

**BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
THE DISPENSATION PRINCIPLE
ENDING SUMMARY**

Introduction

Man was tried by God at the ideal times, under ideal conditions: The message was *“Believe and obey God.”*

I. IN EVERY DISPENSATION EVIL IS HEADED UP IN A PERSON OR PERSONS.

1. **Innocence:** Satan (Through The Serpent).
2. **Conscience:** The Offspring of the Intermarriage Between The Sons Of God (The Godly Line Of Seth) And The Daughters Of Men (The Ungodly Line Of Cain).
3. **Human Government:** Nimrod.
4. **Promise:** The King Who Knew Not Joseph.
5. **Law:** Judas, The Scribes And The Pharisees.
6. **Grace or Church:** Modernists And Apostates.
7. **Judgment or Tribulation:** The Antichrist.
8. **Kingdom:** Satan.

II. IN EACH DISPENSATION GOD COMES DOWN AND MANIFESTS HIMSELF TO MAN ON THE EARTH.

1. **Innocence:** Walked In The Garden Of Eden. (*Genesis 3:8*)
2. **Conscience:** Talked With Noah. (*Genesis 6:13ff*)
3. **Human Government:** *“Let us go down”* (*Genesis 11:5-7*)
4. **Promise:**
 - a. To Abraham. (*Genesis 12:7*)
 - b. To Moses.
“Burning Bush” – “I AM” Came Down. (Exodus 3:8)
5. **Law:**
 - a. To Moses On Mt. Sinai. (*Exodus 19-20*)
 - b. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ. (*John 1:14*)
6. **Grace Or Church:** Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2*)
7. **Judgment Or Tribulation:** Second Coming Of Christ To Earth. (*Revelation 19:11-16*)
8. **Kingdom:** Christ Rules The Earth For 1000 Years. (*Revelation 20:4-6*)

III. AT THE CLOSE OF EVERY DISPENSATION GOD GIVES MAN UP TO HIS OWN WAY.

1. **Innocence:** Knowledge Of Sin.
2. **Conscience:** Imagination Of Evil.

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3. **Human Government:** Lawlessness.
4. **Promise:** Food In Egypt.
5. **Law:** Tradition And Formalism.
6. **Grace or Church:** Love Of The World.
7. **Judgment or Tribulation:** Judicial Blindness.
8. **Kingdom:** Following After Satan.

IV. EACH DISPENSATION ENDS WITH DESTRUCTION OR JUDGMENT.

1. **Innocence:** Sin’s Curse And The Expulsion From The Garden Of Eden.
2. **Conscience:** The Worldwide Flood.
3. **Human Government:** The Worldwide Dispersion And Confusion Of The Languages.
4. **Promise:** Bitter Bondage In Egypt.
5. **Law:** Beheading of John The Baptist And Crucifixion Of Christ.
6. **Grace Or Church:** Rapture Of The Church And Ushering In Of The Tribulation.
7. **Judgment Or Tribulation:** Destruction Of Those That Make War Against Christ And His Army; Beast And False Prophet Cast Into The Lake Of Fire; Satan Is Chained.
8. **Kingdom:** Loosing Of Satan And Destruction Of Those Involved In The World-Wide Rebellion Against God and then The Great White Throne Judgment.

Conclusion

So, why did we take time to study **The Dispensation Principle**?
The purpose of studying this principle is **to rightly divide the Word of Truth**.
Accordingly, there are some things we need to keep in mind:

I. DO NOT CONFUSE ONE DISPENSATION WITH ANOTHER DISPENSATION.

Take *Matthew 10:5-6* as an example. If this command is binding for us today, then there are no grounds for us to preach the Gospel.
If *Matthew 10:5-6* is for today, then it contradicts *Matthew 28:19* and *Mark 16:15*.

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II. IT IS OF NECESSITY THAT WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TRUTHS THAT BELONG IN DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS.

A. The Past Dispensations Must Not Be Brought Into The Present!

Example—Take *Deuteronomy 6:25 vs. Romans 3:20*

Deuteronomy 6:25 (Law)—“And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.”

Romans 3:20 (Grace)—“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Deuteronomy 6:25 is under the covenant of works to Israel only: “Thou shalt. . .” and “Thou shalt not. . .” (i.e. Do and live!)

Romans 3:20 is under Grace to the Jew and Gentile: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” (i.e. Done!)

B. The Future Dispensations Must Not Be Brought Into The Present!

Example—Take *Isaiah 2:4*

From the context it is clear that this is speaking of a future dispensation! (The Kingdom)

C. The Present Must Not Be Read Into The Past!

The mystery of the Church (the Body of Christ) was revealed **first** unto the Apostle Paul.

Scripture of the Old Testament has no reference to the Church. (This truth is found in *Ephesians 3:1-10.*)

Someone may ask, “Why didn’t God reveal the Church by Jesus?” *John 16:12-15* answers this.

D. The Present Dispensation Must Not Be Read Into The Future!

None of the Church is to go through the Tribulation Period. It is a Rapture not a rupture!

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In *Jeremiah 30:4-7* it is called the time of “*Jacob’s Trouble*,” not the Church’s trouble.

Jeremiah 30:3 tells us that this time of “*Jacob’s Trouble*” will occur when many Jews return to the land.

E. One Part Of The Future Is Not To Be Read Into Another Part Of The Future!

2 Corinthians 5:10—“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” Deals with the Judgment Seat of Christ. (Believers Only!)

Revelation 20:11-15—Deals with the Great White Throne Judgment. (Unbelievers Only!)

Conclusion

Use your knowledge of the Dispensations to help you rightly divide the Word of Truth!