

# REF. MATERIAL

## 7 Dispensations (Ages)

Dispensation is mentioned 4 times (only in New Testament): 1 Corinthians 9:17, Ephesians 1:10, Ephesians 3:2-8, and Colossians 1:25. The dispensation of Law was the only conditional dispensation (based on man's responsibility); all other dispensations were God's responsibility. And, all but one of the dispensations ends in judgment.

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| Legend |  | Beginning of Dispensation                        |
|        |  | Mankind's Responsibility (What To Do)            |
|        |  | What Is Mankind Being Tested For (Consciousness) |

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|  | Crowning Sin (What Caused End) |
|  | Ending Judgment                |

### 1—Innocence

(Paradise), Gen. 1:25–  
Gen. 3:23



-  Creation [Gen. 1 & 2]
-  Dominion over earth, faithfulness, obey God
-  God consciousness
-  Disobedience, ate of tree of good and evil [Gen. 3:6]
-  Sin entered and driven from garden [Gen. 3:23]

### 2—Conscience

1,656 Yrs. (404-2348 B.C.)



-  Ate of the tree of good and evil
-  Work the land in toil, bear children in sorrow, bring sacrifice
-  Sin consciousness
-  Wickedness and rebellion against God
-  The flood [Gen. 4-7]

### 3—Human Government

427 Yrs. (2348-1921 B.C.)



-  Flood waters receded
-  Self-control, multiply
-  Man consciousness
-  Pride; built tower to reach into heaven to be gods
-  Tower of Babel, languages confused [Gen. 8-11]

### 4—Promise

(Abrahamic Covenant),  
420 Yrs. (1928-1508 B.C.)



-  Covenant w/Abraham
-  Dwell in land God had given them
-  Follow God's direction
-  Ignorance of promise
-  Egypt judged, Israel set free of Egyptian rule

## PROPHECY—INTRODUCTION

### Daniel & Revelation

#### 5—Law

(Mosaic Covenant),  
1,524 Yrs.  
(1491 B.C.- 3 A.D.)



- Giving of The Law to Moses
- Keep all The Law (schoolmaster), obey God
- Human-righteousness (self)
- Rejection of Jesus and disobedience to God
- Crucifixion (Calvary)

#### 6—Church

(Grace), ??? Yrs.  
(33 A.D.-Tribulation)



- Resurrection of Jesus
- Gospel to all nations [Acts 15]
- Faith [Eph. 2:8—9]
- Rejection of God's grace, apostasy
- Judgment of 7 Churches & Rapture

#### 7—Kingdom<sup>1</sup>

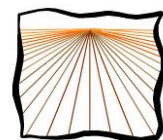
Future, Time Span Unknown



- 2nd Coming of Jesus
- Accept rule of Christ over all the heaven and earth
- Obedience to Jesus Christ
- Satan causes the nations to rebel
- Armageddon, the wicked dead judged at God's Great White Throne; and Satan, death, & hell cast into Lake of Fire

#### Eternity

Forever



- New heaven and new earth
- Heaven dwellers: Reigning w/Jesus  
Earth dwellers blessed: Ruled by Jews
- Universal peace
- No end, no judgment, no testing—just joy

<sup>1</sup> Kingdom Age Events (in chronological order): ❶ Jesus' throne set up in heaven [Revelation 4:2]; ❷ Armageddon takes place; ❸ Millennium (1,000 years);. ❹ Satan loosed;. ❺ Great White Throne judgment, ❻ New heaven and earth; and ❼ Rulership turned over to God the Father.