

## Revelation and Daniel

### The Seven Dispensations

#### 1 – Innocence

Time element – From the creation of Adam and Eve in Genesis 2 until the fall in Genesis 3

Test – Genesis 2:17, "...from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat..."

Failure – They ate of the tree, Genesis 3:6

Judgment – Genesis 1:17, "...in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

#### 2 – Conscience

Time element – From the fall to the flood

Test – Respond to God through the promptings of his conscience.

Failure – Cain slew Abel, Genesis 4:8, unnatural affection became rampant, Genesis 6:1-5

Judgment – The flood, Genesis 7

#### 3 – Human Government

Time element – From the flood, Genesis 8:20, to the call of Abraham in Genesis 12

Test – Govern righteously and fill the earth, Genesis 9:1-7

Failure – Instead of governing and filling the earth they remained together and built a tower to themselves, Genesis 11:4

Judgment – The confusion of language, Genesis 11:7

#### 4 – Promise

Time element – The call of Abraham, Genesis 12, to the giving of the Law, Exodus 19

Test – To believe the promise of God and serve Him

Failure – They left the promised land and went to Egypt

Judgment – Slavery in Egypt

#### 5 – Law

Time element – The giving of the Law, Exodus 19, to the death of Christ and the beginning of the church in Acts 2

Test – Keep the Law

Failure – Repeated idolatry and failure to keep the Law

Judgment – The Assyrian and Babylonian captivity and eventual worldwide dispersion

#### 6 – Grace (Church)

Time element – The beginning of the church, Acts 2, to the rapture of the church, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (the 7 years of tribulation fall at the end of this period).

Test – Accept the gift of righteousness that God offers freely to all

Failure – Rejection of God's grace in Jesus Christ

Judgment – Unbelievers in the tribulation

#### 7 – Millennium

Time element – The second coming of Christ to the end of the millennium, Revelation 20

Test – Obedience to the King

Failure – Rebellion and attack on the King, Revelation 20:7-9

Judgment – Destruction by fire from heaven and the Great White Throne, Revelation 20:9-15

### The Seven Dispensations are NOT seven ways of salvation. Salvation is always by FAITH!

*"Without faith it is impossible to please Him..."* Hebrews 11:6

### Two classes of covenants are given in Scripture:

Conditional – A covenant that guarantees God will do His part when the human requirements stipulated in the covenant are met.

1. Edenic Covenant – Genesis 1:26-31, 2:16-17
2. Mosaic – Exodus 20:1 – 31:18

Unconditional – A covenant that is guaranteed by God and will be fulfilled because of His power and sovereignty regardless of human actions.

1. Adamic – Genesis 3:16-19
2. Noahic – Genesis 9:1-18
3. Abrahamic – Genesis 12:1-4, 13:14-17, 15:1-7, 17:1-8
4. Land (Palestinian) – Deuteronomy 30:1-10
5. Davidic – 2 Samuel 7:4-16, 1 Chronicles 17:3-15
6. New – Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Abraham Is Promised – Unconditionally:

- A land
- To be the father of a great nation
- Personal blessings
- A great name
- To be a blessing (or curse) to all mankind

The promise is reiterated in Genesis 13:14-17

The covenant is ratified in Genesis 15:17-21

The covenant promises are declared to be everlasting in Genesis 17:4-9