

# Dispensations:

## The Key to Rightly Dividing God's Word

### Adam's Lineage, Noah's Lineage and Another Flood

**Names:** Dispensation of Conscience, Adamic, Antediluvian (Adamic). Post-diluvian, Noahic, Dispensation of Human government (Noahic).

**Scripture:** Adamic - Genesis 3:16-8:14. Noahic – Genesis 6-11.

**Covenants:** Adamic. Noahic.

**Key events to know:**

1. Adamic covenant.
2. Lineages of Cain & Seth.
3. The sons of God.
4. Noah's flood & Noahic covenant.
5. Key types and pictures.

<b>Dispensation</b>	<b>Covenant</b>	<b>Description</b>
Eternity Past	None	Original creation. Lucifer & angels.
Innocence	Edenic	Reconstruction of earth. Creation of man.
<b>Conscience</b>	<b>Adamic</b>	<b>Adam's lineage and sons of God.</b>
<b>Human government</b>	<b>Noahic</b>	<b>Noah's flood and lineage.</b>

### THE ADAMIC COVENANT

Adam and Eve have broken the only commandment God has given them along with the Edenic covenant. Both of them have died spiritually (as God said) but, in an act of mercy, God spared them physically. Now He will have to deal with mankind differently since they are no longer innocent. While acquiring knowledge can be a good thing, they both found out that the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ was nothing like what the serpent had promised them.

- The knowledge promised: "ye shall be as gods", "wise" (Gen. 3:5-6), all-knowing just like God (*religion*). What they actually did was to "get into bed with Satan" – Gen. 4:1, 25, 19:5; Ps. 7:14.
- We should be experienced (mature, wise, understanding) in the things of God 1 Cor. 14:20; Rom. 16:19!

### Curses of Adamic Covenant

- Serpent cursed to eat dust through the millennium - Isaiah 65:25.
- Women to have greatly multiplied sorrow and \_\_\_\_\_ – Gen. 3:16.
- Women will have to submit to their husband's leadership – Gen. 3:16.
- Ground is cursed and man will have to work harder for its fruit – Gen. 3:17-19.
- Mankind will \_\_\_\_\_ die returning to the ground he was created from – Gen. 3:19.

### A Single but Powerful Blessing

- Genesis 3:15 – a prophecy of Christ. One day a savior will come through the woman's seed to redeem mankind!

NOTE: this covenant is **unconditional** and still in effect to this very day.

### Dispensation of Conscience

Adam knew because he ate the forbidden fruit he would die. He knew he was naked. Feelings of fear and guilt for the first time cause him to hide from God's presence revealing his \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 3:8-11). This dispensation of conscience shows how God now deals with man individually.

Conscience - Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them.

Now that he has experienced evil, he knows what is right and what is wrong. **Note how the Adamic covenant has no commands.**

Romans 2:14-15 - man has an unwritten law in his heart. Cain, when he killed his brother, did not break any written law but yet he knew it was wrong in his heart and God called him out on it. Everyone knows what is right and wrong because it is embedded into their conscience. Man can ignore it and do whatever he wants, but that will bring certain judgment. And we will see worldwide judgment happen once again in yet another flood.

## LINEAGES OF CAIN & SETH

Remember the blessing from Genesis 3:15 talks about 2 seeds (2 lineages) – the seed of Christ and the seed of the \_\_\_\_\_. After Abel’s murder, Adam and Eve have another son named Seth. He will be the start of the line representing God’s seed (Gen. 4:25-26, 5:3). The Devil will work through Cain’s line. Notice the similarities:

<b>Seth’s line (God)</b> – Gen. 5:6-32	<b>Cain’s line (Devil)</b> – Gen. 4:17-22
Enoch	Enoch
Mahalaleel	Mehujael
Methuselah	Methusael
Lamech	Lamech (2 wives)
Jared	Irada
Noah	Naamah (sister of Tubal-cain)
Shem, Ham, Japeth	Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-cain

These 2 lines continue right after the flood through Noah! Shem bringing the seed of Christ and Ham bringing the Devil’s.

## THE SONS OF GOD

Who are they?

- In the **Old Testament**, they are \_\_\_\_\_ so named because they were created in the image of God – Job 38:7.
- The other remaining OT references specifically refer to those angels who rebelled against God with Lucifer - Gen. 6:1-4; Job 1:6, 2:1.
- They make up the “devils” seen doing the work of their father, the Devil – Deut. 32:17; 2 Chron. 11:15; Matt. 8:16, 28-33; Mark 1:32; Luke 4:35; James 2:19.

The group within the group:

- Gen. 6:1-4 – these particular sons of God left their first estate so they could procreate with human women (Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4) and create a race of giants.
  - See the Devil’s plan at work! He’s trying to take over the world and wipe out God’s seed with “super-humans”. You will see them show up again after Noah’s flood and in the land that God will promise to Abraham – Num. 13:33; Deut. 1:28, 3:11. This is why God had to put a stop to it and cast them to hell in chains to await the final judgment.

## NOAH'S FLOOD & NOAHIC COVENANT

Man's conscience is failing. Though he knows right from wrong, he decides to follow his own, wicked ways and God decides to wipe him out – Gen. 6:5-8:13. But Noah and his family found grace in the eyes of the Lord – there is always a faithful remnant!

Promises of the Noahic Covenant:

- God would not curse the ground nor smite every living thing again – Gen. 8:21.
- The seasons, day and night, and harvest shall not cease (*while the earth remaineth*) – Gen. 8:22.
- He would not destroy the earth again by flood – Gen. 9:11.
- God gives a special sign of his covenant, a rainbow – Gen. 9:12-13.

Requirements for man:

- He was to again multiply and replenish the earth – Gen. 9:1, 7.
- He is not to eat blood from any source – Gen. 9:4.
- He is to exercise capital punishment upon man and beast – Gen. 9:5-6.

Additional items:

- Animals would fear and dread man – Gen. 9:2.
- Animals are now available for man to consume – Gen. 9:3.

### Dispensation of Human Government

Since man would not listen to his conscience to do what is godly, God makes mankind as a whole responsible for punishing the sins of individuals and keeping sin in check. Once again he is to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the \_\_\_\_\_ but, as before, he fails. Instead of spreading out over the earth he decides to congregate in primarily the same area: the land of Shinar. They felt safety was in numbers or perhaps in unity against God. They built a city with a tower representing their strength, engineering capability, and one-world government political structure. They had no need for God. It is such a marvel that God Himself comes down to Earth to see everything. He divides their language and understanding of each other (calling the place Babel) and scatters them (Gen. 11:1-9). The earth gets replenished as He commanded. Great cities are constructed and nations are born (Gen. 10-11). If there was ever a chance for mankind to build a government that honored God and His commands, it's now. Instead, he uses it for self-gain. But God has a special plan, for a special people, regarding a nation and government that HE will build.

### KEY TYPES AND PICTURES

- Cain is a type of the Antichrist and also represents an unsaved person. Abel is a type of Christ and would represent a saved person. Abel is a keeper of the sheep (shepherd) and offers the proper blood sacrifice to God. Cain, a farmer, offers that which HE labored for. (Remember the ground was cursed). John 8:44 calls the Devil a murderer from the beginning and Cain was the first murderer.
- Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24) is a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ raptured out before the tribulation. Noah is a picture of the Jew in the tribulation period – Luke 17:26.
- The Devil, using the sons of God to build a "master race" to conquer the world and especially occupy the promised land (Eden) would be seen again with Adolph Hitler and WW II.
- The ark is a type of \_\_\_\_\_. It had 3 levels (the trinity). God invited Noah and his family into the ark – Gen. 7:1. It had a single door – John 10:9. It was the only way to escape God's judgment – John 14:6.