

# GENESIS

For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

LEVITICUS 11:45

because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

I PETER 1:16

**6 times we read be holy for I am holy in the book of Leviticus; (Lev.11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7, 26; 21:18) And then in the New testament we see it again.**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

ROMANS 8:29

**Train up a child in the way he should go,  
And when he is old he will not depart  
from it.**

**PROVERBS 22:6**

that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

EPHESIANS 1:10

if indeed you have heard of the  
dispensation of the grace of God which  
was given to me for you,

EPHESIANS 3:2

# οἰκονομία

Dispensation (oy-kon-om-ee'-ah) - means management of a household or of household affairs, an administrator or office manager or overseer, stewardship.

For if I do this willingly, I have a reward;  
but if against my will, I have been  
entrusted with a stewardship.

I CORINTHIANS 9:17

of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

COLOSSIANS 1:25

**God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,**

**HEBREWS 1:1**

has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

HEBREWS 1:2

**αἰών**

**Worlds (aion) – means age or period of time.**

# κόσμος

World (kos-mos) - means the physical world,  
the earth.

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has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the ages;

HEBREWS 1:2

But we speak the wisdom of God in a  
mystery, the hidden wisdom which God  
ordained before the ages for our glory,

I CORINTHIANS 2:7

far above all principality and power and  
might and dominion, and every name  
that is named, not only in this age but  
also in that which is to come.

EPHESIANS 1:21

He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

HEBREWS 9:26

Now to the King eternal, immortal,  
invisible, to God who alone is wise, be  
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

I TIMOTHY 1:17

This word "eternal" is again the same Greek wd -αἰών - aion "age." And this noun is in the masculine plural form "ages" so this verse should really read...

1Tim. 1:17 - "Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

according to the eternal purpose which  
He accomplished in Christ Jesus our  
Lord,

EPHESIANS 3:11

should read...

Eph. 3:11 - "according to the ages which  
He accomplished in Christ Jesus our  
Lord,"

**And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,**

**ACTS 17:26**

so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

ACTS 17:27

בְּרִית

Covenant (B'riyt) - alliance, pledge or agreement.

**7 Dispensations**

**8 Covenants within the Dispensations**

**Covenants are either Conditional (C) or  
Unconditional (U)**

<b>1 Innocence (Gen.1-3)</b>	<b>1 Edenic Covenant</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>2 Conscience (Gen.4-8)</b>	<b>2 Adamic Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>3 Human Government (Gen.9-11)</b>	<b>3 Noahdic Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>4 Promise (Gen.12-Ex.11)</b>	<b>4 Abrahamic Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>5 Law (Ex.12-Acts 1)</b>	<b>5 Land Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>
<b>6 Church/Grace (Acts 2-Rev.3:19)</b>	<b>6 Mosaic Covenant</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>7 Millennial Kingdom (Rev.20)</b>	<b>7 New Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>
	<b>8 Davidic Covenant</b>	<b>U</b>

**1) New ruling factors**

**4) Testing to measure obedience**

**2) New responsibilities for mankind - Covenants**

**5) Failure of obedience**

**3) Key person to whom directions are given**

**6) Grace displayed**

**7) Judgment**

# Dispensation of Innocence (Gen. 1:26 - Gen. 3:24)

1) New Ruling – Adam and Eve were innocent, no sin. God would fellowship with them in His presence in their innocence so long as they did not eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. (Gen.2:17)

2) Key person – Adam. God revealed his will to Adam on how He would administrate His household.

3) *New responsibilities* – This is the Edenic Covenant.

Gen.1:28 – the earth - “3 responsibilities for the earth”

- 1) Subdue it – this is over non living things.
- 2) Have Dominion over the animal kingdom,
- 3) Multiply mankind

Gen.2:15 – the Garden – “2 responsibilities for the garden”

1) Work or Till the Garden

2) Guard the garden from animals wanting to dig it up or trampling it and possibly from Satan.

4) Test – The Test of the Tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. Test of Creature holiness.

5) Failure – Ate of the tree of the Knowledge of good and evil. Gen.3:6

6) Grace - Messiah promised from the seed of the woman, animals killed to cover their sin and skins given to hide their nakedness. A way given in their sinful and fallen state. (Gen.3:15; 21) Notice here judgment came first to the serpent.. Gen. 3:14 ¶ So the LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this,

7) Judgment – Serpent cursed, Woman cursed, Man cursed, there is now physical and spiritual death, and thus they are Kicked out of the Garden.  
(Gen.3:14-19; 23-24)

**What is discontinued in the dispensation of Innocence: Eating the tree of life and living forever. Being in the Garden of Eden and fellowshiping with God in person and Tending and Guarding the Garden. All of that has ended.**

**Salvation – how were you saved in the age of Innocence? You weren't. There was no need for salvation because there was no sin and no penalty of sin to be saved from.**

# The Dispensation of Conscience

(Gen.3:14 – 8:22)

1) Ruling factors – the continuance of free will, and man is now ruled by his conscience. This dispensation demonstrates that man needs more than his conscience to walk upright before God. Paul confirms this.

Rom. 2:14 - "for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do themselves,"

Rom. 2:15 - "who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them..."

The second ruling factor which God began to use in the second dispensation was the restraint by the Holy Spirit.

Gen. 6:3 ¶ And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

דִּין

Strive (deen) – to contend or plead, to govern, to judge

1) Key Person – Adam – Gen.3:14 - Adam received some new revelation which spelled out the principles and requirements of this new dispensation.

2) New Responsibilities – Adamic Covenant - Among the requirements of the Adamic Covenant were: the responsibility of the wife to be in subjection to her husband; the working of the land in toil and sweat of the brow; the concept of physical death; and a number of other things. The key element in this responsibility was faith in the promised Redeemer. Contained within the scope of this covenant was the promise of Genesis 3:15,

1) Testing - The specific test with the Dispensation of Conscience was twofold:

First, obedience to the dictates of conscience in the knowledge of good and evil.

Secondly, when there was failure, they were to offer a proper and acceptable blood sacrifice.

This can be gleaned from Genesis 3:21 and 4:4.

**Failure - Failure in the second dispensation was seen as early as the case of Cain in Genesis 4:3. Cain failed to bring a proper blood sacrifice and thought he could come to God on his own terms rather than on the terms that God had ordained. In verse 8, failure was seen in the first act of murder when Cain murdered his brother Abel.**

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

GENESIS 6:5

**1) Grace – Noah called to build a Ship to save those who still followed God so that the seed line could bring the Messiah.**

**2) Judgment – Global Flood. Gen.7:11-24**