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### LESSON 10 The Seven Dispensations of Man

#### There will be Seven Eras that will Govern Mankind Till Christ Returns

*“That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on the earth; even in Him.” (Ephesians 1:10)*

A **dispensation** is a period of time God designates to govern mankind until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Each dispensation begins with mankind in *high favor* of God but ends in *God's judgment*.

There are **Seven Dispensations** assigned to Man. They begin with Adam and end at Christ's Second Coming.

- First* is the **Dispensation of Innocence**
- Second* is the **Dispensation of Conscience**
- Third* is the **Dispensation of Government**
- Fourth* is the **Dispensation of Promise**
- Fifth* is the **Dispensation of the Old Testament of the Law**
- Sixth* is the **Dispensation of the New Covenant of Grace**
- Seven* is the **Dispensation of the Millennial Reign of Christ**

#### 1 The Dispensation of Innocence: God's son Adam

*Began at creation being good and Adam and his wife were in high favor with God.  
Gen. 1:28, 5:2*

*Ended with being disobedient to God's commandment which resulted in Adam being cursed and cast out of the garden to labor hard on the ground that was cursed and die, which ended the age of innocence. Gen. 3:17*

#### 2 The Dispensation of Conscience: God's replacement seed Seth

*Began with God clothing Adam's and his wife's nakedness with coats of skins by blood Sacrifices (skins indicates more than one animal was slain). Gen. 3:21*

*Ended with Ham's grandson Nimrod establishing a kingdom to make a name for itself that forgot the name (authority) of God. Therefore, God confused the language of the earth by making many languages at the Tower of Babel in Nimrod's kingdom. Thus, mankind became scattered throughout earth with diverse types of tongues (languages) and could no longer communicate on one accord. Gen. 11:7-9*

#### 3 The Dispensation of Government: God's Perfect man Noah

*Began with Noah finding grace in the eyes of the Lord. Gen. 6:8*

*Ended with “the wickedness of man being great in the earth,” which resulted in God bringing His judgment on earth through the Great Flood that destroyed its inhabitants that lived on dry ground and left only 8 human souls alive. 1 Peter 3:20*



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### **4 The Dispensation of Promise: God's Friend Abraham**

*Began with God electing an idol worshipper named Abram and promised to make his name great as opposed to Nimrod's kingdom and bless him as father of many nationalities. **Gen. 12:1-3***

*Ended with "Abram the Hebrew" Hebrews enslaved in Africa. **Gen. 14:13, 15:13***

### **5 The Dispensation of the Old Testament of the Law Given by God's Servant Moses**

*Began with the liberation of God's Chosen People from African slavery with them being Given the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God and being led in the Promised land that was taken from Ham's son Canaan. **Exodus 3:8***

*Ended with Jesus the Messiah of Israel being crucified on a cross as an accursed thing. Our sins were judged in Jesus He that knew no sin was made sin for us... **2 Co. 5:21***

### **6 The Dispensation of the New Covenant of Grace: God's Son Jesus**

*Began with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as Mediator of a better Covenant. **Heb. 8:6***

*To End at the Great Tribulation that will see such destruction that the world has experienced since creation. **Matt. 24:21***

### **7 The Dispensation of Millennial Reign of Christ:**

*Begins with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to reign in Jerusalem in the Temple that will have been built by the permission of the Antichrist and He will thoroughly purge it from all impurities and all nations shall come worship the Lord at the capital of all the earth Jerusalem. **Isaiah 9:6; 2 Thes. 2:3-5***

*To ended with a military coup against the LORD and His anointed and He will destroy His attackers and immediately begin Judgment Day for the wicked dead. **Rev. 20:7-15***

**The Day of God:** <sup>28</sup> And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

**1 Cor. 15:28**

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: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Eph. 3:9-11**

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." **Rev. 22:20-21**