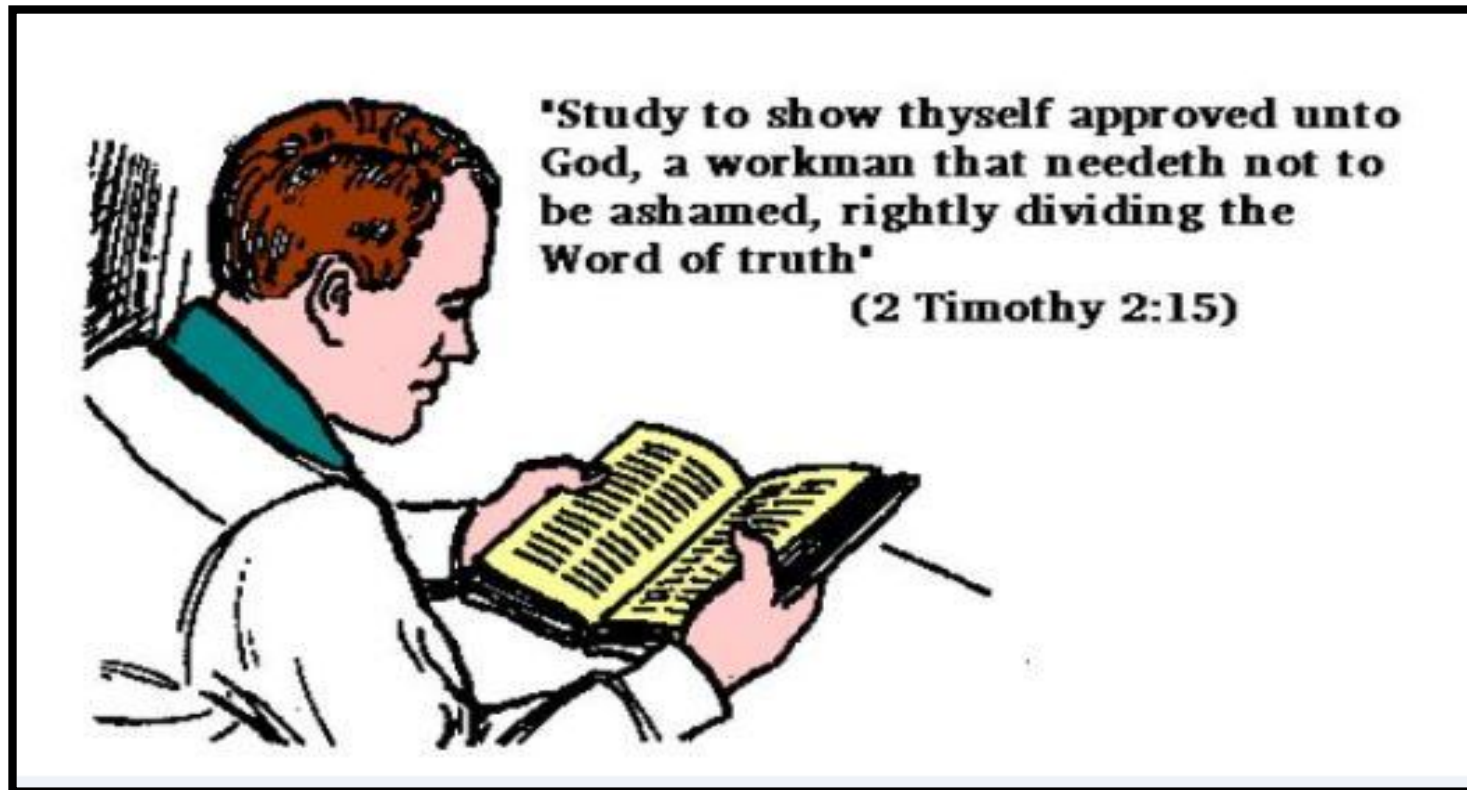
Dispensation



**INNOCENCE**

Dispensation

Fill in the blanks to list the order of each dispensation. Review pages 8-13, and page 23 for the answer.



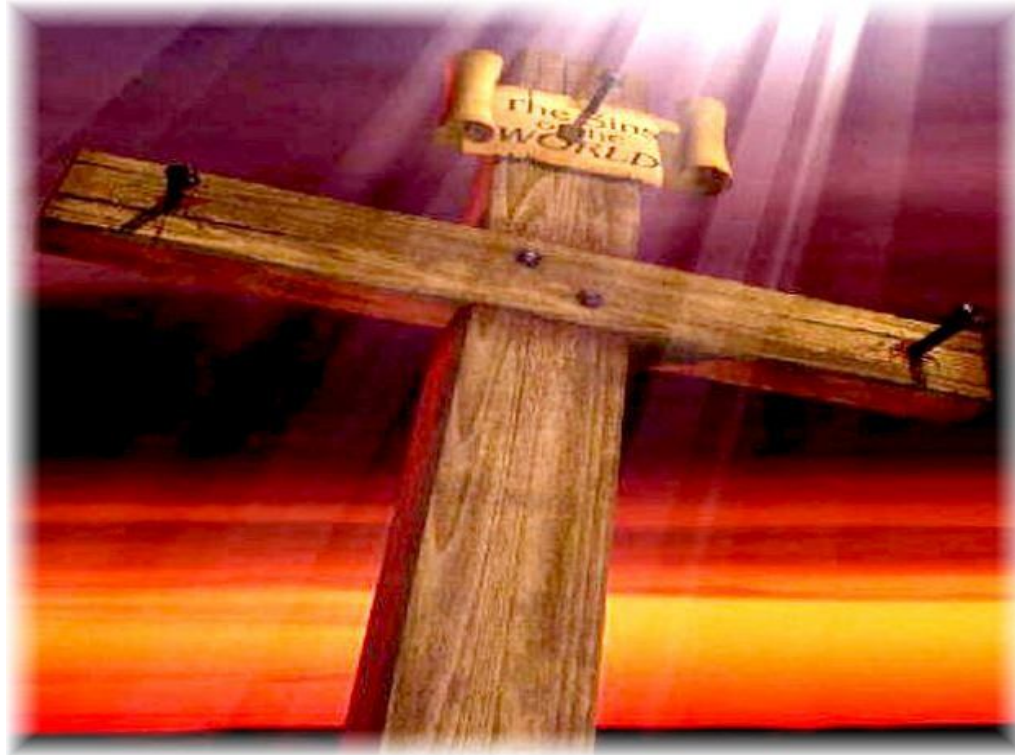
In light of God's designated and progressive policy-dealings with mankind during the ages, there are no contradictions in the Bible as long as its contents are kept in their intended historical setting. In other words, **the scriptures cannot be rightly divided unless they are arranged by dispensations.**





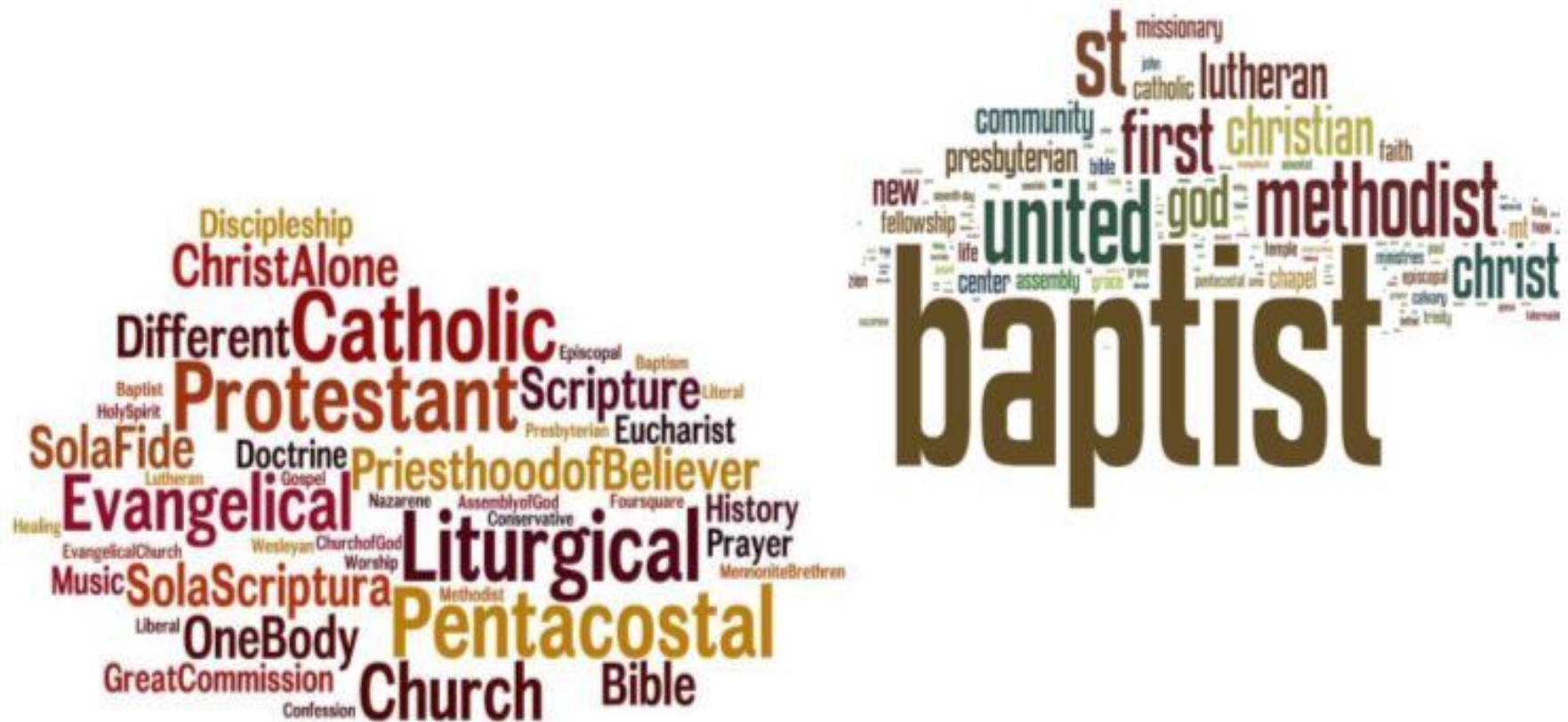
We can therefore note that those things, which are true and relevant to **Adam in the dispensation of innocence**, may or may not be applicable or relevant to **Adam in the dispensation of conscience**.

- The policy for **Noah in the dispensation of human government** is distinct from the covenant that is made to **Abraham in the dispensation of promise**.
- The Law and its ordinances as given to **Moses exclusively for Israel** are not transferable to other nations in **the dispensation of the Law**.
- The Kingdom Gospel** introduced by John the Baptist though rejected by Israel, **is yet reserved for the Jews and Commonwealth of Israel during the tribulation** and the Kingdom Age (Romans 11:22-32).
- The gospel of the grace of God** as revealed to the Apostle Paul **is given solely for the elect, the Church, who is the body of Christ, in the dispensation of grace**.



**KEY NOTE:** The sacrificial death of Jesus upon Calvary covers the span of all dispensations as the only remedy for the sin nature of mankind.

Mixing the messages of the Bible can only result in confusion, contradictions and incorrect doctrinal teaching for this era.



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This is one of the reasons we find countless fractions and diverse Christian denominations, rituals and practices today.

Okay, lets go over what we understand from the Grace gospel teaching,



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INSTRUCTION IN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof and correction when it's "rightly divided" by dispensations and covenants.

And for our instruction in righteousness? It's walking by faith in the only Righteous One, the Lord Jesus Christ, and not ourselves.

As believers, we conform and perform within the strength God gives us by His Holy Spirit, and not by exterior tutorship of rules under the law (Gal. 3:24-26). Lets read and learn how Israel stumbled over this very stumbling block in Romans 9:31-32; 10:3-4;6:14.

## Romans 9:31-32; 10:3-4

“But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? *Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law.* For they stumbled at that stumbling stone”



“For they (Israel) being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*”

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: *for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*” Romans 6:14

Ephesians 1:6

“To the praise of the glory of God’s grace whereby He has made us (Gentiles) accepted in the beloved”.

God has made us unblameable in the Body of Christ! “We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph 2:10; 1:5, 9).

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Phil 2:13). Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phi. 1:6).



Now, Lets go back over the seven dispensations & covenant names and their related scripture references for our notes.

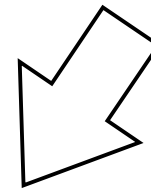


REVIEW

Dispensation  
**INNOCENCE**



Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.



**EDENIC COVENANT**

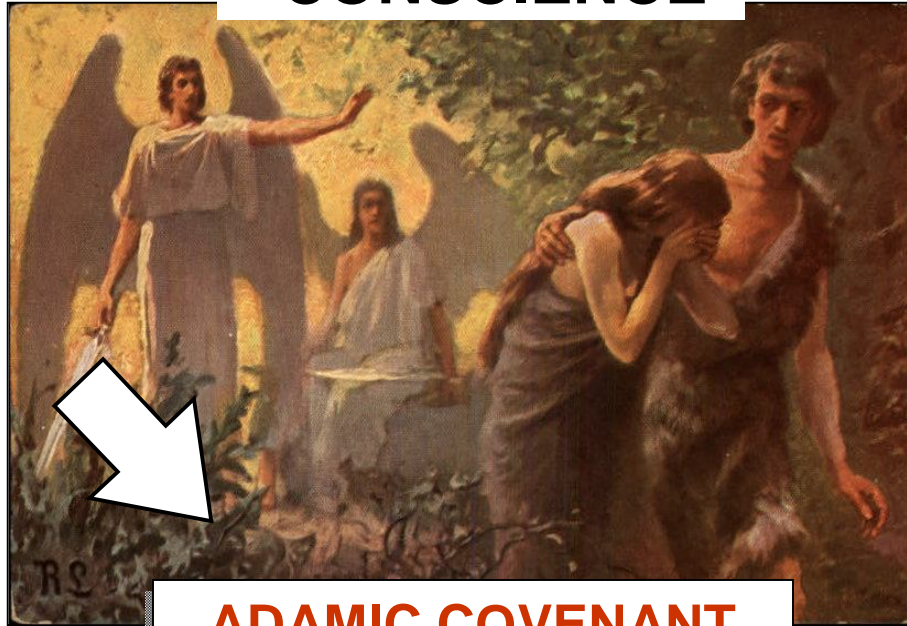
Genesis 1:26-30

Wherein God created all living creatures upon the earth  
(Genesis 2:8-17, 25). **Adam heads this economy.**

REVIEW

Dispensation:  
**CONSCIENCE**

Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.



**ADAMIC COVENANT**

Genesis 3:15-19

Wherein Adam and (Eve) fell into sin and all the earth received the curse and penalty of sin (Genesis 3:10-18, Romans 2:11-15). **Adam heads this economy.**



REVIEW

Dispensation:

## HUMAN GOVERNMENT



Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.

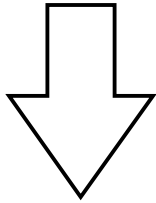
### THE NOAHIC COVENANT

Genesis 9:8-17

Which came after the flood, This dispensation was the first wherein God established civil rule (Genesis 9:6 Romans 13:1). **Noah heads this economy.**

REVIEW

Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.



**ABRAHAMIC COVENANT**

Genesis 12:1-3

Dispensation:  
**PROMISE**

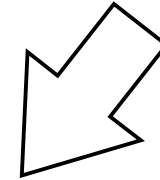


Wherein God called and separated Abraham and ultimately created from Abraham one sanctified nation (Israel) to be His elect or His people (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:17-18). **Abraham heads this economy.**

REVIEW

Dispensation:

**LAW**



**MOSAIC COVENANT**

Exodus 9:5-8

Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.

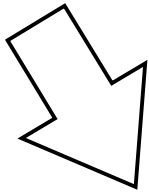
Wherein God gave His Law and ordinances exclusively to His people Israel (Exodus 20:1-26; Galatians 3:19).

**Moses heads this economy.**

Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.

The present (Grace Mystery Truth) dispensation of

## GRACE



### GRACE COVENANT

Ephesians Ch. 3



The Body of Christ, the Church is revealed & manifested. Also, God's elect for this economy is comprised of all of mankind (both Jew and Gentile) (Romans 5:20-21 Ephesians 3:1-9). **Paul heads this economy.**

REVIEW

The future (prophecy) dispensation of the  
**KINGDOM**

**II Samuel 7:4-17**  
**Deut. 30:1-10**  
**Jeremiah 31:31-40**

Covenant Name and  
Scripture Reference.



**DAVIDIC COVENANT**  
Ephesians Ch. 3

Jesus Christ's return to the earth to set on the throne of David and rule this earth in perfect peace for one thousand years (Isaiah 9:6-7:11:1-9). **Jesus Christ heads this economy.**

## DISPENSATION and COVENANT CHART

DISPENSATION	REFERENCE of DISPENSATION	COVENANT for DISPENSATION	REFERENCE for COVENANT	TYPE of COVENANT	ELECT of the DISPENSATION and FEDERAL HEADSHIP
INNOCENCE	GEN 1:3-2:25	EDENIC	GEN. 1:26-30	BILATERAL	ADAM AND EVE ADAM is federal head
CONSCIENCE	GEN 3:6	ADAMIC	GEN 3:15-19	BILATERAL	ADAM AND EVE ADAM is federal head
HUMAN GOVERNMENT	GEN 9:5 thru GEN. Ch. 12	NOAHIC	GEN 9:8-17	UNILATERAL	NOAH AND HIS FAMILY & OTHERS NOAH is federal head
PROMISE	GEN 12:1-3 thru EXODUS 19:13	ABRAHAMIC	GEN 12:1-3	UNILATERAL	ABRAHAM - ISRAEL ABRAHAM is federal head
LAW	EXODUS Ch. 20-31- ACTS	MOSIAC	EXODUS 19:5-8	BILATERAL	ISRAEL MOSES is federal head
<b>GRACE</b> (Present Admin.)	EPISTLES OF PAUL	<b>MYSTERY</b> GRACE TRUTH	EPHESIANS Ch. 3	UNILATERAL	<b>BODY OF CHRIST</b> <b>ISREAL AND GENTILES</b> PAUL is federal head
<b>KINGDOM</b> (Future Admin.)	REV Ch 21	DAVIDIC PALESTINIAN <b>NEW COVENANT</b>	II SAMUEL 7:4-17 DEUT 30:1-10 JEREMIAH 31:31-40	UNILATERAL	<b>ISRAEL FIRST-GENTILES</b> <b>BLESSED thru ISRAEL</b> <b>JESUS is federal head</b>

## Key Review Notes

**The Kingdom Gospel** (PROPHECY) clearly speaks of God's covenant *predominantly* to the Jews, and recorded throughout the Old Testament (Genesis through Acts Chapter 1-8)

.....while **the Grace Gospel** (Mystery) in this dispensation proclaims God's unveiling mercy *predominantly* to the Gentiles, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God (Eph 3:9), and now revealed through **the epistles to the Church, Romans - Hebrews.**



### ***"Distinguishing the Gospel Messages"***

The main difference is that the Kingdom message is dealing with eternal earthly blessings, and the Grace message deals with eternal spiritual blessings that are heavenly.



## What can we conclude therefore looking back from our gospel?



That Adam, a “free-will” moral agent was subject to sin, and in Romans 8:20 it confirms that creation was made subjected to vanity in hope, according to God’s plan to manifested deliverance to His children. So, we put no confidence in our flesh as we walk with God! We walk by faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

And here with Noah, God showed His mercy saving “some” in an ark, and again being so mindful of man whereby He called Abraham out from the people to birth a peculiar people unto Himself; blessing them above all nations and kingdoms.

Yet, the bible later reveals that even His chosen people Israel sinned over and over against Him; eventually seeking their own righteousness thru the Law (Roman 10:2-3) and their many religious rituals.

...and we Gentiles manifestly had no hope and without God in the world!

•But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) Eph. 2:4-5, and here Eph. 1:4 "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be without blame before Him in love".



•Romans 15:4;9 "For as much as was previously written, it was written for our learning, in order that through patience and comfort of the scriptures we might have hope" " (scriptures point out that our hope, comfort, grace AND peace is knowing we are sealed in Christ Jesus).

•And the Gentiles (that's us) on behalf of mercy to glorify God, even as it is (has been) written, on account of this I will confess you among the Gentiles and I will sing to your name.

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Hallelujah! Praise God for His eternal workings for us in Christ!

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



*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory”*

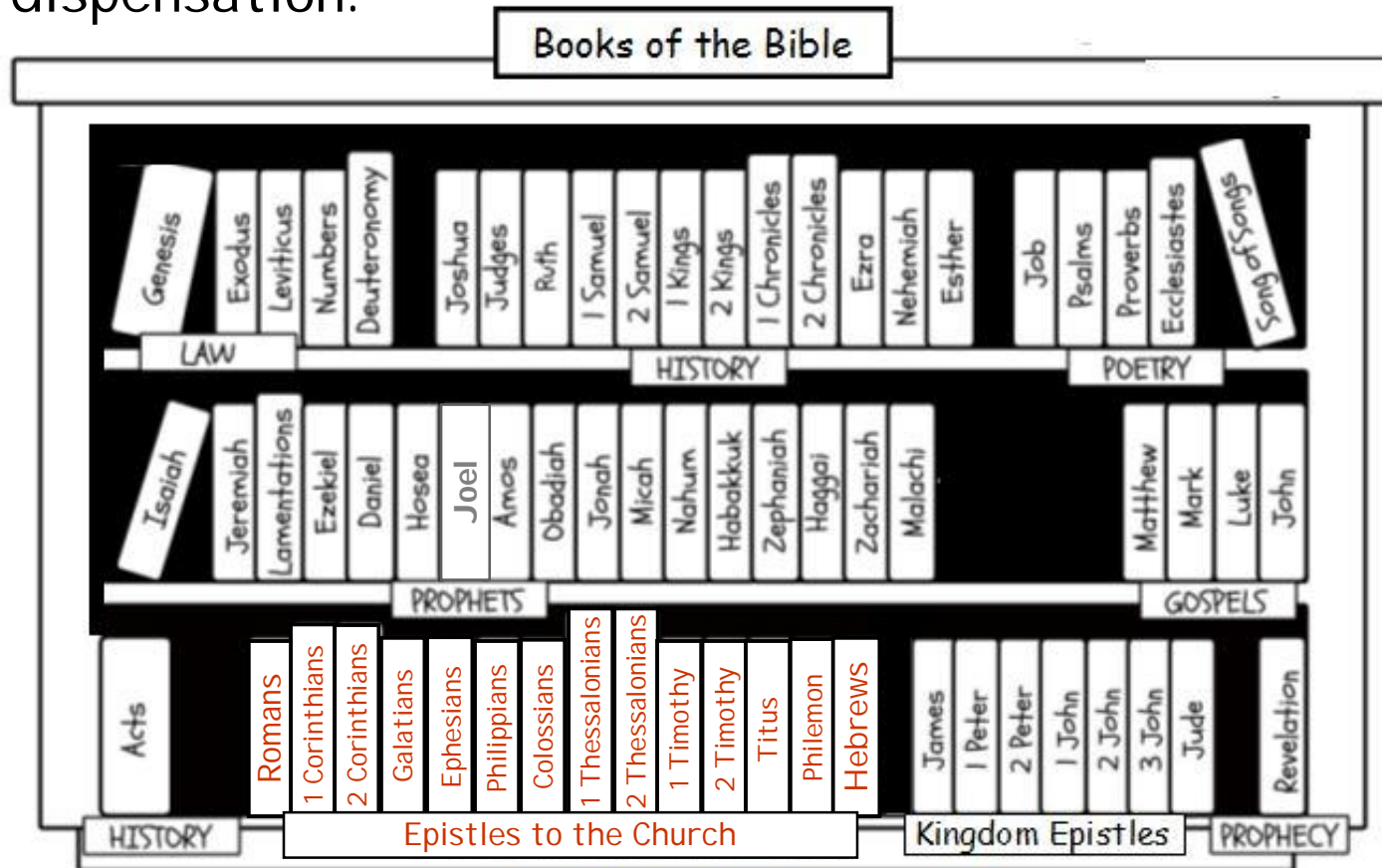
*Colossians 1:24-27*

**Ephesians 3:1:9** “For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery;

(as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”.

We affirm that Paul's epistles to the Church form the basis of the **"Grace Mystery Truth" doctrine (teaching)** for this present grace dispensation.



These volume of truths provide instructions for our daily living;  
for the building up and edification (spiritual food & nourishment)  
 for the **Body of Christ**.

## CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



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Pastor George D. Cutler



Today we find ourselves inundated with many diversities and perceptions of what the truth of the word of God is. In Spite of this we should be encouraged that there is an answer and a basis for hope. *The solution is found in rightly handling the word of God (II Tim. 2:15).*

*If we will take the Bible literally and keep each book and letter in its intended orbit, we will be moving toward distinguishing between things that differ (Phil. 1:9-10).* As we spiritually and intelligently approach the Bible in this manner, we are compelled to reorganize the distinct revelations of truths for the Church, the body of Christ, which was given to the Apostle Paul (I Corth. 2:6-10, Gal 1:12).

Paul refers to this message for the Church as “my gospel” (Rom. 2:16; 16:25-26, II Tim 2:8) and as the “gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). *This means that in the dispensation of grace age, we should be majoring in the epistles written to the churches, namely Paul’s and those in alignment with them.*





Once it is fully understood that the primary messages for the dispensation of grace is found in the Epistles written to the churches or pertaining to them, consideration should be given to the significance of the principle of emphasis. This principle rests upon the premise that the truth, which God has revealed through the writers of the Bible, varies in importance. Basically, this principle means that the truth derived from identification with the writer in emphasis. *In other words, Paul heads the dispensation of grace; thus his writings define more directly the message for grace.* As the Apostle Paul's fourteen Epistles (Hebrews included) are studied and considered; the truth for the dispensation is presented in each of them.

*The Grace Gospel Church Ministry is committed to accuracy and emphasis in the pursuit of ascertaining what is being literally taught in the epistles to the Church. We believe that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (the teacher) has provided a perfect balance of truth that is a sound basis for establishing the intended message for the body of Christ.*



## Terms and Definitions 101

- ✚ **Adoption:** *God's appointment of believers in sonship.*
- ✚ **Actualization:** To generate realness, reality, produce into action or provide factually.
- ✚ **Decree:** To command, ordain, an order having the force of law or principle, i.e., a formal and authoritative order.
- ✚ **Doctrine:** Teachings
- ✚ **Election:** *God's Sovereign choice of Individuals to Salvation.*
- ✚ **Eternality:** The spiritual sphere or locale of where all are complete in perfection.
- ✚ **Eternal Now:** The essence of all existence abiding in completion.
- ✚ **Existence:** The state of being real or actually current rather than imagined.
- ✚ **Faith:** *Total unconditional commitment and trust in God, which is conveyed as a gift to those chosen by Him.*
- ✚ **Fate:** The development of events beyond creature/creation's control, regarded as determined by an unknown, indefinite power also identified as destiny.
- ✚ **Foreordination (Predestination):** *God's determination beforehand; His foreknowledge of all events infallibly guides those who are destined for salvation.*
- ✚ **Gospel:** "good news"
- ✚ **Grace:** *The free gift or unmerited favor of God granting "freedom" or forgiveness of the sin nature to those whom He elected in eternity.*
- ✚ **Glorification:** *The exalted status of honor and illustrious worth and value bestowed as the elect's final, dignified and righteous state of being.*
- ✚ **Imputation:** *God counts (reckons) the righteousness of Christ to His elect's account.*
- ✚ **Justification:** *Legal term meaning to be declared righteous by God.*

## Terms and definitions 101 (cont.)

- ✚ **Matrix:** Visual representation or indications in grids and/or patterns of measurements for testimonial documentations.
- ✚ **Manifestation:** The outward perceptible indication of revelation or materialization.
- ✚ **Ontology:** Study concerned with what constitutes existence or coming into being.
- ✚ **Propitiation:** *The “acceptable sacrifice” of Jesus Christ as appeasement to God for the offense of the sin nature thus allowing the acceptable standing of the elect.*
- ✚ **Reality:** Actually existent, true or certain.
- ✚ **Reconciliation:** *Restoration of fellowship with God.*
- ✚ **Physicality:** State of material, visual cosmos (worldly, secular) relations.
- ✚ **Redemption:** *The accomplished work of Jesus Christ wherein the shedding of His blood constitutes full payment for the penalty of sin thus releasing God’s elect from the curse of it thereby.*
- ✚ **Righteous:** *God's standard depicting His moral attributes.*
- ✚ **Salvation:** *Total deliverance from of sin/death. God's provision of escape from eternal damnation and separation.*
- ✚ **Sanctification:** *That which is set apart as holy unto God for His divine purpose.*
- ✚ **Sovereignty of God:** *God’s absolute right to decree and exercise His will, plan and purpose without challenge, opposition or question from anyone outside of Himself.*
- ✚ **Spirituality:** State of nonmaterial, non-visual deified relations.
- ✚ **Synergism:** In Theology, the doctrine of the human will plus God working together in order to bring about events and occasions into existence.
- ✚ **Time Capsule:** *God’s creation of decreed sequenced representations of courses of past, present, and/or future for the purpose of revealing testimonies in periods therein.*
- ✚ **Total Depravity:** *Absolute worthlessness and uselessness of mankind in value.*

# NOTES

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# The Bible (Conclusion)

## Dispensations and Covenants

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